

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,

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!

The Lord is continuing to bless our Association. Please take some time to read this very informative newsletter. The newsletters assist with keeping you informed about our 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.

As stated in I Corinthians 2:9, “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” I continue to look forward to what God has prepared for our Association. I am excited to continue serving in the Usher Ministry and as your State President.

To God Be The Glory for the great things He has done and will continue to do!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Cheryl D. Allen  
State President

# Greetings from the Chairman, Board of Directors

## Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.



### Greetings from the Board of Directors

Irene J. Washington, Chairman, Board of Directors

Greetings Fellow Doorkeepers,

**Remember whenever you're in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it because that's God answering someone else's prayers through you.**

It is truly an honor and a privilege to be able to greet you on behalf of the Board of Directors. As we approach the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we thank God for technology that has allowed us to meet, fellowship and show love. The uncertainties of the pandemic have impacted our lives in ways none of us could ever have predicted. We are still currently in the pandemic, but thanks be to God, things are better.

- The Board of Directors unanimously voted to hold our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention virtually on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, 2022. We thank District #1 and their President, Bro. Bobby Bostic, for serving as the Host District.
- Registration for this State Convention is now available and delegates may register using either the Electronic Online Google Form or the Fillable/Printable Registration Form. Payments may be made via Zelle, checks or money orders. **All registration forms and payments must be received no later than Saturday, April 23, 2022.**
- Prior to the convention, registered delegates will be sent, via text or email, the Zoom link to join the virtual convention by video or telephone dial-in.

Friendly reminder, in accordance with the approved bylaws, each Usher ministry's/board's State Church assessment fee has increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year and payable on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to extending our most heartfelt prayers to those who have lost family members or loved ones, we offer our continuous prayers for the sick and shut-in. As more places are opening their doors, please continue to exercise safety precautions and protocols. And, in all things, seek the Lord's guidance for your daily living decisions.



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

**KRISTEENA KENNY**

Greeting Fellow Ushers,

I pray everyone has had a blessed year so far and is continuing to keep God in their hearts and minds at all time. I pray that the youth are having a successful and safe school year and are accomplishing their goals.

I pray that God will continue to keep everyone healthy and safe. Continue to praise and acknowledge God in everything that you do.

Kristeena Kenny  
Junior and Young People's President



# 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

## Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.



March 30, 2022

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to announce that registration is now open for our 65<sup>TH</sup> Annual State Convention which will be held virtually on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, 2022. This convention will be hosted by District #1 President, Bro. Bobby Bostic.

Special Notes:

- ❖ **Registration Deadline:** ALL completed registration forms plus payments must be RECEIVED no later than Saturday, April 23, 2022.
- ❖ **Registration Choices:** Delegates may register using either the Electronic Online Google Form (*preferred*) or the Fillable/Printable Registration Form. Please choose one or the other, but not both.
- ❖ **Payment Choices:** Delegates may pay using Zelle or Checks/Money Orders.

Here are further instructions for whichever registration or payment method you choose:

### Electronic Online Google Registration Form:

Click on the registration link, <https://forms.gle/PTX5EbgXpC649GA39>

- Type information on the form online, click Submit, form is electronically sent to Assistant Financial Secretary;
- Google Forms will automatically send you an email showing the registration form as received (you may click edit response in the email if needed);
- If paying by Zelle - send electronic payments directly to the ICUA of VA bank;
- If not paying by Zelle - mail checks or money orders made payable to **ICUA of VA, Inc.** to the Assistant Financial Secretary: **Jacquelyn Kelley 4017 Bali Court Woodbridge, VA 22192**
- Assistant Financial Secretary will send email acknowledging receipt of checks/money orders.

### Fillable/Printable Registration Form (Microsoft Office Word):

- Type in information, print form, then mail with payment to Assistant Financial Secretary; OR
- Print form, fill in information by printing legibly, then mail form with payment to Assistant Financial Secretary;
- Assistant Financial Secretary will send email acknowledging receipt of registration and payment.

### Zelle may be used for online electronic payments:

- Zelle is a fast, easy way to securely transfer money directly between many U.S. bank accounts;
- Follow your financial institution's instructions to activate Zelle in your bank account;
- Many financial institutions require you to add the email address or phone number of the recipient to whom you wish to send money. ICUA of VA uses this email address to receive Zelle transfers: [ICUAOFVAFT@gmail.com](mailto:ICUAOFVAFT@gmail.com)
- Zelle will notify ICUA of VA via email that a Zelle payment has been sent.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Irene Washington at 301-906-1743 or [ijwashington5@gmail.com](mailto:ijwashington5@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene J. Washington, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Cheryl D. Allen, State President

# 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF VA, INC.

### REGISTRATION FORM

### (Virtual) 65<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

Host - District #1 - Bro. Bobby Bostic, President

May 13-14, 2022



**All Registrations must be RECEIVED no later than Saturday, April 23, 2022**

First Name		MI	Last Name		Suffix
Address					Apt #
City			State	Zip	
Email					
Home Phone				Cell Phone	
District Number					
Full Church Name, City					
Pastor's Last, First Name					
<b>Attendee Type:</b>		<b>REGISTRATION FEE SECTION:</b>			
I am a: <i>(click one only)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Usher Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registration Fee	
Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$14.00	
First Time Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$14.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12.00	
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**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ:**

- Your mailed registration form with payment must be received no later than **Saturday, April 23, 2022**, to ensure registration validation.
- Zelle payment &/or Online Registration may be input until midnight, **Saturday, April 23, 2022**.
- You will be sent, via text or email, the Zoom links to be able to join the virtual conference using video or telephone dial-in.
- Reminder: In order to vote, you must be financially current with your state assessments.
- Make checks or money orders payable to ICUA of VA, Inc. and mail payment with registration form to State Assistant Financial Secretary:

Jacquelyn Kelley 4017 Bali Court Woodbridge VA 22192  
[ICUAofVAIFS@gmail.com](mailto:ICUAofVAIFS@gmail.com) 703-626-4575



## 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

### Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.

#### **Friendly reminder for mailing payments to the Finance Team:**

**ONLY** 65<sup>th</sup> State Convention Registration payments should be mailed to the

Assistant Financial Secretary:           Jacquelyn Kelley  
4017 Bali Court  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

**ALL** other payments, including State Assessments, should be mailed to the

Financial Secretary:                       Joyce Parson  
6635 Hunter Creek Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Irene J. Washington, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Cheryl D. Allen, State President

# 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MID-YEAR CONFERENCE LAWRENCE A. WRIGHT OUTREACH DEPARTMENT PROJECT

Lawrence A. Wright Outreach Project Chairman Pauline Johnson presented the Lawrence A. Wright Outreach Project monetary donation to Doorways in Arlington, Virginia on behalf of the ICUA of Virginia. Doorways began in 1978 when a group of concerned community members saw that there was no safe place in Arlington for families in crisis. Doorways is a community-based nonprofit providing shelter and services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as youth and families experiencing homelessness. Doorways creates a pathway to safe, stable, and empowered lives.

