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Mercy spent her youth in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and south Georgia. After graduating high school at 16, Mercy went on to receive her degree in political science from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC. She was a James B. Duke Endowment Presidential Scholar at Johnson C. Smith and graduated Summa Cum Laude at the age of 19.

During law school at Ohio Northern University, Mercy served churches and nonprofits in her legal externship and worked for Campus Crusade for Christ International as a legal intern at the Cru headquarters in Orlando, FL. While in Ohio, she was active in her church, Ada First UMC, and fell in love with Wesleyan theology and became more in tune with the active movement of the Holy Spirit in her life. Upon earning a law degree at the age of 22, Mercy became a prosecutor in Augusta, GA. Among her various civic activities she enjoyed being a member of the Junior League of Augusta and volunteering at her church, Saint Luke UMC.

Upon receiving a call to ministry, Mercy graduated from Emory University's Candler School of Theology and served at Tenth Street UMC and Pleasant Hill UMC here in Atlanta. She is a licensed local pastor in the North Georgia Annual Conference. Her appointment in extension ministry at Food Security for America is a blessing beyond words. Her husband is an ordained elder in the UMC and is an associate pastor at Northbrook UMC, where Mercy worships on Sunday. She currently lives in Metro Atlanta with her husband, two young children, and their beloved golden doodle.