

## **Apostle Dr. Karliss F. Kimbrough** **“The Woman and God’s Vision”**

Apostle Kimbrough (Dr. K) is the founding Pastor of Grace House of Refuge Church in San Antonio, Texas. She was born in Albany, GA, and grew up in Tampa, Florida. She credits her love for God to her sister, Patricia who unrelentingly talk to her about Jesus.

Dr. K has devoted her life to God in true worship and desires to be used to motivate, inspire, and arouse the Body of Christ to worship God in spirit and in truth. She is currently under the covering of Apostles Claude and Elaine Woodson, United Ministries for Christ (15 years), and Apostle Priscella McCoy, Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry, Inc., (3 years).

Apostle Kimbrough’s ecclesiastical history began in 1972 when she preached her first sermon at the age of 15 at Padgett Nursing Home in Tampa, Florida. In 1979 she was licensed as In-land and Foreign Missionary by Rev. C.P. Epps and in 1980, she Joined Billy Graham’s Prison Crusade Ministry with her mother, Helen Cole (deceased) traveling locally and nationally to various prisons. 1984 Dr. K. operated a feeding ministry in her driveway and “House of Refuge” was birthed. In 1994 she Relocated (via the military) to San Antonio, TX.

In 2007, Apostle Kimbrough accepted the call to Pastor. Grace House of Refuge Christian Fellowship Church started in her garage. In 2009 she was ordained as Pastor and in March of 2017 she was Licensed & Ordained as a Bishop under United Miniseries for Christ. In 2019, Dr. K was consecrated as an Apostle by Rabbi Alfred Villarreal and in 2022 she became a Licensed and Ordained Apostle under United Ministries for Christ.

Dr. K’s educational pursuits has enabled her to receive her BSOE & MBA from Wayland Baptist in 2005 and 2006. She was Awarded an Honorary Doctorate April 2012 for Christian Leadership and received her Doctorate in Theology in November of 2014. She is currently working on her PhD in Mental health Counseling.

Apostle Kimbrough served 26 years (combined) as an Army Airborne Nurse and Hyperbaric Technician; she currently serves as Residency Program Training and Agreement Coordinator.

Apostle Kimbrough has ministered alongside her husband for 20 years in the local & federal penal system. She is the Apostle of Grace House of Refuge Church, ministering alongside her husband and is also the Director of the National School of Theology Alumni Association. Additionally, she is the Dean of Grace National School of Theology, San Antonio Texas location; Dean of National School of Theology, International School (USA, China & India); a Chaplain and serves as First Responder with Homeland Securities since 2015; and the Assistant-Director to Victorious Women in Christ Ministries since 2016

She is the wife of 27 years to Pastor Charles G. Kimbrough; mother of 2, and Grandmother of 12. She and her husband reside in Cibolo, TX.D