



# Rev. Dr. Joe Cobb

Rev. Dr. Joe Cobb believes that our greatest calling as human beings is to love one another by honoring and celebrating what makes us unique and by discovering what we can create together. This calling both inspires and informs his devotion to public service in the Roanoke city, region and around the world.

Joe is Mayor of the City of Roanoke, Virginia. He previously served twice as Vice Mayor and has been a member of City Council since 2018. Joe is a Principal Consultant with Aspire Leadership Consulting with a focus on Leadership, Strategic Planning, and Community Development. Joe is an ordained clergy with the Metropolitan Community Churches.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, Joe has been a resident of Roanoke, Virginia, since 2001 where he lives with his husband, James, and their two children, Ginny and JJ, both students in Roanoke City Public Schools. Their family also includes daughter, Emma (Connor) Gwin, and son, Taylor. Joe has three grandchildren, Harper Jane, William and Lucy.

Joe is President of the GRTC (Greater Roanoke Transit Company) Board, Chair of the City Council Personnel Committee, member of the City Council's Legislative Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Council of Community Services, Equality Virginia, the TAP This Valley Works Board of Commissioners and SW Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Joe has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He also has a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, and a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

Recently, Rev. Dr. Joe Cobb has been appointed to the transition committees for both Governor-elect Spanberger and Lt. Gov-elect Hashmi in Virginia.