

## Reverend Dr. Gail L Henderson

Reverend Dr. Gail Henderson is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Hampton, Virginia.

Gail L Henderson, D. Min. under the leadership of Reverend Andre' P. Jefferson, Sr. was licensed to preach in the A.M.E. Church, on November 16, 2020. As a new member of Bethel A.M.E Church, in October 2020, under the direction of Rev. Jefferson, Sr., Rev. Henderson organized and leads the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Comfort Ministry, which serves the congregation other communities that are experiencing loss, grief, and emotional distress. She is also a member of the Bethel A.M.E Evangelism Ministry which participates in Community Outreach.



Rev. Henderson was enrolled as a Candidate for Local Ministry in the Virginia Annual Conference - the Board of Examiners in 2021, and upon completion of all requirements, was recommended to be ordained as a Local Deacon, July 10, 2023, in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in the 157<sup>th</sup> Virginia Annual Conference.

Rev. Henderson was a former member of Queen Street Baptist Church (QSBC) in Hampton, Virginia, where she accepted her call to the ministry in 2004. She was licensed to preach the gospel, August 31, 2008, by Rev. Dr. Anderson Clary, Jr., the former Pastor and served as an Associate Minister. In September 2009, she was instrumental in organizing the Comfort Ministry where she was co-coordinator; served as the Vice President of the Mission Union Ministry for four years, co-coordinator of Visitation Ministry (Coliseum Nursing & Rehabilitation Center); Sunday school teacher; assisted in developing the QSBC Eblast System (which provided email communication to all church members regarding bereavements); and was a member of several other ministries. She served as a board member on the Committee of the QSBC Federal Credit Union where she served as an internal auditor.

Rev. Henderson is a member of The Ministers' Coalition for Hampton and Vicinity (MCHV), the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Norfolk Virginia -Section, a member of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia and Sisters Who Care (SWC) of Virginia. She was a founding member of the Deborah Women in Ministry of Hampton Roads.

In her professional career, she is an inactive member of the Association of Government Accountants. She retired from the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) in the Office of the Financial Officer after 32 years of employment which included 15 years in management and leading projects in the organization. She serves as a volunteer for Sentara's Hospice & Bereavement Services, Greater Peninsula Sentara.

In March 2011, Rev. Henderson went on a pilgrimage to Israel. She describes this experience as "faith becoming sight; and her life has not been the same since. In August 2019, she went on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Mission trip to Flint, Michigan, which provided the community with prayer, evangelism, fellowship, outreach, and water distribution.

Rev. Henderson is a resident of Hampton, VA. She attended Spelman College and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting at the University of Maryland. She obtained her Master of Divinity Degree at Virginia University of Lynchburg in 2012. In May 2018, Rev. Henderson obtained the Doctor of Ministry Degree at Virginia University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA,

She is a native of Key West, FL. and is the proud mother of one adult daughter, Vanessa L Hill. Her favorite scripture is: **"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Psalm 121:1.** She believes that with God ALL things are possible if you only believe.