

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Montisa Anntoinette Watkins is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Aquinas College, a master's degree in Student Affairs Administration from Michigan State University and a Doctor of Education from Central Michigan University. Dr. Watkins has over 30 years of experience in college admissions, residence life, pre-college programs, and academic advising to serve schools, families, and communities. Always active in church and youth leadership, she developed an interest in the relationship between college students and the Black church. This interest eventually led to her dissertation which focused on spirituality, religion, and faith for Black women in college.

It's been 40 years since Dr. Watkins answered God's ministry call, but she is blessed to be a second-year student at Columbia Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. Dr. Watkins stands on the shoulders of great women and men who introduced her to the gospel and a life of faith. She resolves to do the same for others. Dr. Watkins is passionate about helping people walk through grief and loss, understanding that they are not alone on this journey that looks different for each of us.

Dr. Watkins is an ordained minister, deaconess, Bible Class instructor, and member of the Living Faith Church in Warren, Michigan. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and served as Chaplain for the Omega Xi Omega Chapter. Dr. Watkins is currently under watch-care at the Clarkston First Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Karl Moore where she completed her supervised ministry practicum and developed a grief and loss curriculum. Dr. Watkins is the mother of one phenomenal son, Roschard Isaiah Watkins. She is an avid reader of Black women's history, strives to live a healthy lifestyle, adores old-school

music, completes the occasional 5K and is learning how to take the MARTA without getting lost!