

Rev. Dr. Yolanda Alston-Foster

Chaplain

Reverend Dr. Yolanda Alston-Foster
Cape Fear Conference
Wilson District
Union Wesley AMEZ, Mt. Olive, NC

- BA Degree in Psychology from St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC.
- Ordained Elder in the AMEZ Church, Former Associate Minister at St. John AMEZ, Wilson, NC. (Currently: Senior Pastor Union Wesley AMEZ).
- Graduated from Hood Theological Seminary on May 18, 2019 with a M. Div., Masters of Divinity concentrations in Christian Education and Biblical Studies. I was the President of the Hood Theological Seminary SGA, Student Government Association, for 2018 – 2019.
- (Former) Customer Service/ Technical Support Associate @ Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury, NC.
- (Former) West Central North Carolina Conference (AMEZ), Rockingham District and Local Church (Associate Minister @ Mt. Pisgah AMEZ and St. John AMEZ).
- (Current) UNC Chapel Hill (Certified Counselor)
- (Current) Part Time: Durham Crisis Center (Certified Counselor)
- (Current) Cape Fear Conference (AMEZ) and Local Church (Union Wesley AMEZ).
- Late husband, Rev. Dr. Lamont Foster, Sr., Former Senior Pastor of St. John AMEZ, Wilson, NC and Dr. Foster is also, Rev. Yolanda Alston-Foster's Father in the Ministry. Rev. Dr. Yolanda Alston-Foster is a proud Mother of three children and three grandchildren with one on the way.

What studies are you pursuing? Rev. Yolanda Alston-Foster's Mission/ Goals:

Graduated from Hood Theological Seminary in the Master of Divinity Program on May 18, 2019 with concentrations in Christian Education and Biblical studies, Cum

Laude, 3.59 GPA. Successfully defended my doctoral research project on March 24, 2023. Graduating from Hood Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Program with a 3.51 GPA; Cum Laude. I feel as though God equips us all with many gifts and one day, I would like to serve God's people by intertwining Law and ministry. If offered a Church to Pastor, I will graciously accept. I want to use ministry and Law to help people in whatever manner possible and an asset to those in need.

Doctoral Research Project:

Developing an Awareness Model for Women Suffering from Alcoholism at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AMEZC) In Wilson, North Carolina.

Miscellaneous / Additional Endeavors:

(Former) I was the President and the Hospitality Coordinator of the Rockingham District Minister's Spouses/ Widow (errs) Fellowship; A member of the Prayer team for the WCNC Minister's Spouses Fellowship; Active Member of the NAACP & ACLU; Participated in Chapel Services at Hood Theological Seminary by being part of the worship team. (Former Duties) Regarding my Former Local Church, Mt. Pisgah AMEZ, I was the First lady, National Council of Negro Women representative, Sunday School Teacher, Vice President of the WHOMs, Christian Education President and the Associate Minister.

(Currently) Senior Pastor of Union Wesley AMEZ; Chaplain: Hood Theological National Alumni Association (2021-2023). Chaplain: Open Springs #320 Order of Eastern Stars (2022-2023); Chaplain: Wilson Branch of the NAACP #5470 (2021-2023).

(Current) I have rolled up my sleeves and began to work within the Cape Fear Conference, Wilson District and at St. John AMEZ, Wilson, NC.

Wilson District: Director of Adults (Christian Education Dept.); Supernumerary Minister; Member of the Wilson District MS & WF.

St. John AMEZ Church: Evangelism Committee, Advisor on the Deaconess Board, Sunday School Teacher, Christian Education representative, Associate Minister and First Lady.

(Current) Hood Theological Seminary Alumni Association (HTSNAA) Chaplain May 2019 – May 2021.

Currently a member of the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).