

HONORARY DEGREE—MAY 2024

# Dorothea Eileen Robinson

Doctor of Humane Letters

Born in San Nicolas, Aruba, Robinson dreamed of being a nurse from a young age. She attended West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University) throughout high school and went on to Union College for her undergraduate education. Later, she attended Loma Linda University, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1962, and in 1973, she received a Master of Arts in Education from New York University.

Robinson went on to work in the nursing field, serving in various capacities. She was later invited to teach at the Boston University Graduate School of Nursing, where she served as a professor of medical surgical nursing. Robinson also contributed to a developmental training program sponsored by the Great Society Programs. As an instructor, she provided training to future licensed professional nurses and surgical technicians.

Beyond her exemplary service to her patients and students, Robinson also dedicated many of her talents to the Adventist church. She contributed as an elder, Health Ministries director and Sabbath School superintendent at multiple churches throughout Massachusetts and Florida. Robinson has additionally been involved in many forms of community outreach, volunteering in nursing homes, food pantries, community kitchens and other departments.

As a talented musician, Robinson was also the founder and director of children's choirs, to which she was especially dedicated. She offered her skills as a pianist to various churches, as well. Throughout her life, Robinson has given special support to many youth ministries, serving as Children's Ministries leader, Vacation Bible School director and a local Pathfinder leader.

In 1967, she married Dr. Byron Robinson, an oral surgeon and founder of the Byron Robinson Educational Foundation, Inc. Together, they have two children and two grandchildren. Today, the Robinsons both work for their educational foundation, a nonprofit that advances thousands of students' academic dreams through scholarships and financial support.

For her many contributions to her community, Robinson was recognized in 2006 by the City of Boston. In 2007, she received an honorary Doctor of Letters from Northern Caribbean University for her advancement of educational initiatives that have benefited

students in Jamaica since 1976. Robinson was also a co-recipient, along with her husband, of the 100-Year Inter-American Division Award for Education and Youth Development. Her dedication to mentoring young people is further recognized by Andrews University through the conferral of this honorary degree.

For her faithful efforts to impact thousands of lives with hope and healing and her commitment to mentor young people and prepare them for meaningful service in communities around the world. Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Dorothea Eileen Robinson with the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.