

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS  
ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

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# Greetings from the State President

**Theme:** *“Ushers Looking Up And Knowing With Confidence That Our Help Comes From The Lord As We Continue Our Journey Of Moving Upward In Unity And With Love.”*

**Scripture:** *“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2 (KJV)*



**CHERYL D. ALLEN**

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

I greet you in the Wonderful and Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is always an honor and a privilege to extend greetings to you. I continue to give all the Honor, Glory, and Praise to our Heavenly Father! I continue to thank Him for His Grace and Mercy!

I thank the Lord for allowing me to complete one year serving as your State President. I am looking forward to continuing this journey and serving my second year as your State President.

I thank the Lord for continuing to bless us. I pray you are having and will continue to have an enjoyable and safe summer.

I hope you will take some time to read this very informative newsletter. The newsletter includes important information and exciting events and activities.

Please always feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, concerns, or recommendations. Please also feel free to contact me if you need assistance. I remain available and willing to serve.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Cheryl D. Allen  
State President



**PHIL CHAMBERS**

## Greetings from the Chairman, Board of Directors

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

*Psalm 133:1*

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

I give all the honor and praise to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is indeed an honor and a privilege to bring my first greetings to you on behalf of the Board of Directors. It is also my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Chairman, Board of Directors. I thank my predecessor Irene J. Washington for leaving me a solid foundation by which to build on.

It is also my pleasure to introduce our new Vice Chairman, Board of Directors Gena Randall (District #1) and our Secretary Sheila Smith (District #5). We warmly welcome two new members as follows: Charlotte Aylor Johnson (District #2), Shaneequa M. Graham (District #6), Devall Kelly (District #1), and Vera Lloyd (District #3).

The Board of Directors has been busy managing the business of the Association. I am pleased to inform you that we are in the process of mailing copies of the Constitution and Bylaws (Revised May 2021) to the District Presidents. If you would like to purchase a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws, please contact your District President. The cost is \$3.00 per copy.

We are in the process of finalizing plans for our 2022 In-Person Mid-Year Conference, which will be held in District #2. We thank District #2 President Charlotte Aylor Johnson and the members of District #2 for serving as the Host. We also thank District #2 President Johnson for coordinating the effort to acquire the site.

Just remember, with all of our fellowship and business meetings, our main objective must always be to win souls to Christ through the Ministry of Church Ushering.

Blessings,

Phil Chambers  
Chairman, Board of Directors





## Greetings from the Junior and Young People's President

**KRISTEENA KENNY**

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

I pray everyone is having a blessed summer. Always remember to keep God first in your heart and mind.

I pray our youth had a successful school term and are enjoying their summer break. I pray that God continues to keep you safe.

Continue to praise and thank God for His grace and mercy.

Blessings,

Kristeena Kenny  
Junior and Young People's President

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM**  
**FATHER**  
**MATTHEW TAYLOR**  
**BIRTHDAY**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**APRIL 8, 2022**



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**Irene J. Washington**  
 Chairman, Board of Directors



*The Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.*  
*Extends Birthday Greetings To*  
*Father Matthew Taylor*  
*April 8, 2022*



Father Taylor, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to extend special Birthday greetings and blessings to you on behalf of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.

We express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for serving as the Father of our Association and being our Patriarch. Thank you for being a long-time and faithful member and supporter of our Association and continuing to be a member and supporter. Although many of us are not able to celebrate with you in person today, we are celebrating with you in spirit. Happy Blessed 97th Birthday! We pray your day is filled with peace, love, joy, and blessings.

Thank God for blessing you for 97 years and we pray God continues to bless you. We love you and are looking forward to continuing to be blessed by your presence and fervent prayers.

To God be the Glory for the Great Things He has Done and will Continue to Do!

Peace, Love, Joy, and Blessings,

*Cheryl D. Allen*

Cheryl D. Allen  
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# Certificate of Appreciation

