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**NEWSLETTER
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NEWSLETTER

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CHERYL D. ALLEN 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 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. This month we celebrated our 20th Annual Virtual Lillian N. Butler Prayer Breakfast. Our theme was "On the Wings of a Prayer" (Isaiah 40:31). We thank our Prayer Breakfast Chairperson Jerdleen E. Boffman for planning and leading a very blessed and successful Prayer Breakfast. We celebrated our very deserving and dedicated Honoree Cynthia Lillian Poole.

Please take some time to read this very informative newsletter. The Lord is continuing to bless our Association.

Please continue to be safe during this Pandemic. If you have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, please pray and allow the Lord to order your steps.

We will continue to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Peace, Love, and Blessings to everyone!

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**GREETINGS FROM
CHAIRMAN,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

IRENE J. WASHINGTON

Greetings Fellow Doorkeepers,

We are thankful to God for His continued blessings.

The Board of Directors continue to meet monthly to ensure that all business of the association is managed in a timely manner.

**Please Save the Date - November 20, 2021 Mid-Year Conference
Bobby Bostic, District #1 Host President**

- *The Board is excited to announce that a pilot online registration process has been approved as an alternate method to register for the Mid-Year Conference. Delegates may use either:
 - a. Mid-Year Fillable Registration Form - Microsoft Office Word*
 - b. Electronic Mid-Year Fillable Registration Form - Online in Google**
- *Zelle will be used for online registration payments. Zelle is an easy way to transfer money directly between many U.S. bank accounts typically within minutes (check with your financial institution for Zelle availability). Those who desire not to pay online may continue to mail a check or money order and include a copy of the Mid-Year Microsoft Office Registration Form.*
- *We extend thanks and grateful appreciation to Assistant Financial Secretary, Jacquelyn Kelley, for her commitment and dedication in spearheading this endeavor.*
- *Special thanks to Susan Kelly-Bing, Treasurer and Joyce Parson, Financial Secretary for working diligently to ensure the payment process.*

All specific instructions for the Microsoft Office Mid-Year Registration Form and the Online Google Electronic Mid-Year Registration Form process will be emailed to the members no later than October 7, 2021.

If the Board can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Be blessed and safe.

GREETINGS FROM THE JUNIOR AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT



KRISTEENA KENNY

Greetings Fellow Ushers,

I pray everyone had a blessed month this month and continued to keep God in their hearts at all times. I pray everyone is doing well and still staying safe during these hard times we are still having. I know we are going to hit some bumps in the road, but God is always with us and will always have our backs no matter what the struggle is. I ask to please continue to pray for our youth as they are in schools right now and are working hard every day in classes. I pray everyone has a blessed month coming up and hope to see everyone and to fellowship with everyone soon.

20th Annual Virtual Lillian N. Butler Prayer Breakfast

We give all of the Honor and Praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing us to have a blessed 20th Annual Virtual Lillian N. Butler Prayer Breakfast on September 18, 2021! We thank Immediate Past President Jerdleen E. Boffman for serving as our Chairperson. Sister Boffman provided outstanding service. She is to be commended for including many of our Junior and Young People's Department members and a good representation of our members as Service participants!

Reverend Jacqueline Colbert, Associate Minister at New Hope Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, blessed us with a wonderful sermon. Her subject was the **Triple AAAs of Prayer**: (1) We have **Access** to the Source, (2) We must be **Anchored** in the Lord, and (3) Equipped and **Available** for Service. Minister Christian D. Davis, Associate Minister and Minister of Music for Shiloh Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia, provided uplifting and inspirational music.

Our Junior and Young People's Department Service Participants were awesome! Vice President Andre Harris was our Worship Leader. Sister Gabriella Chichester read the Scripture. Sister Lillian Lewis provided the Welcome. Sister Jocelyn Pearson rendered the Prayer for the Youth.

Our Senior Department Service Participants were also awesome! Deacon Thomas Leabough rendered the Prayer for the Association. Deacon Jerry Donnell rendered the Prayer for the Country and Nation. Brother Ross Simms rendered the Prayer for the Frontline Workers. Sister Latachia Lewis rendered the Prayer for Sick, Shut-In, and Bereaved. Sister A. Jeanette Devins shared and honored wonderful memories of Sister Lillian N. Butler. Sister Patricia Lewis introduced the Guest Preacher.

We honored a very worthy and deserving individual. Sister Cynthia Lillian was our honoree. We highlighted Sister Poole on Pages 7-8.

Our special guests included the following: National President Charles J. Brown, Past National President and National Board of Directors Chairman Emeritus Ruth I. Jones, Past National Board of Chairman Melinda H. Wilkins, Assistant Eastern Region Director Ronald L. Jones, State Presidents, and other National, Regional, and State Officers.

