

REV. PATRICIA A. MORRIS, D. MIN.

Reverend P. Ardia Morris currently serves as the fifth & first woman Senior Pastor of The New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church of Harlem. She was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in December of 1989, Dr. Morris participates in numerous projects that minister to persons spiritually, mentally and physically such as BRIDGING ACCESS TO CARE (formerly Brooklyn AIDS Task Force) as a member of the Board while serving the NBLCA Community Project and various committees. Dr. Morris has formerly served ministries such as the HU AIDS Ministry, a Pastoral Counselor and Client Advocate, the Harlem Hospital Health & Wellness Project as an "End of Life Companion". She has also served as a Pastoral Counselor to the Riker's Island Rose M. Singer Mother/Infant Program. Dr. Morris has partnered with Harlem United on numerous occasions to effect dignified services for members who had transitioned without family and/or finances. Dr. Morris continues to believe that this scourge can be destroyed in our lifetime!

Dr. Morris, a Licensed Funeral Director, is the Executive Director/Manager of the Patricia A. Morris Funeral Chapels LLC (formerly the Florence E. Browne FH) located in the Harlem Community. She is one of the founding members of the Bereavement Consortium of Central Harlem, an outreach ministry formed to address issues surrounding chronic, unresolved grief. Dr. Morris served the Consortium as a Certified Pastoral Counseling Facilitator, Training Officer and Information Specialist. Dr. Morris continues to conduct bereavement/grief workshops for community groups and churches. She formerly served as a Chaplain to the NYC Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Dr. Morris is the Chair & Executive Director of the Survivors Fountain of Hope Wellness Initiative Inc. (SFOH), a 501(c)3 outreach ministry formed in the early 2000, to respond to the rapidly deteriorating quality of health so prevalent in the African American Community. The SFOH Wellness Initiative is a resource for HIV/AIDS, Hep C & STD testing. The Initiative is also concerned with the LGBT & Transgendered community in creating safe space for conversation and information necessary to enhance the quality of life for those communities. Dr. Morris was recently honored by the NYC Council for her Community Activism and commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS. She formerly served as the Co-Chair of the NYC Affiliate of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

- She has received her undergraduate degree from Nyack College, Master of Divinity Degree from the Theological School-Drew University and Doctorate in Ministry from NY Theological Seminary with a concentration in Faith Based Organizing/Leadership & Justice. She is also a graduate of the American Academy/McAllister's School of Mortuary Science. Reverend Morris received her certification as a Bereavement Facilitator from the American Academy of Bereavement/Carondelet Health Care. She also serves in the National Mentoring Program and continuing her commitment to New York Theological Seminary, Dr. Morris is mentoring both a M. Div. & D. Min. candidates.