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*Charles J. Brown*

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*4/08/2022*

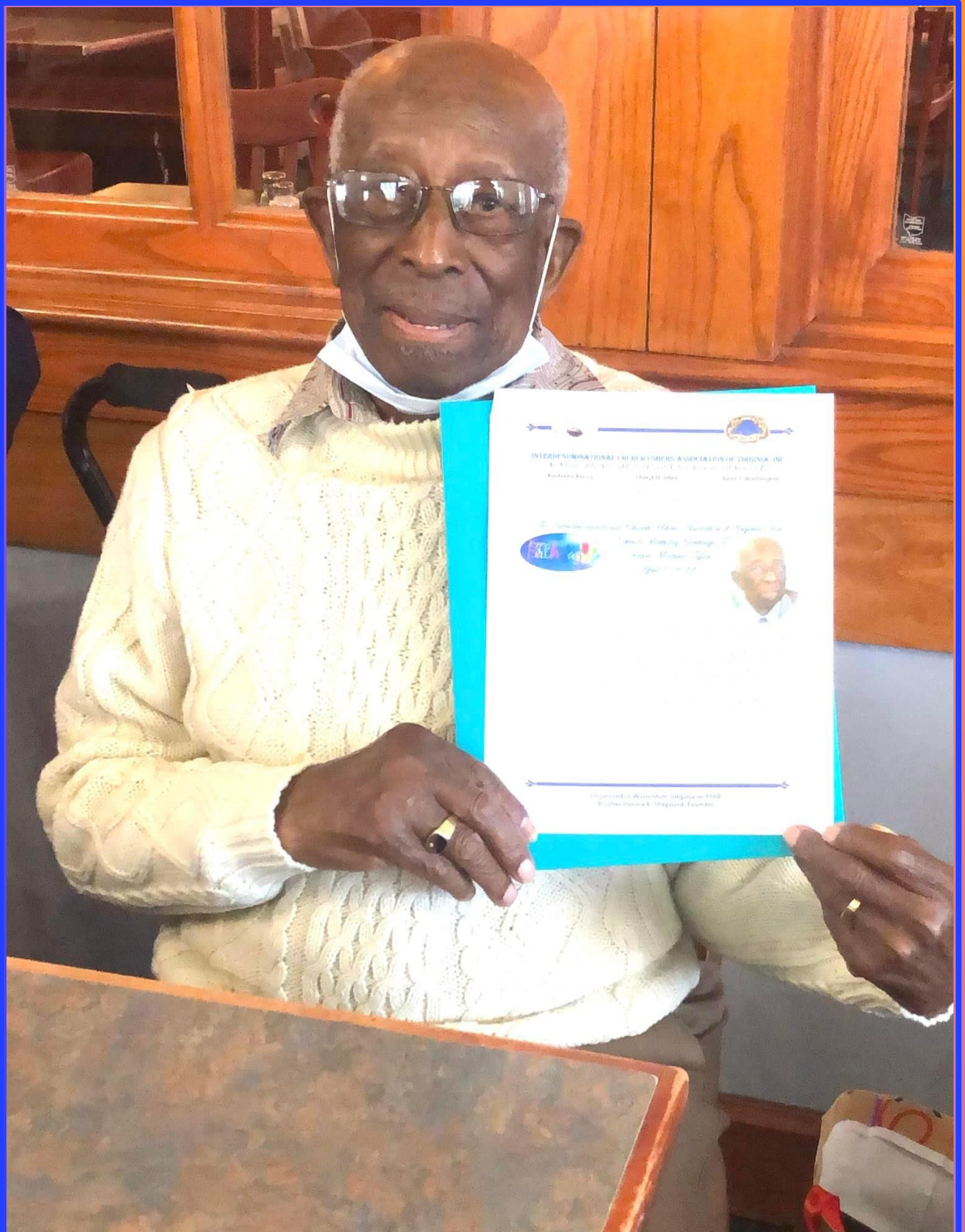
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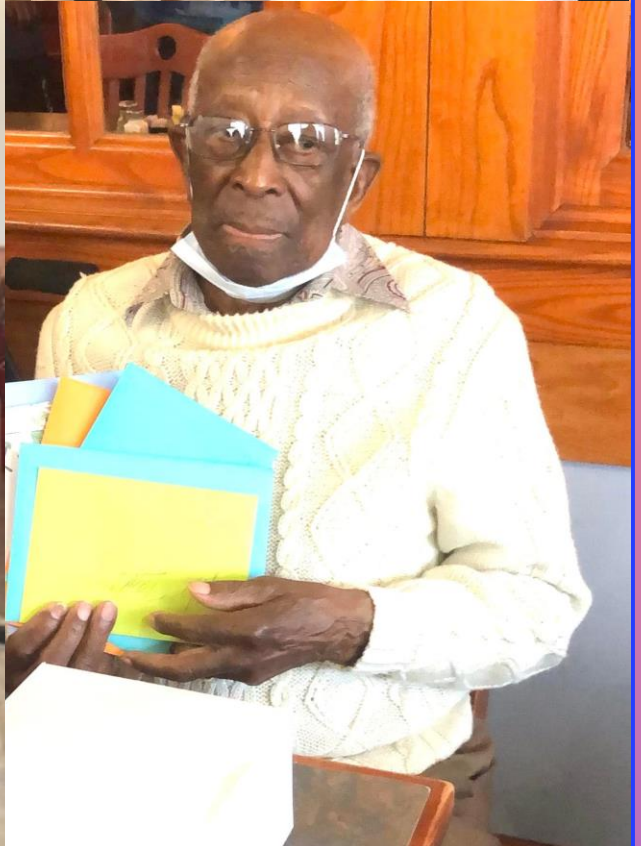
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER MATTHEW TAYLOR





**Happy Birthday Father Matthew Taylor**









# Happy Birthday Father Matthew Taylor!













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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM**  
**MOTHER**  
**T. JEAN HORACE**  
**BIRTHDAY**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**APRIL 20, 2022**





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Extends Birthday Greetings To  
Mother T. Jean Horace  
April 20, 2022*



Mother Horace, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to extend special Birthday greetings and blessings to you on behalf of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.

We express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for serving as the Mother of our Association and being our Matriarch. Thank you for being a long-time and faithful member and supporter of our Association and continuing to be a member and supporter. Although many of us are not able to celebrate with you in person today, we are celebrating with you in spirit. Happy Blessed 81st Birthday! We pray your day is filled with peace, love, joy, and blessings.

Thank God for blessing you for 81 years and we pray God continues to bless you. We love you and are looking forward to continuing to be blessed by your presence, words of encouragement, and motherly guidance and advice.

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*4/20/2022*

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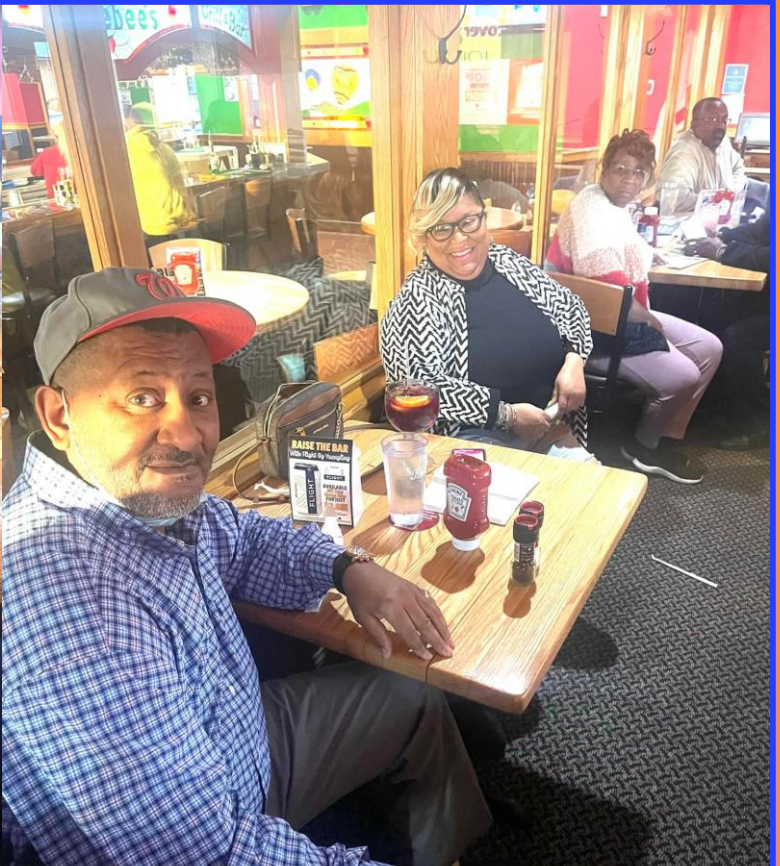






