

# LEADERSHIP matters

## **Rev. James Wiggins, Jr.** **Nominate for LCMS Regional Vice President** **East / Southeast Region**



<b>Family</b>	Married to Loretta Wiggins.
<b>Education</b>	Alabama Lutheran Academy, Selma, AL (1977) BS, Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NB (1981) Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN (1986)
<b>Congregations</b>	Sole Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL (Current)
<b>Offices/Experience</b>	Former First Vice President of the Southeastern District—LCMS Chairperson and Board Member Board of Regents of Concordia College, Selma, Alabama Circuit Counselor in the Michigan District of the LCMS Member of the Board for Black Ministry Services—LCMS Former President of the Black Clergy Caucus of the LCMS

## **Leadership Vision**

"I hope and pray that the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod will in this secular age maintain with vigor its gospel- and grace-centered mission and ministry in Jesus through Word and sacrament ministry. As a (paternal and maternal) fourth generation Lutheran, it is also my hope that the church will continue to grapple with its decline and seek ways to strengthen our missional focus to reach the rich diversity of souls in this nation and around the world caught in "self-sufficient humanism."

Though this is a challenging and critical time for the Body of Christ, I remain confident in Jesus' words to Peter, "...and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18b). I, therefore, look to the future with great hope, thankful to be a part of God's army that He continues to use to build His Church.

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