



Aminata Zenzele Ojore was born in Detroit, Michigan. She attended Cass Technical High School. After graduating with honors, she attended Wayne State University attaining a Bachelor of Science in Art Education as well as a Masters in Educational Psychology. She began her teaching career in the Detroit Public School System.

Aminata joined the Shrine of the Black Madonna through the College Cadre #2 at the University of Michigan in 1972. While teaching in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, she also assisted the cadre in numerous fundraising capacities. Aminata served as a volunteer on the first “Black Slate” Campaign to elect Coleman Young as Mayor of Detroit.

Aminata served as a full-time missionary for the church as became a specialist in the Shrine Cultural Centers. She was selected to join the Houston Expansion Cadre in 1977.

Aminata was ordained as a minister at the PAOCC Synod of 1978. Through the years she has worked in many roles in regional churches; Detroit, Houston, Kalamazoo, and Atlanta.

From 1999 through 2004, Aminata combined her energies as instructor, instructional coordinator and Principal of Alkebu-Lan Academy Home and Private School Programs.

Aminata is currently entering her 23rd year of service in the Houston Independent School District. During her tenure she has worked as a Special Education Teacher throughout the district at Brock, Benbrook, Douglas, and Thompson Elementary Schools. She has been selected as Teacher of the Year and Special Education Teacher of the Year on several occasions.

Aminata is the current Special Education Department Chairperson for River Oaks Elementary School in Houston, Texas. Her passion for teaching includes instruction for children with disabilities, mentoring and training new teachers as well as the coordination of Evaluation Specialists. Aminata has also been instrumental in the evaluation process to identify giftedness in pre-school children.