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**Happy Birthday Mother Horace!  
We Love You!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
THE GRADUATES!**



**WHATEVER YOUR MILESTONE  
MAY BE THE ICUA OF  
VIRGINIA, INC. PRAYS THAT  
YOUR DAY IS FILLED WITH  
LOVE, PEACE, AND BLESSINGS!**

# 65TH VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION

The State of Virginia held our second Virtual State Convention on May 13-14, 2022. Our Convention was a success due to a lot of planning and work provided by our officers and members.

Chaplain Cynthia Poole led our spirit-filled Devotions. We received addresses from State President Cheryl D. Allen and Junior and Young People's President Kristeena Kenny. We received very informative reports from the Board of Directors led by Board of Directors Chairman Irene J. Washington, the Finance Team, Committees, Departments, and District Presidents.

Our Kensey M. Lewis School of Ushering Chairman Shadonna Bartholomew conducted an outstanding School of Ushering Workshop on both days of our Convention. Friday's Workshop consisted of a Jeopardy Game that included questions from our School of Ushering Manual. Saturday's Workshop consisted of Ushering in the Aisles that included detailed information from our School of Ushering Manual and a video of our Floor Team Demonstration.

Our Willie J. Minnifield Training and Development Workshop consisted of an outstanding and informative Parliamentary Procedures Presentation, which was facilitated by Brother Ken Spencer. Sister Sandra C. Johnson serves as our Willie J. Minnifield Training and Development Chairman.

We received greetings from National Fourth Vice President and Eastern Region Director Donna A. Hines; an update from District #2 Corresponding Secretary Maurita McDuffie regarding our 2022 Annual Mid-Year Conference and our 66th Annual State Convention that will be held in District #2; Eastern Region Update from Conference Planner Irene J. Washington; and a National Update from Board of Directors Member Lawrence A. Wright.

Our Outreach Project included a monetary donation for ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer. In 1996, several groups of concerned patients, physicians, and advocates came together to create the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, which was modeled after the Breast Cancer Coalition. Today, the new name is ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer. They are still taking action to end prostate cancer and making prostate cancer research a national priority.

## **Congratulations to the Newly Elected Officers as follows:**

Shaneequa M. Graham, Board of Directors  
Charlotte Aylor Johnson, Board of Directors  
Gena Randall, Board of Directors

Joyce A. Parson, Financial Secretary  
Cynthia Wells, Assistant Chaplain  
Andrew Lewis, Sergeant-at-Arms



## **NEWLY ELECTED OFFICER**

**Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officer  
Gena Randall, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors!**



**Gena Randall  
Vice Chairman  
Board of Directors**

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**Shaneequa M. Graham  
Board of Directors**



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**Charlotte Aylor Johnson  
Board of Directors**

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Devall Kelly, Board of Directors!**



**Devall Kelly  
Board of Directors**



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Vera Lloyd, Board of Directors!**



**Vera Lloyd  
Board of Directors**

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**Cynthia Wells**  
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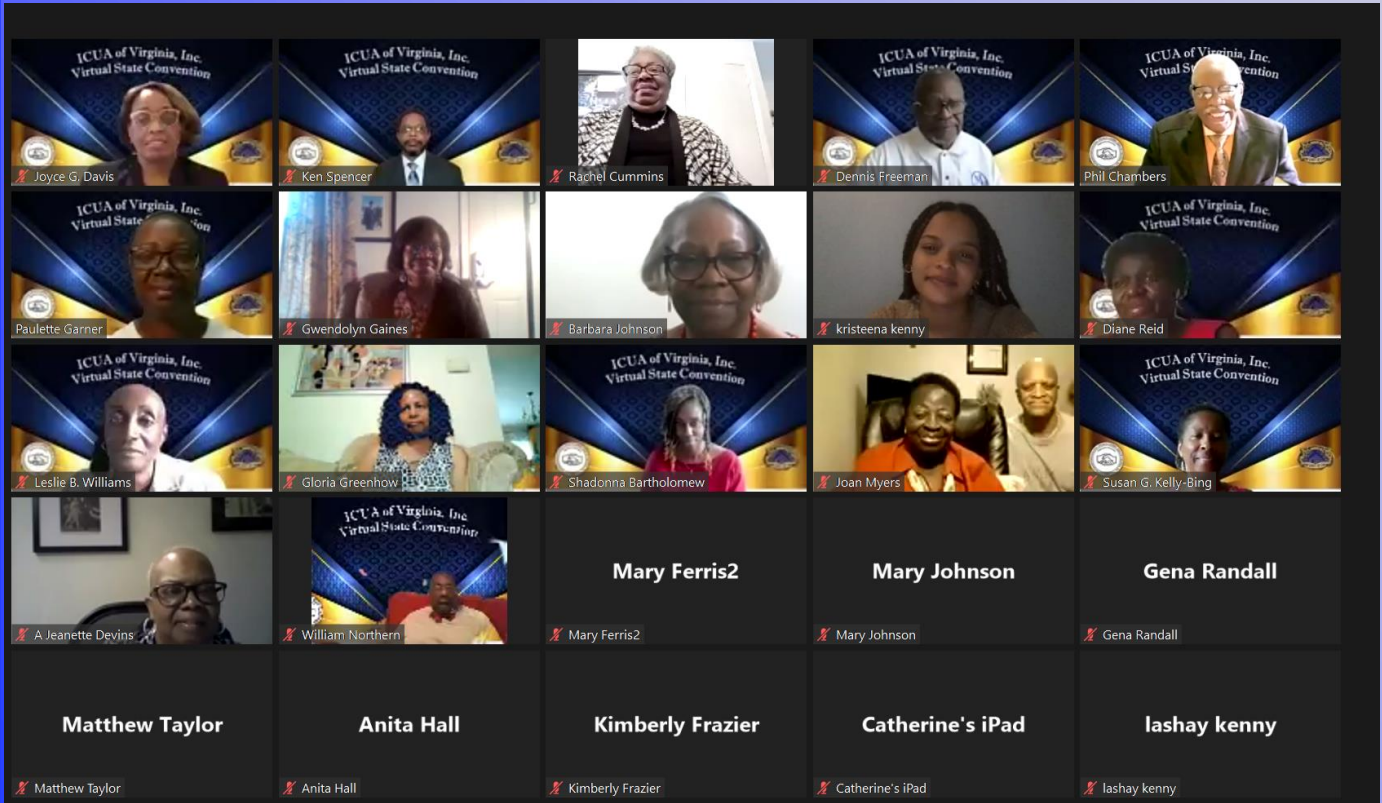
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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## ICUA of Virginia 8th Annual Virtual Unity Luncheon Honorees

