



## Archbishop MarCia Dinkins

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On August 8, 2022 Archbishop Marcia Dinkins was enthroned as the Presiding Bishop over the International Women' Ministry. In October 2021, she was consecrated as an Archbishop and consecrated on October 11, 2020 as a Bishop and serves as founding prelate and CEO of Forever Changed Ministries, a ministry without walls that seeks to break the sacred/secular divide between church and community. Archbishop Marcia," is also the founder of the Daughters of Naomi International Ministries. She is the President and Founded of Black Women Rising, Healing for Change and the Black Appalachian Coalition (BLAC).

A native of Detroit, Archbishop Marcia owned and operated a medical and substance abuse facility serving unserved and underserved communities. To address issues within the Foster Care System, she provided wrap-around, family preservation and reunification services to keep children from being placed in the foster care system and to reunite children in foster care with their families. Bishop Marcia was sworn in and appointed by the Wayne County Third Circuit Judicial Court as Court Appointed Special Advocate to represent the best interest of children in the child welfare system and has worked 23 years in the field of law specializing in family law, tort law and medical malpractice.

In 2013, Bishop Marcia moved to Toledo, Ohio where she served as the Executive Director for Toledoans United for Social Action organizing clergy for a faith-based response on issues of racial and economic injustice, education and housing discrimination, environmental and climate impacts, jobs, and criminal justice reform. In 2016 Bishop Marcia led the "Free Bresha" national campaign with groups across the United States and Canada fighting for rehabilitation over incarceration for Bresha Meadows and juvenile offenders.

Archbishop Marcia is currently a PH. D candidate at the Union College & University in Cincinnati, Ohio concentrating on Humanities and Culture with specializations in MLK and Women & Gender Studies. She currently holds an Associates of Arts from Oakland Community College, Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and Policy. She has certifications in Cultural Competency, Cultural Humility, Community Resilience, Trauma Informed Approaches, Forgiveness Therapy, Restorative Justice, Child welfare, and Executive Management Leadership. She is a certified Trauma Informed Approach and Restorative Justice Trainer. She has presented workshops and lectures on social justice at Case Western Reserve, Bowling Green University, and nationally trained clergy on social justice, building trauma informed approaches to ministries. She also provided training to clergy in the American Baptist Leadership Academy on domestic abuse and safety planning. Bishop Marcia is known nationally for her work organizing clergy to engage on issues of healthcare, the social safety net, environmental and climate justice, racial, economic and gender justice and civic engagement.

Archbishop was recognized as Sojourners Top Ten Leading Women Taking Charge in Organizing. She currently serves on the board for the US Climate Action Network, Re-Imagine Appalachia Steering Committee, the Ohio Climate Justice Fund community funding table, the ASFA steering committee, and Weavers for Justice public policy team. She has co-authored the "Ending the Family Death Penalty" which was published in the Columbia Law Journal. The article addresses how the child welfare system breaks up families. Bishop Marcia also authored the Fight Like a Girl and Is it Love or Your Trauma Bond curriculum to help women heal from trauma.

Archbishop Marcia has facilitated multiple panels, discussions and training focused on social change. She has a podcast called Healing & Hashtags and blogs on issues that impact black women. Bishop Marcia has been appointed to the Minority Health Advisory Council and serves on the Midwest BDC governance committee, Faith Committee and Healing Justice Committee.

Archbishop Marcia's commitment to God and determination to lift the least of these to a more equitable existence and her desire to meet people where they are in both her preaching, and teaching keeps Bishop Marcia continuously serving from a place of humility and love for radical change for the Glory of God.