

Alumni Spotlight: Moreen Hughes (MAR '04, DMin '07)



Current Title: Associate Pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Milton, MA, Founder and COO of Tabitha International Ministries

Family: Husband: Rev. Dr. Conley Hughes, Children: David, Nicole, and Michael, and their families

Favorite professors: Dr. Gwenfair Adams and Dr. Alice Mathews

Favorite class: Reformation Church History

Favorite memory: I remember the excitement of attending my first DMin class with Dr. Alice Mathews. I met other women of various cultures and nationalities

who became part of my cohort for three years.

What have you been doing since your time at Gordon-Conwell and what are you doing now?

Since my time at Gordon-Conwell, I've served on the ministerial staff at Concord Baptist in the capacity of Minister to Woman and Families. At present, I am the Associate Pastor and Minister. I've been responsible for the planning and implementation of programs and activities that minister to women of all ages and stages within the church and community. This role involves working with a volunteer group of approximately twenty-five women leaders. As an Associate Pastor, I assist the Senior Pastor with pastoral duties and worship. I am also the Founder and COO of Tabitha International Ministries, a 501c3 non-profit organization that ministers to the needs of women and children locally and internationally. In addition, I work with other faith-based organizations to provide assistance to those in need through scholarship assistance and essential needs.

What do you love about your work in pastoral ministry?

What I love about my work in pastoral ministry is being able to make a difference in people's lives, not only spiritually but wholistically. I love seeing people come to Christ as a result of the Word of God, and witnessing the transformation that occurs. I am able to be present during some of the most meaningful times in their lives and those of their families. I love teaching and preaching the Word of God.

As a member of the staff of The American Baptist Churches of MA (TABCOM), I serve as a liaison to thirty-five churches with the Boston Baptist South-West Association (jurisdiction). I love being available to support the pastors and churches and keep them abreast of denominational, interfaith, and social happenings. I value mentoring incoming ministers that are in the ordination process for our denomination.

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What are the particular challenges of serving in your specific context?

Leading God's people is unlike any other task in the world. That's why it's important to depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance. Like anything in life, challenges occur, but I have had to realize that I cannot be everything to everybody. Finding time for self-care is crucial.

How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?

Being at Gordon-Conwell not only helped to shape me academically but also helped to mold my spiritual formation. It has given me greater missional responsibility and respect for social concerns. My Gordon-Conwell education woven together with other life events has brought me to a place of a continuous quest to learn more about God and a desire to be an imitator of Christ. It has allowed me to develop a greater purpose for my life with a broader perspective and empathy for other cultures.

What has been Gordon-Conwell's biggest influence on the work you do now or the way you do your work?

Over the years I've had a passion for teaching, and my Gordon-Conwell education supplied me with the necessary tools to hone my theological teaching and preaching skills. It has broadened my biblical knowledge and became the launching pad from which I instruct others. Because of my studies in spiritual formation, I have been able to research, write, and publish on the topic.

What piece of advice would you give to young alumni who are serving in pastoral ministry?

Understand your call. God does not call you to a certain task, but he calls you to himself. Be a life-long learner. Stand by God's Word. Don't be of support to everyone and neglect your family. The busyness of trying to be everything to all can diminish time for self. Self-care is crucial!

Do you have any publications or links to share?

[A Woman's Journey with God: Engaging in the Spiritual Disciplines](#) (Palmetto Publishing, 2023)

[Concord Baptist Church of Boston in Milton](#)