

Rev. Fred S. Britton, a lifelong United Methodist, was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church when he answered the call to ministry. His hometown is Waynesboro, Mississippi. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi (B.S. in Business Administration) and Asbury Theological Seminary (M. Div.). He was ordained Deacon in 1981 and Elder in 1985. Prior to his appointment as the Tupelo District Superintendent, Fred served as the Senior Pastor of Tupelo First UMC from 2015 to 2019. He has also served the following appointments in the Mississippi Annual Conference: Philadelphia FUMC, 2005-2015; Moss Point: Dantzler Memorial UMC, 2000-2005; Epworth UMC, 1997-2000; Raymond UMC/Learned UMC/Hinds Community College Wesley Foundation Director, 1993-1997; Raleigh UMC, 1990-1993; Franklin UMC, 1989-1990; West Lake UMC, 1985-1989; and Glendale/Gillis Chapel UMC, 1983-1985.

Fred has served on numerous conference and district boards, councils, and committees. Prior to serving on the Council on Finance and Administration for seven years, he served eight years on the Board of Ordained Ministry. During his ten years serving on the Meridian DCOM, he was the chairperson for six years. He has also served on the Tupelo DCOM, Seashore DCOM and West Jackson DCOM. Other areas of service include Camp Wesley Pines Trustees, CWP Chairperson for four years, USM Wesley Foundation Board of Directors, USM Building Committee, USM Wesley Foundation Finance Committee Chairperson, Choctaw United Methodist Mission, Seashore Assembly Board of Trustees, RIM Mentor, Candidacy for Ordained Ministry Mentor, and Clergy Mentor.

Rev. Britton is the first elected clergy delegate to the 2020 General Conference. He represented the Mississippi Conference at the 2019 special called General Conference, 2016 General Conference, and 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. During the 2016 SEJ Conference, he served on the nominations committee. Also, he served as a reserve clergy delegate to the 2008 SEJ Conference.

Fred and Angela have been married for 34 years. Angela, formally of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, works as a nurse practitioner. They have a daughter, Rachel who is an elementary school teacher.