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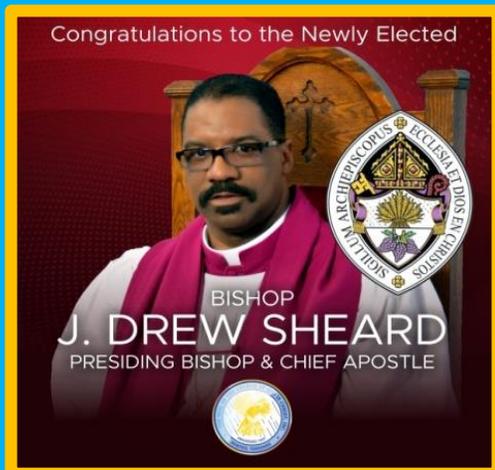
Business & Professional Women's Federation National Chapter The Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Our Creed: We Care! We Share! We Help!



**MOTHER BONNIE MCPEAK,
National B&PWF President**

INSIDE NEWS... OFFICIAL GREETINGS, **BREAKING NEWS: 2021 Virtual Women's Convention,**
Jurisdictional Reports from: *Southern California First Ecclesiastical, Greater North Carolina Ecclesiastical A Victorious Testimony from Evangelist Delivia Lenora Berry, Southern California Metropolitan Ecclesiastical, Special Honors for-MS. Darriell Herron of Maryland Central Ecclesiastical and MORE!*



**Bishop John Drew Sheard
the Newly Elected
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle COGIC**



**Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis
General Supervisor COGIC**



OFFICIAL GREETINGS

From the President's Desk

National President, Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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Holy Greetings to All,

I am grateful to come to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You and yours are in my earnest prayers and heartfelt thoughts. May God continue to protect and bless you.

I hope you will enjoy reading our May 2021 B&PWF Newsletter. God is continuously doing new things in our great church, the Church of God in Christ, Inc. In this 21st century, God is preparing us for a different dimension and bountiful blessings!

We send congratulations to our General Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis on her first International Virtual Women's Convention May 26-28, 2021. Let us fervently pray for our General Supervisor, her executive staff, our newly elected Presiding Bishop John Drew Sheard and his wife, First Lady Karen Sheard.

Since 2020, God has blessed the B&PWF to continue to work, unite, and make plans through ZOOM meetings and various activities. We have grown to over 100 Chapters across the United States and one chapter in Zambia, Africa.

We acknowledged our longstanding B&PWF members of 20 plus years with a special recognition service in February 2021. Although we are faced with challenges during this pandemic, God has blessed the B&PWF to donate to two nonprofit organizations. I appreciate our dedicated leaders and faithful members who have participated in these events. In closing, we ask for your support and continued prayers.

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BREAKING NEWS!

2021 VIRTUAL WOMEN'S CONVENTION

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Bishop J. Drew Sheard - Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, General Supervisor



Save The Date
WEDNESDAY
MAY 26
-THRU-
FRIDAY
MAY 28
2021
A VIRTUAL
WOMEN'S EVENT

Women's International

VIRTUAL CONVENTION



Mother
Barbara McCoo Lewis

General Supervisor
Convention President

Lady Barbara McKinney, Esq
Administrative Facilitator, WIC

3-DAY ON-DEMAND EXPERIENCE

| Day Sessions | Evening Worship Services
Registration opens Monday, April 26, 2021 \$100 per registrant
To register to participate in these events, please go to the website:

<https://www.cogic.org>womensdepartment>contact>

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN



Bishop J. Drew Sheard & Lady Karen Clark Sheard
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle & First Lady

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis
General Supervisor & Convention President

Women's International

VIRTUAL CONVENTION

22nd Annual EXECUTIVE BOARD Prayer Hour

Theme: A Fresh Wind of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021
8:00AM PST | 9:00AM MST | 10:00AM CST | 11:00AM EST

LIVE


SUPERVISOR
Mary K. Sims
IDOW Executive Board, President

GUEST PSALMIST
Crystal Rucker
Gospel Recording Artist








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In Memoriam:

**Mother Fran Miller Harris,
B&PWF 2nd National President**



Over 100 CHAPTERS ACROSS AMERICA

and

1 CHAPTER in ZAMBIA, AFRICA



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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Southern California First Jurisdiction BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION

**Wanda Barnett Street, M.D. MPH, Chair
Sheila Bankhead Grisham, Atty. Co-Chair**

The Southern California First Jurisdiction of the COGIC Business & Professional Women's Federation under the leadership of our General and Jurisdictional Supervisor, Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis, have been active. Even during the first quarter of 2020, and into 2021, the second year of this Pandemic, many things have been accomplished. We started in the beginning of 2021, with our Annual "JANUARY JUMPSTART 2021." The theme for the year is, "Maintaining Purpose, Passion and Productivity: Redeeming the Time during the Pandemic."

