

Reverend J. Kabamba Kiboko

J. Kabamba Kiboko was the first clergywoman to be ordained elder (1983) in the Southern Congo Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. She has cross-cultural educational and pastoral experiences in both the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in the United States. She transferred her membership to the Texas Conference in 2003. She has served in the Texas Conference since 1991: Associate Pastor of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church 2011 – 2013; Pastor of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Hempstead, 2003 - 2011; Navasota Circuit, 1998-2003; Calvert Circuit, 1991-1992. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, she served as Associate Pastor of Jerusalem United Methodist Church (largest congregation in the episcopal area), 1981-1986.



She holds her Ph.D. in Biblical Interpretation (Old Testament) from the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology Joint Ph.D. Program (2010), M.Div from Iliff School of Theology (1995), M.Th from Perkins School of Theology (1991), B.A. from Drake University (1988), B.Div from Institut Supérieur de Théologie, Mulungwishi, DRC (1981).

She also served as Mission Interpreter & Liaison for the Southern Congo/Zambia Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church since 1986 and as a translator for the General Conference of the United Methodist Church (English-Swahili-French) since 1996. She is author of "A Tapestry in the Disanga: Building Beloved Community from a Congolese Perspective" in *A New Dawn in Beloved Community: Stories with the Power to Transform Us* (ed. Bishop Linda Lee and Safiyah Fosua; Abington 2013), co-author with D. Halverson and L. Warner of *Women Called to Ministry: A Six-Session Study for the United Methodist Church* (United Methodist Church, 2007), author of "Sharing Power: An Autobiographical View," in *Talitha Cum! Theologies of African Women* (ed. N. J. Njoroge and M. W. Dube; Cluster, 2001), author of a forthcoming book *Divination in 1 Samuel and Beyond* to be published by Sheffield in the in the Hebrew Bible Monographs series, and several articles.

J. Kabamba Kiboko is happily married to Kalamba Kilumba, Director of Wesley Foundation at Prairie View A & M University, and they have three children: Sylvie (married with two children), Dyese, and Tasha.