

Rev. Curnell Graham comes to Wesley UMC Ladson from Christ United Methodist Church in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has been in ministry since 1979 and a full-itinerate pastor since 1987.

As an Elder in the United Methodist Church, Rev. Graham has been called to serve in several Conferences. Prior to his service in West Ohio, he served in the Nebraska Conference, East Ohio Conference, West Michigan Conference and the South Carolina Conference.

Rev. Graham enjoys preaching, teaching bible study and community service. He is a community connector who believes in providing ministries that serve those that live in it. He enjoys road trips and car shows.



Leadership:

Rev. Graham has provided leadership for the Conference and District by teaching the value of individual and corporate prayer in workshops and addressing students discerning God's call on their lives during the Methodist Theological Seminary in West Ohio's Candidacy Summit. He has served as President of the West Ohio Conference Black Methodist for Church Renewal Caucus. At the 2014 Annual Conference, he was the recipient of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. In addition, Rev. Graham

has served as delegate to the 2016 General Conference and the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference.

Education:

Rev. Graham has a B.A in Religion and Philosophy from Claflin College in Orangeburg, South Carolina and a Master's of Divinity from Duke University.

Family:

Rev. Graham is married to Amy Johnson Graham, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the youngest of six brothers and sisters. Before moving to Columbus, Mrs. Graham's career was in convention sales, spending 18 years at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. She is currently the Welcome and Hospitality Coordinator for the West Ohio Conference Center. She enjoys Zumba, reading, sewing and other interests.

The Graham family includes two daughters, Shakira and Victoria, and two grandchildren, Davianna Elexis and Amaya Chanelle Graham.