At this event, we heard from several of our Business & Professional Women. We were also blessed by Pharmacist Dr. Gail Orum Alexander, who is the Associate Dean of Keck Graduate Institute, School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Dr. Alexander shared how God transitioned her from employee to employer. He favored her with promotions she never even sought after. He is guiding her to unimagined career heights!

We have continued with our signature events, which included our February, Annual Black History Month's, "Blacks N' Business," and in March, Women's History Month's, "Women N' Business." We heard from our B&PWF members and a mother-daughter real estate team: Diane Crouch and her daughter, First Lady Shavon Codio. Other guests included: National Evangelist Dr. Sonya Simpson Lewis, the Vice President of the House of Winston Mortuaries, Attorney Joe Hopkins and his wife, Ruth Hopkins, who are the Publishers of the Pasadena Journal, which is a prominent African American Newspaper, Ms. Arnetta Mack, the CEO of Mack Enterprises, Inc., and the former graphic artists for Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, Attorney Margo Bouchet and Attorney Nekisha Spinner who also has a robust dessert business on the side.

Our "Women N' Business" included Pastor Sharon Green, the CEO of Victor Valley Family Transitional Housing. Pastor Green reported on how God enabled her to bring a federal lawsuit against a local municipality's efforts to run her multi-million dollar grant transitional housing out-of-town. Her actions and the case were covered on the front page of several newspapers. She defeated their plans to take over her business.

Evangelist Sophrinia Cassell, the owner of her own architectural design firm, shared how she navigated a pathway of success in a "male" dominated and highly competitive industry. Over 25 years ago, when she was a student, Evangelist Cassell was blessed to receive tuition through her employer. Her success continued by earning a B.S. degree in Architecture and later a Masters in Organizational Development. She landed on projects, including some of the tallest buildings in the famed Los Angeles Downtown Civic Center, placing her in high demand.

Finally, we heard an amazing testimony from Dr. Jameslla Kaufman Dennis who is a longtime member of the Church of God in Christ. She served many years in the Women’s Department. She is a retired educator, who initially enrolled in seminary to develop a deeper understanding of the word of God. She went on to earn a Doctorate.

Dr. Dennis was later asked to serve as an Assistant Pastor. She was eventually ordained as an Elder in the Church of God, becoming Rev. Dr. Jamesella Kaufman Dennis. She is very enterprising in many areas and wanted to find an available women’s retreat. However, Dr. Dennis developed her own retreat known as “The Beloved Gathering.” It is held at a beautiful hilltop retreat center. After receiving an unsolicited \$1,000.00 gift, she felt a “nod” from the Lord concerning her work with her retreat. Therefore, Dr. Dennis continued the retreat for five years until the 2020 Pandemic.

These empowering presentations and other outstanding reports have inspired us to continue to “Maintain our Purpose, Passion and Productivity during this Pandemic!”

SO. CALIFORNIA FIRST! DEPT of WOMEN
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
Presents
BLACKS N' BUSINESS
 CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
SUN | FEB 28 | 3-5 PST
Speakers:
 A VIRTUAL DYNAMIC DISCUSSION WITH OUR OWN "HISTORY MAKING" BLACKS N' BUSINESS

DR. BARBARA MCCOOLEWIS
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Southern California First Jurisdiction

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featuring

Women's History Month WOMEN IN BUSINESS

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SUN | MAR 28 | 3-5PST

Women: N' Biznez ROUNDTABLE

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GREATER NORTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION

**BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION
WELLS MEMORIAL COGIC
GREENSBORO, NC**

Sis. Jeraldine Bailey, B&PWF Local Chapter President

VOTER REGISTRATION WEBINAR

On September 30, 2020, our local Business and Professional Women's Federation chapter sponsored a virtual voter registration webinar for our community. Guest presenters were Commissioner Carolyn Coleman and former Representative Earl Jones.

Those who tuned in to this invaluable presentation learned their votes count and also why all votes count regardless of political affiliation. Learning all votes matter truly was enlightening to every age group. This impacted those who had never registered to vote, as well as those who had stopped voting.

As a result of this webinar, several participants indicated they would indeed become a first-time Registered Voter. Others stated they will step-up and return to the polls.



THE BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION OF
WELLS MEMORIAL COGIC INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR

A CONVERSATION WITH COMMISSIONER CAROLYN COLEMAN and REPRESENTATIVE EARL JONES

TOPIC: DOES MY VOTE MATTER? WHY?

