



**Rev. Ayana Madzimoyo**, is an educator, an educator is a person who provides instruction. Rev. Ayana earned a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from Georgia State University and also studied at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, with a focus in Christian Education.

She has taught Direct Instruction reading and math for more than 15 years and worked with youth for over 20 years; Rev. Ayana serves as the director and lead educator for Alkebulan Academy and the West End Community Learning Center where the whole child is nurtured, Mind, Body and Spirit. Under her visionary leadership, the West End Community Learning Center, embraces all children

within the larger community to experience what our Founder and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Patriarch Jaramogi Abebe envisioned for black youth. The West End Community Learning Center has become a beacon for a number of organizations that addresses the needs of the larger community. Rev. Ayana was called by God to teach. *The Holy Spirit gives certain people the spiritual gift of teaching so that they would help the church fulfil her ministry as "a pillar and buttress of the truth" 1Timothy 3:15.* The spiritual gift of teaching is one that carries a heavy responsibility.

In the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church teachers have been entrusted with the task of effectively communicating what the God has created us to be. *We will remember yours is not just a classroom. It is a place of hope, a haven, and a sanctuary, a place where wonders are born and reborn every day.*