



REVEREND DESIREE ELDER

2025 PROFILE PACKET

BIO

Desirée Elder is a pastor, writer, and cultural architect whose work lives at the sacred intersection of faith, the arts, and community. She serves as the Pastor of Development and Innovation at First Corinthian Baptist Church (FCBC) in Harlem, where she curates transformative experiences that invite people to wrestle, reflect, and rise. In this role, she shepherds spiritual growth, creative expression, and community engagement—always centering justice, joy, and authenticity.

She also leads as the Executive Director of the FCBC Community Development Corporation (CDC), overseeing The Dream Center and The Hope Center—two community hubs providing free, healing-centered programs in education, the arts, mental health, and economic empowerment. Under her leadership, the CDC has become a catalyst for transformation and liberation in Harlem, amplifying community voice and vision.

Desirée is the founder of The Uptown Collective, a creative incubator housed at The Dream Center, offering workshops, artist residencies, readings, and productions that nurture the whole artist—mind, body, and soul. A proud member of the Writers Guild of America East, she is also the author of the forthcoming book *Gaslit by god: Lessons from a Church Girl in Recovery*, releasing in Fall 2026 with Broadleaf Books. Her writing—like her preaching—is honest, unflinching, and laced with sacred rebellion.

Since arriving at FCBC over a decade ago, Desirée has redefined what leadership can look like in progressive Black churches, consistently breaking molds and building tables. Whether preaching, producing, or pastoring, her work is marked by radical love, theological depth, and holy disruption. She lives in Harlem with her brilliant twin daughters.



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SPECIAL REQUESTS

BEVERAGE PREFERENCES:

COOL WATER

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUEST:

NONE

SNACK PREFERENCES:

HUMMUS, WHEAT THINS, FRESH FRUIT

HOTEL PREFERENCES:

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DESK

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