

BIO SKETCH OF REV. ALICIA STARR

REV. ALICIA STARR is an ordained minister, teacher, counselor, play writer, director, floral designer, retired realtor, mother, grandmother and a child of a Living God. A native of Chicago, Illinois, she began her religious studies at an early age. In 1974, she continued to grow spiritually and her studies expanded to include metaphysical philosophies through the teachings of the First Church of Religious Science in Chicago, Illinois.

Having planted her feet firmly on the path of Truth, Rev. Starr has never looked back, but has continued her studies and her quest for the Truth that sets all persons free.

Institutes of higher learning include graduating from the Barbara King School of Ministry in Atlanta, Georgia. She continued her spiritual training through extensive metaphysical classes and workshops offered by the Unity School of Christianity at Unity village, Missouri. She was ordained in June 1984 by Dr. Barbara King, founder and minister of the Hillside International Truth Center in Atlanta. Her 30+ years of teaching ministry has embraced many across the country. Most rewarding was her time spent with the inmates at the former Stone Mountain Correctional Institution, where for several years her messages brought a ray of hope and the doctrine of Truth principles to those who wished to be liberated. It was here that she also wrote and directed a spiritual Christmas play where the majority of the cast consisted of inmates.

Her passion and studies have led Rev. Starr to serve as the Associate Minister of Unity-Midtown Church (also known as Midtown Spiritual Community) for a period of five years under the guidance of Senior Minister, Rev. Ellie Harold. Among her duties, she directed several skits/plays to bring the lesson sermon alive in a visual setting. She also served as the Associate Minister for the Interfaith Chapel of Truth Center and the Jesus Christ Center of Truth Church under the tutelage of Rev. Horace Thurman and Rev. Hazel Horne, respectively. Rev. Starr has assisted in several outreach ministries including Ultimate Way Ministries with the late Rev. Dr. Carolyn Avent. Today, Rev. Starr conducts an ongoing spiritual class entitled, "Change Your Perception." This course teaches how to connect with that Divine Source which is waiting to give each person a more expansive, joy-filled, abundant, creative and adventuresome life with a healthy dose of laughter tossed over our overactive egos! Rev. Starr serves as the founder and minister of the *Circle of Love and Truth Ministries*, an outreach ministry. Her motto: "*God is the Only Presence, the Only Power in you, in me, and in this universe.*" She strongly believes that when we take a deep breath, we inhale and connect to this Presence and Power of a Living God.

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