

## **Professional biography of Beth T. Ferguson**

Beth T. Ferguson is a graduate of John R. Buchtel High School in Akron, Ohio. She is the recipient of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems from Wilberforce University and a Master's of Science Degree in Nonprofit Management from Walden University. As a former charter school administrator with twelve years of experience, her leadership training includes successful completion of Dale Carnegie Training, the John C. Maxwell Leadership Seminar, Parsons Group Leadership Training, and Capturing Kids Hearts.

Beth has previous experience as an assistant teacher, teacher, and vocational specialist within the alternative education arena specific to ages 16 – 21. Accepting the most challenging students to allow them an opportunity to receive a high school diploma caused her leadership to create a nurturing school environment of uncompromised success with patience. It also created opportunities to improve the livelihood of the students and their community through relationships with local businesses and community events such as school supply giveaways, free hair-cuts, college fairs, job fairs, and food donations. As the former school liaison to the school board of directors, Beth has a very positive experience with school and board relations that has impacted students for greater accomplishments.

Beth is currently the Assistant Pastor at Mount Liberty Baptist Church (District Director Paul Mays, Senior Pastor) in Akron where she has attended for eighteen years and is a covenant partner of Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church (Overseer E. Renea Collins, Senior Pastor) in Mansfield, Ohio. She is an ordained Elder through the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International (International Presiding Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III) and serves as the Mansfield, Akron, and New London District Director of Protocol and Armorbearers and District Administrator.

She has been in leadership within the Christian church for seventeen years as a minister, teacher, youth director, and former trustee, and has several awards as well as certifications of completed leadership classes through her local church and fellowship organization. She has taught leadership classes to church leaders throughout the state of Ohio.

As an entrepreneur, Beth is the recent organizer of Dozier-Ferguson Enterprises, which is dedicated to positively impacting the community through leadership, mentoring, and training.