



Rev. Kevin A. Johnson

Senior Pastor

Bloom in the Dessert Ministries

Biographical Sketch:

The Reverend Kevin A. Johnson is pastor and co-founder of Bloom in the Desert Ministries UCC and Reconciling Methodist congregation in Palm Springs California; gathered in September of 2002. He graduated magna cum laude from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in December 1975 with a speech education degree. He attended seminary at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, (president of the student body his senior year) and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in June 1978. He was ordained Elder in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1979. He was granted dual standing in the Eastern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ in 2008. Rev. Kev is active in the community as part of Mid-Valley Interfaith Council and the Coachella Valley Marriage Equality Committee. He was awarded a 2007 Peace Day Award by the local chapter of Veterans for Peace for his leadership in planting the Palm Springs Peace Pole on the downtown Village Green. He is a founding member of the national Church Within A Church Movement in the United Methodist Church, whose mission states: "To BE church in a fully inclusive way." The church Web site is www.bloominthedesert.org. His email address is revkev@bloominthedesert.org.