

Rev Deneen Ray

Regional Resource Minister for Community and Leadership Development

Let me introduce myself: known to most as MamaD or Pastor D, I am passionate about my relationship and purpose with Christ. I find great joy in helping others process truth, setting goals and believe I have a good ear for what is spoken and unspoken.

I am a simple person who loves to see God work in the lives of others simply by being present. In this busy, Insta, fast-paced world we live in, I believe we miss words spoken, body language cues and the tears of those in and outside our immediate family because we are trying to keep up with the ever-changing speed of the world.

Now, more than ever, I believe we need to slow down and admire the life and fruits from the One who created it all. As I live out my purpose in ministry, I want my life, words, and actions to truly reflect Christ (in and out of a Church building or Ministry setting) always.

My faith journey began at Crenshaw Christian Center in Los Angeles. But once my family moved to Pacoima, California, in 1977, my ABC life was ignited.

As a member of Lake View Terrace Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Alton G. Rozar, I was baptized and served for 33 years. Over those amazing years, I served in many ministries, including Children's and Youth Choirs, Youth Leaders and the Director of Christian Education, among others.

I also served as Youth Pastor under the late Pastor Desmond Hoffmeister at Granada Hills Baptist Church, and now serve as Lead Pastor of Panorama Baptist Church in Arleta, CA.

My educational experience began at various public schools in Palisades and the Los Angeles Unified School District. I received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Child Development from California State University Northridge, a Master of Divinity certificate in Biblical Counseling at Master's Divinity School and Graduate School of Divinity and a Master's of Art in Biblical Counseling with High distinction addition at Trinity College of the Bible and Theological. Completed a certification for Spiritual Leaders Coach from the Center of Advanced Coaching in partnership with Ezer & Co. and Emotional Intelligence Coaching from Flourish Wellbeing University.

I have also served as ABCOFLASH Youth Leader/Advisor for iLead Leadership and Discipleship and Coordinator of the Regional and National AB GIRLS Ministry.

