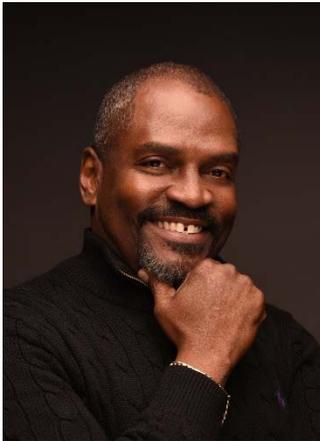


Election of Executive Minister of Develop Leaders and Ordered Ministry: Rev. Lance Davis



Lance Davis has been nominated by the Board of the Ordered Ministry for the position of executive minister of Develop Leaders and Ordered Ministry. This nomination comes with the concurrence of the Covenant Executive Board. Concurrence by the Annual Meeting of Covenant Ministerium is pending its meeting June 21, 2018.

In Davis's twenty-five years of ministry, there have been two consistent themes. The first is the development and multiplication of leaders, raising up and mentoring lay and clergy colleagues. The second has been the blending of congregational life and entrepreneurial community development enterprises, resulting in both personal evangelism and community impact.

Davis entered ministry in 1993, serving successively on the staff of two prominent urban congregations. He then accepted a call to a church seeking revitalization, which then grew from a handful to more than 1,000 in attendance with an extensive array of community ministries. Subsequently, he became a church planter, founding what is now New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton, Illinois. The church joined the ECC in 2012.

Davis has been instrumental in the founding, leading, and expansion of several nonprofit community-service organizations. Among these are:

- Bezalel Affordable Housing, a comprehensive ECC initiative to provide community job opportunities, training, and affordable housing
- Building Our Own Community (BOOC), an organization working with unemployed, underemployed, and formerly incarcerated citizens. BOOC provides groceries and fresh produce to more than 100,000 residents annually, as well as job-training and housing opportunities
- BOOC-Botics, a high school robotics club where 100 percent of participants have gone on to four-year colleges
- TransAtlantic Water Development, which works to provide clean water in Ghana

Davis is a member of the Covenant Executive Board, a chaplain for the Dolton Police Department, and has served for twelve years as a Scout master. He is an instructor in North Park Theological Seminary's Stateville Penitentiary program, assisting students each week.

Davis holds a BA in business administration from Trinity College and an MA from Gospel Ministries Theological Seminary, with additional studies at North Park Theological Seminary. The transfer of his ordination from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was finalized in 2016.

Davis, 56, is married to Kara, a physician. They reside in South Holland, Illinois. Their four children are Grace Irene (25), Andrew (22), Lance Nathaniel (19), and Natalie Kara (18).