We thank our members for graciously responding to our request to Give the Gift of Hope! Because of your generous monetary donations, we were able to bless Doorways. We thank God for blessing us to be a blessing!

# ICUA OF VIRGINIA TOWN HALL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2022

**State President Cheryl D. Allen hosted an ICUA of Virginia Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022, 7:00 PM.**

**The purpose of the meeting was to update the members on some important information, give the members an opportunity to ask questions, and give feedback.**

**One important item on the agenda was to discuss the 66th Eastern Region Conference that will be held in 2023.**

**The Eastern Region informed President Allen that the States of Delaware and Virginia are eligible to host the 66th Eastern Region Conference in conjunction with the State's Memorial Service.**

**We discussed the responsibilities associated with hosting the Eastern Region Conference and if Virginia wanted to be considered to host the Conference.**

# 2022 NATIONAL FLOOR DEMONSTRATION AND DRILL COMPETITION

**The Virginia Floor Demonstration and Drill Teams are practicing hard and getting ready to compete at our National Convention!**

**If you have any questions, please contact Phil Chambers, School of Ushering Drill Master, on 240.691.6274 or at [pchambers1@verizon.net](mailto:pchambers1@verizon.net).**

**You can also contact School of Ushering Chairman Shadonna Bartholomew at [shadonna\\_bartholomew@yahoo.com](mailto:shadonna_bartholomew@yahoo.com) or School of Ushering Interim Vice Chairman Sheila Smith at [sheilasmith1960@gmail.com](mailto:sheilasmith1960@gmail.com).**

# VIRTUAL WEEKLY UNITY PRAYER

Our Weekly Virtual Unity Prayer is held on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. and continues to be very uplifting and inspirational. Our leaders are our Chaplain Cindi Poole and our Assistant Chaplain Lolita Reynolds Jones.

Our Unity Prayers includes prayers, scripture readings, songs, testimonies, poems, and other words of inspiration to uplift us during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We begin at 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to stay connected, share important information, and have a great time fellowshiping.

We have been blessed with special guests who have offered encouraging and spirit-filled messages and fervent prayers. Our guests have included the following: Rev. Dr. Vicky Logan, Associate Minister, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia; Minister Jneva Norfleet; Minister Nyji Hillary, New Pentecostal Church in Alexandria, Virginia; Rev. Dwight B. Michael, Sr., Pastor of Piney Branch Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, Virginia; Rev. Randy Manderson, Associate Minister of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia; Rev. Jacquelyn Lundy, Associate Minister and First Lady of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia; and Rev. Dr. Charles A. Lundy, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Virginia.

We continue to be blessed with the attendance of our ICUA of Virginia Father Matthew Taylor and our ICUA of Virginia Mother T. Jean Horace. We thank God for allowing our Father and Mother to be on our Unity Prayers and offer words of encouragement, scripture readings, and fervent prayers. To God be the Glory!

# ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH, SR. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Our Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department has been very busy meeting and fulfilling their duties. They successfully prepared for our Education Department Essay Competition. A tremendous amount of work goes into preparing for the Essay Competition. The contestants have to be committed and devote many hours preparing for the contest. Coaches are required to assist with preparing the contestants. Judges, Talliers, a Runner, and a Timekeeper are required for the contest. Kudos are extended to our Education Department and all participants.

Our Education Department was also very busy preparing for our Eastern Region Conference Book Outreach Project. They worked very hard to coordinate this activity.

We held our Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department Essay Contest in person at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Warrenton, Virginia on Saturday, February 19, 2022. It was a blessed event. We thank God for allowing us to have our contest in person. We thank Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for hosting the contest while implementing safety protocols.

Our contestants were Kayla Rucker from District #5 and Nadia Tillman from District #1. Kayla is a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Gum Spring, Virginia where her Pastor is Dr. Reginald Cleveland. Nadia is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia where her Pastor is Rev. Dr. Carl Johnson. We thank both contestants for their commitment, dedication, time, and willingness to participate in the competition! Their hard work was reflected in their essays. We congratulate them for doing an outstanding job! Kayla received the highest score and will represent Virginia at the Eastern Region Mabel A. Grey Education Department Essay Contest.

Our Education Department is led by Chairman Maurita McDuffie. The committee members are as follows: Minister Teresa Baskfield, Shirley Davis, Gwendolyn Haight, Rose Holley, Delorse Parker, Delores Peterson, and Lawrence Wright.

# KENSEY M. LEWIS SCHOOL OF USHERING VIRTUAL CLASSES

The Kensey M. Lewis School of Ushering Department is successfully holding virtual classes via Zoom under the leadership of School of Ushering Chairman Shadonna Bartholomew and School of Ushering Vice Chairman Sheila Smith. The School of Ushering has adapted to change and embraced the new technology.

Kudos are extended to the Instructors for providing outstanding and dedicated service in virtually teaching the Students the National Silent Uniform Method of Church Ushering techniques. The Instructors are using PowerPoint Presentations, diagrams, and videos as teaching tools. The teaching tools have proven to be very effective and beneficial. The Zoom platform works very well for the Instructors and Students to demonstrate the signs and signals. Our Instructors are as follows: Chery D. Allen, Susan G. Kelly-Bing, Mary Ann Carr, Phil Chambers, Gwen Jackson, Mary Johnson, Cathy Moore, Wesley Pinckney, Jr., Linda Reed, Sylvette Tillman, Charisse Tolson, Leslie B. Williams, and Noe Woods.

The Zoom platform also works very well for administering quizzes. Our Students are successfully being prepared to take the National test.

# 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:

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Sister Sharika Moore**

Sister Sharika Moore passed on January 3, 2022. Sister Moore was the niece of Usher Lauvenia Moore. Usher Moore is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Gainesville (District #4) and a member of the State Board of Directors. The Service was held on February 11, 2022 at Dale City Christian Church in Dale City, Virginia.

## **Sister Jean Wells**

Sister Jean Wells passed on January 5, 2022. Sister Wells was the mother of Usher Preston Wells, Jr. Brother Wells is a member of Third Baptist Church, Alexandria (District #1). The Service was held on January 15, 2022 at Third Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

## **Usher Louise Nelson**

Usher Louise Nelson passed on January 15, 2022. Sister Nelson was a long-time member and Usher of Shiloh Baptist Church, Alexandria (District #1). Sister Nelson was the wife of Brother Isaac N. Nelson who served as the President of the ICUA of Virginia 1972-1984. The Service was held on February 12, 2022 at Shiloh Worship Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

## **Brother Dennis Lewis**

Brother Dennis Lewis passed on January 19, 2022. Brother Lewis was the brother of Ushers Kensey M. Lewis and Delorse Parker. Ushers Lewis and Parker are members of Piney Branch Baptist Church, Fredericksburg (District #3). Usher Lewis serves as the State First Vice President. Usher Parker served as a Past A. W. Briggs Health Unit Chairman. The Service was held on January 30, 2022 at Cedell Brooks Funeral Home in Port Royal, Virginia.

