

WELCOME TO THE
PASTORAL INSTALLATION
OF



DENELLE GAIL-MARIE ABEL
SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2026
PASTORS JUSTIN AND CARRIE RELF

PASTOR

DENELLE GAIL-MARIE ABEL



Denelle Abel was born in Mount Vernon, New York, and raised in the Bronx. She later relocated to Albany, New York, to pursue higher education at the University at Albany, where she earned a degree in Psychology and subsequently a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling. Continuing to cultivate the diversity of her gifts and interests, Denelle also completed a degree in the Arts & Sciences of Cosmetology at the Orlo School of Hair Design.

After relocating to the Capital Region, Denelle found more than a new city, she found a spiritual home at Rhema Revealed Ministries. Since joining Rhema in 2013 as a founding member, Denelle has faithfully served the ministry in numerous capacities, including serving as the Director of Community Outreach, a dancer with Rhema in Motion, a Licensed Minister, an Executive Minister, and an Ordained Minister. Through more than a decade of faithful service, spiritual development, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to the vision of the ministry, she now enters a new chapter of service as an Associate Pastor.

Denelle plays a pivotal role within the leadership structure of Rhema Revealed Ministries. She currently provides oversight to the ministerial staff while working closely with and supporting the pastoral leadership of the church. Her responsibilities extend beyond administration and leadership development to the spiritual and emotional care of the congregation. She provides pastoral counseling and support to members as needed, assists in strengthening and developing ministry leaders, and serves as a trusted resource in helping to advance the vision, mission, and overall health of the ministry. Her leadership reflects both a heart for people and a commitment to purpose, uniquely bridging spiritual formation, emotional wellness, and practical ministry.

Denelle strives to integrate mental health and wellness, the Gospel, and the arts throughout every area of her life and work. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with more than 10 years of experience supporting diverse populations across various stages of life. She currently serves as a Clinical Supervisor at Capital EAP, where she provides short-term, solution-focused counseling services to individuals and employers throughout New York State's Capital Region. Additionally, she provides clinical supervision to emerging mental health professionals. In 2023, she further expanded her professional expertise by becoming a Certified Substance Abuse Professional and a Certified Clinical Anxiety Professional.

Denelle is also the owner of GifteD, a multifaceted expression of her gifts through which she serves as a gallery-featured artist, cosmetologist, and Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Her work in the arts includes two collections, Wall Art and Dimensional Canvas, which explore themes of self-discovery, resilience, faith, and personal transformation. Her most recent solo exhibit, Blooming Into Power, showcased lessons learned between her 30th and 31st years of life and served as a celebration of confidence, creativity, personal growth, and becoming.

Beyond the counseling room and the canvas, Denelle is a skilled trainer, facilitator, and speaker known for delivering dynamic, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive workshops. Her areas of focus include self-care, neurodivergence, emotional regulation, and workplace mental wellness. Her ability to merge professional knowledge with compassion, creativity, and faith allows her to reach people across diverse settings and experiences. Additionally, Denelle became a published author, releasing her debut project, *Blooming into Power: A 365-Day Guided Journal for Women*.

Whether she is behind the canvas, in the counseling chair, developing leaders, caring for congregants, facilitating a workshop, or standing behind the sacred desk, Denelle carries a consistent passion: to help people heal, grow, discover who God has created them to be, and boldly embrace their God-given purpose and power. Her journey is a testament to what can happen when calling, preparation, creativity, faithfulness, and service converge. For more than a decade, Denelle has faithfully served, grown, led, and been developed within Rhema Revealed Ministries, demonstrating a heart for God, a love for His people, and an unwavering commitment to the work of ministry.

Denelle, not only enters into a new covenant with God by accepting this calling, she is in a season of covenantal transition as she prepares to enter a marriage covenant with the love of her life, Felix Polanco. Denelle asserts that alignment in area of her life is the true mark of a life submitted to Christ. Together, the couple intends to continue to grow in relationship and in service to the call God has assigned to each of them.

Today, August 9, 2026, Rhema Revealed Ministries joyfully celebrates the official pastoral installation of Pastor Denelle Abel as an Associate Pastor of the ministry. This sacred moment represents more than the conferring of a title; it is the recognition and affirmation of a calling that has been cultivated through years of faithful service, spiritual formation, sacrifice, leadership, obedience to God, and a continued “YES”. As Pastor Denelle enters this new chapter of ministry, she does so standing upon a foundation that has already been established through her commitment to serving God and His people. Her installation marks both a celebration of what God has already accomplished through her life and an anticipation of all that He will accomplish through this next dimension of her pastoral calling. With the love and support of her Rhema family, pastoral leadership, fellow ministers, family, and friends, we celebrate Pastor Denelle Abel as she embraces this sacred responsibility. We honor the journey that has brought her to this moment, affirm the grace and calling upon her life, and prayerfully commission her for the work that lies ahead.



