

The Reverend Samuel Phillips, III

The Reverend Samuel Phillips, III is the Senior Associate Pastor at The Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York. He is chiefly responsible for pastoral and congregation care, as well as the supervision of other staff pastors in the care of the congregation. Reverend Phillips has a heart for God's people and leads the congregation's community healing initiatives. Under his leadership, Concord has become more actively involved in creating HIV AIDS Awareness and Education programs, and partnering with other community groups to raise awareness and provide community-based confidential testing. He also provides leadership for the congregation's ministries focused on promoting healthy living and wellness. Reverend Phillips has a special interest in counseling and is Concord's lead pastor for pre-marital counseling and the counseling of parents interested in dedicating their children.

Reverend Phillips facilitates the Senior Adult Bible Study, the GriefShare workshop series, and has launched a new weekly Bible Study for Young Adults.

In addition, Reverend Phillips is also the pastoral supervisor for the Transition into Ministry Program, a program funded jointly by Concord's congregation and the Lilly Endowment. The Transition into Ministry program is designed to help recent seminary graduates cultivate and nurture pastoral vocation, and to transition into full-time congregationally-based ministries.

Prior to joining the pastoral team of Concord Church, Reverend Phillips was active in various teaching ministries as an Associate Minister at the Brown Memorial Baptist Church in Brooklyn. In addition to the weekly Bible Study, he taught the New Members Class and the Men's Bible Study. Reverend Phillips also played a leading role in the founding of Ministry in Action, an outreach program to draw inner-city youth to the church through sports. There, he served as a basketball coach, mentor and spiritual director for the 8-12 year old Boys Division.

Reverend Phillips holds a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Master of Divinity Degree from the Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey. Upon graduating from Drew, Reverend Phillips was selected as the 2003 Commencement speaker for the seminary and was the winner of Drew Theological School's *Dorr Diefendorf Award for Excellence in Homiletics*.

Reverend Phillips is married to Claire Hoyte Phillips and they reside in the great Borough of Brooklyn.