

Speaker Bio: Cyneatha Millsaps

Cyneatha Millsaps will be the speaker for Women's Retreat 2024 and comes with an impressive range of experience throughout her career. Cyneatha is Executive Director of the Center for Community Engagement at Goshen College. She leads the new Center in engaging local community partners. The Center provides service-learning avenues for GC students/staff to connect with the local community, while also helping the community to connect to college services and resources. Cyneatha is also the Executive Director of Mennonite Women USA. She provides leadership for women's groups and individuals domestically and internationally. In her role she oversees the education, resources and spiritual direction of the organization.

She has also served with Mennonite Central Committee as a program director for the Great Lakes in which she was responsible for programming in areas such as restorative justice, mass incarceration, youth/young adults service and various social justice initiatives. Cyneatha's most challenging and rewarding role is pastor. She has been leading congregations and communities for over 17 years and believes it is the greatest call of her life.

Additionally, she has spent several years working directly with victims of domestic violence and has trained specifically in the area of dating and family violence. She assists multicultural churches in the Mennonite community providing education and information about the blessings and challenges of worshipping in diverse communities of faith. Cyneatha has served as a columnist for "The Mennonite" a Menno Media publication and currently provides a monthly blog for Mennonite Women USA. She is very active in her local community and is the founder of BAPS (Black American Princesses) a mentoring program for young African American females between the ages of 8-17; a program of Club C.O.E, Inc. She is also a board member for the Tolson Center for Community Excellence in Elkhart, IN and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Cyneatha is a community activist and advocate on the needs of women and children in the areas of violence, education, and spiritual development. Cyneatha is married to her loving husband of thirty-one years, Steven. Together they have seven children and 22 grandchildren.