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BIOGRAPHY REVEREND BETTYE J. WATSON

The Reverend Bettye J. Watson, an Itinerant Elder in the 11th Episcopal District currently serves as the pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Leesburg, Florida. The immediate past president of the Episcopal District Women in Ministry, who served for two terms. Reverend Watson serves on the Enterprise Board of the 11th which oversees all of the 11th Episcopal District properties and is currently serving on the Judicial Committee of her annual conference, the stewardship committee of her Presiding Elder's District.

One who has a passion for women's ministry, the homeless and the hopeless. Reverend Watson is a member and participate with community organization whose mission is to educate and pull others up, serves as a member of Faith in Florida and the NAACP, she is engaged in voter registration and get out to vote.

Born the fifth of eight girls, raised in Savannah Georgia and is a graduate of Savannah State University. The mother of three adult children with seven grandchildren. Retired after thirty years from BellSouth Advertising and Publishing Company, served as the District Secretary for District 39 House of Representative State of Florida. While assigned to her charge in Brevard County, served as the Presiding Elder's District Secretary and various other committee assignments. It is Reverend Watson's goal to assist in promoting the mission of AME/WIM, helping in whatever area there is a need, trusting God along this journey for guidance to encourage women in ministry to bloom where they are planted. Humbled to serve.