

BIO - REV. KAYE C. COATES

When you meet Rev. Coates, it is obvious that the love of Christ emanates from her. She is gentle in character with a genuine love for people. As an encourager, she has the rare gift of putting people at ease, making them see the best in themselves, and inspiring them to greatness. Being in her presence gives one the sense of peace and well-being. As a result, everyone who meets her is immediately drawn to her.

Rev. Coates is the wife of Earl Coates, the mother of two daughters, the grandmother of nine, and the great-grandmother of four. Born and raised in Knoxville, Maryland, she is one of eight children parented by George and Minnie Hardy. She attended Brunswick public schools, Frederick Community College, and Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary, and was a successful graduate of a one-year Federal management training program. A former employee of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Kaye retired in January 2004. During her long career at DOE, Kaye received many awards for exceptional service, including the "Bronze Award," one of the highest Departmental awards given for Exceptional Career Service.

Rev. Coates is a long-time member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Brunswick, Maryland. She was ordained as a Local Deacon in 1999 at the 49th Session of the Washington Annual Conference by Bishop Vinton R. Anderson in Washington, D.C. Kaye has a servant's heart, and since 2006 serves Ebenezer as the Associate Pastor, working with Rev. Rev. Louis Kelly, Pastor. She teaches Bible Study and Sunday Church School, serves as the Quarterly Conference Secretary, and facilitates "The Gathering," a bi-weekly meeting of the sisterhood. In conjunction with her customary duties of the church, she is the author and coordinator of Ebenezer's Strategic Plan and the designer and publisher of the Church's web site. She is finalizing a poetic devotional book that was inspired by her father, which will soon go to publishing.

She also is Founder and President of K.C. Ministries, Inc., an outreach ministry formed to inspire, to encourage, and to foster a walk of faith in people, especially women.

Rev. Coates has been an invited preacher, speaker, facilitator, and/or teacher at various church services, conferences, and retreats in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, and Washington, D.C. She is multi-talented and unselfishly uses her gifts and talents to the benefit of others. The generous outpouring of herself and her resources is legendary. Thus, her compassionate and giving spirit has left its indelible mark on the lives of family, friends, and community.

Although she is a faithful servant to her local church and community, her overarching ministry is global by far.