

REV. DR. GIDEON N. ACHI

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FAMILY

- Spouse: Pastor Esther Achi
- Children: Shalomel Achi 25, lives in Columbus OH. Stephanie Achi, 23 goes to school at the Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond KY. and Saphina Achi who goes to the University of Rochester, New York.
- Parents: Rev. Achi & Daye Kayit (both deceased, 2010 & 2021 respectively).
- Siblings: Samuel, Naomi, Rahila (Racheal) and Alice, (All in Northern Nigeria).

A FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

My deep love for scriptures makes it hard to narrow down to only one favorite verse. I have different verses that are dear to my heart depending on the context but the verse that keeps me humble and shapes my Christian life is Philippians 3:10, "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to Him in His death." (Berean Standard Bible).

CALL TO MINISTRY

I ran from God's call until the words God told prophet Jeremiah convicted me. God said to him, *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations"* (Jeremiah 1:5). In 1987 I said yes to God's call and got an overwhelming affirmation from my Church leadership. In the Fall of the same year, I enrolled in seminary in Nigeria to prepare for ministry.

GIFTS/PASSIONS IN MINISTRY

- Preaching and teaching
- Working alongside people to help them use their gifts.
- Mentoring and leadership development
- Pastoral care

PRIOR MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2023 United Methodist Church, Alliance, Nebraska. USA. *Senior Pastor (7 yrs.)*
- 2010 – 2023 Founder and Chief Executive Officer (volunteer) Mishpael Fountain Ministry.
- 2001 – 2005 ECWA Gospel Church Lemu Road Kaduna, Nigeria. *Senior Pastor.*
- 1997 – 2000 ECWA Good News Church Kurmin Mashi Kaduna, Nigeria. *Pastor.*
- 1997 – 2001 Jos Theological Seminary Study Center Kaduna, Nigeria. *Director.*
- 1995 – 2001 Jos Theological Seminary Study Center Kaduna, Nigeria. *Lecturer.*
- 1991 – 1992 ECWA Church Zonzon, Nigeria. *Associate Pastor.*

EDUCATION

- Teaching Certificate in Higher Education Instruction: Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning.
- PhD Intercultural Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY. USA.
- ThM. Theological Studies, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA. USA.
- Master of Divinity (MDiv) Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA. USA.
- MA. Pastoral Studies, ECWA¹ Theological Seminary, Nigeria.
- BA. Pastoral Studies, Jos ECWA Theological Seminary, Nigeria.
- Diploma in Theology, ECWA Theological Seminary, Nigeria.

RECENT AREAS OF SERVICE

- Amber of the Police/Citizens Advisory Board
- Member of the Strategy Team of the Great West District
- Leader of the Highway 20 Churches Network.
- Board Member of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation Board
- Member of the Mercy and Justice Team of the Great Plains Conference.
- Chair of the partnership of the Great Plains Conference with the Episcopal area of Nigeria.
- I was a member of the Vital Congregation team of the Great Plains Conference.

ENJOYMENT OUTSIDE OF CHURCH

- Traveling (driving /Flying)
- Detective TV Shows
- Listening to audio books or reading
- Spending time with my family
- Exercising in the basement of my house

¹ ECWA use to be Evangelical Church of West Africa but the name was changed to Evangelical Church Winning All.