Please join us in congratulating our ICUA of Virginia 8th Annual Virtual Unity Luncheon Honorees! See the flyer on the next page.

Our Honorees are as follows:

Junior Usher of the Year - Kristeena Kenny

Usher of the Year - Maurita McDuffie

Nurse of the Year - Jimmie Barber

Instructor of the Year - Cathy Moore

William H. Davis Medal of Honor Recipient - Sandra C. Johnson

Ollie B. Smith Golden Age Honorees

District #2 - Andrades Graham

District #5 - Minister Teresa Baskfield

District #7 – Helen Armstrong

District #s 1, 3, 4, and 6 will be provided upon receipt.

Please plan to join us virtually via Zoom on **Saturday, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM** to celebrate our very worthy honorees as we recognize them for their service, dedication, and commitment to our great Association! We will provide the Zoom information in the near future.

# INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.

8th Annual Virtual Unity Luncheon

Saturday, July 9, 2022, 11:00 AM



\*\*\*\*\*Honorees\*\*\*\*\*

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Phil Chambers, Chairman, Board of Directors

Kristeena Kenny, Junior and Young People's Department



# **Happy Juneteenth Celebrate Freedom Day**

**Greetings Fellow Ushers,**

**Today we celebrate Juneteenth. We honor the importance of today, reflect on the past and upon how far we have come, and look to the future and recognize that there is more work to be done towards full equality.**

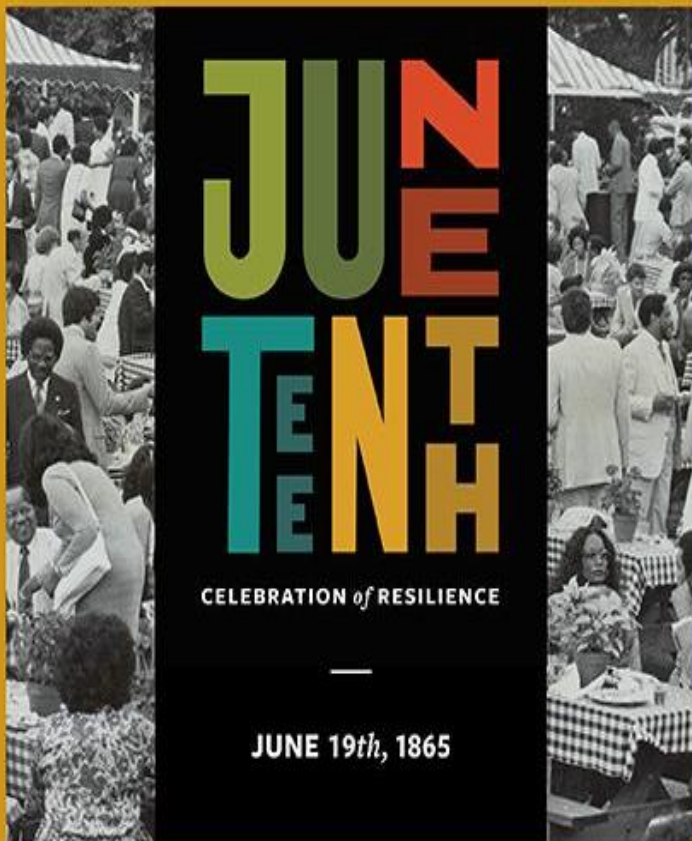
**On June 19, 1865, the Union Army made its way into Galveston, Texas under the leadership of Major General Gordon Granger. Major General Granger informed the enslaved African Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. This momentous occasion has been celebrated as Juneteenth — a combination of June and 19 — for over 150 years. This is a very significant date in our history.**

**We thank God that Juneteenth is now recognized as a federal holiday, after decades of advocacy efforts to officially recognize the annual commemoration of emancipation in America. May God continue to bless us as we continue to celebrate our rich history.**

**Peace, Love, and Blessings,**

**Cheryl D. Allen  
State President**

## Picture from the National Museum of African American History and Culture Website



THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS  
ARE INFORMED THAT IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH A  
PROCLAMATION FROM  
THE EXECUTIVE OF THE  
UNITED STATES, ALL  
SLAVES ARE FREE.

