

**NY, Queens - 12/15/2011 - Update of 1/7/2010 article  
Norwalk, CT Minister to Serve 5 Years for  
Sex Crimes (by The Online Hour)**

A Norwalk **minister** was sentenced to five years in prison at Queens Supreme Court for molesting a young relative. The **Rev. Phillip Joubert**, 50, was facing up to seven years in prison after he was convicted in November of five charges related to the abuse. "Pastor Joubert's unwillingness to admit guilt or express contrition did not help his case," said his attorney. "However, it was impossible to answer to the charge in any other way."

**Joubert, the founding pastor of New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Norwalk**, was accused of sexually assaulting female relative on two occasions at his Queens, N.Y. home in the summer of 2009.

The rape allegations against Joubert came to light after a Nov. 14, 2009, child abuse incident at Joubert's Norwalk Home, police said. During the incident, Joubert allegedly hit the female victim in the face and several times about the torso after he came home to find his Lexington Avenue apartment was messy, according to his arrest warrant affidavit.

While officers were interviewing the victim and her mother, the victim revealed that Joubert sexually abuse her at his residence in Queens, police said. Norwalk officers turned the rape investigation over the New York City Police Dept.

New York City Police arrested Joubert on Nov. 24, 2009, as he arrived at J.F.K. Airport after a trip to Israel. Joubert admitted to touching the victim's breast and vagina during a videotaped interview with N.Y. City police, but the victim alleged that he physically assaulted her and forced her to have sex with him, court documents show.