



DELEGATE LUKE TORIAN

Virginia House of Delegates, 24th District

BIOGRAPHY

Delegate Luke Torian was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 2009. He serves a constituency of approximately 80,000 Virginians in Prince William County.

Delegate Torian is Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and previously served as its Chair from 2020-2022. He also serves on the General Laws and Rule Committees in the House of Delegates. He has been a Minister for over 35 years and served as Pastor of First Mount Zion Baptist Church (FMZBC) in Dumfries from 1995 to 2024. Delegate Torian lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Clarice, and are the proud parents of their daughter, Constance.

Delegate Torian chairs Virginia's Minority Business Commission and is currently Vice Chair of the Major Employment and Investment Project Approval Commission. He is a member of the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Revenue Estimates, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Public Private Partnership Advisory Commission, and the Intercollegiate Athletics Review Commission.

Since being elected to the General Assembly, Delegate Torian has not just passed over 50 bills and resolutions but has significantly improved the lives of Virginians. His legislation has enhanced education, housing, and criminal justice policies, put an end to surprise medical "balance billing," ensured security in retirement, and benefited veterans, their dependents, and those living in assisted living facilities. His work has made a tangible difference in our community.

Delegate Torian is a community leader in Prince William County. He has played a role in organizations including the Dumfries Creative and Performing Arts Center, Project Mend-A-House, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and Action in Community Through Service (ACTS), an organization designed to alleviate hunger, homelessness, and domestic violence in the community. He is a founder of Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE), an organization dedicated to bringing people together to make positive change. While serving as Pastor of FMZBC, Delegate Torian also supports the many outreach ministries of the Church, such as SHARE – a program providing reduced-cost groceries and meals to community families – the Mary Elizabeth Ministry, which serves teen parents, and the Juvenile Detention Ministry,

to name a few. He also led national and international mission trips to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Cameroon, and Bermuda.

Delegate Torian earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Winston-Salem State University. He continued his education by pursuing graduate studies at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and then earning a Master of Divinity from the School of Theology at Virginia Union University. In 1987, Delegate Torian earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University School of Divinity. He also has been awarded two honorary doctorate degrees from Virginia State University and Virginia Union University.

Delegate Torian is a Lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Boule.

The Virginia Education Association has honored Delegate Torian with their Solid as a Rock Award five times since 2011. The Virginia Governmental Employees Association (VGEA) recognized Delegate Torian as their 2020 Legislator of the Year. Delegate Torian was awarded the 2019 Legislator of the Year Award by the Military Officers Association of America Virginia Council of Chapters. In 2019, Delegate Torian was also named an Achievement Week Speaker and granted the Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter.

Other honors Delegate Torian has received include:

- Three Citizen of the Year Awards and a Man of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- 2002 James Floyd Jenkins Pillar of Faith Award from Howard University
- 2010 26th Annual Achievement Award from the Dale City Christian Church Multicultural Scholarship Fund
- 2012 Economic Competitiveness Award from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce
- 2013 Special Service Award from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women PWC Chapter
- 2015 Human Rights Award from the Prince William County Human Rights Commission
- 2018 Super Saver Award from the AARP
- 2018 HosPAC Champion by the Virginia Hospital Association PAC
- 2018 Catalyst for Change Award from the Arc of Virginia
- 2018 Political Leadership Award from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women PWC Chapter
- 2019 Free Enterprise Award in Fiscal Stewardship by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce
- 2020 Blueprint Virginia 2025 Business Advocate Award from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce
- 2021 Legislator of the Year Award from the Treasurers' Association of Virginia
- 2021 John Jenkins Good Scout Award in support of the Prince William County Boy Scouts
- 2023 Joseph R. Biden Lifetime Achievement Award and Presidential Volunteer Service Award Honoree

Delegate Torian is proud to continue serving the Commonwealth of Virginia and the people of the 24th district with proven values and proven leadership.