



Bernadine Johnson is an ordained deacon of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. Rev. Johnson is a native of New Orleans where she was raised in the Baptist tradition. As an adult, she found her home in The United Methodist Church where she heard the call to set apart ministry as a vocation. After completing theological studies in 1998, she was consecrated a Diaconal Minister by Bishop Dan Solomon. She was ordained a Deacon by Bishop William Hutchinson in 2001.

She is currently serving as Minister of Care and Service at Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. The Louisiana Methodist *Cursillo* movement and the Louisiana Conference Academy for Spiritual Leadership played important roles in Rev. Johnson's faith formation and preparation for ministry. She is certified as a Spiritual Director and Labyrinth facilitator by the Louisiana Conference. She has facilitated spiritual life retreats, church leadership training workshops, Bible studies, and mission studies for United Methodist Women.

Rev. Johnson is a delegate to the 2016 General Conference and the 2016 South Central Jurisdictional Conference. She has served as a delegate to the 2008 and 2012 General Conferences, and the 2004, 2008 and 2012 South Central Jurisdictional Conferences. She serves as vice-chair of the jurisdiction Committee on Appeals and chair of the Louisiana Conference Committee on Petitions. Rev. Johnson is the registrar for the Baton Rouge District Committee on Ministry, and also serves as a mentor for persons beginning the process toward licensed and ordained ministry. She previously served as chair of the Division of Deacons of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and chair of the Order of Deacons of the Louisiana Conference.

Rev. Johnson completed theological studies through Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She received the Juris Doctor degree at Whittier School of Law, and the Bachelor of Arts degree at California State University Los Angeles. She retired from the practice of law in 2012.