TIME: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AT 7:00 PM EST

Understand why your vote is important. Learn how and why your vote matters. Learn how to register to vote. Know how to cast your ballot. Discover the difference between absentee voting, mail-in voting and early voting. **AND MUCH MORE!**

Join Zoom meeting **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, 7:00 PM.**
EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/89297555918>

Meeting ID: 892 9755 5918 Access Code: 911692

One tap mobile: +14465588656,89297555918@ US (New York)

In addition to the webinar, chapter member Missionary Jackie Tyson applied for a \$500 grant which she received from Democracy NC. This was to assist at the polls for the 2020 Presidential Elections as Voter Protectors. She was able to successfully hire and train five young adults to help in this endeavor. She also used the money from the grant to compensate these young adults for their service. Missionary Tyson also donated \$100 to our local chapter.

To Missionary Jackie Tyson, we salute you for your unselfish act of community service and generosity! May God continue to bless you in your many endeavors.

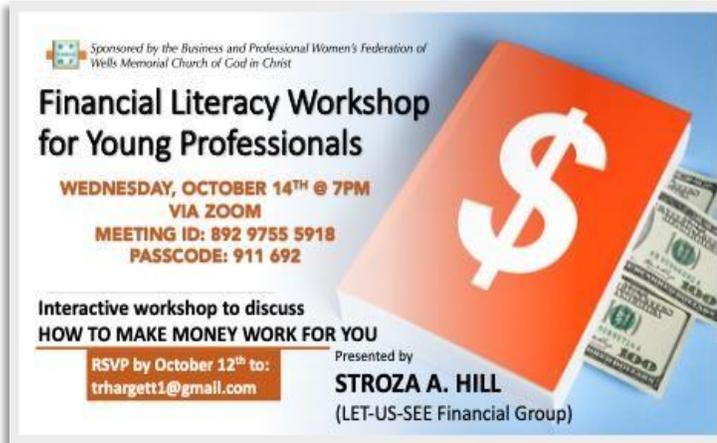
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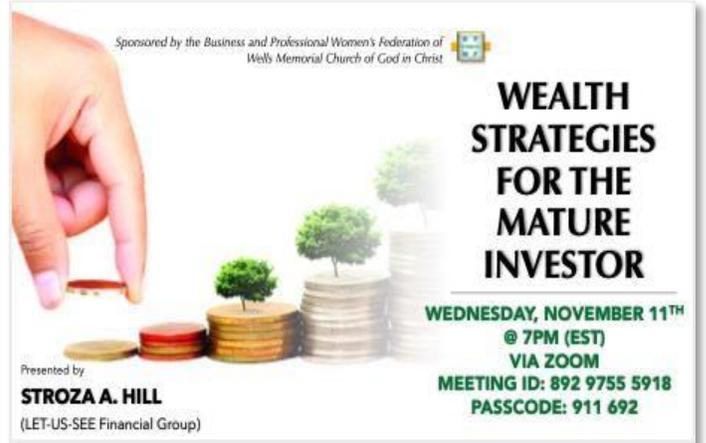
Financial Literacy Workshop for Young Professionals

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH @ 7PM
VIA ZOOM
MEETING ID: 892 9755 5918
PASSCODE: 911 692

Interactive workshop to discuss
HOW TO MAKE MONEY WORK FOR YOU

RSVP by October 12th to:
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Presented by
STROZA A. HILL
(LET-US-SEE Financial Group)



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WEALTH STRATEGIES FOR THE MATURE INVESTOR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
@ 7PM (EST)
VIA ZOOM
MEETING ID: 892 9755 5918
PASSCODE: 911 692

Presented by
STROZA A. HILL
(LET-US-SEE Financial Group)

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

In October and November of 2020, our ongoing series of financial literacy workshops were held virtually. The Financial Literacy Workshop for Young Professionals was held on October 14th followed by Wealth Strategies for the Mature Investor on November 11th. Our presenter for both workshops was Mr. Stroza Hill of the Let-Us-See Financial Group in Greensboro, NC. Mr. Hill captured the undivided attention of both the young professionals and the mature investors.

Interaction between participants helped to dispel many of the myths that abound about our financial well-being as black people. Several benefits from both workshops included: **learning the difference between wants and needs, having a financial plan, setting a goal, watching what is spent, planning for future purchases, keeping a budget, never paying the minimum on borrowed money, and saving for a rainy day.**

This workshop was especially beneficial for the mature investors. Some of Mr. Hill's advice was to: **become familiar with retirement choices, provide income protection for self and family, have a will, stop living paycheck to paycheck, give back to the community, and leave an inheritance for the next generation.**

One rule of thumb we can all live by to avoid future money problems is to apply the 10-10-80 Plan. This concept is to give 10% for tithes (mandated by God in Malachi 3:10); 10% to pay self before paying bills (offering, investments, retirement and/or inheritance fund); and 80% for living expenses, and budgeting for the expected and unexpected.