May Pastor Denelle continue to lead with wisdom, serve with compassion, counsel with grace, preach with conviction, and shepherd God’s people with a heart that remains sensitive to His voice. May her hands remain committed to the work, her heart remain surrendered to God, and her ears remain attentive to the voice of the One who called her. May August 9, 2026, forever stand as a marker in her journey and a reminder that when God calls, He prepares; when He prepares, He positions; and when He positions, He provides the grace necessary to fulfill the assignment.

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ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING PRAYER

MINISTER AAYANNA JONES

MINISTRY OF DANCE

ELDER ATHINA MIZERO

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING - ISAIAH 6: 1-8

MINISTER TIFFANY ROYALL-HOLLOWAY

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING - EPHESIANS 4:11-16

MINISTER CHRISTINE MORSE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

MINISTER MEGAN PHILIP

"CELEBRATION OF THE JOURNEY: WORDS OF REFLECTION AND GRATITUDE

DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF RHEMA REVEALED MINISTRIES

DESIGNATE FROM THE MINISTERIAL STAFF

MINISTRY OF GIVING

SERMONIC PREPARATION

SERMON

PASTOR CARRIE RELF

SACRED ACT OF INSTALLATION

"LOVE SPEAKS": WORDS OF BLESSING AND IMPARTATION

JOAN DENNIS ABEL (MOMMY)

FELIX POLANCO (FIANCE)

CLOSING REMARKS AND BENEDICTION

PASTORS JUSTIN AND CARRIE RELF

PASTORAL INSTALLATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We gather today with grateful hearts and great expectation to celebrate a sacred milestone in the life of Rhema Revealed Ministries and in the ministry journey of Pastor Denelle Abel. This Pastoral Installation Service is a time of worship, affirmation, consecration, and commissioning as we publicly recognize the pastoral calling and assignment God has entrusted to her within this house.

Pastoral installation is more than the bestowing of a title or the recognition of a new position. It is the public affirmation of a divine assignment. While calling originates with God, there are moments when the Church is called to recognize, affirm, and make room for what God has established. Today is such a moment.

For more than a decade, Denelle has faithfully served Rhema Revealed Ministries in numerous capacities. We have witnessed her growth, her commitment to God's people, her willingness to serve, and the development of the gifts and grace upon her life. Today, we honor that journey while recognizing that this moment represents not merely a continuation of what has been, but an entrance into a greater measure of pastoral responsibility and service.

Therefore, we have gathered in the presence of God and before family, friends, clergy, and the Rhema Revealed Ministries congregation to affirm the call, charge the candidate, consecrate the assignment, and commission the Pastor. Through the preaching of God's Word, the giving of sacred charges, prayer, prophetic impartation, and the laying on of hands, we set apart this moment as a spiritual marker in Pastor Denelle's journey. We pray not simply for an increased platform, but for increased grace; not simply for greater authority, but for greater wisdom; not simply for recognition, but for the strength, humility, discernment, and compassion necessary to shepherd God's people well.

We also acknowledge that pastoral ministry is not carried alone. As Pastor Denelle accepts this sacred responsibility, we, the members and leadership of Rhema Revealed Ministries, accept our responsibility to pray for her, support her, honor the grace upon her life, extend room for her continued growth, and labor together for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Today, August 9, 2026, we do not create a calling, we recognize one. We do not manufacture a mantle, we affirm what God has already been developing. We do not simply celebrate a title, we consecrate a servant for greater service. It is therefore with joy, reverence, and expectation that we gather for the official Pastoral Installation of Pastor Denelle Abel as an Associate Pastor of Rhema Revealed Ministries. We believe that the God who called her will equip her, the God who prepared her will sustain her, and the God who entrusted her with this assignment will provide the grace necessary to fulfill it.

To God be the glory for what He has done, for what He is doing, and for all that is yet to come.

A LETTER TO PASTOR DENELLE FROM OUR PASTORS

There are some moments in ministry when you are privileged to witness the beginning of something, and there are other moments when you are privileged to witness the fruit of what has been developing for years. Today is one of those moments. As your pastors, one of our greatest joys has been watching you serve, grow, sacrifice, learn, lead, and continually say “yes” to God.



