

REV. PATRICIA A. DEGRAFENREID

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Rev. DeGraffenreid was appointed Pastor of Mount Pisgah CME Church - Baltimore, Maryland in August of 2017. In August of 2021, in addition to serving as a pastor, Rev. DeGraffenreid was appointed by Bishop James B. Walker as the first female Presiding Elder of the Philadelphia District. She also serves as the Budget Liaison to the Joint Board of Finance, and Administrative Aide to the Presiding Prelate of the New York-Washington Region, Seventh Episcopal District. Past positions held were Vice-Chair of the Joint Board of Finance and Finance Committee Chair of the Philadelphia District. Her pastorates include; Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Calvary C.M.E. Church, Jersey City, New Jersey; Organ Chapel C.M.E. Church, Gladys, Virginia; St. Matthew C.M.E. Church, Cedar Heights, Maryland; Williams Chapel C.M.E. Church, Front Royal, Virginia; Capitol Heights C.M.E. Church, Capitol Heights. She has a total of 30 years of pastoral experience and on March 6th, 2022, she will celebrate 35 years in the preaching ministry.

At the Phillips School of Theology's 21st Pastors' Conference and 72nd Founders' Day Celebration, Rev. DeGraffenreid was recognized as the Shattering the Glass Ceiling Honoree for the Seventh Episcopal District. Past community service includes T.H.O.R. (The House of Restoration) of Baltimore City, former member and board president of the One Church One Child Program for the State of Maryland, and the Sheffield Glen Home Community. She was also featured in the Speak to My Heart publication series and exhibition at the Smithsonian Institute as presented by the late Dr. Gail Lowe.

Educated in the Baltimore City Public School System and Strayer College, Rev. DeGraffenreid has also completed coursework at the College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Maryland with a concentration in Human Services/Administration and Religious Studies/Old Testament. In May of 2022, Rev. DeGraffenreid graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Christian Ministry from St. Mary's Seminary and University's Ecumenical Institute, Baltimore, Maryland.

The daughter of the late Edward M. and Irene K. Smith, she is the proud mother of Mrs. Melissa D. Ford, mother-in-law of Captain Gregory Ford, Jr., of the Maryland State Capitol Police-PG, and the very proud grandmother of Master Aiden Hudson Ford.

***“All that I am and ever hope to be I owe it all to Calvary.
To God be the Glory for the things He has done!”***