

FROM THE CONGREGATION

Dear Imani MCC Church Family and Friends:

On behalf of the Congregation of Imani MCC welcome to this celebration of a new Pastor for our Ministry.

This is a significant moment in the history of Imani MCC. Rev. Annie Ross becomes the 4th Pastor of Imani MCC. This is an occasion for celebration and recognizing the move of God.

We recognize each season in the life of Imani MCC to be an opportunity for worship. Seasons of challenges test our resolve and ability to persevere through hardships. Seasons of plenty remind us to be thankful for the favor of God. The arrival of a new leader is a season that assures us God has a plan and a future in store for our Church.

The installation of a new pastor for our congregation and community is a blessing from God Almighty. We praise the Father's care for our church family such that He saw fit to prepare in advance a shepherd only He knew we would require in this season. We reverence God for His foresight and considering our community worthy to receive the gift of Pastor Ross.

We have felt your prayers and support over the years. You have poured into us in ways that have buoyed our spirits. We have become family and friends through the shared experiences of God's love. The journey continues.

We invite you to celebrate with us this momentous time. We have high expectations for the blessings our Ministry will receive in the times which will follow.

In Christian Love,

Imani MCC Church Family

FROM THE DEACONS IN TRAINING

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior:

This is a moment for great celebration among the Imani MCC family. For God has seen favorable to bless our congregation with a Senior Pastor who seeks His face and voice.

The Imani MCC Deacon in Training Ministry is one of the offices in the Church. The role of a Deacon is to be a servant. To this end, we have a two-fold charge. First, we are to assist with the administration of the Church's charitable activities. In the Book of Acts, there was a concern the widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of necessities. Deacons were appointed to serve the table and see to it that the people had what they needed.

The qualification for the Deacons is to be of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom. This leads to our second charge that Deacons be Spiritually led in all endeavors. You can find Deacons praying for the Church members, the community and every element of life. We celebrate joyous occasions with disciples and lend a helping hand during times of grief and mourning.

As we enter this new chapter in the life of Imani MCC, the Deacons in Training stand ready to help Pastor Ross with the vision God has placed on her heart. We will roll up our sleeves to put the Ministry in operation.

It is our privilege to serve as your servants. We pray for each of you, our Senior Pastor and her entire family. We look forward with great anticipation for the victories that will follow.

Humbly in His Service...

Deacons in Training

FROM THE MINISTERS IN TRAINING

To Our Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On behalf of the Ministers in Training of Imani MCC, we rejoice in the installation of Reverend Annie Ross as our next Senior Pastor. This is truly a moment that deserves reflection and vision.

Here at Imani MCC, a minister travels a certain journey when they feel called to this ministry. At the start, when a disciple is called to do this work in the vineyard, they hold the title of “Minister in Training.” After extensive prayer, training and study, they are licensed as a “Minister.” From there, their journey leads to ordination, and they are confirmed as an Elder or Reverend.

In the Holy Book of Romans, Chapter 15, verse 16 the Apostle Paul writes, “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.”

Ministry here at Imani MCC takes on many forms. It includes preaching the Gospel of God. The preaching of the Gospel includes showing loving kindness to one another as a demonstration of Christ’s compassion.

Pastor Ross brings new life to our Church, the Ministers in Training, our community and the world. We are positioned and poised to support Pastor Ross with our deeds and prayers. Truly, this is the day the Lord has made, and we shall rejoice and be glad in it.

With the Love and Unity of Christ,

Ministers in Training

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To Our Imani MCC Church Congregation:

There are moments in our lives when we recognize we are witness to a truly special event. The installation of a new Imani MCC Senior Pastor is one of these occasions. The Imani MCC Board of Directors thank God for the revelation of this historic time.

The advent of a new pastoral era is a sacred occurrence that deserves a mindset approach. When God directs a shepherd to bear the banner in one of His houses of worship, there is a reason for celebration. This gives us confirmation of His love for our congregation. We dare not take this season for granted.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is to be good stewards of the Church's properties. Property includes the assets many see and the things most don't see. More importantly, the BOD has a duty to safeguard your gifts for the sake of the Kingdom. Our role is both temporal and spiritual.

The Board of Directors eagerly welcome Pastor Annie Ross as our installed leader. We pledge our support, assistance and labor in the Ministry. We will metaphorically help lift Pastor Ross's arms so the people every where will be encouraged that the business side of the Church continues.

We look forward to the next chapter in the lift of Imani MCC. Under Pastor Annie's headship and the divine direction of our Lord, we have tenacious faith for the greatness that will be achieved in the future.

