

Rev. Charles T. Sembly



The Reverend Charles T. Sembly is first and foremost a man of God. In October 2021 Reverend Sembly marked his 37th year as Pastor of Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Randallstown, Maryland. Raised and educated in Annapolis, Maryland, Reverend Sembly earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Bowie State University in 1978. He also served in the US Navy during the Vietnam war.

His answered his call to preach at his home church, Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church in Annapolis, Maryland and was licensed to preach on March 17, 1975, ordained an Itinerant Deacon in 1978 and an Itinerant Elder in 1980. Reverend Sembly received his first appointment in 1982 as pastor of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Knoxville, Maryland. During the Mid-year Conference on October 24, 1984, Reverend Sembly was appointed to Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he served for nearly 38 years. Over the past 37 years, Union Bethel's ministries and outreach programs have grown to over 50 ministries and outreach programs designed to enhance the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of the community.

On July 14, 2022, at the Second Episcopal District Planning Meeting held in Greensboro, NC he was appointed as the Presiding Elder of the Capital District of the Washington Conference.

Presiding Elder Sembly also currently serves as the Historian of the 2nd Episcopal District. He has served as Secretary of the Washington Conference Board of Trustees and an instructor of the Washington Conference Board of Examiners. He is an avid reader and enjoys traveling. Presiding Elder Sembly is also a soloist and well-known for his beautiful baritone voice.

Married for 48 years, Presiding Elder Sembly and First Lady Pamela Johnson Sembly have three loving adult children and their spouses and blessed with eight wonderful grandchildren (two granddaughters and six grandsons.) His favorite scripture is Luke 12:48b, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." His favorite hymn is "It Is Well With My Soul." To God be the Glory!