## **Sister Kathryn Bostic Dalton**

Sister Kathryn Bostic Dalton passed on January 20, 2022. Sister Dalton was the sister of Usher Bobby Bostic. Brother Bostic is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Alexandria (District #1) and serves as the District #1 President. The Service was held on January 29, 2022 at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Avera, Georgia.

## **Sister Marti Marie Lankford**

Sister Marti Marie Lankford passed on January 25, 2022. Sister Lankford was the niece of Usher Tommy Campbell. Brother Campbell is a member of Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Triangle (District #1). The Service was held on February 15, 2022 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Stafford, Virginia.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Usher John Harris**

Usher John Harris passed on January 26, 2022. Brother Harris was a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria (District #1). Brother Harris served on the Usher Ministry for over 30 years. The Service was held on February 5, 2022 at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

## **Usher Margaret B. Franklin**

Usher Margaret B. Franklin passed on January 26, 2022. Sister Franklin was a long-time member and Usher of the Elk Run Baptist Church, Rochelle (District #2). The Service was held on February 2, 2022 at Elk Run Baptist Church in Rochelle, Virginia.

## **Brother Norman Greene**

Brother Norman Greene passed on January 26, 2022. Brother Greene was the nephew of Usher Gardenia Robinson. Sister Robinson is a member of Chantilly Baptist Church, Chantilly (District #1). The Service was held on February 2, 2022 at Hillside Memorial Park in Sumter, South Carolina.

## **Sister Joclyne Greenhow**

Sister Joclyne Greenhow passed on February 2, 2022. Sister Greenhow was the mother of Usher Gloria Greenhow. Usher Greenhow is a member of Little Forest Baptist Church, Stafford (District #3). Usher Greenhow serves as a member of the State Board of Directors and as the Isaac N. Nelson Music Department Chairman. The Service was held on February 10, 2022 at A. L. Bennett and Son Funeral Home, Inc. in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

## **Brother Hobert Howard**

Brother Hobert Howard passed on February 2, 2022. Brother Howard was the husband of Usher Janas Howard and a member of Galilee Baptist Church Louisa, Kents Store (District #5). Sister Howard served as the State Immediate Past Alma C. Hawkins Public Relations Department Chairman. The Service was held on February 12, 2022 at the Sheridan Funeral Home in Kents Store, Virginia.

## **Usher Willie “Bill” Williams, Jr.**

Usher Willie “Bill” Williams, Jr. passed on February 4, 2022. Brother Williams was a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Chicago and the husband of Past National President Sylester Williams. The Service was held on February 19, 2022 at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Brother Raymond Lockett, Sr.**

Brother Raymond Lockett, Sr. passed on February 6, 2022. Brother Lockett was the son of Usher Emeritus Sister Mary Lockett (District #1). Sister Lockett is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria. Sister Lockett is the sister of the late Brother Horace Sheppard, Founder of the ICUA of Virginia. The Service was held on February 28, 2022 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia.

## **Usher Emeritus Annie Davis**

Usher Emeritus Annie Davis passed on February 7, 2022. Sister Davis was the wife of Brother Lawrence Ted Davis. Sister Davis was a member of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, Fairfax (District #1). The Service was held on March 8, 2022 at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church in Fairfax, Virginia.

## **Sister Gloria Mae Howell**

Sister Gloria Mae Howell passed on February 13, 2022. Sister Howell was the sister of Usher Mary Ann Carr. Sister Carr is a member of Oakland Baptist Church, Alexandria (District #1). Sister Carr served as the State Immediate Past State Financial Secretary and currently serves as a School of Ushering Instructor and a State Tech Team Member. The Service was held on March 4, 2022 at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland.

## **Bishop Reverend Dr. Leonard N. Smith**

Bishop Reverend Dr. Leonard N. Smith passed on February 20, 2022. Bishop Smith was the retired Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Arlington (District #1). The Services were held on March 4, 2022 and March 5, 2022 at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, Virginia.

## **Reverend Robert E. Newman**

Reverend Robert E. Newman passed on February 23, 2022. Reverend Newman was the brother-in-law of Usher Louetta Newman. Sister Newman is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Aldie (District #4). Sister Newman serves as the District #4 President and is a member of the State Board of Directors. The Service was held on March 11, 2022 at The View Church in Menifee, California.

## **Bishop John R. Savage, Sr.**

Bishop John R. Savage, Sr. passed on March 16, 2022. Bishop Savage was the Pastor of Healing Temple Church, Portsmouth (District #6). The Service was held on March 24, 2022 at Healing Temple Church in Portsmouth, Virginia.

# PRAYER LIST

## **Usher Janas Howard**

Please continue to pray for Usher Janas Howard. Sister Howard had surgery. Sister Howard is a member of Galilee Baptist Church Louisa, Kents Store (District #5). Sister Howard served as the State Immediate Past Alma C. Hawkins Public Relations Department Chairman.

## **Usher Marilyn West**

Please continue to pray for Usher Marilyn West. Sister West had surgery on March 14, 2022. Sister West is a member of Mount Ararat Christian Church, Suffolk (District #6). Sister West is a member of the State Nominating Committee and serves as the District #6 Vice President.

## **NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICER**

**Congratulations to our Newly Appointed Officer  
Cynthia Simpson, Policy and Rules Chairman!**



**CYNTHIA SIMPSON**  
**Policy and Rules Chairman**

## FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM JOHN AND CONNIE BAILS



**CONNIE AND JOHN BAILS**

We received the below letter from Ushers Sister Connie and Brother John Bails who are relocating to the State of Delaware. The Bails are members of First Baptist Church of Vienna, District #1. They held elected and appointed officer's positions in the State and District #1. They are also School of Ushering Instructors. We thank them for their dedicated and faithful service. They made many contributions to the Association. We will truly miss them!

**CHERYL D. ALLEN**  
**STATE PRESIDENT**

Dear ICUA of Virginia,

It is with bitter sweet sorrow, that John and I will soon say farewell to the State of Virginia. It has been a tremendous blessing to serve for 25 plus years as an usher in Virginia and, especially as president and youth coordinator in my home church, First Baptist Church Vienna. It has also, been an astonishing experience to serve and be an integral part of District # 1 and the ICUA of Virginia's Board of Directors and Training Department. And of course, John as Sargent of Arms in District # 1 and his work at the State level as well. We have met so many people that will forever be a part of our lives no matter where we go. So, we want to say good bye for now, and let you hear our plans from us.

