

Profile

Adelyn Veretta Mgonela

Adelyn Veretta Mgonela also known as Sis Binta was born in the island of St. Kitts. She is the 2nd of a twin birth. Upon graduation from secondary school she taught mathematics at the Cayon High School for 3 years after which she travelled to England to undertake Nursing and Midwifery training in preparation for the medical missions

At an early age Sister Adelyn felt the call to pastoral ministry, and was a dedicated and committed member of her home congregation Bethesda Moravian Church in St. Kitts where at age 15, she preached her first sermon entitled “Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

She was Commissioned on January 11th 1981 at the Spring Gardens Moravian church in Antigua after which she travelled to Tanzania where she served as a Medical Missionary for 18 years.

Sis Binta then returned to the Caribbean in 1998 and graduated in 2002 from the United Theological College of the West Indies, Jamaica with a Diploma in Ministerial Studies and the University of the West Indies, Mona with a BA Theology First Class Honours.

Upon graduation she was ordained to the diaconate on July 28th 2002. She was consecrated a Presbyter on January 15th 2009.

Sis Binta holds a MSc degree in Organizational leadership from OASIS University in Trinidad and is currently enrolled in a Doctoral Programme in Leadership and Social Change

She is presently the pastor of the Estridge Moravian Congregations in the St Kitts Conference of the Eastern West Indies Province. She is the mother of two wonderful daughters, Ayeola and Namayombo but is also proud to be the mother of many children across the Caribbean and Tanzania.

Of her faith she says: *In abandoning all reliance on one's effort to obtain salvation, the attitude of complete trust in Christ and relying on Him alone for all salvation is what my faith means to me. It is total submission to the guidance and control of the Holy Spirit with strong conviction of the reality of God's truth revealed in Scripture.*

She always insists: *“I am a woman who's conscious of great weaknesses and failures in the past and who has experienced the grace of God over and over again; a woman who loves her work, likes to study for it, likes to give herself to it, considers it the most important job in the world, thinks that no training is too high for it, likes to give extra hours to extra study on behalf of my work, believes that God has called me especially to this work. I think it's a wonderful thing to have served God in foreign missions and now in Pastoral Ministry.”*