

Learn More About Catherine Meeks

For more than 30 years, Dr. Catherine Meeks has tirelessly advocated for racial healing and social justice, giving voice to those living on the margins of society while promoting a healthy racial dialogue worldwide.



Founding executive director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, Meeks has published six books, including *Standing on Their Shoulders: A Celebration of the Wisdom of African American Women* (Tubman African American Museum, 2006) and her recently edited book, *Living Into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America* (Morehouse Publishing, 2016), which focuses on racial healing and reconciliation. She is also a regular contributor to *Hospitality*, published monthly by the Open Door Community, and a frequent commentator on radio.

Meeks has received numerous awards and commendations for her commitment to social change, literacy and racial harmony. She has been honored to serve as a visiting distinguished scholar at Pepperdine University and as a visiting lecturer at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She frequently leads workshops and preaches throughout the Episcopal Church.

Currently, she resides as chair of the Beloved Community: Commission for Dismantling Racism for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Georgia.

Meeks retired from academia as the Clara Carter Acree Distinguished Professor of Socio-cultural Studies and Sociology from Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, and is now involved with prison reform. She is committed to the abolition of the death penalty. As part of this work, she has developed close relationships with those in prisons and faithfully visits a person who was formerly on death row.