

Lottie Minor

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Lottie Minor is a woman of faith. She leads with wisdom, purpose and passion. For over twenty years she has been an able helpmate to her husband, Dr. Michael O. Minor, Pastor of *The Hill-Hernando Baptist Church (The Hill)* in Hernando, MS. A gifted teacher and an inspired speaker, Lady Minor draws her motivation from her humble beginnings where she learned the importance of integrity and the power of prayer. The immense amount of love and nurture provided by mother and grandfather shaped her into a woman who serves God, her husband, her family, her church, and her community with grace, humility and love.

Since becoming the leading lady at *The Hill*, in 1996, she has been active in the church's Christian Education, Deaconess and Women's Ministries. Additionally, she participates in the church's Hospitality Ministry taking an active role to ensure that the church's healthy fellowship dinners are prepared and served with love. Her commitment to the Hospitality Ministry is rooted in Jesus example as the ultimate of servant-leader. Lady Minor is also the vice-president of the Women's District Convention #1 of Hernando, MS, and the co-chair of the Mid-South Churches Baptist State Convention's *A Women and Girls Conference* that drew nearly 200 women in March 2020.

In March 2000, Lady Minor coordinated the Second Annual (Mid-South) Faith-Based Conference held at Baptist Memorial Health Care in Memphis, Tennessee, receiving a special recognition award for her outstanding work. That event and other grassroots efforts helped lay the foundation for the thriving faith-based health initiatives for which her husband is now nationally recognized. As co-chair of the National Faith Based Mobilization Network, (Faith MoNet), Lady Minor works alongside Dr. Minor leading a coalition of clergy, lay leaders, congregation members, health and wellness partners, and concerned citizens committed to creating health equity through promoting wholeness (mind, body, and spirit), advocating for sustainable change, and remedying the effects of concentrated poverty.

Lady Minor and other faith and community partners including *MomsRising* and *Values Partnerships*, national faith-based groups, have joined forces to push for measurable sustainable change in the areas that have the most impact on the lives of everyday people – health, economic development, the overall growth and development of our children. Lady Minor is the Project Director for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated's (NBCUSA) nationwide Community and Provider Gateway Initiative funded by the National Institutes of Health to provide outreach and education for NIHs *All of Us* Research Program. She is also a lead trainer for the H.O.P.E. Health Ministry, a group of clergy, laypersons and community leaders who are committed to making the NBCUSA the healthiest major denomination in America over a ten-year period.

Lady Minor holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Christian Brothers University and a master's degree in education from Strayer University. She currently serves as the Project Director for Oak Hill Regional Community Development Corporations' (Oak Hill) Navigator Grant and Healthy Kids Initiatives, grants that were awarded to Oak Hill by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services due to *The Hill's* and State Convention's ongoing efforts to alleviate health disparities in the Mississippi Delta. During the first Affordable Care Act open enrollment, the Minors and their team of over 60 navigators and volunteers have assisted thousands of Mississippians in obtaining health insurance options across the State's 82 counties. Prior to joining the faith and health movement, Lady Minor spent nearly 20 years in educational leadership at colleges and universities in Memphis.

In all her affiliations, whether secular or religious, Baptist or ecumenical, Lady Minor's mission is to inspire and empower women by simply showing the Christ-like love. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" Her favorite song is "Blessed Assurance." A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter Lady Minor finds her greatest joy spending time with her family.