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NEWSLETTER

**Business & Professional
Women's Federation National Chapter
Church of God in Christ, Inc.**
Our Creed: We Care! We Share! We Help!



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**Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis
General Supervisor of Women**

**Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle COGIC**

**Mother Willie Mae Rivers
General Supervisor Emeritus**



OFFICIAL WELCOME

BONNIE JEAN MCPEAK **National President**

The Business & Professional Women's Federation National Chapter

Welcome to the **69th Annual Women International Convention of the Church of God in Christ**. We are thankful to be in the beautiful City of Baltimore, Maryland. I along with our Chapter Presidents and members are excited to be here.

May God continue to greatly bless our International Leaders of the Church of God in Christ: Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis, the General Supervisor and Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., the Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle. May God mightily sustain them as they diligently serve God and touch lives around the world.

In this issue of our newsletter, there are newsworthy articles from some of our Chapter Presidents. They have presented an outstanding report on their work in their community and church. I am proud of our vast list of 2019 nominees for the "Best in Class" Recognition Luncheon. You will also find additional tremendous coverage on other special features. Through the help of the Lord, the Business & Professional Women's Federation is excelling in various areas.

I hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter. You can obtain more copies by downloading them from our website: www.bpwfcogic.org. I welcome your feedback.

Thank you for your continued support of the Business & Professional Women's Federation. I sincerely request your prayers.

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70 CHAPTERS ACROSS AMERICA

OUR MISSION

Based on the belief that God has empowered and equipped, by the Holy Spirit, the Business and Professional Women's Federation to serve as Godly examples in their work places, homes, schools, churches, communities, and the world; our mission is to share our God-given resources and expertise; to care for the general welfare of all people; and to help spread love, joy, happiness, and the Word of God, by being living testimonies to people everywhere.

OUR CREED: We Care! We Share! We Help!

This organization is designed to promote good fellowship among women in various business and professional fields for the ultimate purpose of winning souls to Christ.

OUR SCRIPTURE:

***"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"* (Philippians 4:13 KJV).**

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Congratulations ...

IDOW 2019 Business & Professional Women's Federation "Best in Class" Recognition Nominees

<u>Category of Submission</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
<u>Church Mothers</u>	Mother Ruth Wiley Mother Ola Richardson	Historical Indiana 1st Texas Central Metropolitan
<u>Community Worker</u>	Sheila Bankhead Grisham, Esq. 1st lady Angelique Spires Dr. Emma Clark Evangelist Karen Watson Sister Acqunita Earnest	Southern California One SW Michigan #2 California Northwest Nebraska 1 st Texas Central Metropolitan
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<u>Supervisors</u>	Supervisor Luvonia Whitley Supervisor Harrizene Keyes Supervisor Roshonda McDonald Supervisor Gladys Lockett-Ross	Ill. Midwest Ecclesiastical Greater North Carolina California Northwest Texas Central Metropolitan

**The "Best in Class" Recognition Luncheon
Friday, May 31, 2019 - 2:00 P.M-4:00 P.M.
held at the
Baltimore Hilton Key Inner Harbor Rooms 10 & 11
Ticket Donation: \$55.00**



Land of the Sky District, Asheville, NC Business and Professional Women's Federation

"It takes a real woman to live for God and living for God will make a woman real; Put your Profession to work for God. I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me. " Philippians 4:13



Dr. Goldie Wells
Greater NC Jurisdiction
BPWF Chapter President



Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss
Land of the Sky District
BPWF Chapter President



First Lady Bonnie Jean McPeak
National Federation President
Business and Professional Women's Federation



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). What a privilege and honor to receive my certificate as the President of the Business and Professional Women's Federation for the Land of The Sky-Asheville District. This is such an honor and privilege to work with the Department of Women.

Standing by me in the (tough) hat is District Missionary Jacqueline Shade. In the center photo with me is, Mother Harrizene Hedgebeth Keyes, our esteemed State Supervisor for the Department of Women for the Greater North Carolina Jurisdiction. Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard is the Prelate.

My goal as the Business and Professional Women's Federation President is to establish and organize our chapter as a model chapter. I want to share the vision of our National and Jurisdiction B&PWF President with existing and new members. I thank God for my husband, Dr. Will Chambliss. I praise God for the saints of the Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ in Whittier, North Carolina (embassytv.net).

"It takes a real woman to live for God and living for God will make a real woman." I am putting my 40 years of ministry, media, event hosting and planning experience to work for God and for the Business and Professional Women's Federation.

Report from Greensboro, North Carolina Chapter:



Greetings from Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ, Greensboro, North Carolina

On November 29, 2018, reorganization efforts for our local B&PWF at Wells Memorial COGIC were initiated with five attendees. At our first official meeting, held on January 10, 2019, we were joined by two additional ladies. In order to generate interest and apprise church members of the purpose of the organization, flyers were created, printed and distributed.

Now, there are nine (9) members attending our meetings. Our officers are: Jeraldine Bailey, President; Alexis Wooten, Secretary; and Sandra Little, Treasurer. Other members include: Dr. Goldie Wells, Jurisdictional President; Dr. Tonya Hargett, Stephanie Graves, Jackie Mason, Jackie Tyson, and Rosanne Roberts.

We have chosen to collaborate with the Teen Ministry for our first project which is called "Chat and Chew." This project was held at 10:00 AM on April 27, 2019. The purpose of this event was to generate conversations between teens and people outside Wells Memorial COGIC.

