

Rev. Xenobia Poitier-Anderson, a vibrant, dynamic, talented, gifted, and highly anointed psalmist, evangelist, preacher and teacher is the daughter of Church of God pioneers, the late Bishop Harcourt Garfield and Celestine Tynes Poitier. Rev. Poitier-Anderson is the eldest (by 10 minutes) of one set of twins born to the Poitiers. Xenobia and her twin Xernona share a very special and unique bond. God placed them together in their mother's womb and also chose them both for ministry. Xenobia is an ordained (licensed) minister and Xernona Poitier Reid shares in ministry as a pastor's wife. Minister Poitier-Anderson is mindful of these words written in the book of Jeremiah 1:5: **“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”**

Rev. Poitier-Anderson was educated in the public school systems of Seaford, Delaware, Cleveland, Tennessee, and Jacksonville, Florida. Upon graduating from Sandalwood High School, she entered Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida. Completing undergraduate studies she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with minors in music and journalism. She continued academic studies at Nova University (now Nova Southeastern Uni.) earning a Master's Degree in English. Additional academic studies were done at Florida Atlantic University receiving certification in Educational Leadership, and recognition as an EXCELL Fellow.

Minister Poitier-Anderson is married (30 years) to Charles Lorenzo Anderson, Sr. They are the parents of three children, two adult daughters, Kherri and Jessica, and one adult son, Charles, II. The Andersons reside in Stuart, Florida.

As an educator, she is in her 33rd year having served the needs of children and adults as teacher, dean, assistant principal, and principal. For the past eleven years, she has been employed by the Martin County School District as principal of Crystal Lake Elementary, Stuart, Florida.

In January 2003, Rev. Poitier-Anderson achieved the rank of ordained minister (licensed) with the Church of God. Prior to this time, she held the rank of exhorter since 1983. Minister Poitier-Anderson participated several years in the Florida Bible Institute (FBI) training where she served as both student and instructor. In addition, she completed the Ministerial Internship Program (MIP) in 1983 and served as a member of its teaching staff for several years. Over her more than thirty years of Bible training, she has attended and taught various Church Training Courses (CTC), and done seminars and workshops on a variety of topics of interest to church-goers and community members.

Active in her local church, Port Salerno Church of God, Rev. Poitier-Anderson serves as Christian Education Director (1982 – present), member of Women's Ministries, Sunday School and Bible teacher, and also serves in the areas of public relations and hospitality. She continues to avail herself to do preaching, conference speaking, and workshop facilitating.

In addition to ministry, Rev. Poitier-Anderson maintains an exhaustive schedule. She is active in civic, education, and community projects locally, regionally, and in the state. Her affiliations include: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, where she serves as a Quality Assurance Review Chair for both public, non-public, and charter schools and centers; Committee Member for the Florida Department of Education's (DOE) Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Reading (grades 3 – 5).

The recipient of awards and accolades, Rev. Poitier-Anderson believes nothing compares to her spiritual goals and accomplishments. She lives her life by the guiding principles in Ephesians 1:17-23. She seeks only to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in humility; lead others to a saving knowledge of our Savior; be a godly mother who leads her family to the Lord; and support fully the work of the ministry through exemplary behavior and integrity.

With a singleness of vision focused on glorifying God, Rev. Xenobia Poitier-Anderson exhibits a heart for God's people. She understands that we are nearing the end of this age and the gospel must be preached. Therefore, her commitment to Him who called her is steadfast and unwavering. She is truly a woman called for *such a time as this*.