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BIO - SKETCH

Rev. Desiré P. Grogan is a vibrant member of the ordained clergy at the historic Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Rev. Grogan has been a member of Shiloh all of her life and, in 1992, became the first woman to be ordained by the Shiloh congregation since the Church's inception in 1863. Rev. Grogan ministers as an anointed teacher and preacher of The Word of God and exercises these gifts both within the Shiloh congregation as well as in response to the call to minister in Churches across denominational lines.

Rev. Grogan is a native Washingtonian who received her formal education from the D.C. Public Schools. She matriculated to the Boston University School of Fine Arts, on full scholarship, where she received the Bachelor of Music degree in 1974. She then matriculated to the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Science, where she, again on full scholarship, received the Master of Library Science degree in 1975.

Upon accepting God's Call, in May, 1988, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Rev. Grogan matriculated to and graduated from the Howard University School of Divinity, having earned the Master of Divinity degree ('89-'92). Her seminary education included several awards of distinction: The Ford Foundation Field-Based Fellowship ('90-'91); The Nannie Helen Burroughs Scholar Award ('91-'92); The William O. Carrington Preacher of the Year Award ('91-'92); and The National Dean's List, 15th Edition ('91-'92). Rev. Grogan was also the first seminary student to receive The Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Fellow from Howard's School of Communications, under whose auspices she served as a professional intern at the Library of Congress (Summer '91). Following her seminary education, Rev. Grogan was further distinguished within the Shiloh congregation with the presentation of The Woman of The Year Award in 1993.

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Rev. Grogan has been employed with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA), the Montgomery County (MD) Public Library, and the District of Columbia Public Library during a 30-year career, which has included higher levels of administrative responsibility and many Excellent and Outstanding Performance Awards. Rev. Grogan has also served as a Trainer in digital technologies with an international printing company, and is currently applying her library science, publishing, and digital experiences as the Customer Training Coordinator of Digital Technologies with the D.C. Public Library system.

Rev. Grogan has also been blessed to be the fourth Editor of The WORKER Missionary and Educational Quarterly, which received an Award of Excellence from the Printing Industries of Virginia (PIVA) during the first six months of her tenure as Editor ('92-'95). Rev. Grogan has also served as a staff writer for The Union Gospel Press Division of The Incorporated Trustees of The Gospel Worker Society Sunday School Literature, based in Cleveland, Ohio.

In addition to serving as an Associate Minister within the Shiloh congregation, Rev. Grogan is also the Founder of Revelation Ministries, so-named for her passionate and in-depth teaching on the Book of the Revelation. To further her scholarship and her ministry in this area, Rev. Grogan completed a pre-doctoral Master's degree in Semitics with the Dept. of Semitics and Egyptian Languages in the School of Arts and Sciences at the Catholic University of America in May 2005. She is actively formulating her doctoral program in the area of a Biblical exegetical approach to the study of the Book of the Revelation that is accessible, not just to the scholar, but also to the believer in the pew.

In summary, Rev. Grogan loves The Lord, is committed to the teaching and preaching of God's Word, and is zealous in her efforts to prepare the people of God for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!!!

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