

ROSE DELORES GIBBS, MD

Dr. Rose Delores Gibbs was born and raised in Moncks Corner, SC, on a 24-acre farm. Her parents are the Late Mr. Wash Gibbs, Sr., and the Late Mrs. Pauline Hanna Gibbs. She is the fifth child of six children.

Her educational journey began with Mrs. Lillie Bash Myers' private preschool and continued at Whitesville Elementary School. She attended Berkeley Training High School for two years and graduated from Boylan Haven Mather Academy, a private boarding school in Camden, SC. She furthered her education at Fisk University, Nashville, TN, in 1968 with a degree in Chemistry. She continued her studies at the Medical University of South Carolina, graduating in 1973 and becoming the first African American woman doctor to graduate from MUSC.

Howard University Hospital, Washington DC, is where she completed her internship, internal medicine residency, and fellowship in infectious diseases. Dr. Gibbs received a Tropical Diseases Certificate from Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, DC.

She served in the US Peace Corps as a physician in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and Liberia for two years. She was involved in multiple consultations with Peace Corps nurses and volunteers in other West African countries. Returning to Washington, DC, Dr. Gibbs served as Chief of Medical Operations for the Peace Corps for four years, overseeing 5,500 volunteers in 55 countries. Her experiences landed her employment as Director of the Office of International Health at Charles Drew Postgraduate University, Los Angeles, CA, where she served for 18 months.

Dr. Gibbs' concern for health care in the rural areas led her back home to open an Internal Medicine practice in Moncks Corner, SC, from 1986 to 2021. To honor her for her work in the medical field, Fetter Health Care Network named its Moncks Corner office Rose Delores Gibbs, MD, Family Health Center.

Dr. Gibbs has a heart for mission work. During the severe drought in Central Africa in the 1980s, she spearheaded a fundraising effort with the Missionaries of the Reformed Episcopal Churches to raise funds to dig a well in Africa. Hopefully, that well is still there flowing with clean water. For years, she was and still is one of the leaders of Medical and Spiritual Missions to Roatan Island, Honduras. For ten years, she operated a free medical clinic for the local Hispanic communities in Moncks Corner, SC.

She is a member of Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC, and a life member of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Presently, Dr. Gibbs is the Board of Trustee Chair at Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary (the seminary for the Reformed Episcopal Church) in Summerville, SC.

At MUSC, she is an Alumni Association Life Member, former president of the Alumni Association, served on the Board of Visitors for many years, was a preceptor for Physician

Assistant Students, has an Endowed Scholarship at MUSC for medical students, former president of the African American Alumni Association, and a past member of the Earl Higgins Scholarship Committee.

Dr. Gibbs is a writer and public speaker and has and still is touching the lives of many through this God-given gift. She is a **FARMER**, currently not actively farming. It is not what she does with her hands; instead, what is in her heart and mind! She is an avid art collector and calls it her addiction, thanking God for sparing her from other addictions. She is a sister in Christ to all she meets. Reading, gardening, traveling, and fishing are her other hobbies. She thanks God daily for our local, state, and national governments. There is none like it in the world!

Dr. Gibbs thanks God daily for her daughter, son-in-law, three granddaughters, two living sisters, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.