

Rev. Gloria Elaine White-Hammond, M.D.

Rev. Gloria E. White-Hammond, M.D. is the Co-Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Boston, MA, and Executive Director of My Sister's Keeper. In 2007 Dr. White-Hammond retired after 27 years as a pediatrician at the South End Community Health Center.

Rev. Dr. White-Hammond has a long history of involvement in community service. In 1994 she founded the church-based creative writing/mentoring ministry, "Do The Write Thing" for high-risk adolescent females. The project now serves over 200 young women through small groups in Boston public schools, juvenile detention facilities and on site at Bethel AME Church. In 2003, Rev. White-Hammond and Rabbi Elaine Zecher of Temple Israel cofounded *The Red Tent*, an initiative which convenes Christian and Jewish women for small group Torah/Bible study.

Dr. White-Hammond's work as a humanitarian has achieved global impact. She has worked as a medical missionary in the African countries of Botswana, Cote D'Ivoire and South Africa. Since 2001, she has made numerous trips into war-torn southern Sudan where she was involved in obtaining the freedom of 10,000 women and children enslaved during two decades of civil war. In 2002, she co-founded *My Sister's Keeper*, www.mskeeper.org, a humanitarian women's group that partners with women of Sudan in their efforts toward reconciliation and reconstruction of their communities. Since 2004, *My Sister's Keeper* has developed two grinding mill projects and completed the construction of the permanent campus for the Kunyuk School for Girls in Akon, South Sudan where 1000 girls are enrolled in grades k1-8. MSK's current projects also include the Women's Peace School, an adult women's literacy project for 200 women in Akon, and the Sisterhood for Peace project. Sisterhood for Peace supports the growth of the global network of diverse Sudanese women collaborating across traditional barriers of race, religion, geography and ethnicity for peace throughout all Sudan.

In February 2005, Dr. White-Hammond traveled into Darfur, western Sudan to listen and learn from female victims of genocide in Internally Displaced Persons camps. In 2006, she served as the National Chairperson of the Million Voices for Darfur campaign and became the Co-Founder of the Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur. In 2008, Rev. White-Hammond became the national Chairwoman of the Save Darfur Coalition.

Rev. White-Hammond serves on the boards of Brigham and Women's Hospital, Tufts University, and Darfur Peace and Development Organization.

She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Boston University, a Doctorate of Medicine from Tufts Medical School and a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School.

In 1973, Rev. White-Hammond married Rev. Ray A. Hammond, M.D., who is the founding pastor of Bethel AME Church, the Chairman of the Boston Ten Point Coalition and the Chairman of the Boston Foundation. They are devoted to their daughters, Mariama and Adiya, "son-in-love", Turahn Dorsey, and granddaughter, "Ella Bella Boo."