



BIOGRAPHY
Dr. Clifford L. Harris
GENERAL SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF LAY MINISTRY
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

Member of Holsey Chapel CME Church, Tulsa, OK - Former member of Greater Cleaves Memorial CME, Oklahoma City, OK (30 yrs.) – Pettie Chapel CME, Bixby, OK (11 yrs.)

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

District, Regional, and Connectional Service in the CME Church

- Served as Lay Leader of the Oklahoma City District for five years
- Served as Chairman of Deeds, Titles and Abstract Committee of the Oklahoma Region for eight years
- Served 16 years as Lay Leader of the Oklahoma Region
- Served 16 years as member of the General Connectional Board
- Member of the Oklahoma Region MTM Council
- Past President of the Connectional Lay Council (2005-2009)
- Was honored in 2008 as One Church One School Educator of the Year
- **Elected as the 7th General Secretary of the Department of Lay Ministry of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church July 1, 2010**

Local Church Service has included:

- Steward Board Member
- Steward Board President
- Recording Steward
- Trustee Board
- Sunday School Teacher
- Local Lay Leader.

EDUCATION:

- **UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA** - Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with a minors in Psychology & Language Arts;
- **GRADUATE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA** - Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology.
- **AWARDED THE HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE IN HUMANE LETTERS FROM LANE COLLEGE, JACKSON, TENNESSEE (APRIL 2012)**

EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE: Includes: Teacher of Language Arts and Human Relations; High School Guidance Counselor; Adjunct Professor; self-employed Insurance and Securities Representative; Named in 1997 as the first African American Regional Administrator for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; retired in January 2008 with 29 total years of service in the field of education.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member of NAACP; Retired in 2011 after 35 years as an OSSAA basketball official.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES: Past President of Oklahoma Career Development Association; past Chair of Legislative Committee for the National Association of Career and Technology Education; 2003 Outstanding Educator for Region IV of the Guidance Division (Region IV includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas).

PERSONAL: He and his wife Johnetta have three (3) grown children and four (4) precious grandchildren.