

## **Elder Laverne Cummings**

Laverne Cummings, the daughter of parents of Southern Roots the late Deacon Cooper Lee Cummings and Melvin Cummings, a native New Yorker born and raised on the Lower Manhattan Eastside.

Laverne attended the public school's system of New York City and graduated 1967 from Washington Irving High School.

She continued her academic education at The College of New Rochelle for four years pursuing a Degree in Humanities and graduated 2005 with a Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Her Christian walk began at an early age when she joined The Emmanuel Presbyterian Church NYC, 1959 under the leadership of Late Rev. Clarence Emmanuel Boyer, Late Rev. Euton E. Williams, and was ordained as an Elder in 1970. Her Christian study continued at the New York Theological Seminary and received a certificate in Christian Ministry 2000.

Laverne is humble, kind, devoted, dedicated, mission minded and committed to the "Lord's work." She served faithful in various capacities of the church, Sunday School Teacher, Clerk of Session for over 15 years, developed the Women's of Faith Ministry: Women coming together understanding that God loves them unconditionally no matter what the situation maybe; through preaching God's words. "She exemplifies this in her daily tasks and wherever there is a call or need, she responds with enthusiasm, as she advocates for youth and seniors."

She has received accolades from her church, community and career including Certificate of Appreciation for Leadership Women of Faith, Certificate of Appreciation and leadership Vacation Bible Outreach, Certificate of Appreciation for leadership and Support Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Certificate of Appreciation and leadership in the Community, working with the Common Food Pantry. She received the Employee of the Year Award for Service New York University Langone Health. Elder Laverne Cummings retired on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, from NYU Langone Health in the Department of Neurosurgery after 50 years of humanity service as an Administrator Assistant.

She is the proud Mother of son Jermaine and granddaughter MaKenize.

Elder Laverne Cummings currently serves as Session Member, Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery and Clerk of Session, Worship Committee, Finance Committee, Bible Study, and Service for Evangelism of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, under the Leadership of the Session Moderator.

Faith: For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to the mountain, "move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you." Matthew 17:20