You have demonstrated the heart of a servant. You have loved God's people, supported the vision of this house, carried responsibility, provided counsel, helped develop others, and remained committed through different seasons of both life and ministry. Your professional background in mental health, your creativity, your compassion, your leadership, and your spiritual discernment are not separate pieces of who you are, they are all instruments God can use through your pastoral calling. Steward them well.

Pastoring is sacred work. It is the privilege of being entrusted with people whom God deeply loves. It means celebrating with them in moments of joy, standing with them through seasons of sorrow, praying when they cannot find the words to pray for themselves, teaching truth when it is difficult, offering correction with love, and continually pointing people back to Christ. Never lose sight of the privilege within the responsibility. There will be moments when ministry feels incredibly rewarding, and, as we've discussed, there will be moments when it feels incredibly heavy. In both, remember that you were never called to carry ministry apart from the One who called you to it. Stay close to God. Guard your heart. Remain teachable. Love people deeply, but never allow the demands of people to become louder than the voice of God. As you pour into others, remember that you are also worthy of being poured into. Allow yourself to make mistakes and learn. Pastoral installation does not mean you have arrived; it means you have accepted another invitation to become everything God has called you to be.

So today, August 9, 2026, as we officially install you into pastoral ministry at Rhema Revealed Ministries, we do so with tremendous joy, expectation, and confidence in the God who called you. We celebrate where you have been, we honor who you are, and we stand in anticipation of who you are continuing to become. We pray that God give you discernment for every person He places in your care, wisdom for every decision you must make, strength for every difficult season, and grace for every assignment attached to your name. Pastor Denelle, we are honored to call you daughter of this house. We are grateful to call you fellow laborer. Today, we are proud to call you Pastor. We love you, we believe in you, and we are committed to walking alongside you as you continue to answer the call of God upon your life.

With love,
Pastors Justin & Carrie Relf
Senior Pastors
Rhema Revealed Ministries

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM PASTOR DENELLE

Mommy

Mommy, thank you for being one of the greatest examples of strength, sacrifice, perseverance and love in my life. So much of who I am today has been shaped by what I have watched in you throughout my life. I have seen you endure difficult seasons, continue showing up when things were not easy and love & support those around you. With everything you had. Whether you realized it or not, I was always watching and so many of those lessons have stayed with me. Thank you for supporting me through every version of myself, for believing in me, praying for me, celebrating me, being the wind beneath my wings and giving me the space to become the woman God has called me to be.

This moment means so much to me and having you here to witness it makes it even more special. As I step into this new chapter, I know that I carry with me the prayers, sacrifices, lessons and love that helped shape who I am. So much of my strength, compassion and ability to keep going when things get hard was first modeled for me through YOU. Thank you for being my mom and for being such an important part of the story that brought me to this moment. I love you so much, there are not enough words in the world to convey the magnitude of it and I am so grateful that God chose you to be my mother.



Felix (Fiance)

Felix, thank you for loving me not only as Denelle, but also for embracing the calling that comes with me. Thank you for supporting me, encouraging me, praying for me and making space for all the different parts of who I am. Ministry requires sacrifice in ways that people do not always see and I never take for granted that you have chosen to walk alongside me through it. Thank you for understanding the late nights, the responsibilities and the moments when serving others requires more of me than expected.

As we prepare to build our life together, I am so grateful to know that I have a partner who believes in me, covers me and reminds me that I never have to carry everything alone. Your support gives me a sense of safety and steadiness that means more to me than I probably say enough. I am excited for all that God has ahead for us, both in our marriage and in the ways He will use us individually and together. Te amo tanto mi miel y I am so thankful God gave me you.



Pastors Justin and Carrie

Pastors Justin and Carrie, thank you for seeing something in me long before I could fully see it in myself. Thank you for your leadership, your correction, your prayers, your patience and for continually making room for me to grow. Over the years, you have trusted me with opportunities that have stretched me, challenged me and helped shape the minister and leader I am becoming.

I do not take lightly the trust that comes with being installed as a Pastor. I am grateful that you have not only taught me how to minister but have modeled what it means to love people, serve faithfully, remain submitted to God and continue growing even while leading others. Thank you for covering me, believing in me and allowing me to serve this house alongside you. I am honored to call you my Pastors and I carry such a deep appreciation for both of you and everything you have invested in me. I am eternally grateful!

