

EDUCATION:

S.T.M. Master of Sacred Theology, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 2018

Thesis Topic: A Critical Analysis of Black Women in Ministry in the Black Church

D.MIN. United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, 2001

Dissertation Topic: “Developing a Social Justice Consciousness in a Local Congregation” This project's focus is to determine if a local congregation can be transformed into a greater social justice consciousness through education and training.

M.R.E. Religious Life and Education, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, 1997

Master's Thesis: “Homosexuality and the African American Church” This project studied current ideology and doctrines on the subject of homosexuality and predominantly black Baptist congregations.

B.A. Sociology, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC, 1981

RELIGIOUS TRAINING:

Ordained minister in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.: 1977

TEACHING:

First Calvary Baptist Church: Introduction of Christian Leadership, 2001

Quarterly workshops for adult members to increase their leadership skills using traditional disciplines, spirituality and biblical wisdom.

AFL-CIO: Labor and Religion Roundtables – 1999, 2000

Semi-annual discussions with Clergy, Community Activists and Labor Leaders on current issues affecting working people.

Philip Randolph Institute: Coalition Building in an Urban Community – 1999, 2000

Annual workshop for local civil rights activists on issues of community empowerment, e.g., effectively organizing, political power, and crisis intervention.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS:

Kimber, Bosie. “A Critical Analysis of Black Women in the Black Church”,
Yale University Divinity School, 2018. (archived, Yale Divinity School Library)

Kimber, Boise. “Developing a Social Justice Consciousness in a Local Congregation” D.Min. Thesis. United Theological Seminary, 2001. (Unpublished)

Kimber, Boise. “Homosexuality and the Black Church, One Pastor’s Journey to Understanding Homosexuality”, 1997 (Unpublished)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church (full-time), New Haven, CT, 1986 – present

Serve as the full-time pastor and leader of a moderate sized urban community church with a spiritual mission of evangelizing disciples for Christ. Oversees a vibrant ministry with a full-time staff and a strong Christian education and mission's ministry. As a pastor in the urban community, advocates for social justice and community activism. Serves as ex-official of all boards and departments.

This position requires the ability to teach, counsel, motivate adults and youth, coordinate multiple tasks, and provide visionary leadership to the congregation as a whole. Strengths include using participatory leadership to maximize human potential and involvement guided by Christian principle and values.

Senior Pastor, First Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Hartford, CT 2008-2016 (Retired)

Provide spiritual leadership to the members of the church. Prepare weekly sermons, preaching and conducting worship services. Provide care and counseling to the congregation and intervene and connect parishioners to the appropriate resources in a crises situation. Officiate confirmations, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other special services. Oversee all areas of management pertaining to the ministry

Senior Pastor, Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Stamford, CT 2017-Present

Serve as the full-time pastor and chief financial officer of the church and all of its associated ministries. Oversee a budget of over 1 million dollars. Provide spiritual advisement, preachment, and support to more than 1,000 thousand members within the organization.

Provides pastoral support to the congregation, teach bible study, host workshops, oversee the various outreach ministries, serve as a liaison for the Stamford Clergy Association and other civic organizations.

The Bosie Kimber Christian Leadership School for the State of Connecticut Missionary Baptist Convention 2015- Present

Serve as the custodian of records and the president emeritus of the Christian Leadership School, which provides spiritual support and guidance to young adults in the National Baptist Convention. Provide curriculum instruction to pupils leading towards a certificate in the various areas of Christian leadership (evangelism, missions and society, global ministries for peace, justice and tranquility). Instructor in early Christianity, biblical studies, Baptist polity, old testament, and new testament.

President, Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention, New Haven, CT, 2007– 2014

Serve as president of an alliance of approximately eighty churches in the state of Connecticut. As a visionary president, launched the Christian Leadership School, an accredited four-year Christian Education degree program.

Recruitment Specialist, Institute of Church Administration and Management, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, 2000 – present

Responsibilities include conducting monthly recruitment activities of pastors and laity for educational seminars and conferences. Seminars and conferences are designed to train and empower Christian leadership and church administration. This position entails strong communication skills and the ability to organize and market an educational program for clergy, church officials and laypersons.

Executive Secretary, Board of Directors, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Nashville, TN, 1999 – present

Responsible for ensuring that accurate and sufficient documentation exists to meet the legal requirements of the organization. Advise and counsel committee heads and senior leaders within the organization on the business and affairs of the organization. Records minutes of meetings, ensures their accuracy, and availability, proposes policies and practices, submits annual reports to the board, maintain membership records for the entire convention comprised of hundreds of thousands of members. Fulfills any other requirements of the Board of Directors, and performs other administrative tasks delegated by the National Baptist Convention President as assigned.

Administrative Assistant to the General Secretary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Nashville, TN, 1984 – 1994

Served as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer of the Convention. This position involved extensive travel organizing local congregations and recruiting pastors and congregations for participation and engagement with the Convention. The Convention was responsible for spiritual leadership, ideological study and educational workshops and conferences and seminars for large religious groups. This included negotiating conference and housing facilities, publicity, and all related activities to ensure the success of the event.

Pastor, 1976 – 1986

Served as the Pastor of four churches, three southern, rural congregations and one northern urban church. As the pastor, I was responsible for the spiritual well-being of the membership and economic sustainability of the church, as well as serving as an advocate for the community. Obtained undergraduate degree as a full-time student from 1977-1981.

Pitts Chapel Unified Freewill Baptist Church, New Haven, CT	1983 – 1986
Jeffries Cross Baptist Church, Burlington, NC	1980 – 1983
Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Catawba, NC	1978 – 1980
Weeping Mary Baptist Church, Opelika, AL	1976 – 1978

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Consultant to the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Multicultural Center at Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
- Fire Commissioner for the City of New Haven, 9-year appointment
- Director for Aids Interfaith Network, Inc.
- Advisor to local labor unions
- Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Connecticut Alumnae Chapter
- Director of the National Action Network, Inc., Connecticut
- Member, the Conference of National Black Churches, Connecticut
- Executive Director of the Social Justice Initiative.
- Former Chairman, Civil Service Commission
- Former Chairman, Affirmative Action Committee
- Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, Secretary, 2010-2014
- National Action Network Board of Directors
- Chairman, Early Childhood Council, New Haven, CT
- Board of Directors of Hidden Light Institute

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES

- Community activism and coalition building,
- Housing and community development
- Marketing and public relations,
- Public speaking and presentations

AWARDS

- Distinguished Martin Luther King Jr. Preaching Award, Morehouse College, 2017
- Williams Augustus Jones Award for Outstanding Community Service, National Action Network, 2014
- Rainbow PUSH - 2001 Community Activism Award, August 2001
- Johnson C. Smith University Athletic Scholarship 1977- 1981
- Wyatt T. Walker Social Justice Award National Action Network 2019

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