

Starting (RE) Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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Speaker's Bios

Rev. Trevor A. Hyde, Jr. is the Pastor of the historic Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY, where Dr. Arlee Griffin, Jr. is the Senior Pastor. Rev. Hyde is a strategic administrator, a gifted teacher, an incisive preacher, and an effective business manager. As the senior administrator for Berean Baptist Church, Rev. Hyde's role is to strategically plan and execute a path to successful ministry in the 21st Century. He oversees the church operations, including supervision of staff, management of all ministry servant leaders, planning all special worship services and programs, oversight of the church's operational budget, management of IT services, and community engagement. Under his leadership, since 2015, when Rev. Hyde accepted the call to full-time Ministry, Berean has embraced creative ministerial initiatives that have led to congregational growth. Rev. Hyde has a heart for community economic development. This is an outgrowth of the 15 years he worked in banking. Prior to the transition to full-time ministry, Rev. Hyde worked in multiple roles at First Republic Bank such as Senior Operation Analyst and Assistant Manager. It was there he realized the need to bring quality financial literacy programs back to his community. He also worked as the Operations Supervisor for Washington Mutual Bank. In 2016 Rev. Hyde initiated a partnership with the neighborhood elementary school to teach children the basics of financial literacy. In 2017, Pastor Hyde launched "Financial Grub and Grow" a quarterly financial literacy initiative for church members teaching them principles of budgeting, investing, saving, and estate planning. This year Pastor Hyde launched the dfree initiative as part of the Christian education course, Faith and Finance.

Committed to community development, Pastor Hyde serves on the board of directors of the Berean Housing Development Fund Corporation (Vice Chair), the Berean Community & Family Life Center and Young Harlem, Inc. (a youth development organization). Pastor Hyde was recently appointed to the advisory board of Gold Coast Bank. Additionally, Rev. Hyde serves as a program consultant to Life Support Inc., a therapeutic initiative geared toward the reduction of gun violence in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, NY.

Rev. Hyde received his B.A. in Business Administration from Metropolitan College of New York and his Masters of Divinity from New York Theological Seminary.

Rev. Hyde is married to Aleshia Hyde and has three beautiful children: Mykah, Amaya, and Samara.

Bonnie Lin

Bonnie Lin is a Ph.D. Candidate in Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she has developed and taught a course on educational strategy in conflictual contexts, co-led the Asian American Theology and Ministry Colloquium, and directed research and designed learning tools for ministry innovation and racial justice. Her work brings together biblical hospitality, culturally responsive pedagogies, and restorative practices. Bonnie has two decades of ministry experience, teaching and counseling youth and young adults at three Chinese-American immigrant churches in New Jersey. Currently, she teaches the Young Adult Sunday School and co-leads the Young Adult Ministry at Monmouth Community Christian Church, where her husband serves as English Pastor.