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In her professional endeavors she has acquired more than (20) years of management and supervisory experience which includes an extensive clinical & mental health background. She was a Certified State Investigator for more than (7) years with working knowledge in risk management of the behavioral health system.

Prior to establishing her career path her experience of (15) years as a Church Secretary lead her to seek the Lord. She received Christ as her personal Savior in 1990 and re-committed her life to Christ in 2009. In her spiritual journey she served as Co-Chair of the Church Secretaries Fellowship for (10) years; additionally, she served as a teacher in Children's Church, and played multiple roles in Vacation Bible School, and various other ministries.

Currently she serves in leadership over the New Discipleship Ministry and is actively serving in the NAACP Community Forgiveness & Restoration Prison Ministry. Active in her Southwest Philadelphia community, Linda gives back through volunteer efforts with 60 WMBA (60<sup>th</sup> Street West Market Business Association), Girls Track, Inc., Loving Care Academy, & the 1300 Block of Ruby Street Association. She has been a member of Community Forgiveness & Restoration for over two years working closely with families of the SCI Graterford returning citizens, providing encouragement and support in assisting with their needs..

Her passion is to impact the lives of others by doing God's will.