

***Rev. Sandara E. Williams, MDiv.***

Rev. Sandara is an Ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She serves as the Senior Pastor at Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Cocoa, Fl. She was appointed as the new Pastor by Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Planning Convocation. Rev. Sandara has a passion for praise and worship, helping others find their purpose and leading God's people to higher heights and deeper depths to the glory of God.

Rev. Sandara has pastored Mt. Zion AME Church from 2021 until 2025. St. Mark AME Clermont 2018 until 2021, Mt. Tabor AME Altamonte Springs 2014 until 2018, and she received her first pastoral appointment Mt. Pisgah AME Summerfield 2010 until 2014 of the Central Annual Conference. Prior to that, Rev Sandara E. Williams served on the ministerial staff of Mt. Olive AME Church where she led the women's ministry for 8 years, she was appointed to this position under the leadership of then Rev. Marvin C. Zanders II now Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II. Rev. Williams accepted the call to preach in 2000 while serving under Rev. Marvin C. Zanders now Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II and did her trial sermon under Rev Dr. Michael K. Bouie. She serves as the Chaplain for the Board of Examiners, Secretary for Stewardship and Finance, and Judiciary Committee. She has served as the Coordinator of the Orlando District Women in Ministry, she has served as the Coordinator of the Central Conference Women in Ministry, she has served as the 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Women in Ministry as the Worship Leader and is currently serving as General Secretary Connectional AME Women in Ministry.

Rev. Williams is committed to community outreach and evangelism, demonstrating God's love through action. She tirelessly serves to uplift those affected by homelessness and supports individuals and families who are less fortunate, bringing encouragement and restoration to those in need. Her passion is serving others, she has served in the community on the Victim Services Coalition Board, Domestic Violence Task Force and Metropolitan Urban League Board; Rev. Williams brings over 35 years of experience crisis intervention and first responder, she is retired from the Orange County Sheriff's Office with 30 years of service, as a Victim Advocate where she responded as a first responder to crimes scenes in Orange and Oceola Counties to assist victims of horrific crimes and survivors in crises situations. After retiring she became a Chaplin with Orlando Health Hospital where she served until, she began full time ministry.

She is the Founder and CEO of HER Peace of Mind LLC offering services for, Reset HER Peace Women's Conferences and Retreats, Empowerment Workshops, Reset HER Journey Podcast, Motivational Speaking, Life Coach for women. In the organization she leads the following events, Book Club, HER Peace Fellowship, Goals, Vision, Branding and Writing Coach. She is the author of six books "Got Faith for the Journey", "Thirty One Powerful Steps to Reclaim You", "A Journey to Wholeness", "Self-Care Healthy in Mind-Body-Spirit 31 Day Journal",

“Reset HER Peace 31 Day Journal” and her very recent project “The Connectional AME Women In Ministry 31-Day Devotional, she wrote this for AMEWIM. She is also the creator of T-shirts with a motivational message, journals, planners, candles and more. [www.sandarawilliams.com](http://www.sandarawilliams.com)

Rev. Sandara was born in Orlando, Florida and graduated from the Orange County Public School System, she has a BA in Psychology from Columbia College and a Master of Divinity at St. Thomas University, Miami Fl, she is currently matriculating at Payne Theological Seminary to earn a Doctorate of Ministry Degree, looking to graduate Spring of 2026.

Rev. Sandara is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation preacher and the oldest child and daughter of retired Presiding Elder James O. and Mrs. Evelyn T. Williams, of Sizzling St. Petersburg District, she is the older sister of Rev. James Vincent Williams, James Oscar Williams Jr., and Michael Jarrod Williams. She is the dedicated and supportive wife of Rev. Isaac L. Williams Sr., and the proud mother of two wonderful adult children Rev. Dr. Kenya' Shanell and Isaac Leon Jr. and the GiGi of Zenaiya Luna Williams and her fur baby is Judo.

She is guided by the scripture, “This is the day that the Lord has made we shall rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24. With this conviction, she embraces each day as a gift, a reminder that God’s grace has granted her another opportunity to live, serve, and shine. As she leads and serves God’s people, her mission is clear: to inspire others to trust that with God, victory is always possible. No matter how challenging life may look or feel, she believes that God empowers His children to overcome and win.