

### **Father David J. Cavanagh**

Father David J. Cavanagh grew up in Cranston RI, graduated from Cranston High East, then took a post graduate year at Phillips Academy Andover. As a member of the Harvard Class of 1972 and an Eliot House resident, he was a Government concentrator and played varsity hockey.

He received a law degree from Boston College Law School (JD '76) and practiced law in Boston, specializing in litigation, from 1976 to 1978. He then studied for the priesthood and pursued a doctorate in Canon Law (JCD '86) from the University of Navarre in Spain.

Father David was ordained a priest for Opus Dei in 1985 and has since held pastoral assignments within Opus Dei. He served as a chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital from 1989 to 1997 and is currently chaplain at a student center in Cambridge run by Opus Dei.

### **Rev. Dr. Janet Edwards**

This year marks 45 years ordained as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with two clear callings. First: to preach, which lasted until being wife of a physician on call and mother to two children took priority. Second: to pray, which, strangely, shot me into justice action, particularly advocacy for LGBTQ people in the church and the world. I'm a granny now, too, as I continue to be a pray-er.

### **Imam Plemon T. El-Amin**

Plemon T. El-Amin is the Imam Emeritus of the *Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam*, one of the largest and most progressive Mosques in the U.S. He is the former Director of the Clara Mohammed Elementary School and W. Deen Mohammed School of Atlanta. Working as a close aide and supporter of Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, Imam El-Amin has traveled the nation and the world, representing the concerns and interests of Muslim Americans and Interfaith adherents in such places as Palestine, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Denmark, England, Spain, Egypt, Turkey, Malaysia and South Africa.

Imam Plemon El-Amin serves on various religious and civic councils, including the Boards of the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta, the Atlanta Majlis Ash Shura, the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, the World Pilgrims, and the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority.

As part of the World Pilgrims, he has led 10 Pilgrimages with over 300 Muslims, Christians and Jews through the religious and cultural landscapes of Turkey, Morocco and Spain, Jerusalem and Palestine, a Istanbul, Athens and the Greek Isles, and Jordan --to deepen their intimate personal friendships and working relationships with one another.

He performed the greater Pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca in 1978 and in 2006, and has enjoyed 5 minor pilgrimages (Umra).

Imam Plemon is a native Atlantan, with a degree from Harvard University, and is married to Cassandra Scott El-Amin.

### **Rabbi David Teutsch, PhD.**

Rabbi David Teutsch is the Louis & Myra Wiener Professor Emeritus at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where he previously served as President for a decade and as Director of the Center for Jewish Ethics.

His recent work, *A Guide to Jewish Practice: Everyday Living* won the Kraft Prize, the National Jewish Book Award for Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice. The second and third volumes, *A Guide to Jewish Practice: Shabbat and Holidays* and *A Guide to Jewish Practice: The Life Cycle*, were published in 2014. Rabbi Teutsch was Editor-in-Chief for the groundbreaking seven-volume *Kol Haneshamah* Reconstructionist prayer book series. His textbook *Making a Difference: Jewish Leadership and Not-for-Profit Management*, came out in 2009. He is also the author of *Spiritual Community: The Power to Restore Hope, Commitment and Joy* and dozens of other books and articles.

Rabbi Teutsch is a past president of the Society of Jewish Ethics and of the Academic Coalition for Jewish Bioethics. A past member of the Conference of Presidents, he has served on the boards of over a dozen other organizations, including schools, synagogues, and magazines.

A renowned lecturer, consultant, and trainer, he has previously served as Executive Director of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, as Program Director of CLAL, and as a congregational rabbi. Ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, he earned his Ph.D. at the Wharton School, where his dissertation dealt with organizational ethics. He has received honorary degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

### **The Reverend Dennis W. Wiley, Ph.D.**

Pastor Emeritus of the trailblazing Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ in Washington, DC. A black liberation theologian, prominent civic activist, and gifted musician, he has rendered theological lectures and presentations throughout the nation, and has been published in several major religious books, magazines, and periodicals. As a practical theologian devoted to bridging the gap between church, academy, and community, he is in the vanguard of African American clergy committed to both the

*particularity* of black liberation and the *universality* of radical inclusion. His progressive ministry is a model for the effective integration of theory and praxis.