



Board of Administration Nominee

Rev. Jeffery D. Harrold

Region: North (Bishop Linda)

Conference: Southern Michigan Conference

Elder or Lay person: Elder

Job Title and Employer:

Senior Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church of Washtenaw County

Church: New Beginnings Community Church

Conference and/or General Church Ministry:

Jeff is an ordained Elder in the Free Methodist Church-USA (FMC-USA) and is the founding pastor of New Beginnings Community Church of Washtenaw County in Ann Arbor MI, where he currently serves as the Senior Pastor. He has also served as Pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brighton MI and as Assistant Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Ann Arbor MI. He has served as both Secretary and Vice president of the Ministerial Alliance of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Vicinity.

He is a past Director of the African Heritage Network, a national organization of pastors, educators, and Lay person leaders of African descent in the FMC-USA and has conducted leadership training in Central Haiti for Freer Methodist pastors, school principals, and curriculum coordinators. He is Chair of the Justice Action Team and member of the Ministerial Education and Guidance Committee of the Southern Michigan Conference of the FMC-USA.

Jeff has served the community in numerous capacities. He taught a Bible study at the Washtenaw County Jail for over 25 years, is a past member of the steering committee for the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, past Board Chair for the Family Learning Institute, and is co-founder of the Washtenaw Faith Leaders Forum, a group of Washtenaw County faith leaders who have come together to proactively address the issue of police and community interactions. Jeff is a founding member of the Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition (WeROC) where he serves as the

clergy organizer and a member of the Voters Rights Action and Access Team. Jeff is also a Board member for MOSES Detroit where he serves on the governance committee.

Jeff is a member of the Sigma Rho graduate chapter of the Omega Phi Psi Fraternity Incorporated, where he serves as Chaplain and Chair of the Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization Committee and as the Michigan State Chaplain. He also completed the Restorative Justice Facilitator Training to serve as a facilitator for the Restorative Justice Deflection Program, a partnership between the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office and the Dispute Resolution Center, which serves Washtenaw and Livingston Counties. Jeff is also a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, and Vicinity

Additional Qualifications:

Recipient of the 2010 Christian Volunteer of the Year Award from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office

Recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Diversity Leader Award from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (Individual) and the 2016 Distinguished Diversity Leader Award (Team)

Recognized for his work in Student Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan in a September 2013 staff spotlight article in the University Record

Awarded for his community service by the Delta Psi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated during their 2013 Eleventh Annual Celebration of Black Men.

Recognized as the 2014 and 2017 Omega Citizen of the Year and 2021 Omega Man of the Year by the Sigma Rho chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated

Recipient of the 2015 Martin Luther King Community Service Award from the Church of the Good Shepherd- Ann Arbor MI

2018 Inaugural recipient of the University of Michigan's Staff Impact Award

2018 recipient of the African Heritage Network Appreciation Award

2022 recipient of the Moody /Monts Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Michigan Office of Academic Multicultural Affairs