

Reverend Cynthia T. Turner, D.Min.

Reverend Dr. Cynthia T. Turner is the Senior Pastor of the Dayspring Community Church in Lanham, Maryland, a position she has held since 2006.

Dr. Turner graduated from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio in December 2006 as a Curtis-Watson Fellow, where she received the Doctor of Ministry degree. She holds a Master of Divinity degree (2003) from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and a Bachelor of Science degree (1986) in broadcast journalism and English from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Prior to entering ministry full-time, Reverend Turner served in both the Clinton and Bush Administrations as Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Speechwriter to Assistant Secretary for Health and US Surgeon General David Satcher. She brings to ministry more than 25 years' experience in publishing, health communications, and public health. Because of this experience, she is acutely aware of the church's critical need to promote its members' physical and mental health, as it continues its long-held mission of ensuring spiritual health.



After completing her Master of Divinity degree, Reverend Turner spent a year on staff with the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Bethesda, Maryland, where she promoted the art of contemplative living. Dr. Turner is a missionary with the Lott Cary Baptist Foreign Mission Convention Pastoral Excellence Program. She currently serves on the board of the Elizabeth Ministry (Washington, DC), Wesley Theological Seminary's Alumni Council and the DC Baptist Convention's Center for Ministerial Leadership Team.

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Reverend Turner enjoys traveling to new places, contemplation, writing reflectively and gardening. She resides in Silver Spring, Maryland. She can be reached at revcturner@gmail.com.