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NEWSLETTER**

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CHERYL D. ALLEN

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)

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

It is my honor to extend greetings to you. I thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His grace and mercy!

I thank God for blessing us to conclude our Virtual 102nd National Convention on July 31, 2021. I am so very proud of our Virginia member's participation in the Convention! I extend congratulations to our elected and appointed National Officers. We will provide highlights of our National Convention and highlight our elected and appointed National Officers in our August Newsletter.

Please continue to be safe during this pandemic. If you have not received the vaccine, please pray and allow the Lord to order your steps.

Please 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.

In Christian Service,

**Cheryl D. Allen
State President**

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KRISTEENA KENNY

GREETINGS FROM THE JUNIOR AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT



Greetings Fellow Ushers,

I'm so blessed and honored to extend my greetings to all fellow ushers. I am looking forward to continuing this journey on being your Junior and Young People's President and to bring in more juniors so they can experience and grow to love this community just as much as I have. I'm very excited and blessed to be attending the National Convention coming up this month. I'm so happy to be able to see all the juniors from different states and to interact with them. I pray everyone is doing well this month so far and to continue to stay safe and be blessed.

**Kristeena Kenny
Junior and Young People's President**

CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED NATIONAL OFFICERS

We extend congratulations to our members on their National elected and appointed positions. We will highlight our members in the August Newsletter. Our elected and appointed National Officers are as follows:

Donna A. Hines - National 4th Vice President and Eastern Region Director

Lawrence A. Wright - Board of Directors

Kensey M Lewis - Bylaws Chairman

Gwendolyn Haight - Helen B. Hornbuckle Doorkeeper Chairman (Interim)

Tina Ellis - Outreach Chairman

Devall Kelly - Sergeant-at-Arms

Kristeena Kenny - Parliamentarian (Junior and Young People's Department)

Our members provided superb service to assist with making our Virtual 102nd National Convention a success! Virginia members excelled in many areas including the Technical Team, Planning Team, Presentations, Reports, Prayers, a Song, and Items and Information for Committees/Departments. We especially thank our 66 Delegates and One Visitor. We will highlight our Virginia member's service and provide highlights of our Virtual 102nd National Convention in our August Newsletter.

KENSEY M. LEWIS SCHOOL OF USHERING DEPARTMENT

**GRADUATING CLASSES
OF**

2020 AND 2021

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.



Virtual Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, August 28, 2021

11:00 A.M.



All Ushers should wear the National Uniform

Diane K. Reid, School of Ushering Chairman

Cheryl D. Allen, State President

Irene J. Washington, Chairman, Board of Directors

ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH, SR. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department

The 2022 field of competition for the Allan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education Department is "ESSAY." As the State Education Chairman, I am encouraging each of you to reach out to the eligible Junior and Young People who are members of your Usher Ministry and request that they consider participating in the competition.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: ...any Junior Usher or Young Adult Usher who is a member of an Usher Board whose Senior Usher Board is a member of a local organization; that Local is a member of a State organization; and that State is a member of the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Incorporated.

Contestants must be in the second year of high school (10th Grade) through the first year of college.

CHOICE OF TOPICS:

You are allowed to include statistics, surveys, and other relevant data that will support your selected topic.

1.It has been almost 60 years since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. What type of impact do you think the speech would have today in the 21st Century?

2.The United States has historically led the way in addressing global issues like global warming and the reduction of waste around the world. What do you believe is the next global issue that the United States should address that when improved, could positively impact our global community?

3.With the emergence of the "Black Lives Matter Movement" since last summer, how do you feel that this Movement has affected teenagers' trust of police and what can be done to prevent future incidents of violence between civilians and police?

4.How can the National United Church Ushers Association of America attract new members, post COVID-19, in relation to the Virtual Church?

Please contact Rose Holley, Education State Chairman no later than September 30, 2021 for additional information if you have an eligible Junior Usher interested in participating in the competition.

