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Rev. (Dr.) Florence A. Juma, RP is a Ministry Associate and a Registered Psychotherapist based in Waterloo, Ontario. She is ordained with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and trained in the integration of spiritual disciplines in therapy. She joined full time Christian service in her youth and has served in various capacities such as Associate Pastor, Children's Pastor, Women's Ministries Coordinator, and Youth Ministries Facilitator.

Florence and her family migrated to Canada in the late 1990s and settled in Southwestern Ontario. She sought opportunities of service and continued her ministry within Ontario and into the United States; sharing her spiritual resources as a speaker at Women's Fellowships, intergenerational rallies and retreats, family camps, and conferences.

Florence is also an Associate Professional Faculty at Martin Luther University College in the department of Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy. Her writing journey evolved out of her reflective practices on her personal and professional experiences.

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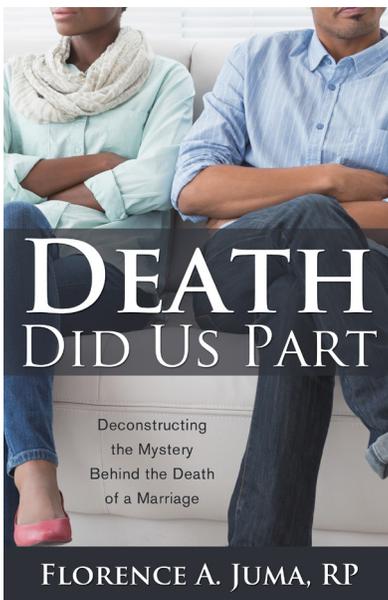
Death Did Us Part

"Carrying my children, one wrapped around my back and the other fastened to my chest, I left the house and walked for one hour to my father's home. We were drenched and cold on arrival but happy to find my father there along with two of my siblings. One of my siblings made us tea with scones while the other entertained the children. The day slipped by more quickly than I would have preferred. Soon it was evening and I had to pack my children up and head back."

—excerpt from *Death Did Us Part*

Death Did Us Part is a short story about the tumultuous marital relationship of a couple at the brink of divorce. The book, based on a true story, is a reflection on some of the pitfalls that plagued the marriage of Akawd and Muka and brought it to its deathbed. Akawd and Muka were both committed Christians and leaders in their church when they immigrated to Canada from Africa.

By sharing this story, I provide an opportunity for readers to both understand better and observe possible parallels that might exist between their own relationship and this couple's. My hope is that these patterns may then be named and externalized. The book also serves to celebrate marriages and the couples who keep their vows.



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ENDORSEMENTS

Acclaim for *Death Did Us Part*

"In Death Did Us Part Dr. Juma presents a case study of an African Christian couple living in Canada and facing the challenges of a broken relationship. They struggle with whether they can live together and wonder if the marriage has died. This struggle challenges their Christian faith and African family values.

"The book is a great read for therapists and for members of congregations who are called to walk with the couple through these difficult times. Death Did Us Part shows the complexities of the cultural clash between African Christian values and Western Canadian values around marriage and divorce. It does not provide any easy answers and yet shows the power of listening of a Christian caregiver."

—Thomas St. James O'Connor, ThD, RP
Professor Emeritus, Wilfrid Laurier University



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

For Florence A. Juma, RP:

- Why did you decide to write about such a personal and sensitive topic?
- What do you think are the greatest challenges for newer immigrant couples?
- How does faith inform your professional practice?
- What is the interplay of faith and culture in resolving marital conflicts?
- What are the differences between secular approaches and sacred approaches in therapy?
- Is there a place for oral traditions in contemporary family therapy?
- What are your thoughts on separation and divorce among people of faith?
- What do you hope that readers will gain from your book?

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