



Honoring a Montview Hero: Ruth Cousins Denny 1920 - 2012

Ruth Cousins Denny became a member of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church in 1964 and was later ordained as a Deacon, being the first Black woman Deacon at Montview. Prior to joining Montview she was a leader at Peoples Presbyterian Church. As a member of Montview, she helped organize the Montview Integration Committee and was an active member of Presbyterian Women.

Mrs. Denny was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement in Denver during the 50's and 60's. She was one of the organizers of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Denver and led the fundraising project to take a contingent from Colorado to the March on Washington in 1963. She was active in the planning and picketing of businesses in Denver that used discriminatory hiring and promotion practices towards people of color.

Additionally, Mrs. Denny was a teacher in the Denver Public Schools for 26 years and served on various boards and committees of non-profit organizations that promoted social justice and served the marginalized throughout the Denver community. Her life was dedicated to service using her time, talent and treasure.

Mrs. Denny will be inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame next month.