The facilitators were administrators from Guilford County Schools, a member of the Greensboro Police Department, and a Community Resource Officer. Teens had the

opportunity to discuss various issues that pose challenges and those that they may feel uncomfortable discussing with church members. These issues: self-identity, self-esteem, peer pressure and more, may include things they are exposed to in everyday situations in school, on social media, and in their neighborhoods. The goal is for teens to know that this is a safe place to ask questions without being or feeling judged. Lunch was served at the end of the session.

Jurisdictional President: Dr. Goldie Wells
Chapter President: Jeraldine Bailey
Pastor: Dr. Herman G. Platt, Wells Memorial COGIC
Jurisdiction: Greater North Carolina
Jurisdictional Supervisor: Mother Harrizene Keyes
Jurisdictional Prelate: Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard

Report from the Southern California First Jurisdiction Chapter:

LAUNCH “VISION 20/20” AT ITS ANNUAL JANUARY JUMPSTART Wanda Barnett Street, M.D. MPH, Chair – Atty. Sheila Bankhead Grisham, Co-Chair

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, the Business and Professional Women of Southern California First Jurisdiction launched “VISION 20/20” at our Annual 2019 “January Jumpstart.” This event was presented under the leadership of Chair Wanda Barnett Street, M.D., MPH, and Co-Chair, Atty. Sheila Bankhead Grisham. Mother Barbara Mc Coe Lewis is the General Supervisor and the Jurisdictional Supervisor.

At this event, the discussion question exposed was, *“What would you accomplish if you allowed God’s unlimited power to be unleashed in your life?”* The presenters were: Atty. Thanayi Lindsey, Atty. Margo Bouchet, Atty. Nekesha Lester Spinner, and Commissioner Jonae Watts. They described the necessity for continuing education and the importance of life-long learning through classes, training or obtaining further certifications.

This assembly was at our headquarters, the Historic Emmanuel Church of God in Christ. This is the site of the first International Women’s Convention in Los Angeles, California. We met in the very sanctuary where Mother Lillian Coffey the General Supervisor and the Founding Bishop Charles E. Mason stood with the host Pastor and State Bishop Samuel M. Crouch addressing the delegates from across the country nearly 70 years ago!

With only a few months until the eventful year, 2020-the year of the census, elections and redistricting, the State B&PWF determined the year 2019 would be a period of Preparation. We are

considering the number “9” being a time of gestation until birth. Therefore, being identified its “VISION 20|20” Strategic Stakeholders, Strategic Partners and Strategic Objectives. Clearly as the Bible states: *“Where there is no vision, the people perish,”* (Prov. 29:18).

The Strategic Objectives included are: 1) Clarify your personal call and 20/20 VISION (Hab. 2:2-4. and Eph. 1:18, 19), 2) Mobilize the Women in the Districts, local churches and community to Maximize our Impact, voice and vote, and 3) Empower and Equip Women with “Power Tools” for Personal and Professional Development such as: Mentoring and virtual speakers and Master Classes. This is to prepare them to fulfill their mission and transform the lives of others.

We are currently preparing for our Phenomenal Women’s Personal Development Conference on May 18, 2019 at the DoubleTree Hotel. We are featuring special guest speaker, Hon. Patricia Titus, Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court celebrating 19 years on the bench. She highlighted her faith in God in her initial campaign race and defeated an incumbent to win her seat on the bench!

We hope to fulfill our scripture objective for the event, and the rest of the year, *“To provoke others to love and good works”* (Hebrews 10:24). No matter how much education, skills or talent you have, you can do nothing without the unlimited Power of God. But, with His unlimited power, every accomplishment is possible! ~ Sheila Bankhead Grisham, Co-Chair B&PWF



IN the SPOTLIGHT: Mother and Daughter



Dr. Gena L. Ross!

Dr. Evangelist Gena L. Ross (on left) and her lovely daughter, Ms. Darriell L. Herron (on right), are very excited and pleased to be new members of the B&PWF. They are active members of Boone Tabernacle COGIC in Kansas City, MO. Their Pastor is Bishop Lemuel F. Thuston the Prelate of Kansas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Chairman of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Dr. Ross was a candidate for the School Board Member for the Platte County R-3 School District in Platte City, MO. Election Day was April 2, 2019. Ross recently was inducted into The National Society of Leadership and Success in January 2019. She received Certification as a Microsoft Office Specialist in March 2019.

Her daughter, Ms. Darriel L. Herron is an active member of the Grambling State University Concert Choir. Because of her phenomenal talent as an opera and classical music singer, she travels extensively and is called upon for a plethora of engagements.

Herron is very involved on her school's campus where she is a member of the President's Student Leadership Initiative. She holds a couple leadership positions in her organization such as, the Public Relations Chair for The Main G Event and Parliamentarian for the Mid-West Association. Herron is currently a candidate for the 2019-2020, Miss Cover Girl Pageant.

"If you lose your focus, refocus by redefining your purpose." ~ Dr. Gena L. Ross, Ph. D



Calendar of Coming Events

NOVEMBER 4-12, 2019

112th Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

St. Louis, MO

- Business & Professional Women's Federation Training Classes held at the OTJ Training Institute

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Business and Professional Women's Federation National Chapter

- Fall Fellowship / Open House

More information to come!

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