

Rev. C. Alicia Heath-Toby

Resides in Newark, NJ with her wife, Sandra, Ms. Honei and her baby, their dog, Bluesy.

In 1984, Rev. received her Bachelor of Arts from the College of the Holy Cross. After leaving college, she was given the opportunity to work with a team of black doctors and community activists on addressing the HIV and AIDS crisis for Black Americans; this organization became known as the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

In 1997, Rev. Alicia found Liberation In Truth Unity Fellowship Church (LITUFC) in Newark, NJ; a local church of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement (UFCM); an open and affirming community of faith whose curious and unapologetic stance that all expressions of sexuality are seen and loved by God. In 1999, two major life changes happened for her; she married Sandra and was ordained a Deacon of UFCM. As a result of being in the right place at the right time, she was asked to join Loving In Truth, an HIV Prevention program of Liberation In Truth Unity Fellowship Church where she worked as a community outreach worker and coordinator until 2003. Also in 2003, she became a member of the Board of Directors of the Liberation In Truth Social Justice Center.

By 2004 she was elevated and ordained as a Reverend and by 2005; she served in the capacity of Assistant Pastor. In that same year, Rev. Alicia accepted a position at the Gay Men's Health Crisis where she worked as the Program Coordinator of the Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP). In her tenure at the LAP, she had the fortune to co-write the project's first 'white' paper on lesbians and HIV, and in 2010, Rev. Alicia was honored by the Gay/Straight Alliance of New York State Justice System for her leadership and contribution in community.

In 2002, Rev. Alicia and Sandra accepted the invitation to join Lambda Legal along with six other New Jersey couples in the historic lawsuit, Lewis vs. Harris; a case seeking the right to marry for same-sex couples in the state of New Jersey. For the next 5 years, she and her wife were committed to raising awareness of the importance of 'marriage' for same-sex couples and all the rights that come with it. In 2009, Rev. Alicia and Sandra decided it was important to renew their vows again via the NJ Superior Court decision to grant same-sex couples Civil Union.

In 2014, Rev. Alicia was elected President of Newark's first and only LGBTQ Community Center. Her charge is to steer and support the Board of Directors in the vision and mission of creating and sustaining a better quality of life for the LGBTQ Community of Greater Newark. And her most recent accomplishment is she received her certification as a professional life coach and founded Into Me I See Life Relationship & Life Coaching Practice.