

Rev. Hermia Shegog-Whitlock

The Reverend Hermia Anita Shegog Whitlock, affectionately known as "Mia," is First Lady and Executive Minister at Reid Temple AME Church, where she teaches, preaches, and sings. Rev. Mia's love of and service to God and His people was expressed early in her life as the "baby daughter" of seven children to the late Rev. Henry Louis and Mrs. Nannie Lee (Barnes) Shegog. From her baptism (at age five) and involvement in youth activities at Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, to her work at both the 1st African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, California, and Christ Our Redeemer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Irvine, California, Rev. Mia has lived a life of service to others through church ministries, church-affiliated organizations, and community organizations.

In addition to her work within the church, Mia practiced law, taught at UCLA Law School, represented Northrop Grumman as Senior Counsel, served on governing boards for California Black Lawyers, and oversaw pro bono paternity matters for the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law.

In 2010, Mia retired from a full-time legal career to "re-wire" her life as Chief Operating Officer for the Christ Our Redeemer African Methodist Episcopal Church and its non-profit corporation. Recognizing that God wanted more from her, Mia submitted to the call, matriculated through the Board of Examiners in Southern California, and was ordained an Itinerant Deacon. Rev. Mia praises God for a marriage of 37+ years to the Reverend Mark E. Whitlock, Jr., and for being "Mommy Mia" to three adult sons and two grandchildren.

