

Minister Dr. Clifford L. Stanley

Associate Minister

Grace Baptist Church of Germantown



Dr. Clifford L. Stanley has dedicated his life to serving God. Here at Grace, he currently serves as an Associate Minister after serving several years on the Deacons Ministry, the Pastoral Search Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and the Drama Guild Ministry. He is an active participant in the following: Leadership Development Committee, Senior Choir, Men's Chorus, Monday-Tuesday Bible Study and the Wednesday Noon-Day Prayer Service. Dr. Stanley also serves as a member on the External Diversity and Inclusion Council for Charter Communications (Spectrum), and as a Director on the Board of Seminars International, Inc.

Dr. Clifford L. Stanley currently serves as an advisor and assessor with the Worldwide Association of Business Coaches, and as a core team member of Impact Business Coaches, a company dedicated to creating cultures where people look forward to coming to work on Monday.

Dr. Stanley was sworn in as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on February 16, 2010. He served as the senior policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on recruitment, career development, pay and benefits for 1.4 million active duty military personnel, 1.3 million Guard and Reserve personnel, 680,000 DoD civilians, and was responsible for overseeing the overall state of military readiness.

Prior to assuming his position as the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Dr. Stanley was President of Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship organization. He also served on the senior leadership team of the University of Pennsylvania as the Executive Vice President. In that capacity, he was responsible to the president for the non-academic functions of the university, such as business, finance, facilities maintenance, and campus security.

Secretary Stanley, a retired United States Marine Corps infantry officer, served 33 years in uniform, retiring as a Major General. His last position was as the Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. Additionally, he served as the Marine Corps Principal Representative to the Joint Requirements Board which supported the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out his responsibilities.

Other leadership positions included: Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palms, CA; Director of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington DC; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, (Manpower Plans & Policy); Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment, Desk Officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, East Asia and Pacific Region; Advisor to the Secretary of Defense on POW/MIA Affairs; Special Assistant and Marine Corps Aide for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; and instructor at the US Naval Academy. Secretary Stanley was also a White House Fellow where he served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dr. Stanley is a graduate of South Carolina State University. He received his Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University, graduating with honors. His formal military education includes Amphibious Warfare School, the Naval War College, Honor Graduate of Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and National War College. Dr. Stanley earned his Doctorate Degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and holds Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from South Carolina State University and

Spalding University. Additionally, he holds a Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, from The Medical University of South Carolina and Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Stillman College.

Stanley's military honors include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal. His civilian awards include receiving the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (N.A.A.C.P.) Meritorious Service Award, the N.A.A.C.P. Roy Wilkins Award, and the American Legion Award for Inspirational Leadership.

Stanley and his wife, Rosalyn Hill Stanley, have one daughter, Dr. Angela Yvonne Stanley, Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired).