

Biography: Dr. Vivian Hamilton

Dr. VIVIAN HAMILTON is a collaborative artist in the Furman University Music Department. She previously served as a Lecturer of Music and Director of Belle Voci at Furman University, and as the Minister of Music and Worship at First Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Hamilton has been a singer in the Robert Shaw Institute Festival Singers, where she had the opportunity to work with Robert Shaw, and studied conducting with Dan Lewis and Edvard Tchivzhel. She has worked with choirs at Simmons College, Emerson College, the University of South Carolina, Northeastern University, and Clemson University. For twelve years, she conducted the Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium Chorale and is a former president of the South Carolina American Choral Directors Association. Her choral conducting experience also includes work at Baptist and Methodist churches in Massachusetts and South Carolina, and in the public schools of Boston and upstate South Carolina. She is active in the community as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

She has worked as a collaborative pianist in Boston, Massachusetts, and throughout South Carolina. She was the Principal Keyboardist for the Greenville Symphony Orchestra, playing celeste, piano, and harpsichord.

She received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from the University of South Carolina, her Master's degree in piano performance from New England Conservatory of Music, and her Bachelor's degree in music education from Furman University.