

VITAE

Name: Debra Moody Bass

Home State: Trenton, N.J.

Marital Status: Widow (*Bishop Richard O. Bass, Sr., Bishop in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church*); one son Joshua

EDUCATION

B.A. in Religion; Drew University (exchange student at Oxford University, England, senior year), 1978

M.Div in Old Testament; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1981

M.Phil in Biblical Studies, Drew University, 1990

Ph.D in Biblical Studies; Drew University (first African American to finish a Ph.D in Biblical Studies at Drew), 2002

Certificate of Completion; *Introduction to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Movements*, Centro Pro Unione, Rome, Italy, 1994

WORK EXPERIENCE: PASTORAL

Pastor: First A.M.E. Zion Church, Orange, N.J. 1978-82

Pastor: St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, Westfield, N.J. 1982-86

Pastor: St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church, Somerville, N.J. 1986-88

Pastor: Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, Ensley, AL 2005-08

Pastor: Rising Star A.M.E. Zion Church, Powderly, AL 2008-2014

Pastor: Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Zion Church, Tarrant, AL 2015-present

ECUMENICAL WORK

Pennsylvania Council of Churches: Director of Ethnic Cooperation and Institutional Ministries, Harrisburg, PA, 1988-1992

Ohio Council of Churches: Executive Director, Columbus OH, 1992-95 (*First and only AA in the nation to head a state council of churches*)

President and Vice-President, National Association for Ecumenical Staff: 1991-93

TEACHING

Miles College: Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Fairfield, AL, 1996-2003

Samford University: Adjunct Professor of Religion, Homewood, AL, 2003-07

Stillman College: Associate Professor of Religion and Theology, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2003-present

Hood Theological Seminary, Satellite campus in Greenville, AL, Fall-2009-present (Saturday sessions)

CME Church ministerial school, 2015-2017

AWARDS

Teacher of the Year, Miles College, 2001-2002
Grant from Carnegie Mellon for \$30,000 to finish dissertation – 2001-02
Nominated Favorite Teacher of the Year, Stillman College 2009
Elected the Francis B. Sellers Alumni of the Year, 2021
Numerous accolades from local civic, church and educational groups (*will provide upon request*)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of University Women
National Council of Negro Women
Society of Biblical Literature
Habitat for Humanity
NAACP
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

PUBLICATIONS

Articles for the Christian Century Magazine and The Daily Upper Room, 1990s
God Comforts Israel: The Message and Audience of Isaiah 40-55, 2006
Preaching through the Liturgical Year and Other Occasions, 2014
Articles for the Christian Century Magazine and The Daily Upper Room, 1990s
DVD on “What do Methodists Believe?” N. Alabama Conference, A.M.E. Zion Church, 2014
THE FEMALE PROPHETS – Winter 2018
LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE: Genesis-Malachi, vol, 2019
LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE; Matthew-Revelation, vol 2, 2021
FACING LIFE’S CHALLENGES IN TIMES OF STRUGGLE: REIMAGINING THE JACOB-JOSEPH SAGA, 2021

TRAVELS

COUNTRIES: Australia, Canada, Egypt, England, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, South Korea, and Switzerland

ISLANDS: Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica, St.Croix, Nassau, St. Thomas, Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard

U.S. STATES: 44 (still to visit – *North and South Dekota, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho*)