We believe that this time of pandemic allowed many of us to really sit down and ask God what we should consider for our lives at this time. John and I have always liked the ocean and we were blessed to stumble upon a new development for Active Adults in Bethany Beach Delaware. The area is pleasant and seems a perfect fit for us in our retirement.

Another plus is that we are both from the state of Pennsylvania, and such a move puts us closer to family and in between family and our children that are still living in Virginia.

It has been a hard decision to leave so many people that we worked with and truly consider friends. Please know that we are just a phone call away and or a 2- and 1/2-hour drive. Just like here, our doors will always be open. We plan to keep the same cell phone numbers, but if that changes, we will get the word to you all. And of course, there's always Facebook! (smile). Thank you all for being who you are and for allowing us to be a part of your lives!

We wish you, good health and much success as God continues to move the ICUA forward and bless the ministry of ushering! To God be the Glory!

Warmest Regards and God Bless,  
Connie and John Bails

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**MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH, WARRENTON  
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION  
RE-SCHEDULED TO MAY 30, 2022**

**Mount Zion, Warrenton, 2022 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration has been re-scheduled due to virus concerns.**

**Please Note:**

**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Warrenton, 2022 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Celebration has been re-scheduled from Monday, January 17, 2022, to this new date:**

**Monday, May 30, 2022  
(Memorial Day)  
1:00 p.m.**

**Prayerfully your schedule will allow you to be with us on our new date. We are very appreciative and sincerely grateful for your support.**

**Also, Brother Andre Harris will receive the 2022 Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr. Youth Essay Award and will recite it at the Celebration. The attached Introduction for Brother Harris was written by his Mother.**

**Maurita W. McDuffie, Member  
2022 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee  
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Warrenton, VA  
540-729-0344**

**ANDRE HARRIS**

## Introduction of Andre Harris

This humble, Kingdom-minded individual incorporates such qualities as honesty, integrity, determination, faithfulness, vigilance, compassion, empathy, kindness and love.

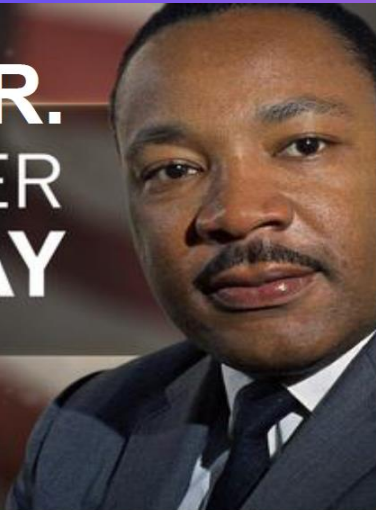
At school, this person is a straight A student, has been on the robotics team, basketball team and football team; is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. This person has received Presidential Awards of Excellence, History, Science, Computer Technology, Computer Solutions, 600 Club and Outstanding Performance on Guitar Awards. This person was chosen to participate in a school trip geared to rear globally aware leaders. That expedition was 10-days in **Italy** where 8 different cities plus the Vatican were visited. This person was also the Secretary of their school's SGA. This high school Junior now attends Governor's School at George Mason taking Calculus I, Intro to Engineering, University Physics, Intro to Research, AP US History, AP Seminar and AP Language and Composition.

At home, this young entrepreneur maintained their own lawn-service business from which the proceeds were used to order all the parts for a computer. This person built that computer at age 14. Today, this person works as an intern with TestPros, a computer software company. Besides the internship, this person also has a job as the IT person for Filippone & Associates, a computer technology company.

In church, this person has been an Usher since 2013 and is the President of the Junior Usher board and Vice-President of the Junior and Young People's Ushering Department in the State of VA. This person attended The Kensey M. Lewis School of Ushering for three years, graduating the first year as the Valedictorian, at age 13. Upon graduating the third year, this person became the youngest Usher Instructor in Northern Virginia. This person sang in the Voices of Tomorrow Today Choir, regularly attends and engages in Sunday School and the Young Men's Ministry, participates in church outings, performs in church productions, was on the Junior Usher Drill Team, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Usher's Prayer Breakfast in 2021, and is always willing and ready to give the welcome, say a prayer and lead the Articles of Faith.

This person is from First Baptist Church, Manassas. He is Master Andre Harris.

# REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



**MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 UNDER SHEPHERD: PASTOR KEITH MCCULLOUGH

**HOST: A VIRTUAL SERVICE**

**THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
**2022 THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL**  
**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

**THEME: "Breaking The Chains of Injustice"**

The 2022 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Community Celebration will be held virtually on Monday, May 30, 2022, 1:00 p.m., at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

This is our 33rd year and we recognize and appreciate your faithfulness and support throughout the years. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Choir Ensemble, will perform under the direction of Rev. Lemuel Montgomery.



**Keynote Speaker:** Reverend Dr. Jewel Anthony Simmons  
 Pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Orlean, VA.

Matt 9:37-38: *"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"*

Dinner will not be served after this service due to COVID-19. We practice social distancing, following the CDC guidelines, i.e., wearing mask, gloves, (if required) and temperature checks are required before entering the sanctuary.



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**SUNDAYS: Sunday School**

**9:00 AM**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**10:30 AM**

**WEDNESDAYS: Bible Study**

**7:00 PM**

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**FATHER'S**  
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*Pre Father's Day*

*Get Away*

***SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022***

NOVEMBER  
PROSTATE CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH



Seafood Buffet at Captain  
George Seafood Restaurant  
Loading Time: 8:30 am Lee  
Center in Alexandria, VA  
Departure Time: 9:15pm  
Woodridge commuter lot  
red, Exit 170

Price Includes (\$125 pp):

- Round trip to Williamsburg, VA
- Continental Breakfast
- Seafood Restaurant
- 2 hours at Williamsburg Outlet
- Gratuity Included



# **EASTERN REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## **Special Congratulations to Director Donna A. Hines and Conference Planner Irene J. Washington**

We extend special congratulations to our very own Eastern Region Director Donna A. Hines and Eastern Region Conference Planner Irene J. Washington on a successful 65th Eastern Region Conference that was held on March 18-19, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland. We thank them for all of their hard work and numerous hours of planning. Director Hines presented an award to Sister Washington in recognition of hard work and contributions.

## **Virginia Member's Service and Support**

We are excited to report that our members provided superb service and support to assist with making our conference a success. We especially thank our 44 Delegates and one Visitor for their attendance and support.

