As a former US-2 young adult missionary, Reverend Regina Henderson has served as Associate General Secretary for Justice and Relationship with Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church since July 2013.  She earned her Bachelor in Business Administration with a concentration in management at Howard University in Washington, DC and completed her Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina where she is also currently a doctoral student engaged in theological reflection and praxis on Wesleyan missiology as a means of Christian discipleship among American-Americans.

As a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church ordained an Elder in Full Connection in June 2000, she has served the church as an effective servant-leader for 19 years as a pastor, founding director and general church executive. Upon completion of seminary at Duke in 1997, Henderson served across eastern North Carolina in various pastoral appointments: associate pastor at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in North Raleigh (1997-2000); associate pastor at University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill (2000-2002); lead pastor of the Sanford Circuit to include Mt. Olive UMC, Broadway UMC and McQueens Chapel UMC in Harnett and Lee Counties (2005-2006); lead pastor at Harry Hosier United Methodist Church in her hometown of Fayetteville (2006-20011); and, Wilson Temple UMC in Raleigh’s mid-town historic Oberlin community (2011-2013). In 2002, Henderson accepted the invitation to serve as the founding director of the PathWays Program—a $2-million Lilly Endowment-funded initiative for vocational discernment—at Duke University Chapel in Durham, North Carolina. As PathWays’ executive director, Henderson taught one of Duke’s undergraduate seminar classes on servant-leadership, organized discernment travels to a Hopi Native-American reservation in Arizona and the Taizé Community in France and laid the groundwork for PathWays’ first urban residential discernment program in the community.

Beyond the walls of the local church, Henderson has served on numerous district, local community, conference, jurisdictional and general church ministries centered on social justice to include the design team for the national biannual Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches since 2008. She has also served on the Duke Divinity School Alumni Association, as a director for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (2008-2012) based in Nashville, Tennessee and has just been elected as a newly-appointed director for Faith Partnerships, Inc. located in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Henderson’s call to mission and passion for teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ has sent her to the rural and urban corners of Barbados, Cambodia, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany, Grenada, Guiana, Laos, Palestine, Peru, Puerto Rico, Senegal, South Africa, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe. However, she first accepted the call to mission service shortly after being baptized into the church one Easter Sunday morning at the age of 12 and then was invited to work on the mission committee as a youth at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. As the daughter of the late George W. Henderson and Amy P. Henderson—an enlisted 82nd Airborne Army soldier and an elementary school teacher, respectively—she was reared in a home of courageous servant-leaders. Her first CROP Walk experience and local volunteerism in high school began the mission journey for Henderson.

Henderson currently resides in Hackensack, New Jersey where she volunteers for social justice issues.  She is an active member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the National Council of Negro Women. She is a newly-published writer contributing to the book *These Women Can Say It, Too! Volume 2* edited by Martha Simmons. She enjoys Spinning® classes, international and fusion cuisine, travelling and spending time with great friends to include her mother, older brother, Randolph, who resides in Raleigh, North Carolina and her twin sister, Renata Henderson Murray, who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina with her husband, Carl.

Many consider Reverend Henderson a trailblazer who uses her creative gifts as a teacher, preacher, evangelist, strategic leader and administrator to share the good news of Jesus Christ.  Simply put, Henderson believes to whom much is given much is required.

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