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Janet Davenport is a minister on staff at Redeemer's African Methodist Episcopal Church in Plainville, Conn., where she also serves as the Director for Spiritual Formation. A professionally certified leadership development and life coach, she is an award-winning communication and marketing strategist with a trailblazing background in journalism. Prior to founding Davenport Coaching Solutions in 2014, she was Vice President for Communications at Universal Health Care Foundation, where she spearheaded award-winning marketing strategies for the statewide public policy campaign that led to the passage of historic healthcare reform laws in Connecticut.

In 2016, she was recruited by the president of Becker College in Worcester, Mass. to serve as the Chief Marketing Officer and lead the college in branding and launching its innovative, new curriculum, the *Agile Mindset*. She was the Director of Communications at the Greater New Britain Community Foundation. Previously, an editorial writer and member of the Hartford Courant editorial board, her contributions to journalism garnered awards and recognition including for her groundbreaking commentary series on slavery in Connecticut. She was the first African American and the only Black woman in the nineties to serve as an editorial page editor at the Springfield Newspapers in Massachusetts. A 2018-2019 Yale Clergy Scholar and certificate graduate of Hartford Seminary, she is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

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