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OBJECT ID	2006.3.1
OBJECT NAME	Pendant, Religious
OBJECT COLLECTION	Georgia Kotsiopoulos Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Metal; Stone
OBJECT ENTITIES	George Thomas, Very (owned by) Photopulos, Georgia (is related to) Thomas, Rev. (is related to) Thomas, George (is related to)
RELATED ITEMS	Veil, Chalice, 2006.3.2 Print, 2006.3.3 Photograph, 2006.3.5
ACCESS POINTS	chain cross gold Jewelry necklace Religious articles religious artifact

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Gold cross on chain. Various colored stones. Blue enamel inlay featuring Christ on the cross. Surrounding Christ on the cross there are diamonds (cubic zerconia). And at the top of the cross there are pink and green stones. On the two sides of the cross and the bottom there are rubies.

ORIGIN

Donated by Georgia Photopulos. The gold cross chain belonged to Rev. George Thomas.

The Rev. George Thomas served The Riverside Church as Minister of Outreach and Institutional Relations in the newly formed 3-minister executive ministerial collegium from January 1977 until he was called to become Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church in Atlanta in 1986, the spiritual home for many of Atlanta's leaders in education, business, medicine, social services and government (including Mayor Andrew Young).
While at Riverside, Rev. Thomas was responsible not only for ecumenical and denominational relations but also for the art ministry of theater and dance. He also served as Chairman of City Community Board Number 9 for four years. Rev. Thomas is a proud product of Toledo, Ohio's public housing projects, the University of Toledo, the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College, and the Merrill Fellowship for study at Harvard Divinity School. Rev. Thomas was the first African-American member of the executive staff of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ and Chairman of the ad hoc committee which gave birth to the Massachusetts Black Ecumenical Commission.

CITATION

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