PASTOR SHAWN PINTO

LEAD PASTOR | PREACHER | TEACHER | DISCIPLE-MAKER | MINISTRY LEADER

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"TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

THE HEART BEHIND THE CALLING

I am not called merely to fill a pulpit. I am called to preach Christ, shepherd His people, raise disciples and equip a church to carry the Gospel beyond its walls.

More than three decades of practical ministry—from worship and youth leadership to serving as Lead Pastor—have shaped my conviction that the church belongs to Christ and its leaders are called to serve.

PASTORAL PROFILE

Pastoral leader with more than two decades of local-church ministry experience spanning worship, youth ministry, preaching and teaching, discipleship, pastoral care, missions, leadership development, and church administration. Served in progressive ministry leadership roles from Worship Leader and Youth Pastor to Lead Pastor, following the passing of Rev. Kenneth Pinto, Senior Pastor and Founder of First Assembly of Zion Ministries, India. Brings more than 30 years of practical ministry formation and mentorship in a local-church environment.

Committed to a Christ-centered, Bible-grounded, Spirit-empowered and Full Gospel church that reaches the lost and hurting, develops mature disciples, equips leaders, invests in the next generation, and serves the wider community with humility, compassion and biblical integrity.

CORE PASTORAL & LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES

- Pastoral & Spiritual Leadership
- Biblical Preaching & Teaching
- Discipleship & Spiritual Formation
- Congregational Care & Counseling
- Prayer & Spiritual Leadership
- Church Growth & Evangelism
- Missions & Community Outreach
- Leadership Development & Mentoring
- Team Building & Volunteer Leadership
- Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation
- Church Administration & Governance
- Vision & Strategic Planning
- Ministry Development
- Next-Generation Ministry
- Worship & Spirit-Led Ministry
- Multigenerational Ministry
- Stakeholder & Board Relations
- Communication & Public Speaking

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor | **First Assembly of Zion Ministries, India**

2014–2022

- Visionary pastoral leadership: Provided Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered leadership, shepherding the congregation, strengthening spiritual foundations, developing ministry teams and advancing the church's mission of proclaiming the Word of God.
- Missions and evangelism: Led and participated in missionary outreach across South India, taking the Gospel beyond the church walls to underserved communities and sharing Christ's love with the lost, hurting and marginalized.
- Compassionate community outreach: Engaged in ministry to orphanages, widows and residents of old-age homes, offering prayer, encouragement, pastoral care and practical expressions of compassion.
- Youth outreach and discipleship: Championed youth outreach, spiritual mentoring and youth camps to help young people know Christ, grow in faith, discover their calling and develop as future Christian leaders.
- Weekly Bible studies and preaching: Conducted weekly Bible studies and delivered Scripture-centered sermons to deepen biblical understanding, strengthen faith and encourage practical Christian living.
- Pastoral leadership conferences: Organized and conducted leadership conferences for pastors and church leaders in India and abroad, equipping them in the Word of God, encouraging spiritual renewal and strengthening their ability to disciple and lead congregations.
- Leadership development and governance: Established church departmental structures, clarified leadership responsibilities and mentored emerging leaders through guidance, accountability and delegation.
- Pastoral care and family ministry: Provided individual, relational and marriage counseling, prayer and spiritual guidance; conducted baby dedications, marriages and funerals.
- Kingdom-centered collaboration: Built fellowship with pastors and ministry leaders to encourage unity, cooperation, missions and discipleship across the Body of Christ.

Youth Pastor & Worship Leader | **First Assembly of Zion Ministries, India**

1992–2013

- Served under the pastoral leadership and mentorship of Rev. Kenneth Pinto, developing practical experience in worship, youth ministry, discipleship and local-church leadership.
- Led worship and helped cultivate Christ-centered, prayerful and Spirit-led congregational ministry.
- Led youth ministry and conducted youth camps designed to help young people understand Christ and develop a closer relationship with Him in daily life.
- Mentored young people and encouraged spiritual maturity, leadership development and active participation in church life.
- Involved in Mission Outreach, Widows Ministry, Youth Programs and Summer Camps and supported the Senior Pastor in all aspects of the ministry

REGIONAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

- Conducted Bible leadership conferences across India and abroad for pastors and Christian leaders, helping equip them to serve more effectively in ministry.
- Participated in missions' outreach across South India, carrying the Gospel to the poor, needy and unreached.
- Conducted and participated in Pastor Conferences focused on building unity, fellowship and cooperation across the Body of Christ.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP STRENGTHS

- Relational shepherding — listens, counsels, encourages and walks with people through significant seasons of life.
- Biblical depth with practical application — communicates Scripture in ways intended to shape everyday life.
- Empowering leadership — develops structures, equips people and releases leaders rather than centralizing ministry around the pastor.
- Next-generation investment — passionate about helping young people know Christ, grow in Him and become leaders.
- Missions and evangelism — carries a burden for the lost, hurting, poor, needy and unreached.
- Spirit-led worship and ministry — values the active ministry of the Holy Spirit within a strong biblical foundation.
- Church governance and organization — understands healthy structures, role clarity, accountability and stewardship.

MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY & VISION

The local church should be a Christ-centered, Bible-grounded and Spirit-empowered community where people encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, discover their God-given calling and are equipped to make Him known. Ministry should flow from prayer and the Word into worship, discipleship, pastoral care, leadership development, evangelism, missions and practical service. The Pastor is called not only to preach, but also to shepherd, equip, mentor, coach, empower and release others into ministry.

- Prayer as a foundation for personal and corporate church life.
- Discipleship that develops mature followers of Jesus rather than simply larger attendance.
- Intentional investment in children and young people as present and future leaders.
- Equipping, mentoring and empowering pastors and ministry leaders.
- Evangelism, missions and meaningful relationships beyond the church walls.
- Healthy governance and administration that support the mission of the church.
- Honoring the church's heritage while prayerfully embracing the future God has prepared.

EDUCATION & THEOLOGICAL FORMATION

Bachelor of Commerce — Ashcroft University | 2026–2028

Pastoral / Theological Formation — Mentorship of Rev. Kenneth Pinto

More than 30 years of ministry mentorship and guidance under the late Rev. Kenneth Pinto, Senior Pastor and Founder of First Assembly of Zion Ministries, India.

MINISTRY HERITAGE

Pastoral formation began within the local church through more than three decades of close ministry mentorship. As the eldest son of the late Rev. Kenneth Pinto, Shawn was shaped through years of practical service, leadership, worship, youth ministry, preaching, pastoral care and church administration. This heritage reinforced a conviction that pastoral ministry is a calling to serve Christ and His people with humility, biblical integrity, compassion and courage.

MINISTRY MESSAGE

"TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

The heart of my ministry is to help people know Jesus Christ personally, understand the Word of God, develop a genuine and growing relationship with Him, and become equipped to make Christ known in their homes, workplaces, communities and spheres of influence.

MINISTRY AFFILIATION

Independent, Bible-believing, Spirit-filled Full Gospel church with a vision to reach the lost and hurting and share the Full Gospel of Christ without compromise or bias.

PASTORAL REFERENCES

Rev. Paul Thangiah — Founder & Senior Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly of God Church (FGAG), Ex. Assembly of God India chairman, Asia vice chairman and SARCC countries chairman.

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