



REV. PROVEY POWELL, JR.

Rev. Provey Powell, Jr. is a problem-solver, leader, spiritual guide, and concerned citizen. Improving the quality of life in our community has been his lifelong mission, while providing both refuge and resources for those in need.

He currently serves as Lead Pastor of the Mt. Joy United Methodist Church in the Southbridge community of Wilmington Delaware.

Previously, he pastored for over 10 years at Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Port Deposit Md, along with his lovely wife Joyce.

Rev. Provey Powell Jr. was appointed July 1, 2015, and hit the ground running. He met with the leadership of the church on day one to establish a covenant relationship. His divine purpose is to bring out the greatness in all whom he encounters. He has been intentional about expanding and creating opportunities for leadership, resulting in the development of four Certified Lay Ministers and one Licensed Local Pastor. Though the generous grants from the Wilmington Urban Center Ministries, Rev. Powell created innovative ministries such as Audio Communication and Technology (ACT), Youth Take Over Sundays, New Wine Mission (Millennial ministry) Partnership w/Food Bank of Delaware, Breakfast of Champions, Men's Ministry, an educational empowerment during the pandemic had been birth. During the pandemic, 'Pull up and Praise' an outdoor worship experience was birthed so that spiritual inspiration would be shared throughout the local community.

From the financial support of the United Methodist Congregational Development Corporation and the Mid Atlantic Foundation, Rev. Powell was able to visualize and implement the Mt. Joy's newly established Eden Project, which is designed to generate multiple streams of income. The streams include traditional Tithes and offering, our newly reinstated Jubilee Development Corporation, a 501c3 organization, Endowment Fund, and a For-Profit Enterprise for youth.

During his tenure, the building team was re-energized by God's spirit, to purchase and acquire local property, resulting in the development of our current vision of "A Bridge to Wholeness Campus ". Pastor Powell and Lady Joyce continues to serve with joy and enthusiasm as a Part-Time Pastor.

Under the leadership of Mayor James M. Baker of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, Rev. Powell was appointed as the first executive director of the Wilmington Hope Commission in 2006. Tasked with carrying out the Commission's nine recommendations for creating long-term, substantive change to reduce Gun Violence in the city, he has dedicated his time and energy to building relationships and coalitions for the betterment of all people. Rev. Powell was nominated

by Governor John C. Carney and confirmed by the Delaware State Senate to serve on Delaware's State Board of Education in 2019.

In addition to his civic and faith-based involvement, Rev. Powell has been a self-employed agency owner, entrepreneur in the insurance industry and real-estate investor for over 40 years. He owned and has since retired from Powell's Insurance Agency, LLC, and was the recipient of many awards and numerous accolades of his performance as an Allstate Insurance Agent. He has served as the Chairman of the Insurance Agent Advisory Council for the State of Delaware, providing advice to the last three Insurance Commissioner. As a result of his work, Pastor Powell has traveled the world over, from Asia to Europe and from Alaska to Hawaii and including the continent of Africa.

Pastor Powell has served as a role model for many of our children and young adults. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Delaware State College, which has served him well in his work with youth and young people all over the region. In addition, Pastor Powell's recently graduation from Palmer Theological Seminary in Wayne, Pennsylvania, where he was awarded a Master of Theological Studies Degree. He has studied at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and is a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.

He is a proud graduate of Howard High School, Class of 1973. While at Howard, Rev . Powell played football and baseball for 3 years, earning the Most Valuable Player award for baseball in his senior year. Under the leadership of the late Mr. Jay Thomas and Mr. Stan Hill, he served as manager and statistician for the 1972 Boys basketball team and the 1973 Howard High School Boys State Championship basketball team who had a perfect record of 24 -0. Also, he served as a board member of the Howard High School Alumni Association Inc and has provided committed leadership for numerous class reunions for the Class of 1973.

Additionally, he served as the Chairman of the Wilmington Urban Center Ministry for the Peninsula - Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church whose charge is to educate, equip and empower churches and agencies to become relevant, effective, and fruitful.

Pastor Powell has been recognized as an outstanding father (DaRius), Father In-Law (Raelyn) grandfather (Skylar and Roman) , and a dedicated humanitarian. His presence in the local community makes him an ideal leader to bring together other leaders from government, education, the faith-based community, nonprofits, and business to give a voice to those in need in our community.

Pastor Powell's primary goal in life is to make sure that God gets the Glory out of everything that he does.