

Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson, CD

Lennett J. Anderson is the Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church (The Meeting Place), a growing, multigenerational community of worshippers from diverse geographic, ethnic, cultural, and denominational backgrounds. For the past 25 years, Rev. Dr. Anderson has served as a beacon of faith, wisdom, and love, guiding and uplifting this vibrant community with unwavering dedication.

A graduate of both Dalhousie University and Acadia University, Rev. Anderson is a highly sought-after communicator and recognized voice at events across Canada. His influence extends beyond the local church as he serves on the faculty of Acadia Divinity College (Acadia University) as Assistant Professor in Leadership and Racial Justice.

In 2008, Pastor Anderson was elevated to the position of State Overseer of Canada for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International, and in 2023, he was appointed Overseer of Foreign Ministries and Missions.

A passionate advocate for community transformation, Dr. Anderson has contributed to various organizations, including serving as a consultant for the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, a member of the Halifax Regional Municipality Chief of Police Roundtable on Diversity and Race Relations, Past Moderator of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and an Advisory Council Member for Dalhousie University's African Nova Scotian Strategy. He is also a board member of Promise Keepers Canada, a member of the African Nova Scotian Decade for People of African Descent Coalition, and Regional Ambassador for Teen Challenge Atlantic Men's Centre. He previously served on the board of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation.

Dr. Anderson is a retired commissioned officer in the Canadian Forces, where he served for 20 years as Unit and Regional Chaplain for Atlantic Canada. His service has earned him numerous awards, including the Medal of Excellence from the Navy League of Canada, the Canadian Forces Decoration Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Citizenship, the Platinum Jubilee Community Hero Award, The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from St. Thomas Christian College.

In 2016, Maclean's magazine named Rev. Anderson as "one of five Canadian pastors breathing new life into their communities," and he received the ADC Alumni Distinguished Service Award for his significant contributions to ministry both locally and beyond. His tireless efforts in promoting racial justice have had a lasting impact on the organizations he has worked with.

He is married to Dr. Késa Munroe-Anderson, and together they have three children, residing in Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia, Canada