

*Reverend La Wanda Denise Pope* is an Ordained Itinerant Minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and God has called, chosen, anointed, and blessed her to serve in the work of the Ministry.

Rev. La Wanda is blessed to be wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, Godmother, and daughter to a highly favored and truly blessed family. Rev. La Wanda answered the call to holiness on March 17, 1998, at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, and answered the call to preach on May 1, 1998, under the Holy Spirit, Fire baptized Rev. Dr. James Carter Wade.

Rev. La Wanda immediately joined the Missionary Society, and served joyfully, having had great examples of God-fearing women and men who sowed good seeds into the soils of her life. She observed their behaviors, listened to their teachings, and was blessed with opportunities to witness their love for God in loving others.

Rev. La Wanda traveled with her Grandmother and the other saints to nursing homes, hospitals, and church members' homes where they prayed, sang songs, cooked, and cleaned for them. Rev. La Wanda thought, wow, how wonderful it is to help others. Rev. La Wanda answered the call to preach and received her license to preach on April 8, 2000, and served as the Youth Pastor. The Holy Spirit being The Best Teacher of ALL Times, Rev. La Wanda has been blessed to receive earthly instructions from wonderful teachers on the Board of Examiners, gifted and insightful Professors at North Park Seminary, and Bible teaching Pastors, Board of Examiners, clergy, and laity.

Rev. La Wanda is very blessed to be on the mission field in and out of the country. The Globe is her Prayer ground Mission Field, and the Holy Scriptures is her road map. Rev. La Wanda is the Founder and CEO of The Learning Tree Christian Academy, A.C.T.S of Love incorporated, and Pure at Heart Ministry, a family Ministry God has blessed to Display His Love through teaching, proclaiming His Word and ministering to the needs of the people in underserved areas, homeless population, the Juvenile Justice System, Adult Justice System, many churches, communities, and the Nations. The heart work of Pure at Heart Ministry is to mend the hearts of families bringing healing and wholeness for the family to experience the outpouring and breath-taking Love of God; one prayer, one heart, one community and one nation at a time.

Rev. La Wanda currently serves on the Ministerial staff at Trinity AMEC in Waukegan under the Pastoral Leadership of Rev. Aileen Styles-Glover; Together we are believing God for a mighty move of The Holy Spirit to transform lives for His Glory.

Rev. La Wanda hold passionately to the Scripture verse in 2 Chronicles 7:14, If my people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land, Joshua 24:15, and if it seems evil to you to serve The Lord, choose for yourselves this day who you will serve; But as for me and my house, we will serve The Lord. Matthew 5:8, Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they shall see God, and Romans 8:37-39, For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. La Wanda says she will always humbly, intentionally, and purposefully serve God forevermore following the commandments of God and the Great Commission and currently seeking higher education and writing her first book. To God Be The Glory!!!