

Rev. Dr. Regina DeLay

Associate Pastor, Words of Faith A.M.E. Church, Mableton, Georgia



After one encounter with Rev. Dr. Regina DeLay, you will be convinced that she has been called to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. DeLay is a *Charter Member* of Words of Faith A.M.E. Church in Mableton, GA. Under the leadership of the late Rev. Walter D. Moon, Rev. Dr. DeLay was encouraged to pursue her education goals as a stepping stone to God's plan/purpose for her life/ministry. She attributes all her success to the favor of God, and as a result, she has earned a *Bachelor of Science* degree (BS) in Business Management, a *Master's Degree* in Business Administration (MBA), a *Doctorate (PhD)* in Business Administration with a concentration in

Business Management, and on May 7, 2022, Rev. Dr. DeLay graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude) from Turner Theological Seminary at ITC in Atlanta, GA, earning a *second Master's Degree-The Masters of Divinity (MDiv)* with a concentration in *Pastoral Care and Counseling*. Rev. Dr. DeLay was accepted into the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program, where she received her first unit of CPE as a Chaplain. Upon graduating from Turner Theological Seminary (ITC), Rev. Dr. DeLay also received the Bishop Preston Warren and Wilma Williams II Scholarship.

Rev. Dr. DeLay embarked on a journey to become a candidate for Itinerant Elder in the Sixth Episcopal District of the North Georgia Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. After completing all studies and necessary requirements, she was indeed ordained as an Itinerant Elder at the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference in May 2023.

She is currently employed at Marietta Housing Authority, where she fulfills her position as overseer of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program by serving low-income African American families. She guides her participants through the processes of employment, education, financial literacy, and personal development. She also coaches and counsels them on becoming economically self-sufficient. Rev. Dr. DeLay was recently honored with the "ALL IN COBB AWARD" by Cobb Commissioner Chairwoman, Lisa Cupid. This award recognized Rev. Dr. DeLay for fostering intelligent decisions and investing in Cobb's residents with integrity at the Marietta Housing Authority.

After speaking with her first client, God revealed to her the only way to reach the spiritual man is to love on the carnal man without pre-judgment. This revelation led her to acknowledge that her vocation is a major part of her calling as she ministers to her participants on a daily basis.

Rev. Dr. Regina DeLay loves her role as Associate Pastor at Words of Faith. Under the leadership of Rev. Larry J. Lockett, Jr., she serves as Teacher/Facilitator of the A.M.E. New Members Class and The Director of Social Justice. Her Pastoral Care ministry will include a grief ministry as a continuation of Words of Faith Sonita's Heart Ministry, specializing in all types of grief losses.

Rev. Dr. DeLay has been married to John DeLay, Sr. for over 40 years. They have three children, John'naca, John'neshia, and John, Jr. They also have four brilliant grandsons: Cameron, Cayden, Calil, and Caleb. Rev. Dr. DeLay holds fast to her belief that her obedience to God has led her to become a phenomenal wife, mother, and grandmother in spite of the time required to walk out and fulfill God's phenomenal calling on her life. Her favorite scripture is well-known, **Philippians 4:13-**
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."