

Rev. Erin Lynette Willford-Skipworth

Reverend Erin Lynette Willford-Skipworth is a native of York, PA, where she grew up and was trained in ministry at the Bethlehem Baptist Missionary Church under the leadership of her father Rev. Dr. Aaron Willford, Jr., and Lady Jean Willford. She currently serves her church as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care.

Rev. Skipworth gave her initial sermon on May 31, 2015 and was ordained on August 29, 2021. Rev. Skipworth is devoted to studying and teaching God's Word as He continues to open doors for her. She is gifted in the areas of leadership, preaching, teaching and administration, and hopes to develop avenues to provide financial assistance and support to Black women desiring to pursue higher education and leadership in ministry.

Currently, Erin is a Professor of Business and Leadership at Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, PA. From 2011-2022, Rev. Skipworth worked for the Department of Health and Human Services in Baltimore, MD, serving as Deputy Director of Executive Operations and overseeing a \$15Mil program titled the *Initiative to Support Promising Research* (INSPIRE), designed to recruit experts to participate in projects supporting the Affordable Care ACT (ACA). Prior to this, she was a Marketing Manager at the Pennsylvania Lottery.

Active in her local community, Rev. Skipworth is a proud and active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter, and the Black Ministers Association of York, PA. From 2017-2021, Rev. Skipworth was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to serve on the Governor's Commission for Women, responsible for advising the Governor on policies and legislation that impact women and girls in Pennsylvania. Rev. Skipworth served on the Board of Directors for Black Girl Health Foundation from 2020-2021, a non-profit developed to increase health literacy and reduce health disparities among women of color. Among her accolades, Rev. Skipworth is the recipient the 2019 African American Love Feast Award for community involvement in the York, PA area, and a 2016 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Supervisor Award for acquisition strategy development and health data research.

Rev. Skipworth earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing from Howard University (Magnum Cum Laude), a Master of Public Administration from Penn State University (Cum Laude) and is currently undertaking a PhD in Church and Ministry Leadership at Lancaster Bible College.

Rev. Skipworth is married to Radee Skipworth of 15 years and takes pride in being a mother to her two sons, Xavier and Julius, and niece, Ishalay. Her testimony is that God can do exceedingly abundantly above all that she could ask or think, according to the power that works within her (Ephesians 3:20).