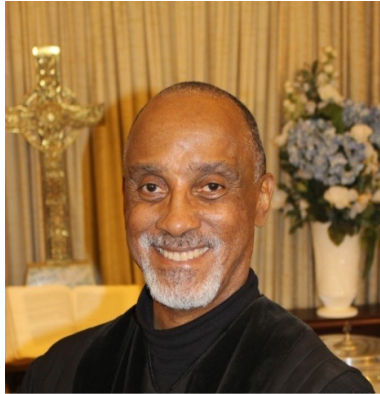


Drum Major For Justice Award Honoree

The Reverend Kevin Johnson



The Reverend Kevin Johnson, Honorably Retired, lives in the true spirit of the Amos passage. He has continuously “displayed a passionate commitment to the biblical principles of justice by consistently and unselfishly pursuing that utopian reality of “liberty, justice, and equality for all of God's people.” He served as pastor for both the Hope Presbyterian Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan. The Reverend Kevin Johnson service to the community includes a commitment to the Reduction of Youth and Gun Violence. In fulfilling this commitment, he provided community outreach and volunteer work with SOSAD (Save Our Sons and Daughters), a Detroit based organization dedicated to

educating the public to the problem of teen violence and youth homicide and provide grief counseling/support for victim survivors. He provided leadership support for DCCA (Detroit Community Clergy Alliance), a Detroit based organization committed to the reduction of gun violence by organizing Peace Walks and community outreach activities (especially focused upon youth and African American male demographics). He also provided leadership support for Detroit Cease Fire, which is a community-based violence prevention partnership committed to changing norms about violence.

The Reverend Kevin Johnson is a founding member of PATH (Pan African Theological Hermeneutic), 2 SQ (Two Square Community Association), and DRIVE (Detroit Regional Interfaith Voice for Equity). PATH is a Calvary based intergenerational youth ministry for African American males centered on African drumming, spiritual awareness/awakening, and personal development using an Afro-centric pedagogy. 2 SQ is a community association based upon the principles of community organizing and Block Club development to promote a sense of unity and commitments for the common good of residents and stakeholders within a 2-mile radius of Calvary. DRIVE is an interfaith nonpartisan collective of faith-based communities committed to shaping healthy, just, and equitable relationships throughout the tri-county region (Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland) of metropolitan Detroit (an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation).

The Reverend Kevin Johnson’s past service to the church includes Board of Director member for the following organizations: the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, the New Hope Community Development Non-Profit Corporations (Detroit), and Vision 2000 (Hartford Memorial Baptist Church). Additionally, he is past Board of Trustee member at Alma College (Alma, MI), past member of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (PCUSA), and past Tri-Chair for the Michigan Coordinating Committee of the Poor People’s Campaign.

The Reverend Kevin Johnson currently serves as Vice President of the Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus, member on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, and responder with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA).