



# MIDYEAR 2025



*Rev. Dr. Marsha Gadsden*

Rev. Dr. Marsha Gadsden, born in Brooklyn, NY, serves as the Executive Pastor at Grace Church of God under the leadership of her brother, Rev. Carlos Bannister. A devoted wife to Min. Matthew Gadsden and proud mother to Luke and Eva, Rev. Marsha is passionate about transforming lives through God's love.

With over 14 years in education, she notably led a cultural turnaround as principal of Brooklyn Ascend Middle School, garnering national attention, including coverage by The New York Times. Her impactful work led to her role as Managing Director of Upper Schools at Ascend Public Charter Schools, overseeing five middle schools and one high school. Since 2021, she has been the Executive Director of PAVE Academy Charter School in Red Hook, Brooklyn where she has continued her path of transformational leadership.

In addition to her pastoral role at Grace Church of God, where she has served as a worship leader, preacher, youth leader, and Christian education teacher, Rev. Marsha is actively involved in youth ministry as the State Youth President of the Eastern New York General Assembly and a member of the National Association of Youth Ministry Advisory Council.

Rev. Marsha holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, a master's in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, a master's in education from Hunter University, and a doctoral degree in leadership from Vanderbilt University. Despite numerous accolades, her ultimate desire is to hear "Well Done" from her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when her earthly journey ends.

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