

Reverend Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr.

Rev. Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr. has served as the Executive Regional Pastor of the PBA since 2002. Dr. McJunkin provides administrative leadership to PBA's 124 congregations with more than 60,000 members from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. He assists the PBA Board of Directors with envisioning, goal setting, and building healthy and productive relationships among its congregations. He has assisted in the development of current ABCUSA governance structure and ministries across the nation.

He recently led the PBA's support for congregations during the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. He guides the PBA's efforts to assist congregations in responding to the current racial/cultural and generational shifts.

James served as the Executive Director of the African American Interdenominational Ministries. There he led a coalition of 400 African American pastors across several Protestant denominations in Philadelphia. He developed and secured funding for programs that addressed issues such as Christian education, evangelism, mentoring programs, comprehensive support for high-risk youth, health care-initiatives, and HIV/Aids prevention. The organization experienced unprecedented growth under his leadership.

James led and/or developed, and helped ministries for social concerns and community ministries such as the homelessness, environmental justice, immigration policies, cross-cultural communication, prison ministry, visitation with people living in institutional settings and the Christmas Cheer program. During the onset of the pandemic James developed forums to train clergy helping people living with HIV/AIDS. Dr. McJunkin also led the PBA's partnership with congregations in South Africa.

Rev. McJunkin was ordained in 1983. He holds a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary, a M.Div. from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, OH, and a Bachelor of Arts from Livingston College, in Salisbury, NC.