



Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson

The Reverend Dr. Gary V. Simpson is the Leading Pastor of The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY. The son of the late Reverend Rufus N. Simpson and Mrs. Mary H. Simpson Price, he responded to God's call on his life while he was still a teenager. He preached his first sermon at the age of 15 at the Southfield Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio and was ordained at the age of 20 by the Eastern Union Missionary Baptist Association.

He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Denison University with a BA in Religion and Black Studies; earned his Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in NYC; and, his Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary.

Pastor Simpson was called as the Senior Pastor of Concord Church in 1990 and has served as the congregation's Chief Disciple, pouring out his heart in Concord's community life. He is an accomplished musician and teacher with a heart for pastoring God's people. In 2002, he was sought by the Lilly Endowment to create a formal Pastoral Residency program at Concord Church, aiding young seminary graduates with their transition into full time pastoral ministry. Under Pastor Simpson's leadership, Concord is one of a handful of churches across the country serving as teaching congregations for young pastors.

He has achieved tenure as Associate Professor of Homiletics at Drew Theological Seminary. He has served as Visiting Professor of Preaching, Worship and the Arts at Union Theological Seminary. He has taught and lectured at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary and Candler School of

Theology. He is one of eight featured preachers on the Future of Great Preaching website, a web resource for the Andover Newton Theological School; and his video is being used in theological schools to teach the art of preaching.

The former Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Fund for Theological Education, Board of Trustees for Denison University for twenty-six years, Pastor Simpson currently serves on the National Grid Foundation, The Association of Theological Schools and The American Baptist Home Mission Societies. He is married to The Reverend Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson and they are parents of Candace Yonina, David Michael and Jordan Elizabeth.