



The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Marie Wright, the pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), Springfield, Illinois is also the founder and CEO of WrightWorks Ministries. Formally, Dr. Wright as pastored several AME churches across Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. She was ordained an Itinerant Elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in September 1996.

While on the staffs of her previous congregations Dr. Wright served in various capacities, organizing, and directing the Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, the District Sunday School Convention, the Singles Ministry, the Class Leaders, and the Visitation Ministry. Additionally, she is the former Dean of the Indiana Conference Board of Examiners (Ministers' Training) for the AME Church.

She has taught seminars and workshops on spiritual gifts, class leading, visitation, ministerial teamwork, biblical storytelling, preaching and, theology in the movies and television. Dr. Wright is a passionate preacher and anointed revivalist. Through WrightWorks Ministries, this Media Specialist is a webmaster and producer of multimedia projects (audio, video and digital) for worship and educational settings. Her vision and mission are to aid religious and community organizations in the interaction between Christianity and digital culture. As a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers (NOBS), Rev. Wright brings life to the Word of God through oral and digital, biblical storytelling. Additionally, Dr. Wright is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star (Prince Hall Affiliate), the Xenia Women's Ecumenical Conference, and has served on the boards of the Community Ministerial Alliances' in every city she has pastored. Rev. Wright has participated in the Wabash College Pastoral Leadership Program and been an adjunct professor for Wilberforce, Central State and the Indiana Wesleyan Universities.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Wright has attended Columbia College and the University of Illinois at Chicago for Broadcast Communications. She is a graduate of Wilberforce University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology and of Payne Theological Seminary, with a Master of Divinity degree in Media Arts and Religious Communications. She was the first African American to pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Storytelling as Spiritual Formation for Preaching, Worship, Evangelism and Other Congregational Ministries in Digital Culture, from United Theological Seminary in Trotwood, Ohio. She is a Bishop John R. Bryant and Dr. Raymond Hammond Fellow, receiving a Doctor of Ministry in Liberation Theology preaching from Payne Theological Seminary.