



Reverend Cynthia A. Liggon



Reverend Cynthia A. Liggon an ordained clergy with the American Baptist Churches of Metro, NY and USA, is the Assistant Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Riverhead. In her capacity there she also serves as the Executive Administrator of the church.

Besides being responsible for overseeing the church's daily operation, her work in the church involves: preaching; ministry and leadership development; teaching a thirteen-week program, which focuses on the spiritual development of adults in the area Christian Discipleship; Director of the Women's Ministry; the Trustee Ministry, where she has served for the past twenty-five years, as well as being involved in every area of the churches ministries and missions. She is on the board of directors of two of the church's three 501(c) 3, not-for-profit organizations, where she is directly involved with bringing into fruition a Family Community Life Center, which will encompass, childcare, recreation, eldercare and much more.

In the area of Public Ministry, Rev. Liggon previously served for eight years as an At Large Member of the Governing Board of the Long Island Council of Churches, an organization that sets policy and governs over 744 protestant churches in both Nassau and Suffolk counties, as well as working with the council's local East End Area Steering Committee helping to organize initiatives that address the sociopolitical concerns of the east end; and she served on a special task force for Suffolk County Community College to create Diversity & Multiculturalism on the college campus. Currently, Rev. Liggon serves as a clergy representative on the Board of Directors for Peconic Bay Medical Center; Participates in Prison Ministry at the Suffolk County Correctional Facility, where she does one on one pastoral counseling with male and female inmates; serves on the Suffolk County Minority Health Action Coalition working in the area of cultural competence in health care; and on the Catholic Health Services Professional Advisory Board for Pastoral Care; most recently she was appointed as Community Liaison to oversee the strategic partnership between the First Baptist Church and the Prudential Insurance Company of America, a partnership designed to foster economic empowerment in minority communities.

Educationally, Rev. Liggon graduated with distinction as valedictorian from St. Joseph's, College with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Organizational Management. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary where she earned a Masters Degree in Divinity. Rev. Liggon also holds certification in counseling, leadership and supervision from St. Joseph's College, and certification in Clinical Pastoral Education from Catholic Health Service. While in seminary Rev. Liggon was given a special award for demonstrating excellence in pastoral care and ministerial practice.

She has been married to Michael Liggon for almost twenty-six years. They have two children, Brenden, (age 23) and Lauren, (age 16).

Rev. Liggon believes that she has been called to simply go before the Lord and to prepare a way for him so that the salvation, love, mercy, joy, hope and peace of God may enter into the lives of the people of God and those living in darkness. Most of all she wants it known, that she loves the Lords and her life is passionately committed to serving God and the people of God.

