

## Rev Esther Robinson

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**Date of Birth** 9/25/1956  
**Age (on 7/1/2018)** 61



## Self Assessment

**Statement (to share with others):** If you are appointed to a new church, what will you want shared about your personal faith, your commitment to ordained ministry, and the nature and mission of the church?

I grew up in a UM parsonage and felt the call to ministry in my teens. At the time, there were few women in ministry and I have been a pioneer in every church that I have served, save one, for the last 30 years. As such, I am probably more sensitive to the need for inclusivity both in ordained ministry and the ministry of the laity. I believe the church is enriched by the inclusion of diverse races, sexes, classes, ages, and nationalities in leadership positions. The church is open to all.

### Missional Engagement with Community Comments

I have been involved in several feeding programs and food banks in various communities. I was also involved in bringing a DART organization (community organizing for churches) to New Smyrna Beach and worked in the local religious response to Disaster recovery. Have been active in ministerial groups that offer community worship services for Thanksgiving, Good Friday, International Peace day, 9-11 worship, and Unity worship for MLK Jr. day.

### Ministry Experience:

**Please include all degrees including seminary**

College	Degree	Date of Graduation
Eckerd College	B. A.	05/1979
Union Theological Seminary	M. Div.	05/1983

### Ministry Experience

My call to ministry happened in Miami and I have lived and served there for close to 10 years. I feel called to mission and ministry in the cultural diversity and complex demographic of the city. My latest continuing education was year before last taking the Conference sponsored course Courage to Lead.

#### Community

Every church ministers within a context. My passion is how the church and community intersect and cooperate whether in city, small town, or rural setting. I think my values and interest cohere more with an urban context.

#### Itineracy

My vow is to go where I am sent. I have also spent some time in extension ministry with Hospice and District support but feel the local church is where I'm called. The local church is growing in its support of clergywomen's gifts and graces but more work needs to be done at the local level to educate churches regarding open itineracy both in gender and race.

What has given you the greatest sense of satisfaction/fulfillment in ministry during the year?  
the potential for racial and ethnic diversity in the church. We have a racially mixed congregation with African American, and Filipino members and constituents.

What has given you the greatest sense of frustration/disappointment in ministry during the year?  
the backbiting and division among two groups of leaders.

## Pastor Profile Years of Service

Years of service	
Supply	N/A
Local Pastor	N/A
Associate Member	N/A
Deacon	3
Provisional Member	N/A
Elder	31
Date of Commissioning/Licensing	N/A
Date of Ordination as Deacon	05/1983
Date of Ordination as Elder	05/1986
Current Conference Status	FE

## Pastor Profile Appointment History

**All appointments served while a member of Florida Annual Conference and Jobs/Appointments prior to serving as a member of the Florida Annual Conference.**

(List in chronological order beginning with first appointment and ending with current appointment. Please check appropriate box.)

Charge	Position served	Start Date (MM/YYYY)	End Date (MM/YYYY)	Florida Conference
Christ UMC Lehigh Acres	Associate	06/1984	05/1985	Y
Hospice Miami	Chaplain	06/1985	06/1987	Y
Beymer Memorial	Associate	06/1987	06/1989	Y
Port Tampa/Faith	Sr. Pastor	06/1989	06/1990	Y
Specialized Urban Ministry	Director	06/1992	06/1994	Y
Ley Memorial/Fleming St.	Sr. Pastor	06/1994	06/1996	Y
Immokalee	Sr. Pastor	06/1996	06/2001	Y
Cutler Ridge	Sr. Pastor	06/1996	06/2001	Y
District support		06/2001	06/2003	Y
Coronado	Associate	06/2003	07/2011	Y
Palmetto	Sr. Pastor	07/2011	07/2014	Y
Calvary	Sr. Pastor	07/2014	07/2018	Y