



Constructive Theology. Dr. Lightsey is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army. She served as a member of the original executive committee for the Soul Repair Project, which studies the role of moral injury in military veterans.

As an activist, Dr. Lightsey has worked within the LGBTQ community to end Don't Ask, Don't Tell military policy, and to ensure marriage equality. She continues to critique churches for homophobic polity, liturgy, and homiletics. Pamela was on the ground protesting against excessive police force during the first 21 days of unrest in Ferguson and across one year was one of several livestreamers providing ongoing broadcasts. Her work is the largest video archive on this historic time captured live by a solo African American theologian in the country. Dr. Lightsey has consistently collaborated with activist- colleagues in the movement for the liberation of Black lives, those addressing violence against Black transwomen, and institutional racism on college campuses. She currently serves as a member of Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Advisory Council on LGBTQ+ issues. She is also the founder and CEO of the Blaque Political Collective, a nonprofit dedicated to Black LGBTQ+ social justice advocacy.

As ordained clergy, Rev. Dr. Lightsey is among the leading voices fighting for LGBTQ rights in the United Methodist Church. She was the first out queer lesbian African American ordained elder in full connection in the denomination. As United Methodism faces schism, Rev. Dr. Lightsey - understanding the subtle work of racism in times of crisis - is coordinating with other LGBTQ persons of color to ensure their lives are not made subordinate to the needs of white LGBTQ persons.

Pamela's several publications include the full manuscript, "*Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology*" (Wipf and Stock, 2015), *Transforming Service: Reflections of Student Services Professionals in Theological Education*. Editors Shonda R. Jones & Pamela R. Lightsey. (Wipf and Stock, 2020). "He Is Black and We are Queer" in *Albert Cleage Jr and the Black Madonna and Child* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), "Blinking Red: The Escalation of a Militarized Police Force and Its Challenges to Black Communities" (Lexington Books, 2019).