



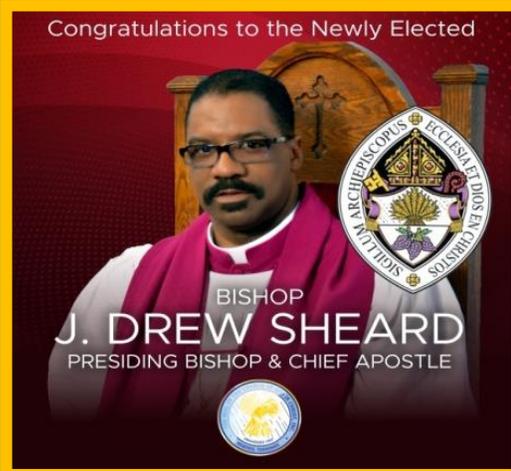
# NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

**INSIDE NEWS...** *Special Condolence to Mother McPeak, Official Greetings from Mother Bonnie McPeak, BPWF NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Details concerning the 72<sup>nd</sup> International Women's Dept. Convention, Donate Your Used Eyeglasses Project, Reports from Chapters: Grand Rapids, MI and Wisconsin First Jurisdiction, Our Market Place Directory is [HERE!](#), and MORE!*



**Bishop John Drew Sheard  
Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle COGIC**



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



## OFFICIAL GREETINGS

From the President's Desk of **National President,**  
**Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak,**

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

*Our Creed: We Care- We Share- We Help*

*"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work," 2 Corinthians 9:8.*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**Welcome to the 72nd Annual Women International Convention of the Church of God in Christ.** We are thankful to be in the beautiful city of Orlando, Florida. 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, Bishop J. Drew Sheard, the Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle, and his lovely wife, First Lady Karen Clark Sheard.

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. You will also find additional coverage on other special features.

Through the help of the Lord, the Business & Professional Women's Federation is excelling and growing. We praise God for the loyal and committed members for their continuous efforts, support, and prayers. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* (Philippians 4:13).

**Join us during the 2022 WIC for our BPWF Breakout Sessions on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are offering workshops, training classes, and inspirational speakers. For more information, please see page 9 of this newsletter.**

I hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter. You can obtain more copies by downloading them from our website: [www.bpwfcofic.org](http://www.bpwfcofic.org). I welcome your feedback. Thank you for your continued support of the Business & Professional Women's Federation to help us: **"Care~Share~Help."** I sincerely request your prayers. **"We are doing a great work and cannot come down!"**

**Mother Bonnie McPeak, National B&PWF President**

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## **Business and Professional Women's Federation**

### **Our Mission Statement**

**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 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.**



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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:**

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**Special prayers to ...**  
***Mother Bonnie McPeak,***  
*A beloved sister of Mother Ether Mae Johnson*

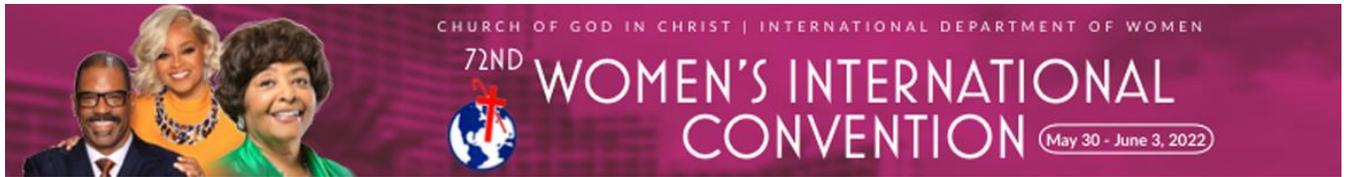


**MOTHER ETHER MAE JOHNSON**



**Mother Ether Mae Johnson** made her transition on Monday, February 14, 2022, at the age of 79 years, and is now present with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ether was born on September 7,

1942, to Sammie Sullivan and Flora Brown (Thurman) in Frenchman Bayou, Arkansas. She was the second oldest child of Flora Thurman.



## 2022 Women's International Convention Online Form

**Welcome**

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST INC.**

**WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

*Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis, President & General Supervisor*

*Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Presiding Bishop*

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Please be advised that to increase accuracy take your time and answer each question. It can take up to five minutes to fill out this form. *Please allow yourself time to read every policy. Before beginning please take a moment to read the COVID-Related updates.*

### Registration Information:

**VACCINATIONS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
THE 2022 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.**

Attendees are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated.

We are adhering to the CDC guidelines, including the use of masks, social distancing, and other protocols while inside all 2022 Women's International Convention venues. Click the Start button to begin the attendee registration process. If the dates that you are requesting are unavailable please email us at [wic@cogic.org](mailto:wic@cogic.org) for further assistance.

