

## Reverend Dr. Gaylian Barbour

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



There is a song that says, “If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song. If I can show somebody he’s traveling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain,” these verses of song speak the heart of Rev. Barbour.

Rev. Barbour is the youngest of the five children of the late Herman Connelly and Marguerite Connelly. She is married to her high school sweetheart Mr. Rodney L Barbour Sr. for 30 years and to this union they have two wonderful sons, Rodney Jr., and Jeremiah. She is the proud grandmother of Presley and Ezra.

She has earned a Bachelor of Theology from Christian Life School of Theology, a Master of Divinity at Payne Theological Seminary, and her Doctor of Ministry from the same. Rev. Barbour is a Registered Nursing by profession and has practiced nursing for over 25 years.

In 1997 she answered the call of Ministry and after much praying, searching, fasting, and even running she placed her hand on the Master’s Plow. In 2000 she was ordained an Itinerant Deacon and in 2002 at the seat of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church she was ordained an Itinerant Elder. Since her call into Pastoral Ministry, she has been honored to Pastor St. Paul AME Church Teachey, NC, St. James AME Church Kelly, NC and St. Phillip AME Church Rose Hill, NC and is now the illustrious Pastor of Mt. Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church in Navassa, North Carolina.

Rev. Barbour has served as the Conference Coordinator of the NC Women in Ministry, Member of the Red Board, Member of the Board of Examiners, and Treasurer for Southern District of the North Carolina Conference. Her service and ministry have been featured in the *North Brunswick Magazine* of Brunswick County NC. Rev. Barbour has received several awards and honors for her service in ministry and nursing.

Rev. Barbour believes that in an ever-changing world the Word of God remains the same however, the vehicle of ministry must be relevant, adaptive, and transformative.