

## Jacque Fielder

Jacqueline “Jacque” Fielder is the chair and senior pastor emeritus of Nabhi Christian Ministries Inc., a nondenominational church in Lincoln/Lemington dedicated to enhancing impoverished communities.

Rev. Fielder earned a bachelor’s degree in theology and master’s degree in Christian counseling from Andersonville Theological Seminary in Camilla, Ga., and was ordained as a non-denominational pastor in 1995. She is a certified program planner and manager. She previously worked as an overseas operator for AT&T and as a case manager for the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh’s Self-Sufficiency Program.

Born in the Hill District in 1955 to Janet and Dock Fielder, she grew up in Larimer with three brothers and two sisters. She attended Larimer Elementary and George Westinghouse High schools as a scholar. She began her leadership and activism early as grade school Safety Patrol captain, homeroom president and then high school Student Council president. At age 16, she formed the Greater Pittsburgh Youth Organization with the mission of reducing youth violence through mentoring and positive role modeling. She graduated from Westinghouse High School as an Honor Student in 1973. In 2004, she succeeded her father as a Democratic ward chair and judge of elections, assignments she retired from in 2014.

Born to a family deeply committed to community activism and mobilization, Rev. Fielder has helped many young people, women and families resolve conflict and positively transform their lives. She advocates for safe pathways and the healthy development of children victimized by or exposed to drugs, violence and other harsh environments. She has created initiatives to support young people, single moms and raise awareness of socio-economic issues in African-American communities. She was founder and president of the Concerned Citizens of Greater Pittsburgh (CCOGP) outreach, a group of community leaders from different faiths and backgrounds who boldly took an active role to resolve conflict between 5 rival gangs in Pittsburgh. CCOGP organized and mediated Pittsburgh’s first successful gang peace rally at Highland Park’s Rhododendron Pavilion, resulting in a public truce and cease fire. Rev. Fielder taught faith-based conflict resolution skills to young people at East Liberty Family Health Care Center. Through her ministry, she organizes awards programs to recognize the good works of leaders to inspire others in the community; annual toy and coat drives for needy children; and a Christmas Reunion and Gingerbread House Contest.

Rev. Fielder is a mother of three daughters – Tracee, 44, a nurse; Rainee, 42, a deputy sheriff; and Leah, 39, an entrepreneur. She is the president of Professional Resolutions & Outreach Organization for Females (PROOF), a group of professional women dedicated to the empowerment and advancement of aspiring females through focused solutions, an active member of the National Christian Counselors Association (NCCA) of Sarasota Academy and a member of the NAACP.