

Rev. Dr. Christal LaShawn Williams



As a Twenty-First Century trendsetter, Pastoral Pioneer and Bridge-Builder, the Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams is a leading voice, echoing through the airways of time, with a soul-stirring message of God's Love, Kingdom Authority and Deeper Revelation for all people. As an Inspirational Preacher, Spiritual Coach and Prophetic Administrator Rev. Christal Williams offers a grassroots and organic way of asking one to dig deeper into their understanding of God, Faith and Life and Church. This is witnessed in her Life's work as one of the Associate Regional Minister for the Urban Metro Area (Plus) Congregations in the Illinois-Wisconsin Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As an influential leader and relationship cultivator Christal takes to heart her personal mission to love, equip and encourage all persons toward a reconciling relationship with God. Her tenure in ministry has been wide spread throughout Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, and Indiana. Pastor Christal has engaged in ministry around the world; having traveled extensively to China, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Israel-Palestine, Egypt, West and South Africa, and Europe for Ministry and Cross-cultural exchanges. Christal is committed to ecumenism, accompaniment, hospitality and nurturing global partnerships.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Christal graduated from the Cleveland School of the Performing Arts, where she had a special emphasis on Vocal Music and Theory. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas; a Master of Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. Christal holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. On June 20, 1998, Christal was ordained a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Christal is the proud Founder and President of Credo International Women's Ministries, Incorporated and A.W.O.K.E. (Anointed Women Overseeing Kingdom Endeavors) and is the author of three books, *The Power of Asking*; *Unleashing God's Best For Your Life*, *Moving From Endangerment to Empowerment: Rediscovering the Word of God*, *Beneath It All: A Conversation Specifically For Women*.

This transformational leader is respected by her colleagues and admired by her friends. In her role as Discovery mentor, Christal offers a thought provoking, contagious leadership that transcends lines of age, ethnicity, culture and theological boundaries. She has a host of trainings, multitudes of certifications and several awards. She is a proud member of The Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc., N.A.A.C.P and IMPACT Network Ministry.

Williams has an extensive background in community service, mission work, education and pro-reconciling-anti-racism training, conflict resolution and mediation and Parker Palmer's Circles of Trust Retreats. Currently, Christal serves as the President of the Disciple Women Leadership Council of the Christian Church, Wisconsin Council of Churches and a member of the Board of Trustees of The Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. **Christal** has one sister Kim, two nieces and two nephews and also, has four very special Godchildren. Pastor Christal's hobbies include Reading, Traveling, Music and photography. Her favorite scriptures are Isaiah 61, Ephesians 3:14-21, I John 4:7&8.