—  
Major General  
GORDON GRANGER





# **BEWARE OF SPAM E-MAILS**

**Greetings Fellow Ushers,**

**I believe some of you have received some SPAM e-mails from two Gmail accounts impersonating me as the ICUA of Virginia President. The individual(s) obviously visited our State website and included a link that reflected our website address. I hope no one clicked on the link.**

**Unfortunately, some members replied to the spam e-mail. A member informed me that the scammer replied and asked them to purchase gifts cards from Amazon and other sources. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE OR RESPOND TO THESE TYPES OF E-MAILS.**

**This also happened to our National President Charles J. Brown in January. Someone impersonating him sent an e-mail to National Board of Directors Chairman. They must have visited our National website.**

**Please be mindful of incoming e-mails with strange requests and links. Contact the legitimate individual to ensure the e-mail is legitimate.**

**Unfortunately, we can probably expect this to continue. We must be very vigilant.**

**Blessings,**

**Cheryl D. Allen  
State President**

# **Updated Condolences/Resolution Form**

**Please use the attached updated  
Condolences/Resolution Form.**

**The form includes the following  
updates:**

- (1) Local, State, Region, and/or  
National Position(s) held by  
the relative of the deceased  
Usher**
- (2) Service streaming information.**





# National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.

## Condolences/Resolution Form

**Name of the Deceased:**

Was the Deceased an Usher?

If yes, list Local, State, Region, and/or National Position(s) held:

**Who is the Deceased related to? State the name(s) and identify the relationship.**

Father/Mother:

Brother/Sister:

Husband/Wife:

Son/Daughter:

Other:

Does/Did the relative hold a Local, State, Region, and/or National Position(s)? If yes, list the position(s):

**Name of Mortuary or Funeral Home:**

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

**Homegoing Celebration**

**Where will the Viewing Service be held?**

Day, Date, and Time:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

**Where will the Homegoing Service be held?**

Day, Date, and Time:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

If the service is being streamed, provide the information:

**Condolence Cards may be sent to:**

Name:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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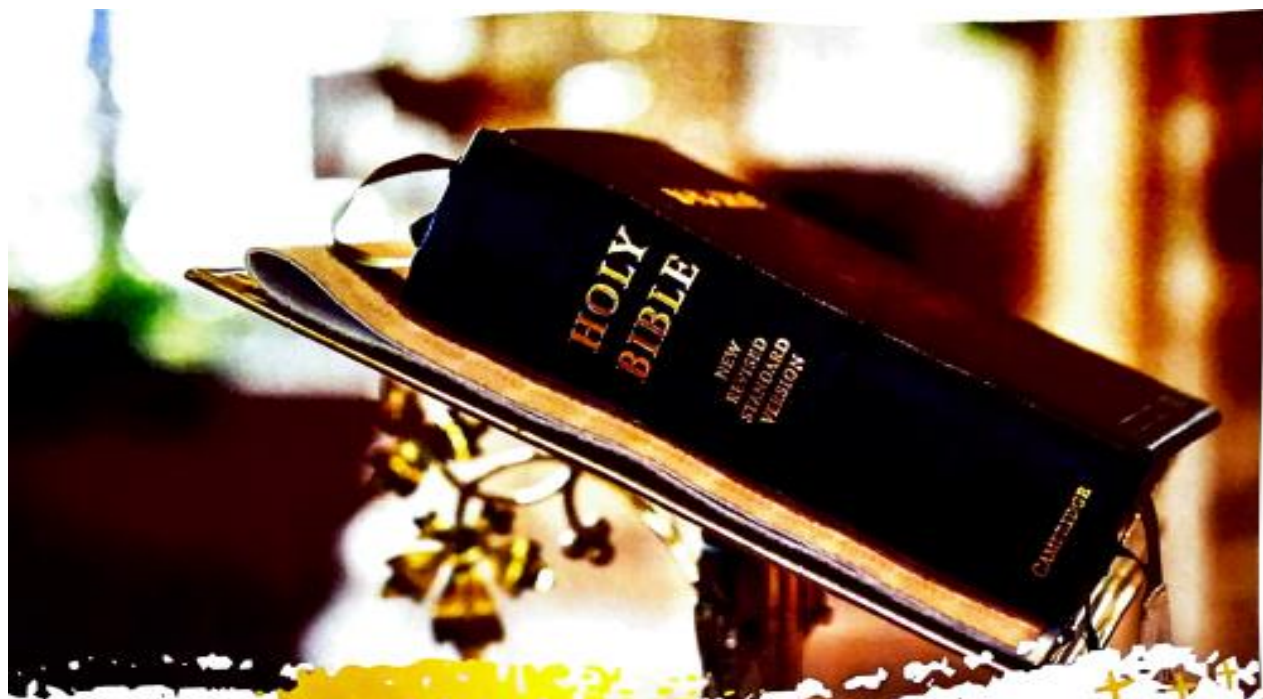
**Shop now online at:**  
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# STATE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION

# Usher and Nurses Appreciation Day Mount Zion Baptist Church - Triangle, VA



*Usher & Nurses*  
**DAY**

**SUNDAY, JULY 17TH**

10:00 A.M.

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
18410 CHAPEL ST, TRIANGLE, VA 22172

**PASTOR ALFRED JONES JR.**





KENSEY M. LEWIS SCHOOL OF USHERING DEPARTMENT

# GRADUATING CLASS OF 2022

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.

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*Virtual Graduation Ceremony*

*Saturday, August 20, 2022*

*11:00 A.M.*



*All Ushers should wear the National Uniform*

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Shadonna Bartholomew, School of Ushering Chairman

Cheryl D. Allen, State President

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**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL VIRTUAL  
LILLIAN N. BUTLER  
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

**10:00 A.M.**

**EVERY KNEE WILL BOW,**

**EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS** Romans 14:11

**God is Listening, He is also Speaking**

**We will Hear if We will Listen**

**Listening is the Beginning of Prayer**

Cheryl D. Allen, State President

Phil Chambers, Chairman, Board of Directors

Kristeena Kenny, Junior and Young People President

Jerdleen E. Boffman, Chairman



2022 VIRTUAL KENSEY M. LEWIS  
SCHOOL OF USHERING CLASS  
NATIONAL STUDENT TEST  
MOUNT MARINE BAPTIST CHURCH  
FISHERSVILLE, VIRGINIA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022