The ICUA of Virginia provided support and assistance in the following areas:

### **Credentials Committee**

Andrea Bennett and Barbara Johnson served on the Credentials Committee. They assisted with setting up the room and distributing kits.

### **Praise and Worship and Devotions**

State Chaplain Cindi Poole assisted with Praise and Worship and Devotions.

### **A. W. Briggs Health Unit**

Eastern Region and State A. W. Briggs Health Unit Chairman Jimmie Barber and Delorse Parker served on the A. W. Briggs Health Unit. In addition to their normal duties, they were responsible for taking temperatures and ensuring that all Delegates showed their credentials with the proof of vaccination sticker on their badges before entering the General Business Session area.

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

## **Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms**

Eastern Region Sergeant-at-Arms Devall Kelly and Eastern Region Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Andrew Lewis were on duty and kept the Business Session in order. Devall was also on duty at the Mabel A. Grey Education Program and Johnnie F. Knighton Honor Banquet.

## **Junior Supervisor**

Eastern Region Junior Supervisor Cathy Moore was responsible for the Junior and Young People's Department. Cathy kept the Juniors in order during the Business Sessions and on their field trip. State Junior Supervisor Paulette Garner provided assistance during the Business Sessions and on the field trip.

## **School of Ushering Workshop**

Cheryl D. Allen, Phil Chambers, Shirley Davis, Cathy Moore, and Cindi Poole participated in the School of Ushering Workshop. Cheryl, Phil, Shirley, and Cindy participated in a Demonstration of Relief of the Doorkeeper and Seating the Guest from the Beginning of the Aisle. Cathy participated in a Demonstration of the 2022 National Drill.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Eastern Region Nominating Committee Chairman Maurita McDuffie provided the Nominating Committee Report.

## **Elections Committee**

Eastern Region Elections Committee Chairman Kensey M. Lewis provided information and instructions regarding the Election, met with the Elections Committee to provide further information and instructions, and led out in conducting the election. Mother T. Jean Horace, Gwendolyn Gaines, and Paulette Garner served on the Elections Committee.



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

## **National Board of Directors Update**

National Board Member Lawrence A. Wright participated in the National Board of Directors Update.

## **Filmore F. Gregory Men's Fellowship**

Eastern Region Filmore F. Gregory Men's Fellowship Chairman Dennis Freeman held a meeting with the Eastern Region Filmore F. Gregory Men's Fellowship.

## **Mabel A. Grey Education Program**

We are super excited to announce that our Virginia Representative Kayla Rucker came in first place in the Eastern Region Mabel A. Grey Education Program Essay Contest! Kayla did an outstanding job! Kayla will represent the Eastern Region at the National Convention Essay Contest in Illinois in July. We are looking forward to this contest.

Our Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department collected and donated 300 books to donate to a Title I School in the District of Columbia for the Eastern Region Mabel A. Grey Education Department Outreach Project. We sincerely appreciate all of our member's contributions and support!

Our very own member Rose Holley serves as the Mabel A. Grey Education Department Vice Chairman. We extend special thanks to our Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Chairman Maurita McDuffie and the committee members as follows: Minister Teresa Baskfield, Shirley Davis, Gwendolyn Haight, Rose Holley, Delorse Parker, Delores Peterson, and Lawrence Wright for all of their hard work and efforts in ensuring that Kayla was prepared and ready for the Essay Contest and for collecting and donating 300 books!

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

## **Outreach Presentation**

Eastern Region Outreach Co-Chairman Lawrence A. Wright filled in for Eastern Region Outreach Chairman Diane Reid.

## **Nettie V. Martin Scholarship Committee**

State Scholarship Chairman Rose Holley supported the Nettie V. Martin Scholarship Committee.

## **Training and Development Workshop**

State Willie J. Minnifield Training and Development Chairman Sandra Johnson supported the Training and Development Workshop. The Workshop Presenter was Robin Johnson who is the First Lady of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria.

## **State President's Report**

State President Cheryl D. Allen presented the State President's Report.

## **Johnnie F. Knighton Honor Banquet**

Eastern Region Director Donna A. Hines, Eastern Region Conference Planner Irene J. Washington, and Jerdleen Boffman served on the Johnnie F. Knighton Honor Banquet Committee. Jerdleen led out in ensuring that the ballroom was beautifully decorated. Eastern Region Music Chairman Greg Wright provided the music. Tina Ellis, Mother T. Jean Horace, and Barbara Johnson served as Hostesses.

## **Souvenir Journal**

We thank our members and friends who supported the Souvenir Journal by being a patron and/or sponsor and placing an ad. We really appreciate your support!

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

## **2022-2023 Eastern Region Officers**

We extend congratulations to the elected and appointed 2022-2023 Eastern Region officers as follows:

Director: Donna A. Hines

Sergeant-at-Arms: Devall Kelly

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: Andrew Lewis

Conference Planner: Irene J. Washington

Elections Committee Chairman: Kensey M. Lewis

A. W. Briggs Health Unit Chairman: Jimmie Barber

Filmore F. Gregory Men's Fellowship Chairman: Dennis Freeman

Information Technology Co-Chairmen: Mary Ferris

Information Technology Co-Chairman: Charisse Tolson

Music Chairman: Gregory Wright

Nominating Committee Chairman: Maurita McDuffie

Outreach Chairman: Diane Reid

Outreach Co-Chairman: Lawrence A. Wright

Webmaster: Gena Randall

Women's Fellowship Co-Chairman: Cindi Poole

Junior and Young People's Supervisor: Cathy Moore

Young Adult Assistant Counselor: Lawrence A. Wright

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

## **66th Eastern Region Conference**

We are happy and excited to report that the majority of the Delegates voted for Virginia to host the 66th Eastern Region Conference. The 66th Eastern Region Conference will be held on April 14-15, 2023 at the Hilton Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport.

We will have our Memorial Service on April 16, 2023 in conjunction with the 66th Eastern Region Conference. Gena Randall serves as our Memorial Service Chairman.

We will schedule a meeting after our State Convention to discuss Virginia's responsibilities for the 66th Eastern Region Conference and our responsibilities for our Memorial Service.

# CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE JUNIOR'S DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Deacon William Long, Supervisor for the Junior's Department for the Church Usher's Association of New York State (CUA NYS). The State Association is a compromised of churches throughout the New York.


We are presently in a campaign to raise funds for our organization.

I need your help. We've created an on-line store with over 140 items to choose from. We are offering delicious treats, household products and magazines.

All items will be shipped directly to your home!!

The store will be open on Monday March 21st and close on Monday, April 24th.

I need your help....

Please  click on the link below to place your order and support this amazing Association.

<https://shop.fundraising.com/collections/church-ushers-association-nys-cluster-3-store>

PLEASE CIRCULATE WITH THE EASTERN REGION.