On behalf of the Imani MCC Board of Directors...

A History of Imani MCC

(from 2001)

The vision for Imani MCC came to Rev Wanda Floyd (Pastor Wanda at that time) while discerning where God wanted her to go. In the vision, she saw people of all sizes, colors, and genders in a room and the voice of God told her that come Sunday these people would have nowhere to go to church and if they do go, they cannot hear God's love for them. The work is not done in North Carolina (she had been sought out by another MCC in another state).

Upon returning to Raleigh, NC and after informing the pastor of what God was telling her to do, she organized a four-member advisory board consisting of a regular attendee of MCC's, someone unfamiliar with MCC's, and someone who attended MCC's every now and then. This team met from January 1997 to November 1997. The board met every other week and held two focus groups in Durham to determine what a spiritual place would look like in Durham. In the summer of 1997, a bible study on faith was held and a board member suggested naming the church "Imani" which means faith and is the seventh principle of Kwanzaa.

Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ERUUF) was approached about the use of their space, and they agreed. The first service was held November 23, 1997, with standing room only. People continue to attend worship services from Greensboro, Wake Forest, Clayton, and other places around the Durham area.

The vision that Rev. Floyd had is a church in which all God's children find sanctuary and a place of healing that will remind them of God's love for them and to celebrate who God created them to be without shame and guilt. Rev. Floyd often says that "Denying the gift of our sexuality is like denying God, because God is the one who gave us this gift, and I believe that God expects us to be true to who we were created to be, including the LGBTQ Community."

The Journey of Faith continues....

"Imani...is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." -

Heb. 11:1

Imani means "Faith" in Swahili and is the seventh symbol of Kwanzaa.

INTRODUCTION

ANNIE REE ROSS



Annie Ross is a multifaceted gift to the world. With sheer charisma, she delivers a message of hope among many people from every walk of life. Her poetic art of public speaking, unmistakable love for helping people, practical wisdom and insightful teaching, has positioned her as a highly sought after 21st century presenter.

Ross's love for spreading her inspirational message extends into artistic genres, and her passion for monologues, poetry and music is clearly at the forefront of this commitment. The heart of Ross is beautifully captured in her poetic written work, "Erasure." On the heels of her many artistic contributions, Ross has launched several Outreach Projects, including "A Servants Heart", geared towards helping families with food insecurity. In addition, Ross established "A Pot of Grace", an effort that ensures that those healing from sickness, grief or loneliness receive meals, groceries and a visit to uplift and inspire them during their recovery and healing.

As an ordained minister, and passionate dedication to her Christian faith, Ross approaches her new assignment as the Senior Pastor of Imani MCC with a respect for the legacy of the Ministry and the opportunities in the future. Imani MCC feels the blessings for this moment. This is truly an ordained season for our community. Pastor Ross's steps were ordered to shepherd this flock.

Annie enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, Bitcoin and AI technology, traveling, family and friends. She obtained a BS in Health Administration and BA in Religion from Auburn University and a Master's in Accounting with a concentration in Taxation from Strayer University. She is married to First Lady Priscilla Ross and will soon celebrate 30 years together. They have two adult children, Matthew Coleman from Washington, DC and Jessika Coleman of Raleigh, NC. Ross's storytelling yet powerful delivery continues to inspire, impact, and empower many young and seasoned alike.

Photo Album

We believe a Pastor should be approachable and in touch with her congregation. Pastor Ross's personality and people-oriented approach to ministry inspires humility, honesty and sincerity. Pastor Ross inspires us in her everyday walk.



**“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known
among the nations what he has done.”**

Psalm 105:1

We are blessed that our Pastoral Installation Service is graced with the notoriety and wisdom of women and men who are skilled in delivering the Word of God. We receive these messengers with open arms who will give us instructions, affirm our faith for the future and raise our celebration to new heights.





