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## **Hampton Installs First Female President**

Rev. Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, senior pastor of the Bronx Christian Fellowship in New York, was recently elected president of the Hampton Minister's Conference. For the first time in its 88-year history, the interdenominational organization will have a female president. The announcement, which was made at the recent conference, where 8,000 clergy were in attendance, caused quite a stir. Rev. Cook commented, "I've received encouragement from so many people. I look at what I bring to the table, not what I left at the door. And if I see a door ajar, I'm going to walk through it."

Although, this is a first for Hampton, it's not a first for Cook. She was the first and only female chaplain of the 40,000 member New York City Police Department. She also served as a White House Fellow and speechwriter for former President Bill Clinton and still serves as consultant for religious initiatives with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.