

Rev. Brown completed his undergraduate degree at Virginia Union University and his theological education at Howard University and Samuel DeWitt School of Theology, where he received his M.Div. He received his D.Min. from United Theological Seminary with a focus on missional growth empowered by the Holy Spirit. Ordained an elder in the Virginia Conference in 2000, he served there as associate pastor at Belmont United Methodist Church in Richmond, Virginia and as senior pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Churchill, Virginia, both congregations partnering in a ministry of racial reconciliation. While serving as senior pastor at Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, attendance grew by more than 20% per year and a satellite campus was added.

From 2008-2011 Rev. Brown was the teaching pastor at Ginghamsburg Church in Tipp City, where he was appreciated as a spiritual leader who connected with the diverse spectrum of Christ followers.

From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, Rev. Brown served as Superintendent for the Ohio River Valley District in West Ohio. In 2015-16, he served as the Dean of the Bishop's Cabinet, interim pastor of Epiphany United Methodist Church in Cincinnati and a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

In January 2016, the West Ohio Conference delegation to the upcoming General and Jurisdictional Conferences endorsed **Rev. Dr. Brian Brown** as an Episcopal candidate (Bishop) in The United Methodist Church. Rev. Brown humbly declined after sensing God moving him in a new direction.

On July 1, 2016, Dr. Brown became the pastor of Woodlawn-Faith. Since that time worship attendance and financial giving has increased by over 30%, and new believers are joining the body of Christ!

Dr. Brown is certified through the International Coaching Federation, is a part of the Holmes Coaching Group as well as a trained facilitator for the Arbinger Institute in the Anatomy of Peace. He has facilitated training and coaching for pastors, district superintendents, the Cabinet for the West Ohio Conference, different districts, and delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conference in the United Methodist Church.

Rev. Brown is happily married to Candace, and they have four children, Brian II, a graduate from Howard University, Brianna a graduate from the University of Michigan, Brielle a freshman at North Carolina A&T and Bria who is in the eleventh grade in Alexandria, Va.