

2018 OCA-WHV Dynamic Achiever Award Recipient

Rev. Doris K. Dalton

Executive Director, Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence



Rev. Doris K. Dalton is a preacher, a teacher, and a community activist in New York. She believes in the power of love to break down barriers and build bridges of possibility. Her life's mission statement is "Extending the Table of Love so All May Eat and Be Full." She believes our greatest work together is to establish Beloved Communities that create space for all of us to transform from strangers to friends. A strong, beloved community will be able to effectively address the materialism, militarism and racism that Dr. King spoke about at Riverside Church so long ago ("Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence", 1967). She is committed to a life and work of nonviolence, antiracism, and economic justice for all.

Doris serves her community as the Executive Director of the Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, focusing on public education, advocacy and community-building to advance racial equity. She is an ordained permanent Deacon in the United Methodist Church. She serves her denomination as the Chair of the Order of Deacons and as a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry in the New York Annual Conference.

Doris is active in the social justice and interfaith community in Westchester. She is the Chair of the Westchester County Commission on Human Rights, serves on many interfaith groups, and is a member of the local chapter of the NAACP. She is the convener and a member of the Westchester Coalition for Police Reform. She is also an alumna of the Christian Leadership Initiative, a partnership program of the American Jewish Committee and the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

She has a Master of Divinity from Palmer Seminary in Philadelphia, PA and a Master of Business Administration with a focus on global economic development from Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. She has 19 years of experience in non-profit and faith-based organizations serving God's people, particularly those who are the least, the last and the lost.

Doris is married to her best friend, Tim Dalton. They have two amazing children who bring them joy and hope every day.