IMANI MCC PRESENTS

PASTORAL INSTALLATION SERVICES

REV. ANNIE REE ROSS



**APOSTLE
YVONNE
HARRISON**

WOMEN CAN PREACH TOO, INC.
NEW JERSEY



**PRESIDING OFFICIANT
PASTOR
JOVON
MCPERRY**

PASTOR OF A PLACE CALLED HOPE,
GARNER, NC



**PROPHETESS
DR. SCHQUINTA
THOMPSON**

ASST. PASTOR A PLACE CALLED HOPE,
GARNER, NC



**BISHOP
IAN HATTON
& APOSTLE
RHONDA HATTON**

CELEBRATION MINISTRIES,
DURHAM, NC



WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2025

IMANI MCC 3602 C-VIEW STREET
DURHAM, NC 27713

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DOORS
OPEN
AT 10AM

DINNER WILL
BE SERVED
AFTER
SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP & INSTALLATION

June 29, 2025

Pastor Jovon McPerry, Officiant

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson

A Place Called Hope Church, Garner, NC

The Exhortation

Pastor Jovon McPerry

A Place Called Hope Church, Garner, NC

Pastor McPerry:

“Blessed be God, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings and has made us to sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus.”

People:

“His Mercy endureth forever.”

Pastor McPerry:

“Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known. From You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

People:

“Amen”

Statement of Faith

Cynthia Kornegay

Congregational Hymn

Imani MCC Praise Team

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 23:4-5

Bishop Ian Hatton

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Celebration Ministries, Durham, NC

People: Thanks Be to God

EPISTLE

1 Peter 5:1-4

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 4:16-20

Apostle Rhonda Hatton

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Celebration Ministries, Durham NC

People: Thanks Be to God

Praise & Worship

Imani MCC Praise Team

Announcements

Jean Eitleman

Passing of the Peace

Collection of Tithes & Offering

Anthony Whitaker

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Words of Expression 2-3 Min

Brandy Womack

Cynthia Kornegay

Members & Friends

Special Greetings

Overseer Tye Williams

The Vision Church of Raleigh, NC

Special Presentations

Delphine Abdullah

Pamela Byrd Jarvis

Introduction of Speaker

Pastor Jovon McPerry

Scripture

Yvonne Walker

Musical Selection

Imani MCC Praise Team

Speaker

Apostle Yvonne Harrison

Women Can Preach Too, New Jersey

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Installation Liturgy

MIT Dee Johnson Phillips (BOD Clerk): “We have come together today to present Senior Pastor Elect Annie Ree Ross, whom we believe God has chosen to serve as Senior Pastor of Imani MCC. We believe she is qualified, and she has been prepared by God to serve this church and community. We, the Imani MCC members, have prayerfully embarked on the selection process and confirmed this is the person who God has selected. Amen.”

Charge to Senior Pastor Elect

Pastor Jovon McPerry

Pastor McPerry: “Senior Pastor Elect Ross, do you believe that you are truly called by God and His Church to this sacred office? If so, please respond by saying, I believe I am so called.”

Pastor Elect: “I believe I am so called.”

Pastor McPerry: “Do you in the presence of the congregation commit yourself to this new Trust and responsibility? If so, please respond by saying, I do.”

Pastor Elect: “I do.”

Pastor McPerry: “Will you be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scripture and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger, more able minister of Christ? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor Elect: “With the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor McPerry: “Will you undertake to be a faithful Pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with your fellow ministers to build the family of God? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord’s help, I will.”

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Pastor Elect: “With the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor McPerry: “Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ so that you may be a wholesome example to your people? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor Elect: “With the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor McPerry: “Will you persevere in prayer, both in public and private, asking God’s grace, both for yourself and others, offering all you endeavor to God through Christ in sanctification of the Holy Spirit? If so, please respond by saying, with the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor Elect: “With the Lord’s help, I will.”

Pastor McPerry: “May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to carry them out. Amen.”

Charge to the Church

(In Person & Virtual)

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson: “Imani MCC Church Family please stand. Will you support and uphold Senior Pastor Elect Annie Ross in this appointed capacity and ministry?” If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Church: “With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson: “Imani MCC Church family, will you receive Senior Pastor Elect Annie Ross as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Church: “With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson: “Will you regard her as a servant of Christ, a steward of God, a shepherd to the sheep in leadership and integrity? If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Church: “With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson: “Will you pray for her, support her, honor her in Kingdom Building for the work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace, harmony and unity of Christ? If so, please respond by saying, With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Church: “With the Lord’s help, we will.”

Prophetess Schquinta Thompson: “May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to carry them out. Amen.”

Adorning the Senior Pastor Elect

Apostle Yvonne Harrison

Deacon in Training Cindy Johnson Perry

Deacon in Training Sam Johnson Phillips

Anointing and Prayer

Apostle Rhonda & Bishop Ian Hatton

Acknowledgements and Gratitude

MIT Johnika Johnson Perry

Closing Remarks

Annie Ree Ross, Senior Pastor

Imani MCC

Benediction

Pastor Jovon McPerry

Dinner immediately following the service.