## Frances Fonza

2020 NAfME All-National Mixed Choir

Frances Fonza is the Director of Worship and Arts at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in Clinton, Maryland and teaches at Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington DC. She earned a Bachelor's degree in music education at the University of Missouri-Columbia, a Master's degree in music education and a Doctorate in music education/choral conducting at Florida State University.

Fonza taught choral music at the middle school and high school



levels in Kentucky for several years. Additionally, Dr. Fonza served as Assistant Professor of Music Education and Director of Choral Activities at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. Her responsibilities included teaching music education courses, aural skills, choral conducting, supervising music education interns, and directing the Wittenberg choirs. Choirs under her direction have participated in state, regional, and national music festivals. Dr. Fonza is an active singer, clinician, and adjudicator. A frequent guest conductor, she has conducted several honor, public school, and church choirs. Her research interests are community partnerships, healthy singing in Gospel music, and tone building strategies used in the choral classroom.

Fonza holds professional membership in the National Association for Music Educators and the American Choral Directors Association.

