

Presiding Elder Laticia Hill Godette Bio

Presiding Elder Laticia Hill Godette has a servant's heart and has served as a Pastor for the last 18 years. Bishop Dennis Vernon Proctor made a historic appointment on Saturday, November 13, 2021 and appointed The Reverend Laticia Hill Godette as the first woman to serve as Presiding Elder of the Camden District of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the North Eastern Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. This was not the first time P.E. Godette made history in the A.M.E. Zion Church. In 2016, P.E. Godette became the first woman to ever Pastor a "first-church" in the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District when Bishop W. Darin Moore appointed her as the Pastor of York Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Greenville, NC. P.E. Godette remains humble and serves with her husband, Bro. Dante Godette. They have been together for 28 years. They have three beautiful daughters (Adina, Faith and Jordan Christina).

P.E. Godette was born in Asbury Park, but she moved to Havelock, NC at the age of nine. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a Juris Doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. P.E. Godette also went to Hood Theological Seminary, graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned a Master of Divinity. She also teaches at Hood as an Adjunct Professor. P.E. Godette is an entrepreneur and Founder of her own Consulting Group. P.E. Godette is a productive and progressive business leader. She is shattering glass ceilings in corporate America as the CEO of Ottendorf Laboratories. She believes to whom much is given, much is required. They donated over \$200,000 to Livingstone College. Also, her company provided jobs and opportunities to historically marginalized communities. She is a visionary leader and with a holistic approach to ministry. She wants people to prosper in every area (spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically and financially). This year, during a pandemic, her nonprofit gave away Ministry Grants totaling \$500,000. She liquidated mortgages for three churches in the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District (Little Zion A.M.E. Zion Church in Sneads Ferry, NC, St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Aurora, NC and Hyman Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Havelock, NC).

Dr. Godette is a genuine giver with a pure heart. Her generosity extends all over the world. She gave \$10,000 to help the Missionaries in the Western Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church and she gave \$65,000 to help churches in the North Eastern Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Additionally, Dr. Godette gave money to help pregnant women in Africa pay for medical expenses and money to help with missionary work in Haiti. Her Scholarship Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling \$100,000. During the pandemic, Bro. Godette and Dr. Godette just keep giving. They rented trucks and filled tractor trailers with food and clothes. Then they traveled all around North Carolina helping people. They didn't give anyone any mess. They gave the best. They gave away steaks, ribs, chicken, fruits, vegetables and anything you would find in a grocery store. Dr. Godette's testimony remains, "To God be all the glory for the great things God has done!"