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Introducing Rev. Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis, a certified FaithTrust Institute Presenter.

Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis is a United Church of Christ pastor and is the co-founder and Senior Pastor of God Can Ministries in Ford Heights, Illinois. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Dr. Sharon L. Ellis Education and Family Life Institute which is the 501 c 3 outreach ministry of the church. The ministry focus of God Can and its educational outreach seeks to bring about hope and healing in this “at-risk” and “underserved” community.

Dr. Davis recently retired from her full time position as a Chicago Police Officer of over 31 years. In this capacity she worked in patrol and as a Criminalist in the Crime Laboratory. At the time of her retirement she was assigned as one of the Department’s full time Police Chaplains ministering to police officers and members of their families during times of crisis especially when officers have been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. Since her retirement from the Department she continues to offer her services as Chaplain on a volunteer basis. Sharon is a retired Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Dr. Davis serves as An Adjunct Professor and the Interim Director of the Center for African American Ministries and Black Church Studies at McCormick Theological Seminary. There she teaches Sexual and Domestic Violence; Pastoral Care in Times of Crisis; and Pastoral Care in African American communities among other subjects. Dr. Davis also serves as a Faculty Mentor at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio for a Doctor of Ministry Focus Group she organized titled, “Peacemakers: Addressing issues of Violence (gang, sexual, domestic, etc) and Conflict Resolution within Church and Community. To this date she has led five cohorts through this program who have all graduated with Doctor of Ministry degrees in this field of study.

Educationally, Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis has an earned Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Master's of Divinity Degree, a Doctor of Ministry Degree (in Pastoral Care), and a Ph.D. in Theology, Ethics, and the Human Science (Sociology). Her dissertation was titled, "Hear Our Cries: Breaking the Gender Entrapment of African American Battered Women". Sharon is a published author and scholar in the field of theology and ethics.

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