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## **Rev. Dr. Reginald Davenport**

Rev. Dr. Reginald Davenport was trained, licensed and ordained by the late Bishop Kelmo C. Porter of the St. John Baptist Church in May 2001, where he has served as one the Assistants to the Pastor for 16 years. Since preaching his trial sermon in February 1997, he has served in many areas of church leadership; however, singing with the Men's Chorus is one of his favorite ministries. He was raised in the Baptist tradition, having been baptized by the late Rev. William Wheeler at the Bright Hope Baptist church in Montclair NJ at the age of 9. He was a member there until joining the St. John in 1990.

Dr. Davenport is an educator with more than 20 years of experience. In that time he has taught Social Studies, Mathematics & Science, served as the Assistant Principal and Principal in both urban and suburban schools. In Fall 2013, he created the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Academy within the learning community at Maxson Middle School in Plainfield, NJ. Presently, he is the Principal of Franklin Middle School in Somerset, NJ. Dr. Davenport worked for the US Postal Service for more than 10 years prior to becoming an educator.

Because of his passion for education, Dr. Davenport also serves on the National Board of Trustees for Association of Middle Level Educators (AMLE), as the Representative for Diverse Populations. He is also President for the New Jersey affiliates NJAMLE. Dr. Davenport is the first African American to hold this position. Rev. Davenport holds a BA in History from Jersey City State College (1995), MA in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University (2002), and his Ed. D. (Doctor of Education) from the University of Pennsylvania (2009). His research focused on the school experience of ethnically, racially, and socio-economically diverse student populations. He continues to do research and presents professional development seminars on cultural diversity.

Reggie, as he known to many, is an avid cyclist. He makes his home in Plainfield with his wife Stephanie, and children Alexandria and William.