# **EASTERN REGION STATE INVITATION**



*Save the Date*

*Appreciation Luncheon*

*Honoring*

*Usher Alverta E. Darden*

*Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

*At*

*2:00 p.m.*

*Double Tree By Hilton Annapolis*

*210 Holiday Court*

*Annapolis, Maryland 21401*

*Tickets*

*\$45.00*

*Children 6 under Free*

*Children 7-11 \$15.00*

*12 and over - \$45.00*

*Sherry A. Blackstone, A.A. Unit President*

*Namoi Morgan, Board of Directors*



# NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



# 2022 List of Open National Elected Officer Positions

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

The following documents are attached: (1) 2022 List of Open National Elected Officer Positions, (2) Description of Duties - National Elected Officers, and (3) 2022 National Nominee Consent Form and Resume Form. The National Nominating Committee is seeking qualified candidates interested in serving as elected officers.

The Offices, Incumbents, States, Regions, and Eligibility Status are included in the attached 2022 List of Open National Elected Officer Positions.

If you are interested in being considered for one of the National elected officer positions in 2022, you must complete and e-mail the attached Nominee Consent Form and Resume Form to President Allen at [Cheryl.Allen0913@comcast.net](mailto:Cheryl.Allen0913@comcast.net) by April 23, 2022. If you need to mail the documents, please contact President Allen on 571-228-1515. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact President Allen.

Blessings,

Gwen Jackson  
Corresponding Secretary

Cheryl D. Allen  
State President

Irene J. Washington  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Kristeena Kenny  
Junior and Young People President



2021 - 2022

NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.



**Betty R. Butler (ER)**  
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**Debbie L. Jones (WR)**  
 Vice Chairman  
[deeladyeng@yahoo.com](mailto:deeladyeng@yahoo.com)



January 21, 2022

Greetings Regional Directors and State Presidents.

The following is a list of National Offices that are open for election at the 2022 National Convention. It also provides the names of those currently serving in the positions and notes whether or not they are eligible to be reelected to those positions. Our National Bylaws page 12, **Section 16. Term of Office. All National Officers, except Directors, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Committee shall be elected or appointed for a term of one year and shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and qualified, or until removed as hereinafter provided. The term of office for the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Committee shall be two (2) years. The term of office of the Directors shall be three (3) years.** Please note those ineligible have served their consecutive years in the same office and not eligible to be reelected in those positions.

**Tammy Montgomery Scott (SR)**

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**Frank H. Gillette, Jr. (ER)**

Chaplain  
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**Georgia M Phillips (WR)**

Member  
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**Rev. William Clark (ER)**

Member  
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**Odessa Jackson (CR)**

Member  
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**Lillian J. Austin (CR)**

Member  
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**Melody Wylie-Johnson Matthews (CR)**

Member  
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Member  
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**Gwendolyn S. White (SR)**

Member  
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**Juanita A. Fuller (WR)**

Member  
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**Dr. Linda A. Smallwood**

Parliamentarian  
[policydoc@aol.com](mailto:policydoc@aol.com)

Office	Incumbent	State	Region	Eligibility
President	Charles J. Brown	District of Columbia	Eastern	Eligible
First Vice President	Dr. Linda Pates	Mississippi	Southern	Eligible
Second Vice President	Shermon Brown	Illinois	Central	Eligible
Third Vice President	Pamela Farley	California	Western	Eligible
Fourth Vice President	Donna A. Hines	Virginia	Eastern	Eligible
Recording Secretary	Frances Patterson	Illinois	Central	Eligible
Assistant Recording Secretary	Teresa Fain	Texas	Southern	Eligible
Assistant Financial Secretary	Darrell W. Johnson	District of Columbia	Eastern	Eligible
Chaplain	Dr. Eddie Mae Bates	Nevada	Western	Eligible
<b>Board of Directors</b>				
Director	Sadie P. Boles	Illinois	Central	Ineligible
Director	Rev. Dr. Travis Harden	Arkansas	Southern	Eligible
Director	John Farrior	Washington	Western	Eligible

With Gratitude

**Betty R. Butler, (ER) Chairman ♦ Debbie L. Jones (WR) Vice Chairman**

*National Nominating Committee*

Attached is a copy of the Consent Form, Resume Form and Description of Duties Document.

Thank you.

## **Description of Duties**

**National President** – The National President shall (1) call and preside over the National Convention and other meetings of the Association; (2) call, with the consent of two-thirds of the State Church Ushers Organizations, an extraordinary session of the National Convention; (3) appoint the convention committees, a parliamentarian; (4) appoint, with the advice and consent of the executive officers and Council of State Presidents, the chairman of the departments and standing committees; (5) if authorized by the Board of Directors, appoint a National Corresponding Secretary; (6) prepare and file the annual report of the association; (7) order the disbursement of funds authorized by the National Convention or Board of Directors; (8) sign and execute, with another bonded officer, all notes, drafts and other orders for the payment of money; (9) sign all charters or membership certificates; (10) faithfully execute all laws applicable to the Association and all provisions of the Charter, Bylaws, and other rules and regulations; (11) perform all duties incident to the office of corporation President; and (12) perform such other duties as may be required by resolution of the Board of Directors or the National Executive Board.

**National Vice Presidents** - Each National Vice President shall assist the National President in the manner he may prescribe; supervise the activities of the Region assigned to him; establish new State Church Usher Organizations in his Region; preside at all regional meetings and at the National Convention when called upon to do so, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed herein and by resolution of the Board of Directors. During the absence or incapacity of the National President, the National Vice Presidents, in order of seniority of election, shall perform the duties of the National President and, when so acting, have all the powers and be subject to all responsibilities of the office of the National President.

**National Recording Secretary** - The National Convention may elect a National Recording Secretary shall (1) be the clerk of the National Convention and other meeting of the Association; (2) be the secretary of the Executive Board; (3) file the original transcript of the minutes of the proceedings. Duly authenticated, in the Administrative Office of the Association; (4) provide each officer, director, State Usher Organization, and delegate to the National Convention with a copy of the transcript of minutes not later than 45 days after each such convention or meeting; (5) prepare and maintain a membership register in alphabetical order and file a copy thereof in the Administrative Office, and (6) maintain the membership book in the Administrative Office.

