

# *Novella D. Smith*

**Youth Pastor**

**Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church**

A beloved daughter of Metropolitan Church, Pastor Novella Denise Smith is a native of Maryland, who was raised by a Jamaican mother and, thus, enjoys the best of both cultures. As a graduate of Washington Adventist University, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration and a Master of Arts degree in Religion with a concentration in Ethical Leadership.

Pastor Smith has a passion for youth and teenagers and wants to see them have “Sticky Faith”. That translates to faith that will remain with them throughout their lifetimes despite pitfalls. With dedication, Smith has effectively served the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church in the capacities of Elder since the age of 19, Youth Director, Teen Ministry (Teens4G) Director, Pathfinder Drum Director, and Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training Director. Upon the vote of the Allegheny East Conference Executive Committee, as of July 1, 2016, Novella D. Smith joined the pastoral staff of the Metropolitan Church as its Youth Pastor.

In an everyday, relatable context, Pastor Smith has demonstrated a love for speaking and presenting Biblical truths. As a result, God has used her to lead seminars; spearhead programs; and preach to youth, women, and varied congregations, both domestically and internationally. Additionally, Pastor Smith is the author of a blog titled; *Low Cut Gospel*, a blog wherein she relates modern experiences to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, emphasizing that Christ can be found in contemporary, everyday things and places.

Personal enjoyments include writing poetry, outdoor activities and showering her niece and nephew with love. It is her motto and her aim to approach pastoral ministry and true Biblical, Christian ethics with one main goal -- to ignore the factors of negativity and to focus on 1 Corinthians 2:2 by “preaching Christ and His crucifixion.”