

# Rev. Eleanor Bray Wilson

Assistant Secretary

Rev. Eleanor B. Wilson is a native of Princess Anne, Maryland. She is the fourth of five children, and a fourth-generation preacher in her family. She is the only female to serve in the ordained ministry and pastor in her family. Both of Rev. Wilson's parents are deceased.

Rev. Wilson attended public schools in Maryland, and is a graduate of Wor-Wic Tech Community College with a certificate in Office Technology, Mercer Community College, in Trenton, NJ, with an A.A.S. degree in Special Education, and Xavier University with a bachelor's of liberal arts degree in Organizational Communication. She also attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary School of Christian Ministry in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she received a certificate. Rev. Wilson is a 2019 graduate of Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina with a Masters in Divinity. She graduated cum laude.

She is an ordained Elder in the A.M.E. Zion Church, having received this consecration by the Right Reverend Marshall H. Strickland, in September 2000. And, she was ordained Deacon by the Right Reverend Cecil Bishop in May 1995.

Formerly, Rev. Wilson served as Pastor of St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Cincinnati, OH, for five years before relocating with her husband to North Carolina. She recently served for 11 years as the Pastor of Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church in Mt. Holly, North Carolina. She now serves as Pastor of Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Kings Mountain, NC. Rev. Wilson is employed by the Gaston County School system.

Rev. Wilson is married to Rev. Dr. Charles H. Wilson, Jr., Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, Kannapolis, NC. The Wilsons are the parents to six children, one son-in-law and two daughters-in-law and 14 wonderful and rambunctious grandchildren.

If you asked Rev. Wilson what she would want you to know the most about her, she would say, "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive and the opening of the prison for those who are bound." (Isa 61:1)