

## Dr. Carroll's Bio

## EVANGELIST RHONDA E. CARROLL, Ph.D.

Evangelist Rhonda E. Carroll, Ph.D. was born October 5, 1964 to the proud parents of Elmer James Carroll (deceased) and JoAnn Carroll at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Evangelist Carroll was "called" to the Ministry of the Word at the age of 13 in 1977, yet was not "commissioned" nor released unto the call until December 27, 1987, when she preached her first message, *"Rise Up, Move Out...It's Time!"* Since Evangelist Carroll's first public sharing of God's word in that capacity, various doors have been opened to her. Not only has she traveled across the state of California, she has traveled across the United States and across the seas. Evangelist Carroll traveled to London, England, where she spent a month ministering in various cities and towns. She has also been involved with missionary work in Port Au Prince, Haiti and in the Fiji Islands. God has indeed been with Evangelist Carroll in a strong way and He has given her the power and wisdom to carry out the tasks that have been divinely appointed her.

Immediately following her high school graduation from Valley High School in 1982, Evangelist Carroll enrolled into Cosumnes River College and completed two consecutive years. Upon relocating to Atlanta, Georgia in 1984, one year later she attended Spelman College. In 1986, Evangelist Carroll returned to her hometown, Sacramento, and began attaining certificates of achievement and completion for various areas of study. Evangelist Carroll pursued higher education and has received her Bachelor's of Arts degree in Theology, her Master's degree in Christian Counseling and Doctorate degrees in Christian Counseling, in Religious Education and in Theology. After observing her efforts, intellectual status and enduring persistence, Dr. Carroll was elected by the school board of the Bible College, as the Valedictorian while in the Doctorate program. Her higher educational accomplishments were received from Sacramento Theological Seminary and Bible College in North Sacramento. Later, Dr. Carroll also received a Bachelors degree in Religious Studies from Aenon Bible College and another doctor's degree in Pastoral Care. Dr. Carroll taught in the Masters and Doctorate programs at Sacramento Theological Seminary and Bible College for six years. She is currently and adjunct professor at William Jessup University in Rocklin, California.

Dr. Carroll has a past history of being a licensed minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (PAW) and in 1996 she was ordained as Youth & Associate Pastor by Robert B. Holman, Jr., pastor of First Tabernacle Fellowship. She is currently a licensed and ordained minister of the Center of Praise Ministries in Rancho Cordova (C.O.P.) by her current pastor, Bishop Parnell M. Lovelace, Jr. She has served church and secular communities in capacities of intense leadership, of directorship, of mentoring/coaching, of administrating and of implementing innovative programs to fit particular arenas in which a program was designed. Dr. Carroll addresses all audiences with poise, grace, sincerity, sensitivity and laughter. She brings with her nuggets of information and a wealth of knowledge. She speaks at Youth events, Women's events, Children's events, Clergy events and Co-Ed events, usually having all ages and races in attendance as she innovatively leads effective communicative sessions.

Having ministered to a variety of people, Dr. Carroll has a unique anointing in Teen/Youth Ministry. Her intense involvement in Teen/Youth Ministry began in the mid-80's and has escalated since that time. Dr. Carroll has held the positions of Assistant Teen Director of the California, Nevada, Hawaii Young People's Union of the P.A.W., local church Teen Leader, local church Youth 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and spent five years in the capacity of Youth Director at C.O.P., where she intensely invested in the lives of many, many teenagers. Dr. Carroll is extremely instrumental in the lives of teens/youth that she comes in contact with. In 1992, Dr. Carroll worked as a volunteer for Youth For Christ - Campus Life program for high-schoolers, as well as worked with the junior highers in the Xtremz program, speaking on God's love and forgiveness.

Her community involvement with teens/youth has definitely been a growing asset to the ministry that God has allotted unto her. Dr. Carroll's aim is to help teens/youth to see Jesus <u>clearly</u> as the loving Father that He is and bring them to an awareness and point of restoration and healing, through the power of the Word of God.

Dr. Carroll is influential in her community in working with non-profit organizations. She currently serves as a board member for Wholeness, Inc. Under the umbrella of Wholeness, Inc., there is an annual Ladies Get Away weekend which includes rest, rejuvenation and relaxation. It is a time exclusively for women to replenish themselves. Dr. Carroll's community involvement proves to be a growing asset to all who has had the pleasure of being in her presence and who has sat under the sound of her voice. She is a real gem and is of great value. Dr. Carroll also serves her community as a Law Enforcement Community Chaplain for the city of Sacramento as a first responder and is certified with the International Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation, Inc. Dr. Carroll is also a member of American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), while also being a trained facilitator for Precept Upon Precept Lessons, through Precept Ministries International with Kay Arthur.

