

The Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge

The Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge was born in Savannah, Georgia, and reared by two loving parents, Deziree and Bennett Hodge, Jr. in Hardeeville, South Carolina. While growing up in Hardeeville, Reverend Hodge attended the public schools from which he graduated.

He then went on to serve a four-year stint in the United States Navy. After serving his four-year tour in the Navy, Reverend Hodge enrolled at Chowan (University) of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, where he received his Associate of Arts degree. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. Reverend Hodge is married to the former Reverend Dr. Sheila Elliott, who is also an alum of the University of South Carolina, and the two are thankful that God has blessed them to come together as husband and wife.

After struggling with his call to the ministry and finally surrendering, Reverend Hodge matriculated at Emory University of Atlanta, Georgia, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He is also a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, where he earned the Doctor of Ministry degree.

As far as pastoral experience is concerned, prior to assuming the duties as pastor of the Cumberland United Methodist Church, he served one appointment in North Georgia's Annual Conference, as well as four other pastoral appointments in South Carolina's Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Reverend Hodge is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church who wants to be remembered by all who come into contact with him as someone who made a positive difference in their lives. Reverend Hodge is actively involved as a clergy member of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has served on District Committees on Ordained Ministry, the District Committee on Superintendency, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, as well as on the Conference Staff Relations Committee. Reverend Hodge also serves as a mentor to several clergy members and candidates for ministry. In addition to previously mentioned responsibilities, Reverend Hodge served on the Epworth Children's Home Board of Trustees as the board's chairperson.

Lastly, Reverend Hodge is a commissioned Chaplain Corps Officer serving in the United States Naval Reserve, having earned the rank of Lieutenant Commander.