

Pastor Timothy O. Coston

Rev. Dr. Timothy O. Coston Jr. was born on April 3, 1964, in Anchorage, Alaska, during the Great Alaska Earthquake. He was raised in Bakersfield, California, and graduated from Bakersfield High School. He preached his first sermon at the age of 12 years old at Cain Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bakersfield, California, entitled "What's In A Name?" By the time he was 18 years old, he accepted his call to preach.

Rev. Coston enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1984. He served as a computer repair technician and COMSEC manager and is a veteran of the Desert Storm War. In 2004, after 20 years of faithful service, he retired at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant.

Upon retiring from the Marine Corps, Rev. Coston worked as an Electronic Key Management Systems (EKMS) Manager at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, until his second retirement in 2017.

Rev. Dr. Timothy O. Coston's academic career includes an Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Psychology degrees from the University of Maryland. A Master of Religious Studies, Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, and Master of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) degree from Southern California Seminary. Finally, he completed his Doctorate of Ministry (D.Min.) Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in the focus group Pastoral Care and Counseling.

Rev. Coston has served the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the following assignments: 1999 - Bethel Blythe, Ca.; 2002 - First AME Indio, Ca.; 2014 - Cain Memorial Bakersfield, Ca.; 2022 - Grant Los Angeles, Ca.

Karen Lamar Coston, his loving wife, has been by his side for 24 amazing years. They have five children: Traleese, Tim III, Jasmine, Trinity, and Isaiah. They are also the proud grandparents of five loving grandchildren.