GREATER NORTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION
WELLS MEMORIAL COGIC, GREENSBORO, NC
Sis. Jeraldine Bailey,
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2020 DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, drive-thru donations for the needy in our community became the norm this past Christmas season. In 2021, our chapter was able to again collect and donate over 150 pairs of socks, gloves, hats and scarves to the Greensboro Urban Ministry. We are grateful to everyone who saw the need and were willing to give of their time, finances and material goods.

We cared! We shared! We helped!

Southern California Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction B&PWF

President: Evangelist Alfreda Jones-Moore

Supervisor: Mother Betty Gray Fort

Pre-late: Regional Bishop J. Bernard Hackworth

Community Chapel Church, George L. Fort, III, Pastor

Victorious Testimony



“Making the Dream A Reality ... Despite Circumstances”

By: Evangelist Delivia Lenore Berry, BPWF Member

For the first 6 months of my life, I lived in an orphanage. This was the start of my disconnection. It is believed that the first 3 months of a child’s life is important for the bonding years. There was no mother-daughter connection in my life. However, after the six-month span of living in the orphanage, an older couple adopted me. Yet and still, there was still no mother-daughter connection.

Sadly, I always felt disconnected from the family that adopted me. But, I never knew of the adoption until the age of 30. I continuously have a strong feeling of connection to individuals that had no family and/or were adopted.

Through my lifetime, it always bothered me to see teenage girls without a mother-daughter connection. I was concerned how they turned to entities just to receive or feel some sense of love. These young ladies and I built bonds of trust. I became their protector both naturally and spiritually. I wanted them to have a life deserving of their worth.

As a teenager, I could never understand why I connected more to children and young ladies in need. On or around my 30th birthday, all these feelings of not knowing were revealed! I found out I was adopted! My heart sank and the non-trust mechanism began. I started having nightmares of why I had a mother that did not want me.

Nevertheless, after finally meeting my biological mother, GOD let me know, had she not placed me to be adopted, I would not have come to know Him. Everything happens for a

reason. Despite how I got here, GOD has purpose for my life. He later placed a mother in my life that needed to be there in that season. She is still praying with and for me in this season!

As an administrator by profession, and former teacher, I am learning the ropes of several types of businesses. I have expanded my training from advertising, marketing, print production, nonprofit, education and in the medical area. This has brought me to the realization: there has to be more done to benefit young adults.

I've shared my thoughts and aspirations with others. Of course, you run across the Nay Sayers, who try to discourage your vision. Be careful with whom you share your dream and vision.

I continued visualizing a place of safety for young ladies from 18 and up. I've even seen the actual layout of the "safety place" in a dream. I was laid off from employment from a company I was with for twenty years. At first, the first week, was devastating! However, GOD sent a word to me. He said, *"You would have never left if the door was never closed!"* Talk about an eye opener!

After six months or less of rest, during a time when unemployment was at an all-time high, another door opened. In my opinion, I was not qualified for it. I couldn't understand why I was at this place of business, until one day!

The COO and I were chatting about his wife and the volunteer work she does with the "Women & Children" organization. He also informed me, the owner of the company, works with "throw-a-ways". Hmm... what a strange name I thought. The throw-a-ways are children who are reaching adult age without a family. GOD will always put you in the right place at the right time when it's your time.

I shared my dream with others on the job. The response was amazing. The response was, *"When you're ready let me know. I can put you in touch with the right people. There are many that would like to partner in your aspirations for a safe place."* In a particular conversation, GOD revealed the name of the soon to come safe place!

Patience, perseverance and waiting on GOD is a task that we often overlook, due to wanting the microwave finish. However, *"Isaiah 40:31 states, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

Don't faint or walk away from the dream. There are things with the vision that are still being ironed out, people are being put into place, courses are being offered, board of directors are being organized. When GOD has purpose for your life, nothing can stop the vision that "He" gives you.

It may not happen overnight, but rest assure, it's coming to pass. Stay encouraged and watch GOD work. Know that you were placed here for a reason and your season is coming!

Maryland Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION

Bishop Carl A. Pierce, Sr., Prelate
Dr. Diana Banks, Supervisor of Women

Congratulations to...

DARIELL HERRON

Our youngest member of the B&PWF...

Miss Senior of Grambling State University 2021

Submitted by Dr. Gena Ross

INVOLVEMENTS

- Grambling State University's Concert Choir
- President's Student Leadership Initiative
- The Floyd L. Sandle Theatre Guild
- Grambling State University's Student Government Association
- Midwest Association
- The Main G Event
- 1st Runner Up Miss Cover Girl 2019-2020
- Miss Talent 2019-2020
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: Wyandotte Chapter
- Business & Professional Women's Federation



Darriell Herron for Miss Senior

Have a Blessed Mother's Day!



I can do
All Things
Through
Christ
Who
Strengthens Me
Phil 4:13

BE ENCOURAGED! GOD IS WITH YOU!

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16 KJV



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