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**Education**

M.Div. Master of Divinity Wesley Theological Seminary 2004

Ed.D. Child and Youth Studies Nova Southeastern University 2000

MS Special Education University of Tennessee 1981

BA Audiology and Speech

Pathology University of Tennessee 1975

**Ministry Credentials**

* + - Earned One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Georgetown Medstar University Hospital 2022

* + - Ordained Itinerant Elder 2015
    - Ordained Itinerant Deacon 2013
    - Re-obligated from the Local to the Itinerant track 2012
    - Ordained Local Deacon 2008

**Ministry Experience**

Pastor to a Local Congregation

* Pastoral Appointment on May 27, 2024 to Ebenezer AME Church-Charlotte Hall located in Mechanicsville, Maryland.
* The church is located in rural St. Mary’s County, Maryland.

Minister to Congregational Care

* + - Minister to persons and families experiencing the loss of loved ones
    - Implement GriefShare scripture-based grief support program and conduct both in-face and virtual sessions which include national and international participants
    - Coordinate the planning of funeral and memorial services as well as served of officiant and/or eulogist
    - Minister to persons in homes, hospitals, hospice centers, rehabilitation centers, and nursing homes

Minister to Women

* Led monthly Bible Studies for women
* Planned and facilitated 1-2 day spiritual retreats for women

Ministry for Persons Who are Differently Abled

* Evaluated physical church facility for accessibility
* Conceptualized and implemented a ministry for children who are differently abled
* Conducted monthly respite outings, parent meetings, and Sunday morning spiritual development activities for children who are differently abled

Medical Missions and Ministry

* Trained to conduct routine medical screening for medical missions to Rwanda and Malawi with Greater Mt Nebo AME Church in 2017 and 2019
* Presented to parents/families on the inclusion of children who are differently abled in Rwanda and Malawi during Medical Missions.

**District and Connectional Ministry Activities**

* 2023 AME Annual Christian Education Ministries Conference
  + Presented labs on The Inclusion of Persons Who are Differently Abled in Church Education and presented on the Turner Pilot Reading Project
* 2023 International Women in Ministry (WIM)
  + Invited to present for the monthly Maximizing Ministry on the topic, The Inclusion of Persons who are Differently Abled.
* 2022 Connectional WIM
  + Serve on the standing committee of Worship and Liturgy
* 2022 Washington Conference WIM
  + Conference Statistician-WIM
* 2016 AME Church General Conference
  + Put forth legislation to no longer use the word “handicap” in reference to people with disabilities and the resulting revision was differently abled which was included in the “Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church”
* 2015 Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Quadrennial
  + Collaborated on an addition that was presented and approved-The WMS of the AMEC will include in its ministry and witness the need to advocate for the social justice and human rights of persons with disabilities and their families worldwide.
* 2012 AME Church General Conference
  + Wrote a Resolution that was read and approved-The AMEC must be more intentional about including persons with disabilities in practices of faith, places of worship, and polity.
* 2012 The International Health Commission of the AME Church
  + Invited to serve as the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

**Secular Work Experience**

Education Program Specialist 2006-

United States Department of Education Present

* Provide technical assistance to State departments of education in the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
* Monitor and analyze States’ data and conduct State site visits for verification
* Develop Departmental policy and guidance in response to inquires from States and the public
* Collaborate across Federal Agencies and Offices on various administrative priorities

Acting Compliance Supervisor, Prince George’s County Schools-MD 2003-2006

Compliance Specialist , Prince George’s County Schools-MD 2000-2003

Speech/Language Pathologist, Prince George’s County Schools-MD 1990-2000