

## 2023 Convention Award Winner

*Rev. Dr. Ruth Mosley Award*



### **Rev. Prentiss John Davis**

Rev. Prentiss John Davis was born August 5, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan, the only son and oldest of two children. He was educated in the Detroit public schools and graduated from Detroit Northern High School in 1964. After high school, he earned an associate degree in Mental Health and Substance Abuse from Wayne County Community College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1968.

Prentiss earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin in 1999. While living in Wisconsin, he heard the call to ministry and began attending classes through Unity Urban Ministerial School from 1999 to 2002. From 2003 to 2004, Prentiss attended the Unity Institute and Seminary in Unity Village, Missouri. He was ordained by Unity Worldwide Ministries in 2004. Prentiss served as Assistant Minister at Detroit Unity Temple under the careful guidance of Rev. Argentina Glasgow, and later as Senior Minister at Unity Temple of Truth in St. Petersburg, Florida, and Unity of Ocala, Florida until his retirement in .... Since 2021, Prentiss has served as President of the Independent Alliance of Ministers in Unity (IAMU).

Prentiss has had many personal and professional successes. He trained and counseled upper management with Chrysler Corporation and taught low-income individuals to be self-sufficient through his work with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He served as a counselor for at-risk youth in Detroit and Milwaukee and was a unit supervisor with the Wisconsin Correctional Service. Among his many awards and accolades, Prentiss received a Certificate of Appreciation for Mentoring and Community Service from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Education, and a Certificate of Achievement for Honors in African American Student Academic Service from the same university.

Since retirement, Prentiss makes time to share his positive and enthusiastic messages as a guest speaker at Unity churches. He is a member of the *Love Pack*—a spiritual book club that makes annual donations to support Gilda's Club, Noah's Project Haven, and other charitable organizations. Prentiss is a proud husband and father. He and his wife Veronica, have a son and daughter, and five grandchildren.