



Deborah Harmon Hines, PhD
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Dr. Hines is Professor Emeritus of Radiology and Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS). Her tenure at UMMS spanned almost thirty years where she served in a number of senior administrative positions. She received numerous awards for her work in outreach to underrepresented students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. In 2014 she was awarded the (national) Bruce Alberts Award from the American Society for Cell Biology for excellent in teaching science.

In the Episcopal Church, Dr. Hines served as National UBE president (1982 – 1988), the Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Advisory Committee (1988 – 1993), Diocese of Western Massachusetts Deputy to General Convention

(1991 – 2012) where she chaired the Pension Fund Committee (1994 – 2012). She serves as secretary for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop (2021 – 2024). In the Diocese of Western Massachusetts she served as delegate to Diocesan Convention (1991 – 2019), and Trustee of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts for fifteen years. In her parish she served as a Vestry Member, Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Chalcist.

Debbie is married to the Rev. John Edgar Freeman, originally from Robertsport, Liberia. They have a blended family of six adult children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Prior to moving to Memphis they resided in Worcester MA. He served a number of churches in Liberia prior to moving to the United States. Fr. Freeman is the Vicar at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Millington TN in the Diocese of West Tennessee.

Debbie's vocation is education. While serving on the Liberian Covenant Committee (1999 – 2010) she was responsible for collecting and sending textbooks to Cuttington's School of Nursing and requesting the Church Pension Group – the Publishing Company supply copies of the 1982 Hymnal, the Book of Common Prayer and Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal to Cuttington's Chapel. Debbie was Visiting Professor at the Dogliotti Medical School of Liberia in 2011 - 2023. She was one of the 2017 Cuttington Commencement Speakers and named the President's Liaison in the US.