

Rev. Carolyn Elizabeth Irvin Brailsford is the Episcopal Supervisor of the Tenth (Totally Texas!) Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an ordained Itinerant Elder. A native of Valdosta, GA (she was the first Miss Black Valdosta), Supervisor Brailsford received her vocal training at Spelman College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude; and Indiana University at Bloomington with a Master of Music Degree, With Distinction. She undertook further studies in Ethnomusicology while at IU.

Prior to serving in the Tenth Episcopal District, she served in the Triumphant Twentieth Episcopal District and launched The WMS Education Project with Sarah's Scholars, a collaboration with the Sixth Episcopal District North Atlanta Conference WMS. This education initiative in Malawi and Zimbabwe provided tuition for over 100 students in primary, secondary, and professional schools. Additionally, she and Bishop Brailsford raised funds for school supplies for over 20,000 students in the 35 AME Church schools. She involved the missionaries in three Medical Health Initiatives that were brought to the District, which served over 11,000 people with dental, eye, dermatology and general health exams and services. She and Bishop provided funds and food for disaster relief for over 2,500 families. In addition, the United Methodist Church and Africa University partnership was started in August, 2020, and provides \$700,000 of four year full scholarships for 32 students.

Supervisor Brailsford also served in the Noble Nineteenth Episcopal District in South Africa where she provided outstanding leadership for their exceptional WMS and YPD (who often ministered in song with her); the Women In Ministry and MSWAWO, for which she and Bishop Brailsford inspired and organized the powerful Family Enrichment Seminar series for both clergy and lay families. Supervisor Brailsford was the creative force and organizer for "A Taste of Africa", the night of entertainment for the Global Development Council 2024 in Johannesburg, South Africa, where leaders of the global AME church were treated to African cuisine, African fashions, choral music, dance, and a Spiritual Experience not to be forgotten!

An accomplished musician, Supervisor Brailsford has served on the faculties of Spelman College (14 years), and Allen University as Vocal Instructor, Choir Directress, and Instructor of African American Music, a class which she initiated at both institutions. She also served as Minister of Music & Worship Arts and Choir Directress at Bethel AME Church (Columbia, SC), from which Bishop Brailsford was elected. She was Founder of the highly recognized CaBrailSong

School of Vocal Arts, a life-changing ministry of spiritual enrichment, vocal training, and choral experiences for hundreds of youths and young adults for over 24 years.

A Spirit-filled Worship Leader and Recording Artist, Supervisor Brailsford has performed extensively in the United States, and internationally in the Caribbeans and on the continent of Africa. She has shared the stage with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Leontyne Price, David and Tamala Mann, CeCe Winans, Kirk Franklin, Shirley Caesar, Dorothy Norwood, Norman Hutchins, and many others.

When not traveling, Supervisor Brailsford enjoys spending time with her husband of 41 years, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr.; their three children, Veronica-Carol, Ronnie Jr., and David; and their seven grandchildren, Harper, Kyndal, Gracen, Dawson, Roman, Brendan, and Kai David. TO GOD BE THE GLORY; GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!