

HIGHLIGHTS OF POLK'S LIFE OF SERVICE

- Interim Pastor in Garrison, ND
- Pastor in Berthold, ND
- Youth Director at Minot YMCA
- Riverside Church in New York
 City

A lifetime of commitment to racial and social justice

JUSTICE, FAITH, AND LOVE: THE LEGACY OF



A TRUE TRAILBLAZER

6 South Main Minot ND 6870

In mid-June 2025, Polk, the only professional African American in Minot and the forty-eighth Negro in North Dakota in 1955 will come out of retirement at the age of 97 to revisit North Dakota and receive the TRAILBLAZER AWARD.

This award will be presented to him at a three-day gathering of former colleagues, parishioners, YMCA students, and friends. The citation will acknowledge his devoted pastoral ministry, innovative YMCA youth programs that engaged nearly four hundred teenagers, and his exceptional ability to bridge cultural differences during his time in North Dakota.

All of this occurred while the U.S. Air Force was building a Jet Base, which would bring nearly twenty thousand new residents of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds to Minot and its surrounding areas. Polk played a crucial role in welcoming this unprecedented and eclectic influx of airmen and their families to the community.

JOIN US IN HONORING ROBERT L POLK

Friday, June 20 at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meet and Greet "the Fly" in the Great Room of the Staybridge Hotel in Minot, ND

Saturday, June 21 at 3:00 pm Presentation of the Trailblazer Award -

Worship and Celebration
First Congregational Church
Minot ND with Dinner and
Storytelling immediately
following at the church.

Worship - Rev. Polk Speaking celebrating his 70 years of
ordination and the 120th
anniversary of the Garrison church
with Dinner following
First Congregational Church,
Garrison,ND

Sunday, June 22 at 10:00 am

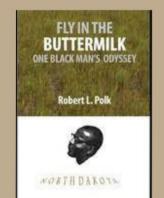
Opportunities will be available to make a freewill offering at all of the events.

All funds from these freewill offerings
will contribute to covering meal costs,
with any excess directed to a scholarship
fund for local youth
to attend Triangle Y camp.

Robert Polk's wisdom, kindness, and dedication to justice influenced countless lives. As we honor his legacy, we encourage you to share messages and or stories about how he has impacted you.

You may send your stories/messages to #6 South Main, Minot, ND 58701 or email to PolkEvent@gmail.com

Please RSVP for Saturday banquet to:
PolkEvent@gmail.com
(Seating is limited)



Polk's book

Fly in the Buttermilk

will be available for

purchase and signing

during the

three day event