

Rev. Belita D. Mitchell concluded an 18yr pastorate as Lead Pastor at Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren in Harrisburg, PA in 2020. The Mother of 3 adult children (one deceased), she is married for 51 years to husband Don V. Mitchell.

Known as a dynamic speaker, and powerful preacher, Rev. Mitchell has shared the gospel message in pulpits across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Nigeria, West Africa. She is a Revivalist, Retreat Leader, and Workshop Presenter. She demonstrates strong listening skills and is an accomplished facilitator with proficient administrative abilities.

Rev. Mitchell has been active in District and Denominational ministries for over 30 years in both PSWD (Pacific Southwest District) and ANED (Atlantic Northeast District). Her background and experience includes leadership in a vast amount of ecumenical connection and service.

She served as Annual Conference Moderator in 2007. Rev. Mitchell was Chair of the Harrisburg Chapter of Heeding Gods Call to End Gun Violence for 9 years from 2009, ending in 2018.

Her educational background includes the Bachelor of Arts degree, Southern Illinois University; Carbondale, IL (SIUC); Training in Ministry (TRIM) graduate; Bethany Seminary Brethren Academy of Ministerial Leadership; and attendance at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.

She is passionate about church vitality and community development through social justice engagement and intercultural inclusion. Her dream is for The Church of the Brethren to become more Spiritually alive, more active in social justice and more intentional about intercultural inclusion.

