

Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker



Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker was born in Nyack, New York. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C.; a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO; and her Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

Dietra works full-time as chaplain and program development manager for Episcopal City Mission, a nonprofit providing chaplaincy services to incarcerated children in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. In addition, she serves as an organizing specialist for the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) In this role, she challenges congregations to engage in systemic-level work in racial reconciliation.

Currently, Dietra is organizing the “Break the Pipeline” campaign aiming to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline in Missouri. In August 2014, she became the clergy caucus co-leader of the Gamaliel Networks' Metropolitan Congregations United, an organization that resourced clergy and congregations in the early stages of the Ferguson movement. She planted [Liberation Christian Church \(DOC\)](#) in April 2009 seeking to create a church that offers a complete gospel, liberating lives and liberating communities.

Pastor Dietra loves to dance, sing, and teach. She is married to Cornell R. Baker, and they have a beautiful teen daughter, Alexis Baker.