

Linda Lee
Bishop
The Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church

Bishop Linda Lee was elected Bishop at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference on July 14, 2000 in Middleton, Wisconsin. She was the first African American woman to be elected as Bishop in the North Central Jurisdiction. Lee's first assignment was to her home area of Michigan. She was assigned to the Wisconsin Area in 2004, and reassigned again for the 2008-2012 period.

Bishop Lee is the President of the General Commission on Religion and Race, a member of the Connectional Table for The United Methodist Church, and will serve as Vice President of the Wisconsin Council of Churches in 2010 and then as President in 2011. She is a trustee of at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, and a trustee at Gulfside Assembly in Mississippi.

Bishop Lee began her ministerial career as a chaplain intern at Adrian College prior to her graduation from United Theological Seminary. She was appointed to serve Residence Park United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio (1982-87), and then served as assistant to the dean for educational administration at Methodist Theological School. Lee went on to serve as an associate pastor at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit, and as pastor of Conant Avenue United Methodist Church, Detroit prior to being named to the Detroit Conference cabinet (1995-2000).

Bishop Lee served as chair of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church (1996-98) and has been a member of a number of annual conference committees including the Board of Ordained Ministry. Lee was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Dwight E. Loder and an Elder by Bishop Edsel A. Ammons.

She has served as a speaker for numerous schools, retreats, and conferences, is a two-time delegate to General Conference, and is a contributing writer in several publications.

Lee is a graduate of United Theological Seminary (M. Div., 1984 and D. Min., 1994). She is married to Lamarr V. Gibson, an elder in the United Methodist Church. The couple has three children and twelve grandchildren.

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