



Melodee Colbert Kean is president of Prayerful Portions, LLC, a small business consulting firm. Together with her husband, William, they assist small businesses with income growth strategies and sustainable operations. She is also a MO Licensed Realtor with Charles Burt Realtors.

As an elected official since April 2006, Melodee is committed to community and civic services. She is the Mayor of Joplin on the Joplin Missouri City Council. She has been instrumental in ensuring Joplin is represented on the federal level by being an active board member of the National League of Cities, an organization which advocates and promotes cities agendas to White House Administration and congressional

reps.

Melodee serves on the Missouri Municipal Leagues Economic Development & Human Resources Board and is also a Governors Appointee to **the Missouri Women's Council**, which assists women interested in starting a business, as well as being a resource for those already running a business.

She also serves the educational sector by being on the Missouri Southern State University Robert Plaster School of Business Advisory Board, helping to develop policy and program initiatives to grow the business school. As VP of Joplin Metro Credit Union Board, a member of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Board, the N.A.A.C.P Joplin Branch, the Discover Downtown Alliance and VP of the Joplin Emancipation Committee, Melodee remains focused on growing the economic environment and developing the cultural and arts entertainment offering in Joplin.

A graduate of Missouri Southern State University with a Marketing Degree, Melodee's career experience includes managerial and business development, negotiations, retail management, budgeting, customer service, leadership and motivational speaking.

A lifelong Joplin resident, Melodee and her husband William Kean Jr., have two daughters in college, a son in the Marine Corps, and a daughter in first grade. Melodee is a member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church serving as Assistant Recording Secretary.