



Biography

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The Rev. B. De Neice Welch is a 2004 graduate from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, earning her Master of Divinity degree. She is currently serving as Pastor of the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church. She holds undergraduate degrees from Geneva College and Robert Morris University. She has served on several community interest boards including Urban Youth Action, Inc. Family Hospice and Palliative Care Center, Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network,(PIIN) and as an advisory board member for the Metro Urban Institute. She has served as the chaplain for the Neighborhood Academy, also teaching 9th and 11th grade religion. She also assisted in teaching an introductory homiletics course at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

As a community minister, she worked with PIIN to challenge the city about a dilapidated building that sat next to the church for years. Meeting with the Historic Review Commission and the city's building inspector along with key members from her church, the building was torn down and is now cleared for neighborhood beautification and revitalization.

Rev. Welch is the former coordinator for a program entitled "Transitions" for Family Hospice and Palliative Care. Her efforts are to open to the community of Manchester and the greater North Side, Anderson Manor, a hospice and education center for people and families with life limiting illnesses and quality end-of-life care. This program also seeks to further educate clergy about end-of life transitions, family and patient development of legacy materials concerning their loved ones, care giver respite, and volunteerism from an African American perspective. She is currently a doctoral student at Duquesne University in Healthcare Ethics.

She is the proud wife of the Rev. John C. Welch and the proud mother of four children, Aja, Jordan, Christopher, and Ian; and prouder still of her granddaughters, Ayauna and Genesis and grandson Aiden. She loves the idea of family – her birth family, the family she has created with her husband and the Bidwell family to which God has called her.