

Dr. Patricia Morris DeVeaux

Dr. Patricia Morris DeVeaux (Pam) was born in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Jesse and Amanda Morris. She attended Bethel A.M.E. Church where she was an active member of the Sunday school, youth choir, orchestra and Young People's Division. She credits her leadership skills and spiritual foundation to the early nurturing she experienced at the hands of loving Bethel members.



Her academic background includes matriculation and graduation from Howard University (B.A.), where she was inducted as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, George Peabody College (Master Library Science) and Vanderbilt University (Ph.D.). Her vocational background includes positions as a high librarian, medical periodical librarian, university adjunct professor, community college administrator, program manager, and program director at the United States Department of Energy. At these positions she has held, much of her focus

was concentrated upon developing and implementing initiatives designed to strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

In 1996 upon the election of her husband William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr. to the position of Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, she joined him in serving in the 18th Episcopal District, which includes the countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, and Swaziland. With God's guidance and the support of many friends across the Connection, she led women in establishing two day care centers, providing four year scholarships to four students for study in America, convening an international conference on HIV/AIDS, building a high school media center, funding the construction of a water tower that supplies clean water to 1100 Swaziland students, conducting annual health fairs, developing the Lesotho candle and doll economic development projects, hosting five missionary sojourners and constructing the M. Joan Cousin Women's Empowerment Center.

Bishop DeVeaux was assigned in 2000 to the 16th District, which encompasses the Caribbean, parts of South America and Europe. Together, they led the District from a mission field to a mission force. In response to the needs of those communities she developed and supported the Edith White Ming Health Fairs, HIV/AIDS youth retreats, Haitian potholder economic development project, Barbados Health Fair, the Dominican Republic English speaking school, a basketball court for community youth, marriage retreats, constructed a treatment room in Rainbow House, provided Black dolls to orphanages in Haiti, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic, hosted two missionary sojourners and convened "When Women Worship . . ." Conferences.

Since coming to the Sixth District, she has written three plays (*The Loud Silence*, 2005; *The Preacher's Son*, 2006; *Grandma Shows Up & God Steps In*, 2010), co-authored a book of poetry entitled *Black Church Gems* (2005), and has convened the Deliverance Women's Conference, hosted by the Sixth District at Turner Chapel A.M.E. in Marietta, Georgia, October 2007, 2009, and 2011.

Bishop and Dr. Pam have been blessed by the presence of six children (Dawn, Dana, William, Paul, Robin, and David), and fifteen grandchildren, (Ryenne Patricia, William Samir, William III, Alexis, Daleah, Maya, Jordan, Clayton William, Maxine, Jalen, Cameron DeVeaux, Keith David, Connor, Malachi, and Joshua) in their lives.