



Rev. Anthony Ambidwile Carter

Rev. Anthony (Ambidwile) Carter truly believes service is the highest praise. He is the middle child of five siblings raised by Robert and Winifred Carter. As a child he was always very active, he played little league baseball, High school football and basketball, and a variety of summer recreational sports. He attended Sunday school regularly at his parent's church, Shiloh Baptist Church in Hartford, Connecticut and later attended Blue Hills Baptist Church. He was educated in the public school system and after graduating High school left Connecticut to continue his secondary education at the University of Detroit. There he became active in student movement to improve residential living conditions and student life for on campus residents. He graduated from U of D with a Bachelors degree in Communication.

Upon completing his undergrad degree Anthony found employment at Michigan Bell Telephone Company, working as a telephone operator and a marketing service representative while continuing to take classes at Wayne County Community college and Wayne State University, in pursuit of his childhood interest, computer science. He would eventually be promoted to an application program developer. He volunteered his technical skills as a member of the Ameritech Black Managers Advocacy Panel. He worked as a senior application analyst for AT&T and the IBM Corporation. He completed his graduate studies at Central Michigan University acquiring a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering.

Rev. Ambidwile and Eugenia McGrier Carter have been blessed with three sons Jerel, Erik, Jamal Carter and a granddaughter, Nylah Carter. Having young children led him to volunteer in several capacities; as a T-ball baseball coach for the Detroit Yankees organization, a Cub Scout leader, and a parent adviser and contributor to the 2002 Loyola High school yearbook committee.

Twenty three years ago Rev. Ambidwile's spiritual journey led him to join the PAOCC. He committed himself to church's program by completing several levels of leadership training and participating in the church's Missionary Outreach program. He has served as a member of the usher board, transportation committee, finance committee, the Tree of Love prison ministry, as a group leader, and drafted into the Holy Order of the Maccabees. He was ordained as a minister in the PAOCC in 2007, licensed as a minister in United Church of Christ in 2011.

In 2012 he was selected to participate on the search committee to select a conference minister for the UCC Michigan Conference. He has served as a Detroit Police Reserve officer, is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Ecumenical Theological Seminary and now serves as an associate Pastor at Shrine #1 of the PAOCC.