We thank everyone for their support and presence. We extend special thanks to the following: Reverend Jacqueline Colbert, Minister Christian D. Davis, Service Participants, Tech Team, Prayer Breakfast Chairperson Jerdleen E. Boffman, Sister Patricia Lewis, Sister Charisse Tolson, and Sister Diane Reid.

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**LILLIAN N. BUTLER PRAYER BREAKFAST
HONOREE SISTER CYNTHIA LILLIAN POOLE**

Sister Cynthia Lillian Poole

To God Be The Glory For All He Has And Is Doing! Sister Cynthia (Cindi) Lillian Poole was born in Stafford County, Virginia to the late Carroll Queen, Sr. and Eleanor Queen-Hunt. Cindi is the fourth of six children. She was raised and attended public schools in Caroline County, Virginia. Upon graduating, she attended Germanna Community College and earned a Certificate in Business Management. She went on to earn her first Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Mary Washington College.

Cindi joined Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in 1983 and continued her ministry as a "Doorkeeper in God's House." She married her first and only love, Samuel Ray in June 1988. That was a busy and filling year as she joined the ranks with the Federal Government and was the first black female in the Washington Field office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). She labored there for eleven years and bowed out gracefully after birthing two of the most precious people in her life, Samuel Marsalis and Samantha-Rae Kiara. During her tenure with ATF, she attended Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and earned her second Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Very shortly after leaving ATF, she went on to become one of the most sought after educators in the private school arena. Cindi educated, nurtured, and loved children for 21 years, teaching at Christ Chapel Academy. While there, she attended Regent University in Alexandria, Virginia and earned her third and most self-satisfying degree, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical and Theological Studies with a concentration in The Life of Christ.

In 1996, Cindi joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Occoquan/Woodbridge, Virginia. There she kept her sleeves rolled up and continued to usher. She served as President of the Usher Ministry for nearly six years. She also served as the Vice President, Secretary, and Chaplain. She served as the Chairperson for several Annual Ushers Days. She also led several in-house workshops; taught Sunday School; taught the SEEDs Ministry; sang in the Ethel Chinn Senior Choir; led the Temperance Fruit of the Spirit Group; served as the Chairperson and taught Vacation Bible School; trained and served in the Highway and Hedges Ministry; and trained and served in the Counseling Ministry.

In District #1, Cindi served as the Chaplain, Assistant Chaplain, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms. She attended every Annual Ushers Day for one year. She only missed five Annual Ushers Days the following year. In the State, Cindi served as Assistant Chaplain and currently serves as the Chaplain. Cindi was the recipient of the "President's Choice Award" by Past State President Irene J. Washington. Cindi has attended numerous State Conferences and Conventions, Eastern Region Conferences, and National Conventions. As we can all see, Cindi loves to serve. Serving is what she does!

Cindi often says, when you serve others, when you make somebody else's life better, when you lift up people, when you help heal those that are hurting, not only are they being blessed, but you are being blessed too. Cindi's favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (NKJV).

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NEWLY APPOINTED STATE OFFICERS

We extend congratulations to our Newly Appointed State Officers. We thank them for accepting the appointment. Please show them love and support and pray for them as they begin their journeys. Our Newly Appointed State Officers are highlighted on the Pages 10–31. Additional Newly Appointed State Officers will be highlighted in our October 2021 Newsletter.



