

## REVEREND JASMINE ROSE SMOTHERS



Rev. Jasmine Rose Smothers is honored to serve the church and community as an ordained United Methodist elder, preacher, teacher, church consultant, leadership coach, author, community advocate and self-proclaimed technology geek!

In June 2016, Rev. Smothers was appointed as the Lead Pastor of the historic Atlanta First United Methodist Church in downtown Atlanta, GA. In an historic appointment by Bishop B. Michael Watson, she became the first female, the first African-American, and the youngest lead pastor of this historic congregation.

For the last five years, Rev. Smothers served as the Associate Director for Congregational Vitality through the Office of Connectional Ministries in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. In this role, Rev. Jasmine partnered with congregational leaders to equip them for maximum effective ministry in church and community. Rev. Jasmine served as the primary resource for several ministry initiatives including working to increase the vitality of congregations; racial-ethnic ministries; and the development of young clergy leaders.

Rev. Jasmine has served the United Methodist Church as a member of the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race; the Ministry Study Commission; and several task forces on Ministry with Young People. Rev. Jasmine has also contributed to several publications and is the co-author (with Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr.) of the bestselling book, *Not Safe For Church: The Ten Commandments for Reaching New Generations*.

Rev. Jasmine is a native of Atlanta, GA. She is an amateur shutterbug; loves music; spending time with her family and friends; and traveling the globe. She is a graduate of Spelman College and Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Above all, Jasmine loves God, loves the Church, and is committed to “equipping the saints for the work of ministry” so that the world may know and be transformed through Christ!