

Reverend Doctor Gloria Renee Williams-Bland

Rev. Dr. Gloria Renee Bland is a native Washingtonian, born to the late Rev Nolan E. Williams, Sr. and Mrs. Gloria J. Williams. She is a graduate of Full Sail University with a B.A. in Creative Writing for Entertainment in Winter Park, FL., and from the Wesley Theological Seminary in May 2020 with her MDiv. In May 2024, Rev. Dr. Bland completed her Doctor of Ministry degree in Creative Writing and Public Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

In 1996, Rev. Dr. Bland accepted her call to preach the gospel and was licensed on April 12, 1997, by the late Dr. Albert A Avant of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Washington, DC. She has served as an associate minister at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, All Nations Baptist Church (Washington, DC) under Dr. James Coleman, East Friendship Baptist Church (Washington, DC) under Dr. Jawanza Colvin, Metropolitan Baptist Church (Washington, DC) under the pastorate of Dr. Maurice Watson and Michigan Park Christian Church (Washington, D.C.). Rev. Dr. Bland has worked with the IAMA Counseling Ministry, Children/Teen Ministries, New Member's Ministry, and Women's Ministry. As an Associate Minister at the Dayspring Community, she works with the AV, Prayer, and Women's ministries.

At an early age, she began to minister through music. She directed several youth and adult choirs over the last forty years in different churches. She has been blessed to sing with India.Arie, Richard Smallwood, Donald Lawrence, Karen Clark-Sheard, Diana Ross, Betty Griffin-Keller, Aretha Franklin, Walter Hawkins and many others. She is currently a member of The Voices of Inspiration (VOI), a faith-based group that ministers throughout the country, including The White House. VOI has also ministered on the Amalfi Coast of Italy and most recently with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.

As Rev. Dr. Bland matured, other spiritual gifts and talents were discovered, of which teaching is one. Throughout her ministry, Rev. Dr. Bland has taught Sunday School, as well as Bible Studies on prayer, fasting, faith, and discipleship. She has a particular affinity for working with teens, young adults, and women.

Rev. Dr. Bland has been married for the last thirty-eight years to Mr. Lorenzo Bland, Sr. Together they are the proud parents of 4 children and 3 grandchildren.