**Cathy Martin and Brianna King (Students)**

2022 VIRTUAL KENSEY M. LEWIS  
SCHOOL OF USHERING CLASS  
NATIONAL STUDENT TEST  
MOUNT MARINE BAPTIST CHURCH  
FISHERSVILLE, VIRGINIA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022



**Cathy Martin (Student), Sheila B. Smith (School of Ushering Interim Vice Chairman), and Brianna King (Student)**



2022 VIRTUAL KENSEY M. LEWIS  
SCHOOL OF USHERING CLASS  
NATIONAL STUDENT TEST  
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH  
WOODBIDGE, VIRGINIA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022



**First Row: Louetta Newman (Student) and Niece Houston (Student)**

**Second Row: Cheryl D. Allen (Instructor), Leslie B. Williams (Instructor), Cindi Poole (Student), Charles Cooper (Student), Cynthia Wells (Student), Jacqueline Canton (Student), Cathy Moore (Instructor), and Phil Chambers (Instructor)**

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2022 VIRTUAL KENSEY M. LEWIS SCHOOL OF USHERING CLASS  
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WOODBIDGE, VIRGINIA SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

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# IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Usher William (Bill) Cox, Sr.**

Usher William (Bill) Cox, Sr. passed on March 21, 2022. Brother Cox was a member of Chantilly Baptist Church, Chantilly (District #1). The Service was held on April 1, 2022 at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfax, Virginia.

## **Sister Willetta Grayson “Dolly” Wilson**

Sister Willetta Grayson “Dolly” Wilson passed on March 24, 2022. Sister Wilson was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Gainesville and the Aunt of Usher Mary Burke and Great-Aunt of Usher Lauvenia Moore and Usher Linda Dade (District #4). The Service was held on April 9, 2022 at Faith Christian Church and International Outreach Center in Warrenton, Virginia.

## **Usher Emeritus Alvera Robinson**

Usher Emeritus Alvera Robinson passed on March 26, 2022. Sister Robinson was a member of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, Fairfax (District #1). The Service was held on April 9, 2022 at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church in Fairfax, Virginia.

## **Usher Jay Randolph West**

Usher Jay Randolph West passed on April 17, 2022. Brother West was a member of First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dumfries (District #1). The Service was held on April 29, 2022 at First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries, Virginia.

## **Usher Nannie Jean Ricks**

Usher Nannie Jean Ricks passed on May 1, 2022. Sister Ricks was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Aldie (District #4). The Service was held on May 7, 2022 at First Mount Olive Baptist Church in Leesburg, Virginia.

## **Sister Delores Boyd**

Sister Delores Boyd passed on May 1, 2022. Sister Boyd was the Sister of Usher Jackie Golden (District #1). The Service was held on May 14, 2022 at Third Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

## **Sister Pauline Timberlake Payne**

Sister Pauline Timberlake Payne passed on May 15, 2022. Sister Payne was a member of County Line Baptist Church, Kents Store, VA, District #5. The Homegoing Service was held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at County Line Baptist Church in Kents Store, Virginia.

## **Brother Curtis Moore, Sr.**

Brother Curtis Moore, Sr. passed on May 15, 2022. Brother Moore was the Brother of Usher Lauvenia Moore (District #4). The Service was held on May 28, 2022 at Northern Virginia Baptist Center in Gainesville, Virginia.



# IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Usher Inez Addison**

Usher Inez Addison passed on May 19, 2022. Sister Addison was a member of Warner Baptist Church, Falls Church (District #1). The Service was held on May 28, 2022 at Warner Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia.

## **Brother Everett Randolph Scott**

Brother Everett Randolph Scott passed on May 14, 2022. Brother Scott was the brother of Usher Shirley M. Brooks. Sister Brooks is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Gainesville, District #4. The Homegoing Service was held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Lyles Funeral Chapel in Purcellville, Virginia.

## **Brother Donald Lee Burke**

Brother Donald Lee Burke passed on May 21, 2022. Brother Burke was the brother-in-law of Usher Mary Burke. Sister Burke is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Gainesville District #4. The Homegoing Service was held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia.

## **Sister Doris Renae Taylor-Strait**

Sister Doris Renae Taylor-Strait passed on May 18, 2022. Sister Taylor-Strait was the wife of National Willie J. Minnifield Training and Development Chairman Willie Strait, Jr. The Service was held on June 8, 2022 at Howell Funeral Home Chapel in Jessup, Maryland.

## **Mother Reese Williams**

Mother Reese Williams passed on June 14, 2022. She was the mother of Deacon Vernon Williams. Mother Williams was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Triangle, District #1. The Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, Virginia.

## **Brother James “Sleepy” R. Johnson**

Brother James “Sleepy” R. Johnson passed on June 16, 2022. Brother Johnson was the nephew of Usher Elizabeth Blakey and Rev. Herbert Johnson, and the brother of Rev. Ronald Johnson. The Homegoing Service was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the Rock Hall Baptist Church in Madison, Virginia.

## **Sister Alonia Frazier**

Sister Alonia Frazier passed on June 17, 2022. Sister Frazier was the mother of Sister Diane Reid. Sister Reid is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Herndon (District #1). Diane Reid served as our Immediate Past Kensey M. Lewis School of Ushering Chairman. The Homegoing Service was held on Friday, June 24, 2022 at Moncks Corner A.M.E. Church in Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

# THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Fellow Ushers,

Our hearts are heavy as we continue to hear about precious lives being taken due to senseless acts of gun violence and other violence.

We continue to experience sadness and grief as many of our family members, Pastors, and friends have transitioned.

We also have family members and friends that continue to experience sickness.

We must continue to pray and keep God first!