Dr. Carroll previously served as the Northern California Praise & Worship Coordinator for approximately 4 years, although she has served and trained in the worship capacity for several years. God has given Dr. Carroll the mission and challenge to train and produce praise & worship singers and musicians by thoroughly providing tools to assist them in learning to hear and recognize God's voice clearly so that God's people can be lead into a deeper and closer realm with Him. She has been a catalyst in initially forming worship teams for local ministries. Dr. Carroll has been "divinely" appointed to go abroad continually teaching, assisting and perfecting herself, as well as others as praise and worship psalmists for the Lord. Dr. Carroll serves as a Pastoral Consultant for pastors throughout the California area. Dr. Carroll is sought out by pastors and leaders for her expertise, information and professionalism as well as her instrumentation in the areas of planning, organizing, defining, and implementing ministries in their local assemblies. Such areas included are listed, but certainly not limited to: Pastoral Care Teams, Worship Teams, Leadership Teams, Coaching/Mentor Teams, and Ministerial Trainings, Altar Teams, Prayer Teams.

Dr. Carroll is so effective in assisting pastors because she understands the importance of the blessing inherited from honoring the men and women of God who have been called to the pastorate.

Around 1999, Dr. Carroll began writing original music consistently and singing it with a non-profit organization that she founded, T.O.U.C.H. Ministries, an affiliation of Dr. Rhonda E. Carroll Ministries. T.O.U.C.H. is an acronym for <u>T</u>eaching <u>O</u>thers to <u>U</u>nderstand <u>C</u>hrist's <u>H</u>eart. The team sings for various venues all of the city as well as across the United States. Dr. Carroll, along with the T.O.U.C.H. Ministries Team, has released their first worship and praise CD entitled, *An Intimate T.O.U.C.H.* 

Dr. Carroll has authored her first book (of many), <u>The Beauty In The Womb-Man</u> which can be purchased on several websites such as <u>www.iUniverse.com</u>, <u>www.Borders.com</u>, <u>www.Barnes&Nobles.com</u>, <u>www.Amazon.com</u> and others. She has also released her first solo CD entitled, <u>Simply Rhonda</u>, which can be purchased on <u>www.CDBABY.com</u>, <u>www.Amazon.com</u> and others.

Dr. Carroll has been employed with the state of California since October 1987. Her first state hire was with the California Department of Corporations (DOC) as an Office Assistant (Typing). Dr. Carroll worked in an area where she daily came in contact with the public by telephone and/or face-to-face. Dr. Carroll learned legal codes and legal language from informative attorneys that worked for DOC, as she handled franchise applications, mutual water applications and other security applications. After spending eight years with DOC, she laterally transferred to the California State Teachers' Retirement Systems (CalSTRS) and was promoted twice while working in the Central Records unit. At the beginning of 2001, Dr. Carroll was promoted again, working in the Disability Unit of the California State Teachers' Retirement Systems (CalSTRS). In May 2002, Dr. Carroll became the Assistant to the Ombudsman of CalSTRS, directly assisting CalSTRS Ombudsman, again being promoted.

After Dr. Carroll exemplified strong leadership skills throughout the years of her work history, supervisors made her the lead person for their particular units. As leadperson, Dr. Carroll developed monthly schedules, developed and implemented cross-training programs and worked diligently towards good customer service. Dr. Carroll compiled and formulated a formal CalSTRS Central Records Procedures Manual, which included written guidelines and detail diagrams for all 16-duty functions in the unit. She worked on an agency-wide project of formulated procedures, as a team member, after such great work on the procedures for a previous unit.

In previous years, Dr. Carroll has been active on cross-functional teams with co-workers from other units in the agency, developing whatever needed to be developed for that particular team. Once the team's missions were thoroughly accomplished, Dr. Carroll's delightful interaction with the other teammates resulted in positive results and improved customer service throughout the agency!

Dr. Carroll's skills and abilities, along with her enthusiasm, initiative and progressive leadership are outstanding! She is a real gem and is of great value...so much so that Dr. Carroll was nominated and received the Executive Staff's *"Superior Award"* as well as the *"Standing Ovation"* award distinctly given throughout the agency.