

## **Rev. Esther Robinson**

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Let me introduce myself! I come to you as a 30-year veteran United Methodist Pastor in the Florida Conference. I was born in Cuba where my parents were missionaries during the Cuban revolution – that’s a story for another time. When we returned from the mission field we settled in the Florida Conference where I was happy as a preacher’s kid and “Methodist vagabond.”

After returning from Cuba, our mission field became the inner city as we lived and served churches in Tampa and Miami. I received my BA at Eckerd College and my M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in New York. I was ordained a Deacon in 1982 and an Elder in 1986.

I felt my first call to ministry in High School when a youth director was influential in my spiritual growth. My early exposure to cultures other than my own has given me a passion for God’s diverse Kingdom. In addition to my experiences in the inner city, I have had the privilege of serving multi-cultural congregations in Miami and Jacksonville. In my mind, we are strengthened by our diversity and come closest to heaven on earth when God’s people see the Divine reflected in their neighbor’s face, whether she be another skin color, another gender identity or sexual orientation, or speaking another language.

I am passionate about and love my family dearly. I hope you will get a chance to meet them. In the meantime, you will have to make do with me and my two dogs, Finn and Shelley. I look forward to getting to know you and your passion for ministry at Pasadena Community Church!