

Rev. Dr. Andrew Wilkes

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Wilkes, PhD, is an ordained minister whose calling is rooted in the joy-bringing, justice-rooted ministry of Jesus Christ. A native of Atlanta, GA, Rev. Dr. Wilkes received his call to a preaching ministry at the age of 15 while serving in the auxiliary ministries of Zion Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Wilkes was licensed to preach the Gospel as a student at Hampton University, where, as a pre-college student, he co-organized a campus wide Bible Study to provide an interactive format for discussing Scripture and everyday life. At the age of 26, Rev. Dr. Wilkes was ordained to Christian ministry in the National Baptist Convention at Zion Hill Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Aaron Parker. Rev. Dr. Wilkes is a proud graduate of Hampton University, Princeton Theological Seminary, where he received the Elder Garnett Hawkins award for Academic Excellence and The City University of New York Graduate Center where he received his PhD in political science.

Rev. Dr. Wilkes is the co-lead pastor of The Double Love Experience Church in Brooklyn, New York. Prior to Double Love, he served on the pastoral staff of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York, under the leadership of Revs. Dr. Floyd and Elaine Flake. In that capacity, he founded and led the Micah 6:8 social justice and advocacy ministry and was appointed co-pastor to Young Adults. In 2022, Rev. Dr. Wilkes was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. His work and voice have appeared in the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, *Sojourners*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *CBS News* and in Dr. Henry Louis Gates' 4-part PBS documentary, *The Gospel*.

Rev. Dr. Wilkes served as the Executive Director of the Drum Major Institute, founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Board of the Institute for Christian Socialism. He is the author of *Freedom Notes: Reflections on Faith, Justice, and the Possibility of Democracy*; co-author of *Psalms for Black Lives*; and the author of *Plenty Good Room: Co-creating an Economy of Enough for All*. He is the proud husband of Rev. Dr. Gabby Cudjoe-Wilkes.