Peace and Blessings,

Cindi Poole  
Chaplain

### ***James 5:14-16 KJV***

*Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

### ***Matthew 9:12 KJV***

*But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.*



**NATIONAL  
SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**National United Church Ushers  
Association of American, Inc. (NUCUAA)**

# **103<sup>rd</sup> National Convention**

**Hyatt Regency Chicago O'Hare  
Rosemont, IL**

**July 25-29, 2022**

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**"Ushers Determined Never To Place A Period  
Where God Has Placed A Comma!"**

**Mark 10:27**

**See below link to visit NUCUAA Website.**

**<https://www.nationalchurchushers.org/>**



# National Committee Updates

## A.W. BRIGGS HEALTH UNIT

Colleen Green, National Chairman | [cnursegreen@aol.com](mailto:cnursegreen@aol.com)  
Jimmie Barber, ER Chairman | [usherman52@yahoo.com](mailto:usherman52@yahoo.com)

For those who are CPR certified, please send a copy of their certification to the Chairman by 6/30/22. Non-members of AW Briggs who are CPR certified may assist if necessary. They must also send their certification to the Chairman. The Southern Region has donated all the items needed at the convention.

## ALLAN A.C. GRIFFITH EDUCATION

Ollie Danage, National Chairman | [olliedanage@att.net](mailto:olliedanage@att.net)  
Phyllis P. Dorsey, ER Chairman | [pdorsey54@verizon.net](mailto:pdorsey54@verizon.net)

There are three contestants this year. Delegates please support the Education Department Program by purchasing a ticket through registration at [our national website](#). The outreach project is book bags and gift cards for donation.

## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

Gwendolyn Middleton, National Chairman | [yvettemiddleton@verizon.net](mailto:yvettemiddleton@verizon.net)  
Michelle Henry, ER Chairman | [jmhenry830@gmail.com](mailto:jmhenry830@gmail.com)

Special Project - States that remit the \$125 are eligible to submit two names to receive Sick Donations from the Alumni Department. These funds should be sent with the State Assessments to the Financial Secretary, Sister Roslyn Moore.

The Alumni Department is the lead for the Unity Luncheon. Each Department will need a total of 3 Host/Hostesses. If you know someone in your State that would like to volunteer, please forward that name to me. The colors are navy blue and yellow. If you choose to wear navy blue, you can accessorize with yellow. If you choose to wear yellow, you can accessorize with navy blue.

Still in need of Judges and Runners, and Ushers to participate in the Tuesday Morning Offering. Please provide the names of the Judges and Runners so they can attend a Zoom training.

The next Alumni meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 9:00 P.M. EST. The Agenda, Minutes, and Zoom link are forthcoming.

## BYLAWS

Kensley M. Lewis, National Chairman | [mac11530@yahoo.com](mailto:mac11530@yahoo.com)

The Committee is reviewing bylaw change recommendations proposed by the Allan A.C. Griffith Education Department and the Memorial Committee. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Loretta Syville, National Chairman | [jradel21@aol.com](mailto:jradel21@aol.com)

The Committee is asking each President to give the Chairman two-names to assist with the Credentials set-up/distribution at the National Convention.

## FILMORE F. GREGORY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Micheal Jacocks, National Chairman | [jacockmichael@yahoo.com](mailto:jacockmichael@yahoo.com)  
Dennis Freeman, ER Chairman, [deepfreeze2548@me.com](mailto:deepfreeze2548@me.com)

Plans are to support a local Men's shelter. More details to come.

# National Committee Updates Continued

## GEORGE T. GRIER SCHOOL OF USHERING

Lillie Grant, National Chairman | [lilliegrant1027@gmail.com](mailto:lilliegrant1027@gmail.com)  
Annette Forehand, ER Chairman | [memoms.63@hotmail.com](mailto:memoms.63@hotmail.com)

Rhunette Williams Instructors Seminar – Saturday and Sunday  
School of Ushering – Tuesday thru Friday  
Floor Demonstration – Tuesday  
Drill Competition – Wednesday

There are 34 candidates for the next Graduates Class.

## HENRY BALLARD MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Arthur Gass, National Chairman | [Arthur.gass@comcast.net](mailto:Arthur.gass@comcast.net)  
Gregory Wright, ER Chairman | [gregory.wright83@yahoo.com](mailto:gregory.wright83@yahoo.com)

Monday Night Concert - \$10.00. Choir members: See attached for names and lyrics of the songs to be sung by this year's chorus

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Beverly Wilson, National Chairman | [bevhello@gmail.com](mailto:bevhello@gmail.com)  
Gloria Johnson, ER Chairman | [glrgrihnsn@aol.com](mailto:glrgrihnsn@aol.com)

The committee is looking for artifacts such as the older uniforms and gloves, shoes, etc. that can be added to a display at the African American Museum in Washington, DC. See attachment for more information.

## JESSIE BURNETT ARTS AND CRAFTS

Jeri Griffin, National Chairman | [jeri297366@aol.com](mailto:jeri297366@aol.com)  
Mary McNair, ER Chairman | [craftermarv280@msn.com](mailto:craftermarv280@msn.com)

Project: No Sew lap blanket – Each State should submit 4 blankets – 2 Adult blankets and 2 Child blankets. This year projects will not be a competition. Instead, each blanket will be donated by NUCUAA and state to a nursing home and children's facility. Blankets will be on display at the National convention.

## LEROY JOHNSON BUILDING FUND

Christie Savage, National Chairman | [christiesavage@gmail.com](mailto:christiesavage@gmail.com)  
Donna A. Hines, ER Representative | [ardirectorhines@gmail.com](mailto:ardirectorhines@gmail.com)

The committee is getting grant ready and is actively searching for grants and grant writers. The committee is asking each region and state to donate at least \$100 toward the building fund. Donations may be made via the National website.

## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Deborah Wright, National Chairman | [nucuaamemorial2021@email.com](mailto:nucuaamemorial2021@email.com)

The deadline to send names of deceased for the period 6/30/21 – 6/30/22 is July 10, 2022.

## NATIONAL BANQUET RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

2<sup>ND</sup> VP Shermon Brown, Chairman | [monies1@msn.com](mailto:monies1@msn.com)  
Carol Norman, ER Chairman | [cnorman.ICUADE@gmail.com](mailto:cnorman.ICUADE@gmail.com)

The committee met to review the guidelines for honoring up to 4 members each year from the region where the convention is being held. Four applicants were selected, reviewed and approved by the Central Region and presented to the committee representing all four regions, for final review and approval. Seniors, Young Adults and Juniors are eligible to be honored.



