



Bishop Robin Dease

Bishop Robin Dease was elected bishop by the 2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church and consecrated November 4, 2022. Her first assignment as bishop is to the North Georgia Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church and she begins service in North Georgia on January 1, 2023.

EDUCATION:

- Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, District of Columbia; Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.), 2010 Magna Cum Laude
- Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, District of Columbia; Master of Divinity (M. Div.), 1998
- Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York; Culinary Arts (Cert.), 1994
- Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina; Bachelor of Science (BS), 1992 Cum Laude
- Bauder Fashion College, Atlanta Georgia; Associate Degree (AD), 1988.

ORDINATION/CREDENTIALING:

- Ordained Elder 2001 South Carolina Conference
- Ordained Deacon 1999 South Carolina Conference
- Licensed Local Pastor 1998 South Carolina Conference

MINISTRY PROFILE:

- St. Andrew By The Sea United Methodist Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (2021-present)
- Appointive Cabinet of the South Carolina Annual Conference United Methodist Church District Superintendent Hartsville District (2013-2021)
- Claflin University, The Department of Philosophy and Religion, Chair (2012-2013)
- Claflin University, The Department of Philosophy and Religion, Adjunct Professor (2010-2012)
- John Wesley United Methodist Church, Greenville South Carolina, Senior Pastor (2008-2013)
- Wesley United Methodist Church, Johns Island, South Carolina, Senior. Pastor (1998-2008)

DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

- Claflin University Board of Trustees 2016- present
- General Board of Church and Society 2016- present
- General & Jurisdictional Conference Delegate 2012, 2016, 2020-present
- Claflin University Philosophy and Religion Advisory Board 1998-present
- Southeastern Jurisdiction Nominating Committee 2016-present
- Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference Committee 2016-present
- Conference Board on Ordained Ministry 2006-2013
- Bishops School of Ministry Design Team 2003-2010
- Director of Continuing Education Covenant Groups 2008-2013

ECUMENICAL INVOLVEMENT:

- Alabama, Upper Room Spiritual Formation Leader 2021-present
- Greenville, Fostering Great Ideas Board 2020-present
- South Carolina Children's Trust Board 2018-present
- Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, 2013-2021
- United Way of Greenville South Carolina Faith-Based 2010-2013
- Center for Heirs' Property and Preservation, 2000-2010
- Charleston County Detention Center Chaplain 2004-2008
- Charleston County Coastal Crisis Police Chaplain 1999-2002
- Sea Island Habitat for Humanity Board 2003-2008
- Sea Island Ministerial Alliance 2000-2005
- Rural Mission Board of Directors 2000-2006
- North Charleston Ministerial Alliance 1998-2008

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Riley Diversity Leadership Institute (30) Furman University (active)
- Rotary Hilton Head Island (Active)
- Resetting the Table Faith Leaders Cohort (active)
- Hilton Head Island Rotary (active)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc (active)
- Hartsville Toastmasters (active)

SECULAR EXPERIENCE:

- Marriott Management Services/Director, George Washington University (St. Mary's Court), 1993-1998
- District Leader/Trainer Steven Covey Seven Habits Marriott Education Services 1994-1997
- Executive Chef, Asst. Manager Marriott Management Service Wesley Theological Seminary 1992-1993
- Claflin University, Cook Orangeburg, South Carolina 1988-1992
- Winn Dixie Stores, Deli Bakery, Bennettsville, South Carolina 1984-1988

HONORS/AWARDS:

- Africa University Richard Reeves Society, 2020
- Coastal Chaplain of the Year, 2005
- The Chronicle Community Leader Award, 2000
- Principles of Leadership Award, 1998

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

- Motorcycling
- Traveling/Arts
- Painting
- Playing pool
- Cooking
- Reading