BISHOP ERNESTINE REEMS-DICKERSON (l.), founder and senior pastor of Center of Hope Community Church in Oakland, Calif., and **ELDER CATHY W. MOFFITT**, president and founder of Heartfelt International Ministries in Ft. Worth, Texas, share a unique "Naomi and Ruth" relationship, in which an older woman mentors a younger woman. Both women enjoy walking, and so they often share deep discussions during their regular walks. "I'm not ashamed of being 76. I firmly believe that God leaves us here and allows us to mature and age so that we can help the younger women," Bishop Reems-Dickerson says. "Cathy is very attractive, educated and has a lot of charisma. She is going to be a great woman of God in the years to come … her destiny is greatness." Elder Moffitt says the Bishop is one of her strongest supporters and encouraged her when she left a lucrative corporate position more than four years ago to pursue full-time ministry. "I'm sitting at her feet, and she is helping me to build a legacy from her legacy." Elder Moffitt adds that the Bishop gave her premarital counseling 13 years ago, and when the bishop remarried after being widowed, Moffitt and her husband gave her a bridal shower. "It was because of her experience, her pain, her troubles and yet her triumphs and victories that she was able to encourage me and have something to back it up," says Elder Moffitt.

The **REV. DR. ELAINE M. FLAKE** (left, r.), co-pastor of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral in Queens, N.Y., and her friend, the **REV. DR. CYNTHIA L. HALE**, founder and senior pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Ga., met in Atlanta more than 10 years ago. Pastor Flake says she is one of her "newest, best friends." Pastor Hale says her friend tells her the truth. "The thing about being in leadership is that often people around you don't tell you the truth. Elaine tells me the truth, it does not matter what it is." Pastor Flake agrees that honesty is important in their friendship. "She prays for me, and I pray for her. I tell her to calm down, and she tells me to calm down," she says. "She's very open and honest, and that's what I need, someone to be open and honest with." The two also enjoy shopping and traveling together. Each January, they—along with four other ministers—take an annual "Girlfriend-preacher" trip. Pastor Flake and her husband, the Rev. Floyd H. Flake, have four children. Pastor Hale is single, and she says being single in the ministry has been tough. "[Pastor Flake] and her husband have pretty much pledged to me that I won't grow old alone, that's the kind of friend she is to me."