Thanks,  
WIC Staff

Bishop John Drew Sheard, *Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle*  
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, *General Supervisor & Convention President*



# 72nd WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

May 30 - June 3, 2022

## CONVENTION SPEAKERS



TUE  
MAY  
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**MOTHER  
BARBARA  
MCCOO-LEWIS**  
*General Supervisor &  
Convention President*



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**EVANGELIST  
KAREN  
CLARK-SHEARD**  
*Wife of Presiding  
Bishop*



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**SUPERVISOR  
FAYE  
MAUREEN-BUTLER**  
*Malawi Second  
Jurisdiction*



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for registration and information.

**Join Us! BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION at the 2022 International Women's Convention – SCHEDULE: Wed., June 1 & Fri., June 3**



**DR. EMMA CLARK**  
*New Chapter Presidents Training  
 California Northwest*  
 - WEDNESDAY -



**EVAN. LISA SCONIERS**  
*New Chapter Presidents Training  
 Alabama 1st*  
 - WEDNESDAY -



**JENNIFER CARRINGTON**  
*Effective Marketing for  
 Business and More*  
 Texas Central Metropolitan  
 - WEDNESDAY -



**EVAN. SONYA SIMPSON-LEWIS**  
*Inspirational Speaker  
 Southern California*  
 - WEDNESDAY -



**DR. STEPHANIE LETT**  
*Mental Health Awareness:  
 How to be Mentally Fit for Ministry*  
 Alabama 1st  
 - FRIDAY -



**EVAN. BETTY D. HOLMAN**  
*Overcoming Your Fears  
 In order to Become a Water Walker*  
 Texas Central Metropolitan  
 - FRIDAY -

**FREE ALL ARE WELCOME**

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## The BPWF Fresh Oil Chapter of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Administrative Assistant Robert Dean, Bishop Designate  
Katie Eason, District Missionary  
New Life COGIC in Grand Rapids, MI

The First Annual Business & Professional Women's Federation Business Brunch  
Reporting: Evangelist Fern Rayon Jones, President, BPWF Fresh Oil Chapter  
*"We Care, We Share, We Help!"*

On Saturday, March 19, 2022, The BPWF of the Fresh Oil Chapter of Michigan held their **First Annual Business Brunch**. The theme was, *"Hit the Ground Running."* This is alluding to the remarkable progress this team has experienced in a short period of time. The BPWF Fresh Oil District Chapter was formed in mid-2021. Before the end of 2021, we held a successful event prior to our first meeting.

In our first BPWF meeting, we were blessed to have four businesswomen owners in attendance. They were subsequently established as officers in our chapter. Not long after their appointment, four more members were later added.

After hosting our second successful event, we frequently met to make plans for our first Business Brunch. We had overwhelming support. **Mother Bonnie McPeak, the President of the BPWF COGIC Worldwide International President, and Evangelist Dr. Mary Larry, Ph.D. BPWF International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** attended our brunch. Dr. Larry was our inspirational speaker.

We also were graced to have with us, **Sharyn Steele, an inspirational and motivational Millionaire Mentor & Marketing Agent**. The final speaker was **William Grice, a highly successful serial entrepreneur and industry leader**. The focus of the brunch was to promote and support youth entrepreneurs: **Au'Dreanna Hunt, A'Nylah Winters and Madisyn Crawford**. They briefly described their business ventures which touched many hearts. One truly unique aspect of the event was the repertoire of speakers which included a grandfather and granddaughter duo, William Grice and Madisyn Crawford.

The delectable brunch was prepared by **New Life COGIC / Fresh Oil First Lady, Evangelist Lady Betty Dean (Bishop Designate Rev. Robert Dean, Pastor)**. Every delicious plate of food was cleaned-up with not a morsel of leftover food! The youth speakers were allowed to set up vendor tables and promoted their products. Many attendees sowed a monetary seeds into their businesses and gave them encouraging words.

The BPWF team members worked diligently to put our **First Annual Business Brunch** together. **Secretary Lady Josie Grice owner of Bea's Childcare, served as the dynamic Mistress of Ceremony. Chaplain Deb Martin owner of D & V Rentals represented with stunning customized decorations. Our BPWF Vice-President, Giniece Fleming of the Child Care on the Go and Tutoring on the Go, represented with beautiful appreciation gifts.**

**Tanisha Franklin of TJW Natural Beauty, kindly read bios, served and assisted in the kitchen. Paulette Shorter of Jewelry with a Story, greeted guests and served as Ticket-taker. Sylvia McSwain of S & S Dreams LLC served as Kitchen Manager and also assisted with cleanup and decorating along with Mother Mildred Hill/H & J Senior Services.**

*---Submitted: Evangelist Fern Rayon Jones, of FERNs WORKs is the Administrative & Graphic Design Assistance. She is also, the President of the BPWF Fresh Oil Chapter in Michigan. She guided the brainstorming meetings and planning sessions. Her other responsibilities included: shopping, selecting guest speakers, programming, designed the flyer, banner, tickets and program for the First Annual Business Brunch. Evangelist Jones gives all of the glory and praise to God for His help and guidance.*

God gave us this dynamic team of eight entrepreneurs, with more to come! With our combined gifts, talents and business endeavors, we intend to **Hit the Ground Running** in pursuit of His Will for our growth, development and other endeavors in the ministry of business.

