



# MEET Reverend Loxley O'Connor

## biography

Reverend Loxley O'Connor is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has actively served in ministry and church leadership for twenty-five years. He currently serves as Chief Financial Officer and GIVE Lead for Kingdom Fellowship A.M.E. Church (KFAME) in Silver Spring, Maryland where the Rev. Matthew L. Watley is the Senior Pastor.

In this capacity, Rev. O'Connor oversees all the functions that support current financial operations and the expanding conglomerate of properties, organizations, campuses, and community investments. Additionally, Rev. O'Connor provides daily oversight for all business and fiscal matters, including the budget, accounting, financing, acquisitions, human resources, facility rentals, and outside events. He represents Kingdom Fellowship with business and financial partners, including financial institutions, regulatory agencies, and public officials. As GIVE lead, he directs ministry activities that provide KFAME members the opportunities to give of their time, talent, and treasures for Kingdom work.

Reverend O'Connor also currently serves as an Economic Development Strategist for the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Bishop James L. Davis. In this role, Rev. O'Connor identifies economically viable opportunities, structures and negotiates acquisition deals, prepares financial packages, secures loans, as well as oversees capital campaigns. Rev. O'Connor also chairs the Second Episcopal District's Economic Development Corporation. Most recently, he led the transaction to acquire the second districts' first commercial office building located in Forestville, Maryland. He has been a key driver in developing and implementing strategies to achieve the vision communicated by Episcopal and pastoral leadership. As a result of this work and more, Rev. O'Connor has become a trusted voice to facilitate seminars and workshops for churches, para-church organizations, including The Congress of National Black Churches.

Previously, Rev. O'Connor served as the Director of Business and Financial Affairs at Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Lee P. Washington. Then One Church in Three Locations, Reid Temple served a membership of more than 15,000, making it one of the largest A.M.E. church in African Methodism. Throughout his years in leadership at Reid Temple, Rev. O'Connor was a member of the Board of Stewards, and he chaired the Stewardship and Finance Committee for more than twelve years.

Reverend O'Connor is a graduate of Howard University with a Bachelor in Business Administration degree in accounting. He is a former President of The National Association of Black Accountants, Metro-Washington D.C. Chapter and was a member of the organization's national board of directors. Rev. O'Connor completed his post-graduate studies at Capital Bible Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity. He enjoys working in dynamic, mission-driven environments, and he lives by the credo "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

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Before working for the church full-time, Rev. O'Connor had a thirteen-year professional career at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Lybrand CPA's. At these firms, he provided financial and operational audits for such clients as Howard University, The District of Columbia, Centennial Development Corporation, Oxford Development Corporation, The Arabian Banking, and Investment Corporation, The Congress of National Black Churches and The Medlantic Healthcare Corporation. During this time, Rev. O'Connor served as an adjunct instructor at Howard University and Virginia Theological Seminary.

A soldier in the army of our God, Rev. O'Connor is committed to carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to "Go, teach, and make disciples." In 2005, Rev. O'Connor co-founded Bindura Christian Fellowship Inc. and its sister organization, TransGlobal Charities. These two missions driven organization serve churches and para-church ministries and their membership in West Africa and the Caribbean.

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