

## **DR. JANNAH SCOTT - BIO**

*(Isaiah 9: 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21)*

Minister of the Gospel, Strategist, Planner, Advisor, Author, Public Policy Expert—Dr. Jannah Scott has served in many capacities with faith, government, business and the nonprofit community.

In 1996, Jannah and her family were baptized as believers in Jesus Christ at First Institutional Baptist Church (FIBC) of Phoenix, Arizona. She served faithfully under the leadership of Dr. Warren H. Stewart in evangelism and intercessory prayer, and was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1998. In 2003, Jannah received ordination as a Marketplace Minister through the JGM *Enternational* Prayer Life Institute and confirmed via FIBC. God's assignment on Jannah's life has included ministry to and with people at all levels of society--from homeless, substance abused, abandoned, neglected to high-ranking elected and appointed government officials—both in the US and abroad. She is a woman who deeply believes in Jesus, the operations of the Holy Spirit, five-fold ministry offices and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jannah is a preacher, a spiritual ambassador and a teacher of the Gospel of Jesus. Her most recent publication is entitled: "Standing on the Wall – Prayers to Preserve the Integrity of a Nation" (Fiesta publishing, 2020), a prayer book for statesmen and women.

Jannah's ministry assignments have included:

- 1996-2003 FIBC Intercessory Prayer, Worship and African American Christian Training School
- 1998 – Present Co-Laborer, JGM *Enternational* Prayer Life Institute
- 1998 – 2002 Assigned with United Methodist Outreach Ministries on-campus chaplain services
- 1998-2003 FIBC Community Outreach Ministry at Central Arizona Shelter Services
- 2001-2002 Chaplain, Phoenix Mercury Women's Basketball
- 2003 Church Planting Team for New Generation Christian Fellowship Church
- 2003-2005 *PrayerQuake* Statewide Prayer Conferences
- 2004- Present Associate, International Foundation (host to the annual National Prayer Breakfast)
- 2005-2007 Led the "Ministry of Presence" effort out of the Arizona Governor's Office in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes (Katrina, Rita and Wilma)
- 2008-2016 Interfaith dialogue engagements and efforts on behalf of the Obama Administration
- 2016-2017 Advisor to church uniting team for Greater Impact Church

- 2018-Present: Clergy lead: African American Christian Clergy Coalition Criminal Justice Project
- Current: Preaching, teaching and intercessory prayer teams with JGM International Prayerlife Institute, Greater Impact Church and the Global Prayer Network

In March of 2009, Jannah joined President Obama's administration as Deputy Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In that role, Jannah guided the engagement of faith-based and community groups on issues of emergency preparedness and response; countering violent extremism; religious accommodations in homeland security; building resilience with diverse communities; and other issues within Homeland Security. Jannah also helped groups get connected with President Obama's White House Office for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the 13 other federal centers for faith-based and community initiatives.

From 2005 to 2009 she served as the Policy Advisor on Faith and Community Initiatives to former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. In that role, Jannah represented the Governor with community investment coalitions, faith leaders, cities and counties to establish local initiatives aimed at serving the poorest and most vulnerable citizens of the state. During her tenure with the Governor's Office, Jannah was privileged to be an Arizona delegate on several faith and civil society exchange journeys with Arizona government and business leaders, traveling to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Turkey. She also hosted, with the Bush White House, the first-ever jointly –sponsored faith-based and community convening, bringing together over 2,000 faith and community leaders, elected officials and philanthropy organizations to seek solutions to common problems.

Jannah earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of California at Berkeley in Conservation of Natural Resources (B.S.) and Public Health Planning and Policy (M.P.H.). She received an honorary Doctorate of Theology from the Gateway International Bible College in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jannah is the mother of five young men and women of God, and grandmother to 6 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. Her passion is to see people everywhere achieve their God-given potential, living in an atmosphere where love, dignity, righteousness and justice prevail.

## **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:**

2016:

- **Leading with Love, True Public Servant Award**, Korean Churches for Community Development
- Township of Lakewood, New Jersey **Certificate of Recognition**, Mayor, Township Committee and Police Chief Building Resilience with Lakewood, New Jersey faith community
- **Distinguished Leadership—Public Service Award**, Caribbean African American Faith-based Leadership Conference
- **American Red Cross Ambassador Award** for outreach to churches and other houses of worship

2015: Inductee, **International Women in Emergency Management Award**

2014: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, for **Pledge to Prepare** Efforts

2013: City of Los Angeles, **Certificate of Recognition**, Mayor and City Council for Community

Engagement Efforts in Emergency Management and Public Safety

2012: **Brooklyn Salutes** Award for Community Engagement Efforts

2009: Ordained as an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ by JGM International Prayer Life Institute

2009: Recognized by the African American Christian Clergy Coalition of Arizona for service

2008: Awarded **Lifetime Membership** from Maricopa County Chapter, NAACP for community service

2008: **Most Influential Leaders in Arizona** Award, African American Strategic Leadership

2004 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development **Award for Increasing the Involvement** of Faith-Based and Community Groups in HUD activities

2003 **Tribute to Women** Award, Maricopa County YWCA

2003 **Women Helping Women** Award, Soroptimists of Phoenix