



Dr. Lorraine K. Harris
Candidate for Diocesan Board
Lay Order

Dr. Lorraine K. Harris is the older daughter of the late Mr. Willie H. Kimbrough and Mrs. Odessa Florida Kimbrough. Her family moved to Orlando from Shellman, Georgia when she was six years of age. She is the wife of Willie B.

Harris and the mother of Vincent B. Stretcher (Judy). Dr. Harris is an honor graduate of Jones High School. She received a BS degree in Elementary Education and an M Ed degree from Florida A & M University and she earned a degree of D Ed from the University of Florida. A retired Orange County Public Schools Administrator, she served the children of Orange County for 36 years. She has traveled extensively, volunteering for a two-week stay in South Africa providing workshops for teachers and principals in the elementary schools and she also worked in the U.S. Army Dependent School in Germany.

Dr. Harris has been an actively participating member of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Orlando for more than fifty years. At St. John's she served on the Vestry as secretary for 27 consecutive years and also as Senior Warden. She has served as Sunday school teacher/superintendent, Episcopal Church Women President, Chair of the Search Committee for rector, chair of the funding of the present sanctuary, a member of the Daughters of the King and a Lector.

In the community, Dr. Harris is a life member and "Golden Girl" in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She assisted in establishing an undergraduate chapter at the University of Central Florida and hosted the 2002 National Convention in Orlando. She has chaired many Alpha Kappa Alpha projects including bringing the voter registration books to the community so that citizens whose work schedules prevented their registration would have an opportunity to register to vote. As program chairman for the Orlando Chapter of Chums, Inc. whose theme is "Listen to the Children", Dr. Harris has worked to provide Reading Festivals and book Giveaways for children. She has also provided Bridge Camps for children, teaching them the game of bridge for enhancing their reasoning and analytical skills.

She loves the Lord and she loves the Episcopal Church. Her service since Confirmation has never waned. On the diocesan level, she presently serves on the Commission on Ministry and her desire is to expand her service by being elected a member of the Diocesan Board.