**Assistant National Recording Secretary** - The National Convention may elect an Assistant Recording Secretary to assist in the performance of the duties enumerated in the preceding section and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**National Financial Secretary** - The National Convention may elect a National Financial Secretary who shall (1) (a) receive the dues, (b) per capita tax, (c) assessments from the constituents State Usher Organizations, (d) offering, (e) all other funds; (2) credit such remittances to the proper account and remit such funds promptly to the National Treasurer; (3) sign the orders of the Board of Directors for disbursement of the Association's funds; (4) keep accurate record of the expenditures authorized by the National Convention and Board of

Directors; (5) notify each State Church Usher Organization when the dues and assessments are due and payable; (6) establish procedures for pre-registration for the delegates and alternates to the National Convention; (7) prepare for the Credentials Committee a list of whose qualifications are questioned and reporting that fact to the Credentials Committee; (8) be bonded or insured at the expense of the Association.

**Assistant National Financial Secretary** - The National Convention may elect a National Assistant Financial Secretary who shall assist in the performance of the duties enumerated in the preceding section and to perform such the duties as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors

**Directors** - It shall be the duty of the **Board of Directors** to (1) manage the business of the Association with advice and assistance of the President when the Association is not in convention; (2) adopt rules and regulations for conducting the business of the Board in compliance with the policy of the Executive Board; these rules and regulations to be reviewed and approved annually by the Convention upon recommendation of the Executive Board; (3) keep complete record of the acts and proceeding of its meetings; (4) present to the president for the annual report a full statement of the condition and affairs of the Association; (5) supervise all officers, agents and employees and see that their duties are properly performed; (6) cause to be issued charters or certificates of membership; (7) pass upon such matters as may be referred to the Board by Regions or State Church Usher Organizations; (8) select one or more financial institutions as the depository of the funds of the Association; (9) appoint or employ a Legal Advisor or General Counsel or such other agents and employees of the Association as may be deemed necessary for effective administration, fixing the amount of their compensation and the terms and condition of employment; (10) elect Honorary Members of the Association; (11) plan or approve the plans for the Convention and other meetings of the association; (12) secure by adequate bond or otherwise at the expense of the Association, the fidelity of all officers and employees handling corporate funds; (13) approve bills of payment and authorize the issuance of warrants by the Financial Secretary.

**Chaplain** - The National Convention may elect a National Chaplain whose duties shall be to attend all meetings of the Association and open and close the same with appropriate devotional exercises; the same shall not exceed one-half hour.

**Nominating Committee** - (1) The Nominating Committee shall be elected by the National Convention every two (2) years. Each member shall have tenure of two (2) years. Members of Nominating Committee can attend all of the Association meetings (including the National Executive Board) every year that they are in office. Expenses for the Nominating Committee will be handled under Article IX – Section 13, Subsection A. Each region shall be represented by three (3) members. The chairman shall be elected from within. (2) No incumbent National Executive Officer or Director may serve on the committee. (3) The committee, keeping in mind the principle of geographical representation shall prepare and file in the administration office and with the editor of the official organ at least 30 days before the National Convention its list of nominations containing the name and address of each person believed to be best qualified to serve in each office to be filled during the ensuing year. (4) The determination of the committee

shall be based on its own investigation as well as such facts as may be furnished by the supporters and opponents of the prospective nominees or candidates. (5) The report shall be published in the July issue of the official organ. (6) A copy of the report shall be included with the notice or call of the National Convention to each constituent member of the Association at least 20 days before the convention.

**January 2022 - NUCUAA, Inc.**

**NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.**

**20\_\_\_\_NOMINEE CONSENT FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give my consent to have my name place in nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ with the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. and will comply with the Nominating Committee’s recommendation(s) for application for said office, in accordance with the Bylaws of the N.U.C.U.A.A., Inc. I will do my best to serve the association in this capacity if elected.

**APPLICANT**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE PRESIDENT**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUCUAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSENT FORM**

NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

20\_\_\_\_ RESUME FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION DESIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

OBJECTIVE SUMMARY: \_\_\_\_\_

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EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHURCH AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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USHER AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SKILLS/CIVIC ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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---ADD ADDITIONAL PAGE(S) TO COMPLETE RESUME INFORMATION---

NUCUAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESUME FORM

**TO COMPLETE RESUME NEEDED INFORMATION**

**OBJECTIVE SUMMARY:** A person's intended efforts and actions to attain or accomplish; with purpose, vision, opportunity in and for the position desired.

**EDUCATION:** Primary and/or secondary school, college, university attended; certificates (graduation/G.E.D.) and degrees received.

**OCCUPATION:** Past and/or current principals of work, vocation or business (job description).

**CHURCH AFFILIATIONS:** Name of church, pastor (optional), offices and committees (past and/or current service).

**USHER AFFILIATIONS:** Name of State organization, offices and/or committees (past and/or current service); Region organization, offices and/or committees (past and/or current service); National organization, offices and/or committees (past and/or current service).

**SKILLS/CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Skills – Through training and/or experience (acquired/developed), possibly through other organizations; Civic – Work performed in the community



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*“For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

Greetings My Fellow Doorkeeper,

As I enter into this the eighth month of my administration as your 24<sup>th</sup> National President, I still remain very humble and honored to be your servant. Upon the acceptance of the presidential mantle from our Past National President Ruth I. Jones in July 2021, we embarked together on an uncharted journey. I truly thank you for your support thus far as well as in the future when we attempt to perform the visions that God has given me.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Omicron Variant have really altered many things that we as individuals had been accustomed to performing. They have made us to seriously stop and to make changes. I realize changes are often hard to accept but NUCUAA has to institute changes that are necessary for an organization to survive.

I truly thank the Board of Directors, under the leadership of Chairman Sadie E. Boles, for its dedication, commitment to maintaining, and keeping NUCUAA afloat.

As we approach the 103<sup>rd</sup> NUCUAA Convention, we remain excited and looking forward to seeing you in-person. As the Pandemic's restrictions are being lessened each and every week, we are anticipating your attendance at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago. We are currently requiring the use of masks at the Convention; however, this may change as the month of July approaches. The Board of Directors' Update will highlight some pertinent information to assist us in having a glorious 103<sup>rd</sup> NUCUAA Convention. We are approaching our hotel room block allocation must be finalized. Thus, it's important that you reserve your room at your earliest. To reserve your room with a one-night deposit, as well as to register for the 103<sup>rd</sup> NUCUAA Convention, please go to: [NUCUAA Website](http://NUCUAA Website). If for any reason you may have to cancel your room before June 3<sup>rd</sup>, your full deposit is refundable.

Please “Catch on Fire” for I've already done so! Don't permit God's Ushering Ministry to falter. Let's make this one of the memorable NUCUAA Conventions.

