

Race, Advocacy, & Spirituality

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Rev. Dr. Randall (Randy) Bush has had the privilege to serve as an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since February 1989. He has served congregations in Zimbabwe, Africa, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, and currently Pennsylvania. He is the Senior Pastor of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, a position he's held since 2006. Prior to receiving his doctorate in Theology & Ethics from Marquette University and his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, he received a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from Kansas University and music diplomas from conservatories in Salzburg, Austria and Cologne, Germany.

Dr. Bush has taught courses on religion, ethics, preaching, and pastoral care at various institutions such as Carthage College (Kenosha, WI) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is the author of numerous articles, essays, and book chapters, as well as the published dissertation "The Possibility of Contemporary Prophetic Acts." He is married to Beth Johnstone Bush, who teaches voice at the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park University. They are the parents of two college-age children, Ian and Charlotte, as well as one irascible, elderly Labrador named Elphie.

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Gabriella Jones-Casey is a first-generation college graduate, whose parents are from Grenada and Dominica, W.I. She graduated from Colgate University in 2009, where she majored in Women's Studies and History and served in various leadership roles. Upon graduating she was awarded the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Award '30 and the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award for academic excellence, leadership, and her commitment to advocating and fighting for social justice. Prior to graduate school, she worked for two years in the non-profit sector as a student Advocate with the Harlem Children's Zone, an administrative assistant with Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS), and a Human Rights Educator with the Advocacy Lab.

In 2011, she moved from Brooklyn, NY to Pittsburgh, PA to pursue an MSW, with a focus in Community Organizing, Social Administration and Research, as well as a master's Certificate in Women's Studies, at the University of Pittsburgh. As a graduate student she was afforded the opportunity to travel to Cuba and Guatemala to study social work and do outreach. Her experience in Cuba led to the writing of "When Laws Are Not Enough", which won her the 2012 *Center on Race and Social Problems* 1st Place Master's Paper Prize. It was during her time at Pitt that she started working with SEIU (Service Employees

International Union), first as a graduate intern/campus organizer, and then eventually as a union organizer.

In 2014, she started working as an organizer with the Fight for \$15 – Fast Food, a project of SEIU International. Eventually, she would move on to become a Coordinator in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, responsible for striking hundreds of Fast Food workers across the state and building relationships with ally organizations to participate in parallel actions to fight for economic justice. After 3 years with the Fight for \$15 – Fast Food campaign, she transitioned to an internal organizing Field Representative position with SEIU Local 32BJ (Property Service Division). In her position she was responsible for coordinating fight-backs, negotiating and enforcing collective bargaining agreements (contracts), and developing and training member leaders and activists. In November 2019, she transitioned into an External Lead organizer position, where she oversees new organizing in Western Pennsylvania and Kentucky. In this role she supervises organizers, teaching them how to create strategic and escalating campaign plans that create enough leverage to win union recognition and strong union contracts.