

Rev. Dr. Tracy Ross is a preacher, scholar, and visionary leader who currently serves as the CPI Director of Community Engagement and Outreach at Howard University School of Divinity for the Black Congregations Resource Center.

Dr. Ross is a native of Durham, North Carolina. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education from North Carolina Central University in 2001, where she became a member of the distinguished Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She continued her education at Shaw University Divinity School, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 2019. During her enrollment, she remained on the Dean's List every year, received the Presidential Award, and was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success, Shaw University Chapter.

Dr. Ross earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University School of Divinity in May 2025. She maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout all three years of the program. At the closing Honors and Awards Ceremony, she was recognized by the Homiletics Faculty and received the Exceptional Skill in Preaching Award.

She was licensed to preach in 2014 and ordained in 2021 by the American Baptist Churches of the South, American Baptist Churches USA, under the pastoral guidance of Rev. Fredrick A. Davis at First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, NC.

While serving in ministry within the Raleigh-Durham area, she was appointed to serve as Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Inc., a role affirmed by the Executive Committee and General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. In this capacity, her primary responsibility was to engage and maximize support for the convention's objectives among the 1,600 affiliated Baptist churches. Under her leadership, she successfully directed one of the largest mission projects in the convention's history and coordinated a highly attended three-day annual session.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, she founded TLR Ministries, LLC from 2020 to 2022 to meet the pressing needs of communities across North Carolina. Initially launched as a virtual preaching ministry during the pandemic, it expanded to reach an audience of more than 27,000 followers across social media platforms. Through TLR Ministries, she organized over 25 impactful mission projects, directly serving more than 1,000 individuals, especially marginalized and homeless communities. During the height of COVID, she personally distributed essential items such as food and sleeping bags, safely masked and gloved, exemplifying her commitment to frontline ministry.

Dr. Ross formerly served on the Shaw University Board of Trustees in 2019, actively contributing to the Committee for Institutional Advancement and Student Affairs. In 2026, Dr. Ross was invited to serve on the Development and Institutional Advancement Programs Steering Committee for the Association of Theological Schools for a three-year term, where she contributes to strengthening institutional advancement and expanding the reach of theological education. She is the former Recording Secretary on the Executive Board for the Friends of the Historic Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University. Additionally, she serves as one

of three team leaders for the monthly Women in Service Everywhere prayer call sponsored by the Lott Carey Baptist Convention.

She has received numerous accolades in recognition of her ministry and scholarship. In 2023, she was awarded the Most Spiritually Inspiring Sermon Award at the Washington Theological Consortium's Sermon Slam, selected as a Conference of National Black Churches Leadership Scholar, accepted into Georgetown University's Faith and Justice Certificate Program, and awarded the Evans E. Crawford Scholarship from Howard University School of Divinity. In 2024, she was again selected as a Conference of National Black Churches Leadership Scholar, invited to deliver the closing prayer and benediction after a plenary session at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, and invited to read a scripture on the main stage at the prestigious Hampton Ministers' Conference.

As a published author and emerging spiritual thought leader, Dr. Ross is deeply committed to the transformation of lives, the restoration of families, and the uplifting of communities locally, nationally, and globally.

She is the proud mother of one son, Jerell, and a loving grandmother.