**Rose Holley
(301) 580-8351 (Cell)**

ICUA OF VIRGINIA PROCEDURE TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE

If you have correspondence (bereavement notices, sick and shut-in notices, thank you messages, announcements, invitations, flyers, etc.) that you are requesting the ICUA of Virginia to send to the State, Eastern Region Church Ushers Association, National United Church Ushers Association of America (NUCUAA), Inc., etc., please send all correspondence to the State President (Cheryl.Allen0913@comcast.net) and copy the Corresponding Secretary (gjack127@outlook.com).

Please use the attached NUCUAA Condolences/Resolution Form for all bereavement notices (page 9).

Note: We reserve the right to correct typographical and grammatical errors.



National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.

Condolences/Resolution Form

Name of the Deceased:

Was the Deceased an Usher? Yes or No. If yes, list Local, State, Region, and/or National position(s) held.

Who is the Deceased related to? Write the name(s).

Mother:

Father:

Sister:

Brother:

Wife:

Husband:

Daughter:

Son:

Other:

Name of Mortuary or Funeral Home

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number/Fax Number:

Email Address:

Homegoing Celebration

Where will the viewing services be held?

Day, Date, and Time:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number/Fax Number:

Email Address:

Where will the homegoing services be held?

Day, Date, and Time:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number/Fax Number:

Email Address:

Cards of Condolences may be sent to:

Name:

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Poem from Sister Joyce A. Parson

If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give the nicest room to such an Honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,
With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard,
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder – if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,
Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus came in person to spend today with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**ICUA of Virginia Kensey M. Lewis School of
Ushering Department Virtual Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, August 28, 2021, 11:00 AM**

**National President's Virtual Meeting
Saturday, September 11, 2021, 5:00 PM**

**ICUA of Virginia Virtual Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**ICUA of Virginia Virtual Mid-Year Conference
Saturday, November 20, 2021**

**65th Eastern Region Conference
March 18-19, 2022**

STATE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

WOMEN'S UNIFORMS WEBSITE

**Looking for the perfect white
Uniform? Well...look no more!**

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Shop now online at:

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COME CELEBRATE WITH LAWRENCE WRIGHT ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION





*Come Celebrate
with Lawrence Wright
on his 60th Birthday Celebration
Doing What He Does Best ~
Outreach and Missions*



Saturday, September 18, 2021 3:00 p.m.

*Woodlawn-Faith United Methodist Church
7010 Harrison Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
Rev. Dr. Brian K. Brown, Pastor*

Friday, September 17, 2021		Saturday, September 18, 2021
 <p>9:00 a.m. - 12 noon A distribution and food giveaway (free) St. John Baptist Church 7730 Fordson Road Alexandria, VA 22306 Rev. Charles Hall, Pastor Sponsored by Woodlawn- Faith United Methodist Church</p>	<p>60th Birthday Basketball Game Benefit - Dribbling "4" A Cure (To Benefit: Young Highway Task Force Gum Springs Community Center 8100 Fordson Road Alexandria, VA 22306 Donation: \$15.00/\$10 with canned good Fairfax County Firemen vs ICUA of Virginia, Inc. Men's Fellowship</p>	 <p>8:00 p.m. to 12 midnight Evening Seafood and Crab Feast Benefit (to benefit Sickle Cell Anemia) Elks Lodge 227 Henry Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Donation: \$60.00</p>



*Consider donating your unused eyeglasses
and hearing aids to benefit the Lion Club Mission.*



EASTERN REGION STATES SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS
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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Tenth Annual Crab Feast! "GRAB & GO"

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Drive thru from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Columbian Center (Knights of Columbus)

335 Governor Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146

Ticket Donation: \$65

Deadline: August 20, 2021



Sis. Naomi Morgan, Chairperson

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Sis. Sherry A. Blackstone, Anne Arundel Unit President

Sis. Naomi Morgan, Board of Directors Chairperson

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