

REVEREND MARCIA L DINKINS



Rev. Marcia Dinkins is the new Executive Director for Ohio IPL. Rev. Dinkins brings with her organizing experience on the national, state and local levels. She has a background in organizing on issues related to domestic violence, health and safety, education, jobs and crime. She holds three degrees: Associate of Arts (Oakland Community College); Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary and Women and Gender Studies (University of Toledo) and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice & Policy (Youngstown State University). She has taught social justice workshops at Case Western University, Bowling Green State University and at the American Baptist Churches Leadership Academy. She has a certificate in Forgiveness Therapy, Cultural Competency and Executive Management Leadership, and is a certified Restorative Justice Trainer. Rev. Dinkins was ordained in 2003.

In January of 2017, Marcia organized leaders to build a campaign to protect and defend Medicaid and Social Safety Nets to ensure families have a quality of life in both urban and rural communities. She has mobilized leaders and trained clergy on the criticality of protecting Medicaid and social safety nets.

As the Executive Director of the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, Marcia organized the *Free Bresha* and *Standing with Bresha Campaign* which has become a national movement to rehabilitate and not incarcerate victims of domestic abuse.

While living in Michigan, Marcia owned and operated a medical clinic and substance abuse facility where she was licensed to provide prevention, intervention, screening, assessment, referrals and follow-up.

Marcia has been recognized by Sojourners as one of the **10 Women of Faith Leading the Change Ahead**. She has served on the Foster Care Review Board, the Toledo Public School Disciplinary Board and two terms on the Strong Families/Safe Children Board. She is currently the Board President for Ohio Can Change Addiction Now and serves on the Standing Courageous (for survivors of domestic violence) Board.

Rev. Dinkins is committed to utilizing her God-given gifts to be an instrument of change in the lives of others. She is dedicated to the call upon her life to be a catalyst for transformation and healing justice. Marcia is the mother of 6 children and currently resides in Toledo.