

## **Minister Melba Yvette Jones**

Melba Yvette Jones was born to Edith S. and Waverly T. Jones on March 24, 1977 in Richmond, VA. She is the third child of four. Melba attended Henrico County public schools and graduated from Virginia Randolph Community High School in June of 1995. Once she decided to accept the call that God has on her life, she enrolled in the Evans-Smith Leadership Institute at Virginia Union University; she graduated from Evans-Smith in May of 2012, with a certificate in religious studies and Christian education. In May of 2015 she graduated with her Masters of divinity from Samuel Dewitt Proctor of School Theology at Virginia Union University. She is currently working on her Masters of Christian Education at Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University with a graduation date of May 7, 2016.

Melba was raised in a Christian home and was baptized at the age of seventeen at Mosby Memorial Baptist Church by Rev. Barry T. Young. She became active in church by assisting the primary class in Sunday school. In August of 2014, Melba Y. Jones was licensed to preach the gospel under Rev. Dr. James E. Leary. Minister Jones currently serves as the co-chair of the youth ministry and is a part of the steering committee for the women's ministry.

Minister Jones believes that everybody should be true to the dreams that God has placed in their hearts and don't settle for anything less, which inspires her favorite scripture; 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, of love, and a sound mind."

Last but not least she is the proud parent of a brave, unique, and energetic daughter India Jones.