

Carol Antrom

Christian, Servant of The Lord Jesus Christ, Gospel Songwriter, Church Musician, Choir Director, Singer,
and Elementary School Teacher

These are some of the many facets, the many aspects, the many dimensions of Carol Diane Antrom.

Everything Miss Antrom has accomplished is colored by her love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire to serve Him through the talents, abilities and gifts He has given to her. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Carol, and her twin sister, Karen, were taught, at an early age, about Jesus by their parents, Robert and Mary Antrom. This was followed by regular attendance to Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Children's Church at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, at the time, under the pastorate of Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell. This, ultimately, led to Carol accepting Jesus as her Personal Savior, at the age of nine. Shortly, thereafter, she began writing gospel songs at the age of twelve...and, now, at the young age of sixty-six, Carol is still writing songs, to the glory of God. At nine years of age, she officially became a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, even though her parents brought her to the church many years prior. Miss Antrom remained a member of Mount Carmel until she moved to Long Island, New York in 1999. Carol graduated from Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, began her collegiate years at Pennsylvania State University, and, received a Bachelor Of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Temple University, in Philadelphia. Some years later, desiring to satisfy a continual thirst for more understanding of God's Word, Carol attended evening classes at the Philadelphia College Of The Bible Evening School, and, graduated from the New Life Bible Institute of Philadelphia, Reverend Timothy Ruffin, Founder.

After graduating from Temple University, Miss Antrom taught for fifteen years on the elementary level at The Stevens School and Cedar Grove Christian Academy, both of Philadelphia. At Cedar Grove Christian Academy, for a time, she, also, conducted the Elementary Boys Choir, and Cedar Grove Christian Academy High School Choir. She has been the musician and director of church and college choirs, a few of which were: The Mount Carmel Baptist Church Chorus, The Mount Carmel Junior and Young People's Choir, The Swarthmore College Gospel Choir, and, The Community College Of Philadelphia Gospel Choir.

Carol was, also, musician and director of her own choirs - The Carol Antrom Ensemble, and The Afternoon Of Songs Fellowship Choir. Consistently, for over twenty-five years, the latter mentioned choir was formed for an annual musical service held on the third Sunday in May, exclusively featuring songs composed by Carol Antrom.

The last post to which the Lord sent Miss Antrom was The Shiloh Baptist Church, in Rockville Centre, New York, where Reverend Herman Washington is the Pastor. There, for more than twenty years, until the year 2020, she was the musician and director of Shiloh's Mass Choir, Children's Choir, and for a short time, Shiloh's Youth Choir. During the majority of Carol's time at Shiloh Baptist Church, she served as Shiloh's Worship And Arts Ministry Leader, overseeing all aspects of its Worship And Arts Ministry. Carol remains a member of Shiloh Baptist Church until the Lord informs her of her next move.

Miss Antrom's songs have been recorded by many gospel artists. A few of these recorded songs are: *Sovereign, He's Preparing Me, Stand Still, God's Mercy, The Change Will Come, He Shepherd's Me* – recorded by The Wilmington Chester Mass Choir, featuring Daryl Coley and Lecresia Campbell; *My Times* – recorded by LaShun Pace; *To Teach Me* – recorded by Jennifer Holliday; and, *He'll Meet My Need* – recorded by T.D. Jakes and The Potter's House Mass Choir. Carol's affiliation with two conventions – The National Convention Of Gospel Choirs And Choruses, Inc. (Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey, Founder), and The Gospel Music Workshop Of America (Rev. James Cleveland, Founder) – have greatly aided in her songs being taught and sung across the country. The Mass Choirs of these two conventions have recorded many of her songs. A few other choirs, of the many gospel artists, who have recorded Miss Antrom's compositions, are The David Winslow Singers, The Philadelphia Mass Choir, and, The Philadelphia Savettes.

Many of the song titles found in this narrative have been published in sheet music form by two companies (The Marbert Publishing Company and The Robert Antrom Publishing Company) established over fifty years ago, exclusively for the publication of songs written by Carol Antrom.

Miss Antrom has received many awards and recognitions. Below are some examples:

- She was the 1992 Stellar Award Recipient in the 'Song Of The Year' Category for her song, *He's Preparing Me*, recorded by the Wilmington Chester Mass Choir, featuring Daryl Coley
- Carol was a 1999 Pew Fellow, receiving a Pew Fellowship, in the area of Composition, given by the Pew Fellowship In The Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- A Proclamation from the Mayor's Office of Philadelphia proclaimed July 31, 2016 to be *Carol Antrom Day in the City of Philadelphia...* James Kenney, Mayor
- April 28, 2019, a Certificate of Recognition to Carol Diane Antrom, Songwriter was given on behalf of The Pennsylvania State Seventh Senatorial District and Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent J. Hughes

A Closing Thought from Carol Antrom:

I'm so thankful for this precious, God-given talent of songwriting. Through the lyrics of my songs, carried by God-inspired melodies, I choose to praise and honor the Name of Jesus, and to herald His truths and principles, found in God's Word, as THE answer, THE solution to any and all problems of life.

Presently, Carol resides in Wayne, Pennsylvania with her twin sister, Karen. There, like the lyrics of one of her songs say, she is "...standing still until His will (God's will) is clear..." made perfectly clear to her, concerning God's next move in her life.