Yours in Christ's Service,

*Charles J. Brown*

National President

Sadie P. Boles  
Chairman  
Board of Directors

Destinee' Merida  
President  
Young Adult  
Department

Jordan Paige  
President  
JR & Young People's  
Department

Filmore F. Gregory  
President Emeritus

Ruth I. Jones  
Chairman Emeritus

## 2022 NUCUAA Outreach Project

### NUCUAA Young Adult and Junior and Young People's Outreach Project

March 14, 2022

Dear State Presidents,

**Did you know only 5 states in the USA requires schools to carry feminine hygiene products?**

This deficiency leads many school-aged girls to miss class and take days off as the supplies are not readily available to them. Of course, this issue is worse in low-income communities. Also, due to general hormone problems both girls and boys experience, body odor can cause a host of problems that effect ability to stay in class and get a well needed education. With these issues in mind the....

**Young Adult Dept. along with the Junior and Young People's Dept. present our....**

#### OUTREACH PROJECT

#### **The collection of Feminine Hygiene Products along with basic hygiene items**

In effort to make an impact on a greater population, we are asking each state to collect and donate to a middle or high school within your state.

**Focus items being collected: tampons and women's sanitary pads of various sizes, travel size deodorant (male/female, spray/stick).** Also accepted: small packs of unscented wash wipes, mini-bottles of sanitizer as these items are also helpful for boys and girls alike.

Below are the contact persons for states with

California- Julious Patin

Illinois- Chiquira Brown / Brian Valentine

Maryland- Debora Darden / Athena Queen

Mississippi- Devaurus Coleman

New York- Shenequia Ravell / Jordan Paige

Texas- Destinee Merida / Kameron Lee

If your state is not listed above with a contact person, we are asking that you designate a person to collect these items and make the donation in your state on behalf of the Junior & Young Adult departments.

We are asking every state to make your donations by June 1, 2022, and send a picture and/or review on how much you donated.

If you have any questions, please contact Young Adult Outreach Chairperson Shanequa Ravenell [s\\_ravenell@outlook.com](mailto:s_ravenell@outlook.com) or Young Adult President Destinee Merida [destineemerida@sbcglobal.net](mailto:destineemerida@sbcglobal.net) / (214) 289-0873

# From the National Board of Directors:

- This is your 103rd NUCUAA
- **Call to Convention Book!**
  - July 25 - 29, 2022
  - Chicago, Illinois

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

Mark 10:27

Click below link to view your Call to Convention Flipping Book.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/209153088/>

Click below link to visit NUCUAA Website.

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

# Upcoming Events

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

**ICUA of Virginia  
Virtual State Convention  
May 13-14, 2022**

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

# 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MID-YEAR CONFERENCE LAWRENCE A. WRIGHT OUTREACH DEPARTMENT PROJECT

**ICUA of Virginia Presentation by  
Pauline Johnson, Lawrence A. Wright Outreach  
Chairman, to Doorways' Representatives in  
Arlington, Virginia**



# ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH, SR. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST

**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Warrenton,  
Virginia  
February 19, 2022**



**Contestants**

**Kayla Rucker and Nadia Tillman**

# ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH, SR. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST (CONTINUED)



**Kayla Rucker  
and her mother  
Sandra Rucker**



**Nadia Tillman  
and her father  
E. Tillman**

# ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH, SR. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST (CONTINUED)



**Front Row: Adriana Long (Runner), Kayla Rucker (Contestant), and Nadia Tillman (Contestant)**

**Back Row: Maurita McDuffie (Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department Chairman), Paulette Garner (Tallier), Esther Russell (Tallier), Sandra Rucker (Contestant's Mother), Gwendolyn Gaines (Judge), Charles Lewis (Judge), Barry Newsome (Judge), E. Tillman (Contestant's Father), Rose Holley (Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department Member), and Cheryl D. Allen (State President)**

**Not Pictured: Diana Allen (Timer)**



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE HYATT REGENCY BETHESDA HOTEL MARCH 18-19, 2022

## Andrea Bennett and Barbara Johnson Represented Virginia by Serving on the Eastern Region Credentials Committee



Andrea Bennett  
Barbara Johnson (Not Pictured)

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## BUSINESS SESSION



Virginia Member: Eastern Region Director Donna A. Hines

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## BUSINESS SESSION (CONTINUED)



**Virginia Members: Devall Kelly and Eastern Region Conference Planner  
Irene J. Washington**

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## BUSINESS SESSION (CONTINUED)



Virginia Member: Tina Ellis

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## BUSINESS SESSION (CONTINUED)



Virginia Members: Cindi Poole and Rachel Cummins

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## BUSINESS SESSION (CONTINUED)



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## BUSINESS SESSION (CONTINUED)



**Phil Chambers and Cindi Poole**

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## FILMORE F. GREGORY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



**Virginia Members: Dennis Freeman (Chairman), Phil Chambers, Devall Kelly, Gregory Wright, and Lawrence Wright**



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

**Kayla Rucker Represented Virginia as a Contestant for the Mabel A. Grey Education Department Essay Contest and won First Place! Congratulations, Kayla! We are so proud of you! Kayla will represent the Eastern Region at the National Convention.**



**Kayla Rucker**

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE CONTINUED

## Mabel A. Grey Education Department Essay Contest (Continued)



Kayla Rucker and  
Cheryl D. Allen



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Mabel A. Grey Education Department Essay Contest (Continued)



Virginia Members: Cheryl D. Allen, Kayla Rucker, and Maurita McDuffie

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Mabel A. Grey Education Department Essay Contest (Continued)



**Virginia Members: Donna A. Hines, Cheryl D. Allen,  
Maurita McDuffie, and Kayla Rucker**

*Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet*  
**Honoring Immediate Past Eastern Region Director**



**CHARLES J. BROWN**

**PRESIDENT**

**NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION  
OF AMERICA, INC.**

*Saturday Evening ~ March 19, 2022 ~ 6:00 pm*

**Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel**

**7400 Wisconsin Ave | Bethesda, Maryland 20814**

**ATTIRE ~ FORMAL ~ SHADES OF BLUE**

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet Honoring Immediate Past Eastern Region Director Charles J. Brown



**Cheryl D. Allen and National  
President Charles J. Brown**

**Cheryl D. Allen and National  
First Lady Priscilla Brown**



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)



**Cheryl D. Allen,  
National President  
Charles J. Brown, and  
Phil Chambers**

## **Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)**

**Phil Chambers and  
National President  
Charles J. Brown**



## 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

### Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)



Cheryl D. Allen, Cindi Poole, Mother T. Jean Horace, and Shirley Davis



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)



Donna A. Hines and Cindi Poole



Lawrence Wright, Cindi Poole, and  
Dennis Freeman

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)

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Irene J. Washington, Cindi Poole, and Mother T. Jean Horace

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)



Cindi Poole and Tina Ellis



Cindi Poole and Lawrence Wright

# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE CONTINUED

## Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)



**Gardenia Robinson,  
Jerdleen Boffman, and  
Cindi Poole**

**Rachel Cummins  
and Cindi Poole**



# 65<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

## Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet (Continued)



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