



“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Anita Vernetta O'Brien is a fifth generation Washingtonian who was educated in the District of Columbia Public School System. At the age of five, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Israel Baptist Church. In 1975 she accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry and was licensed to preach on June 30, 1976 by the late Reverend Dr. Raymond R. Robinson with the approval of the church. On April 6, 1997, Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. ordained her. Among the “Daughters of Israel”, she was the first, in its long history, to be licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bishop O'Brien is a cum laude graduate of the Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Capitol Heights, MD with a degree in Biblical Studies. In May of 2007, Saint Thomas Christian College of Jacksonville, FL conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree for her ministerial accomplishments during what was recognized then as her 30 plus years of service.

As a charter member of the Prince George's County Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. Bishop O'Brien is Head of Ministry and she serves as a Co-Chair to the G.M.W.A.'S National Evangelistic Ministry overseeing Communion preparation and Programming at the organization's annual convention founded by the Reverend Dr. James Cleveland.

Anita O'Brien is the CEO and Executive Director of LightWork Ministries, Inc. a non-profit corporation for the advancement of the community of man and the community of faith. Under the ministries' umbrella is the Worship Center where she serves as Sr. Pastor and on June 25, 2010 she was consecrated to the Office of Bishop making her the Presiding Prelate of the LightWork Ministries, Inc. Fellowship of Churches and Pastors with a constituency of eight Churches, Ministries and Pastors nationwide.

In counting God's greatest blessings, Anita recognizes her children Kevin, Faith, Joshua, Joseph and James along with her most precious grandson Jermaine.