

**REV. GEORGE HRBEK** has been part of the LMM movement since 1971. He served as an associate director with new ministry development responsibilities, director of the Cuyahoga County Ombudsman office, and co-director of LMM's Office of Advocacy. George stepped in as interim executive director of LMM when Rev. Richard Sering passed away in 2003. George continued to advocate in the community and be a voice for people who need it most, up until his passing in 2023.

**HARLLEL JONES** played a critical role in Rev. Richard Sering's ability to bridge the gap between the Black community in Greater Cleveland and local law enforcement. Harllei was the founder and leader of the "Afro Set," an organization formed as a response to the rising escalation of racial and socio-economic tensions that were prevalent in Cleveland and across the country. Jones grew up in the Hough Neighborhood, and his lived experience helped Rev. Sering, and others involved in the faith-based response to the Hough Riots, to understand the situation at hand. Harllei conveyed that the residents of Hough felt abandoned by the local government, and as a result there was a heightened sense of mistrust between the Black community of Cleveland, and local law enforcement. With patience and understanding, Rev. Sering came to know that the pace of change in Cleveland can only move at the speed of trust. Many of LMM's early programs worked to build trust in the early years, and we continue to be a bridge of trust between the people in our community who feel abandoned, and those in a position to affect change.

**SUSAN SERING** followed her husband Rev. Richard Sering to different cities and churches, with the last stop being Cleveland, OH and LMM. Along the way, she was guiding as much as she was following. LMM's strategies and program designs were created in the board room, church basements, community meetings, in the back yard and across the dinner table. Susan was not only supportive, but also brought some constraint to Dick's limitless imagination while they energized each other with their commitment to social justice and their love for one another.