Please visit our fb business page <https://www.facebook.com/BPWFMI> to view event photos and video expressions donated by Dretti Visions Film & Production, LLC.

The central flyer contains the following text:

**Business Branch**  
 Saturday, March 19th - 11am  
 All are welcome!  
 Featuring -  
 \*A Delectable Menu  
 \*Youth Entrepreneurs  
 \*Elite Business Professionals  
 Casual wear welcome

**Hit the Ground Running!**

**Speakers:**  
 WILLIAM GRICE, Bishop Samuel Duncan, Jr., Mother Alethea Taylor, Mother Bonnie McPeak

**Hosts:**  
 Fresh Oil Dist. Pres. Fern Rayon Jones, Dist. Vice Pres. Giniece Fleming



Josie Grice



Mildred Hill



Sylvia McSwain



Debra Martin



Giniece Fleming



Tanisha Franklin



Paulette Shorter



Fern Rayon Jones



**To Our International BPWF President Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak...**

First, I give the highest honors and praise to God, our Heavenly Father  
 And to the Lord Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior  
 I humbly honor:  
 International Presiding Bishop, Bishop John Drew Sheard  
 International General Supervisor, Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis  
 Bishop Sedgwick Daniels Jurisdictional Bishop and General Board Member  
 Wisconsin Supervisor, Mother Billie Jo Thomas

**Report from:**  
**Mother Lillian Williams Lawrence, President of the First Wisconsin Chapter  
 Business and Professional Women's Federation COGIC.**

On March 21, 2022, the Wisconsin BPWF hosted the National Zoom Monthly Fellowship. What an honor it was for our women to host this great event. Praise God!

Before that big night, I sent announcements to our Wisconsin Jurisdictional Women's Department notifying them of this coming event. Therefore, many women were online for the fellowship meeting. God blessed us.

The response was extremely positive. This was a tremendous opportunity to invite more women to join our local chapter and build our membership. Since then, we have added six new members to our Wisconsin Federation. To God be the glory!

Our International BPWF President, Mother Bonnie McPeak, has given the state BPWF Chapters a wonderful opportunity to host the monthly meetings. I encourage all BPWF state chapters to host a monthly National BPWF Zoom Fellowship. ***My testimony is that God can bless your Business and Professional Women's Federation through your presentation.***



**GO FOR IT!**

# BPWF Budding Promises

In June 2021, we celebrated our B&PWF "Budding Promises" young entrepreneurs. The young entrepreneurs are a part of our mentorship program.



In November 2019, the B&PWF President, Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak, consulted with the National AB&U Facilitator Mother Darlene Stone and our General COGIC Supervisor Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis about her vision to establish a youth group within the B&PWF. This is to embrace our young COGIC entrepreneurs and to inspire other youth to have the confidence to start their own business.

Mother McCoo-Lewis approved of this vision and plan. The group is called; **BUDDING PROMISES**. We, the National B&PWF, received our first inductee, Morgan Tupper of the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan. In 2020, Morgan was a 9-year-old "Kid Author." This group has grown to include new members.

They are excited about the opportunities to be mentored by experienced business owners. When financial funds are available, they can receive financial assistance as needed.

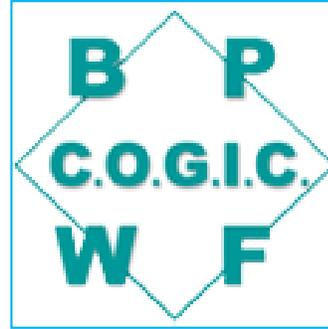
Other youth members are:

- Ms. Ivana Carrington, Texas Central Metropolitan Jurisdiction COGIC
- Ms. Darriell Lewren Herron of Maryland Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction COGIC
- Mr. Justin Kemp of California Northwest Jurisdiction COGIC
- Ms. Ta'Khira Barnett, South Carolina Jurisdiction COGIC
- Ms. Liyah Bradley, Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical COGIC
- Ms. NeVeah Young, Texas Central Metropolitan COGIC

To read more information about these young business owners, please consult our **2021-2022 Market Place Business Directory**.

*This year, 2022, God blessed the National BPWF to honor our young Budding Promises members. We had a glorious time in our virtual meeting and a special ceremony. Monetary gifts were given to them along with other recognitions.*

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# GOD BLESS YOU



*~Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV)~*  
Call unto me, and I will  
answer thee, and show  
thee great and mighty  
things, which thou  
knowest not.

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