

# AYANNA L. FRANKLIN

Senior Pastor, Educator, and Community Leader

## Executive Secretary

Ayanna L. Franklin serves as Executive Secretary for the United Baptist Missionary Convention & Auxiliaries of the State of Maryland, Inc.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Franklin attended Philadelphia Public Schools. She continued her education at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Maryland. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in Guidance and Counseling. Franklin also holds a master's degree in Christian Ministries and a Certificate in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University.

After relocating to Baltimore in 2004, Franklin joined Ray of Hope Baptist Church. Later, she married the Senior Pastor, the late Rev. Charles M. Franklin, Jr. They had five children together: Ciara, Cianna, Charles III, Cordell, and Clarke.

Franklin was ordained by the late Rev. Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn and Rev. Dr. John Lunn, Sr. In July 2021, she was elected and installed as Ray of Hope Baptist Church's Senior Pastor.

Franklin honors her late husband and is forever grateful to have experienced his love, support, and spiritual guidance. Since childhood, she continues to be inspired by Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and He shall direct thy path."