



FIRST LADY PHYLLIS D. GEARRING - ANDERSON

First Lady Phyllis D. Gearing-Anderson relocated on assignment with her husband Rev. Carey G Anderson from Wichita, Kansas 10 years ago to support him in ministry where he serves as senior pastor of the historic First AME Church, in Seattle Washington. They are the proud parents of three adult children and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson has a healthcare career span of greater than 35 years in which she has practiced as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) providing healthcare services across the lifespan (neonatology, pediatrics, adolescent health, family practice, urgent care, and geriatrics). She has developed and managed health clinics and medical centers in Chicago IL, Reno NV, and Seattle, WA.

In addition to earning National ARNP certification in Family Practice and Adult Health, Mrs. Anderson is a Community Clinical Specialist (CNS). In this role, she developed community health programs. She provided health services to residents of the Westside and Southside of Chicago and served as Director for Preventative Health Services for the Sedgwick County Health Department.

Mrs. Anderson has enjoyed teaching in post-secondary education institutions and held faculty positions at Chicago State University, the University of Nevada, and Triton Community College. While in Wichita, Mrs. Anderson developed and served as the Wichita State University hosted State Director for the US Department of Education Kansas Kids At GEAR UP (Gaining Early Access and Readiness to Undergraduate Programs); developing statewide educational enrichment programs with the goal of high school matriculation and preparation for post-secondary school entrance for limited income students and students in foster care.

Her Educational Accomplishments Include:

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Gonzaga University
Spokane, Washington

Masters of Business Administration

**The University of Washington Foster
School of Business**
Seattle, Washington

Master of Science Degree

St. Xavier University School of Nursing,
Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Science Degree

Purdue University School of Science,
Hammond, Indiana

**She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau
International Honor Society for Nurses and
the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.**