# National Committee Updates Continued

This year's Central Region Honorees are, National Board Chairman, Sadie P. Boles; Assistant Secretary Board of Directors, Selena Robertson; Usher Allie Jacox; and Young Adult Second Vice President, Chiquira Brown.

The Eastern Region, is next in line to honor 4 members from the East when we meet in the District of Columbia in 2023. The final guidelines are still being reviewed and will be made available once finalized.

## OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Tina Ellis, National Chairman | [tenniegirl@verizon.net](mailto:tenniegirl@verizon.net)

Diane Reid | [reiddk@yahoo.com](mailto:reiddk@yahoo.com) and Lawrence Wright | [law83@aol.com](mailto:law83@aol.com)

NUCUAA will support Sisters Network, Inc. (The largest African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization) for their commitment to increasing local and national attention to the impact that breast cancer has in the African American community. They were founded in 1994 and have more than 25 affiliate chapters. They are recognized by medical groups and breast cancer physicians as critical resource of information for Black women. Please support the Sisters Network, Inc. with your best monetary donation. State and personal donations can be made via the national website and [www.nationalchurchshers.org](http://www.nationalchurchshers.org)

## PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS (PNO)

Helene Ward, National Chairman | [helhdw@aol.com](mailto:helhdw@aol.com)

Patricia Hughes, ER Director | [patriciahughes74@gmail.com](mailto:patriciahughes74@gmail.com)

PNO pins are available and have been approved to wear on the uniform under the national pin. The PNOs committee hosts the Sylester T. Williams Prayer Breakfast.

## WILLIAM H. DAVIS HONOR CLUB

Carolvenia Richardson, National Chairman | [cr042303@msn.com](mailto:cr042303@msn.com)

James Darden, ER Chairman | [Unclejamesdarden@gmail.com](mailto:Unclejamesdarden@gmail.com)

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit applications for the William H. Davis Medal of Honor.

## WILLIE J. MINNIFIELD TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Willie Strait, National Chairman | [wstraitjr\\_icuua@aol.com](mailto:wstraitjr_icuua@aol.com)

Sandra C. Johnson, ER Chairman | [sandrajohnson747@verizon.net](mailto:sandrajohnson747@verizon.net)

One June 18<sup>th</sup>, WJM T&D will offer a **Credit Score Management Seminar via Zoom**. Free online registration information has been sent out to the membership.

The following classes will be offered at this year's national convention. The one-time registration fee is \$25:

Class #1 - July 25, 2022 - Introduction to Leadership - Facilitator, Willie Strait, Jr.

Class #2 - July 26, 2022 - Sociology of Religion - Facilitator, Rev. Dr. Eddie Lee Key

Class #3 - July 26, 2022 - Religion and Social Structure - Facilitator, Rev. Dr. Eddie Lee Key

Class #4 - July 28, 2022 - Excel for Beginners - Facilitator, Brenda B. Brown

## ATTIRE/COLORS FOR THE VARIOUS CONVENTION EVENTS

Prayer Breakfast – Purple & White

Henry Ballard Choir – Black & Gold (Ladies, No Pant Please)

Tuesday Night King & Queen/Vicie Juran Met Gala – Formal attire with best sneakers

Unity Luncheon – Navy Blue & Yellow

Men - Blue suit and yellow tie

Ladies – Blue or Yellow; Yellow accent with Blue/ Blue accent with Yellow

Banquet – Black & White with a touch of Silver

Visit the national website to view the Board of Directors Update with additional information on the Young Adult and Junior and Young People's fundraising and outreach projects here:

<https://www.nationalchurchshers.org/conventionandconferences.html>

# National Arts and Craft NoSew Blanket Flyer

National United Church Ushers of America, Inc.

Jessie A. Burnette Arts and Craft

2022 Project

NoSew Lap Blanket



Come join us for a wonderful project of a NoSew Lap Blanket that is fun for anyone to make including our youth. These blankets will be donated to both a nursing home and a Children's facility during the National Convention in Chicago.

Joann Fabric has NoSew lap blanket kits on sale 2 for \$10 in several different styles both for adults and children. You can also order them from their online store.

You can find information on how to make the blanket on You Tube.

Join us in this wonderful effort of helping others.

For more information:

Call Jeri Griffin – 678-519-1860

[Jgri297366@aol.com](mailto:Jgri297366@aol.com)

Thanking you in advance



# National Willie J. Minnifield Training Course



## EXCEL TRAINING CLASS

The Excel Training Class which is being offered at the NUCUAA Convention requires attendees to bring their own laptop or another device which will allow them to access Excel. (This requirement was omitted in the course description.) If you are planning to take the class, please pack your laptop or another device. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sandra (Sandy) L. Johnson

Assistant Director

Willie J. Minnifield Training and Development Committee

240-888-8738

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me."  
Psalm 51:10 (KJV)*



# **National Souvenir Journal**

**Special thanks to the  
members of the ICUA of  
Virginia who placed an ad in  
the National Souvenir  
Journal.**

**Thank you Virginia for your  
support and participation!**

**Gwen Jackson (D#1)  
Souvenir Journal Chairman**



# Upcoming Events

**ICUA of Virginia  
Virtual Unity Prayer  
Every Sunday at 3:00 PM**

**103<sup>rd</sup> National Convention  
Hyatt Regency Chicago O'Hare  
Rosemont, IL  
July 25-29, 2022**

**Kensey M. Lewis School of Ushering  
Virtual Graduation  
August 20, 2022, 11:00 AM**

**ICUA of Virginia 21st Annual  
Virtual Lillian N. Butler Prayer Breakfast  
September 17, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**Annual State Mid-Year Conference  
November 19, 2022**

**66<sup>th</sup> Eastern Region Conference  
April 14-15, 2023**

**66<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
May 19-20, 2023**

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