

# *Rev. Dr. Twana A. Harris*

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**Presentation Topic:** Strategic Approaches to Next Level Leadership

**Summary:** Every human who leads will find themselves at a point where they will ask questions like; “What do I do now?” or “How can I possibly keep this up?” or, “WHO’S GONNA HELP ME?!” In this presentation, we not only ask these questions, but we seek to find strategically spirit- filled and practical answers that will support our leadership journeys to the NEXT LEVEL.

Twana is the daughter of Rev. Rosa and the late Napoleon Harris. Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is the product of Washington Township Schools. She received a Bachelor of Music Education with emphasis in Vocal Performance from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, as well as a Masters of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) in Indianapolis. She completed a Doctor of Ministry degree in the field of Practical Theology- Preaching in May of 2010. Twana also contributed to the seminary community as the director of the CTS Gospel Choir and professor of preaching.

Twana has served as a choral director/minister of music since the age of ten. As a music educator, she has taught at the elementary and high school levels. From 2004-2014 she served as the Artist-in Residence for the Black Voices of Inspiration on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. A dynamic composer, Twana has a growing catalogue of music and Christian dramatic plays and musical productions. In March of 2021, she officially launched Twana A. Harris Ministries; a creative arts and media group who create faith-based artist productions to advance Kingdom! The goal of her artist expression is to challenge people to think critically about their faith and experience higher heights and deeper depths of God’s loving presence.

Along with her passion for teaching, Twana is committed to worship and preaching. Her experience in ministerial leadership is rooted in the United Methodist Church, but spans several denominations. In each ministry context she worked with youth/young adults, women, dance ministries, music departments and effectively preached the Word of God. Twana is an Ordained Elder in Full Connection in the Mighty Thriving Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). She is honored to serve as the Chair of the Committee on Ministerial Examination Committee for the Michigan- Indiana Region, and is the immediate past President of the Detroit Ministerial Alliance. Proudly, Twana has pastored Stewart Memorial in Indianapolis, Indiana, and presently serves as the Lead Pastor of Carter Metropolitan in Detroit, Michigan.

Her unique, lively, and spirit-filled interpretation of the Gospel has made her a sought after worship leader, workshop facilitator, and preacher. She desires to help the Gospel make sense to hearers of every age, background, gender, and ethnicity.

*Jeremiah 29:13 MSG*

*“Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I’ll make sure you won’t be disappointed.” God’s Decree.*