

Welcome to Our Keynote Presenter, the Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel!



Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel grew up in Auburn, Alabama. She was active in her home church, First Baptist Church, where they welcomed African Americans to join in the 1960's and ordained women as deacons and ministers in the 1970's. She graduated from Auburn University *cum laude* in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Corporate Journalism. She attended the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, where she won the Chevis and Helen Horne Preaching award in 1997. Upon graduating from seminary in 1998, she worked as a temporary secretary for 6 months because no Baptist churches were open to calling a woman as their pastor.

Ginny became the Associate Pastor of Christ's Reformed Church, UCC, in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1999, where she went through the Privilege of Call process of the Catocin Association of the Central Atlantic Conference. During Ginny's tenure, she served on the Board of Directors for the Central Atlantic Conference as well as served as the Moderator for their Annual Meeting in 2003.

Ginny became the Pastor and Teacher of Plymouth United Church, in Spring, Texas, in July, 2003. During her 12-year tenure, she led Plymouth through the Open and Affirming process (which they voted to become on June 4, 2006) as well as an additional visioning process in 2012 to further define their ONA presence as having four Voices: Progressive Theology, Contemplative Spirituality, LGBTQ Acceptance, and Social Justice.

Ginny earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, in 2010, where her doctoral project involved a nine-month congregational study of the sacrament of baptism so that members developed their own theology on baptism with the theological foundation of historical practices in Christianity. During Ginny's tenure at Plymouth, she served on the Board of Directors for the South Central Conference from 2009-2013, where she served as the President of the Board (2011-2013).

After Ginny completed ministry at Plymouth in July, 2015, she created her own consulting business to provide workshops on stewardship, visioning, and becoming Open and Affirming to local UCC churches and ministers in the South Central Conference.

In December, 2015, Ginny became the Conference Minister of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, which includes 141 UCC churches in Arkansas, Memphis, and Missouri. During her tenure, she oversaw an outdoor ministries camp as well as a 4,000 acre forest that sells carbon credits through the state of California. She led the conference through work to dismantle racism as a way to heal from the systemic racism perpetuated in all communities of the conference. In the early days of the pandemic, she developed guidelines for churches and ministers during the immediate need to close the church building and transition to virtual worship and ministry. Ginny served on the Council of Conference Ministers as well as the Cornerstone Fund Board of Directors (2016-2022).

In April, 2021, Ginny completed her ministry with the Missouri Mid-South Conference and took a sabbatical to rest and listen to the Holy Spirit. No one was more surprised than Ginny when she heard God tell her to run for the Texas State House of Representatives because of the harmful legislation passed that year. Ginny is currently the democratic candidate for the Texas House of Representatives District 150. She lives in Spring, Texas, with her husband, David, and their two dogs and two cats. Ginny is very excited to imagine how God is calling the Penn West Conference to Be Transformed in this moment of ministry!