

Reverend Verna Maria Young a native Washingtonian, one of seven siblings raised in Washington D. C. attended public schools and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1975. Upon graduation from high school Rev. Young matriculated to St. Paul's College where she earned Bachelors in Sociology in 1979. She returned to Washington DC and immediately joined the labor force with DC Department of Corrections for five years. In 1981 she was accepted in to the Master Social Work program at Howard University and graduated with a Master of Social Work in 1984. To begin her career in social work, Rev. Young worked with Senior Home residence as a Social Worker serving the geriatric population.

Throughout her tenure starting in 1985 she became gainfully employed with DC Superior Court as a Juvenile Probation Officer, Family Counselor, Child Abuse Probation Officer, and Traffic and Alcohol Probation officer. Rev. Young displayed exemplary work ethics which elevated her to Supervisory Probation Officer with Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency. After her promotion, Rev. Young was selected as "Who's Who of first time Managers" in 2002. She supervised the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Unit in 2000 until retirement from the Federal Government in 2007, which gave her 33 years of Law Enforcement Service.

Upon retirement, she served a year term as Facility Manager with Bright Futures Teen Mothers and Infants program. Additionally, she received a three-year appointment with Upper Marlboro Mental Health Court in Prince Georges County, Maryland. An ironic end to her career was her last two years took her back to geriatric care the same way her career began ending her services to Prince George's County Aging and Disability program in 2017.

During her time as a social worker Rev. Young received her calling to the ministry. She then returned to Howard University School of Divinity in 2002, and obtained a Master's of Divinity in 2005.

She was ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2011 and currently serves on the ministerial staff at Bethel AMEC here in San Antonio Texas. Proud mother of one son, Peter Jackson Jr., serving in the military for over 19 years to date. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. since 1979. Rev. Young love God's people and wants to make a positive impact in all she serves.

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