Maurita McDuffie

**Alan A. C. Griffith, Sr. Education
Department Chairman**

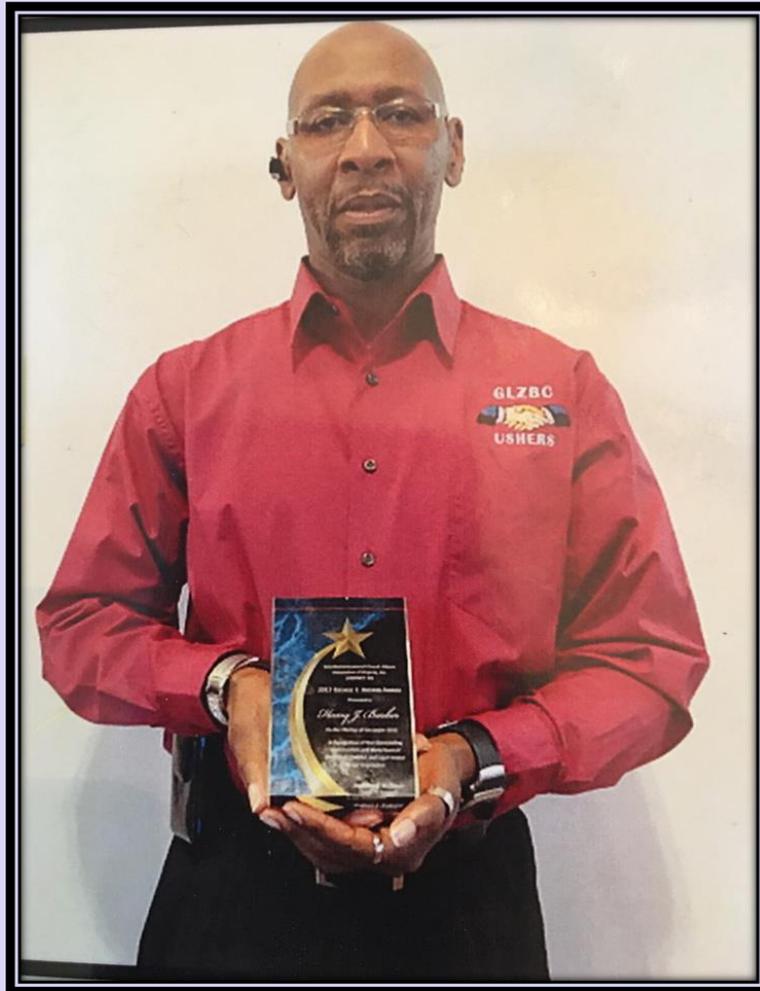


Linda Reed

**Alma C. Hawkins Public Relations
Department Chairman**



Harriett “Dee” Johnson
Alumni Department Chairman



Jimmie Barber

**A. W. Briggs Health Unit
Department Chairman**



Joyce Parson

Budget and Finance Committee



Susan G. Kelly-Bing
Budget and Finance Committee



Mattie Cain

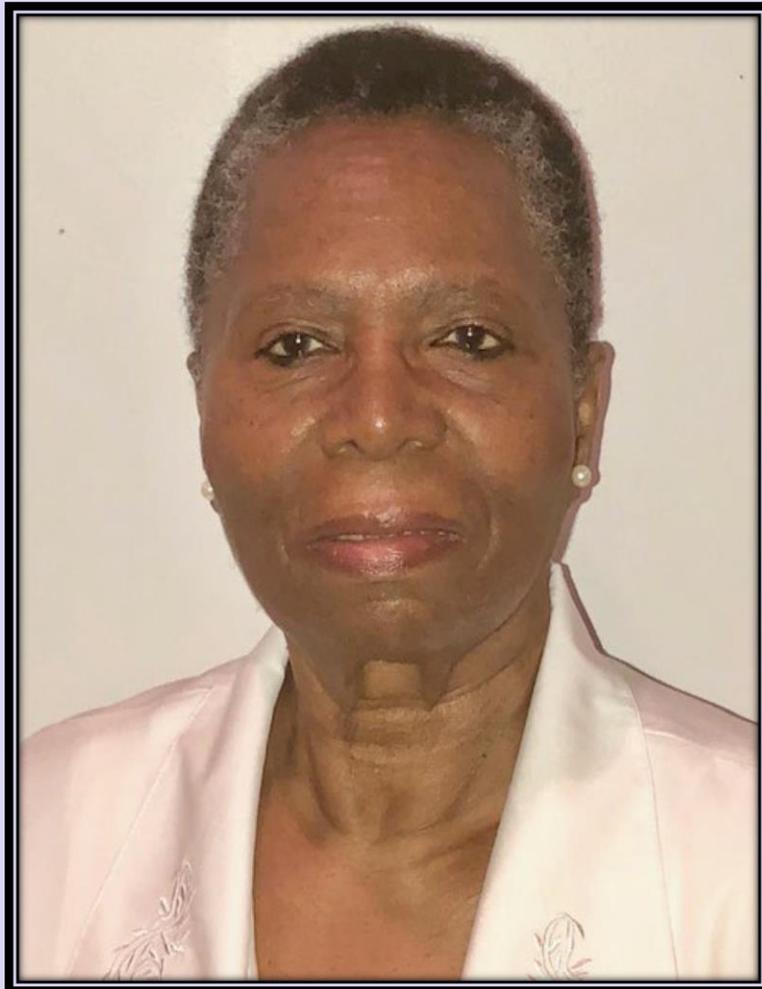
**Condolences Committee
Chairman**



Sandra C. Johnson

**Constitution and Bylaws
Committee**

**Willie J. Minnifield Training and
Development Department
Chairman**



Louetta Newman
Constitution and Bylaws
Committee



Gwen Jackson
Corresponding Secretary



Jacquelyn Kelley

Credentials Committee Chairman



Dr. Joyce G. Davis

**Eastern Region Awards and
Recognition Committee**



Phil Chambers

**Eastern Region Information
Technology Committee**

**Kensey M. Lewis School of
Ushering Department Drill Master**

Past National Officers Council



Leslie B. Williams

**Evelyn Townes Arts and Crafts
Department Chairman**



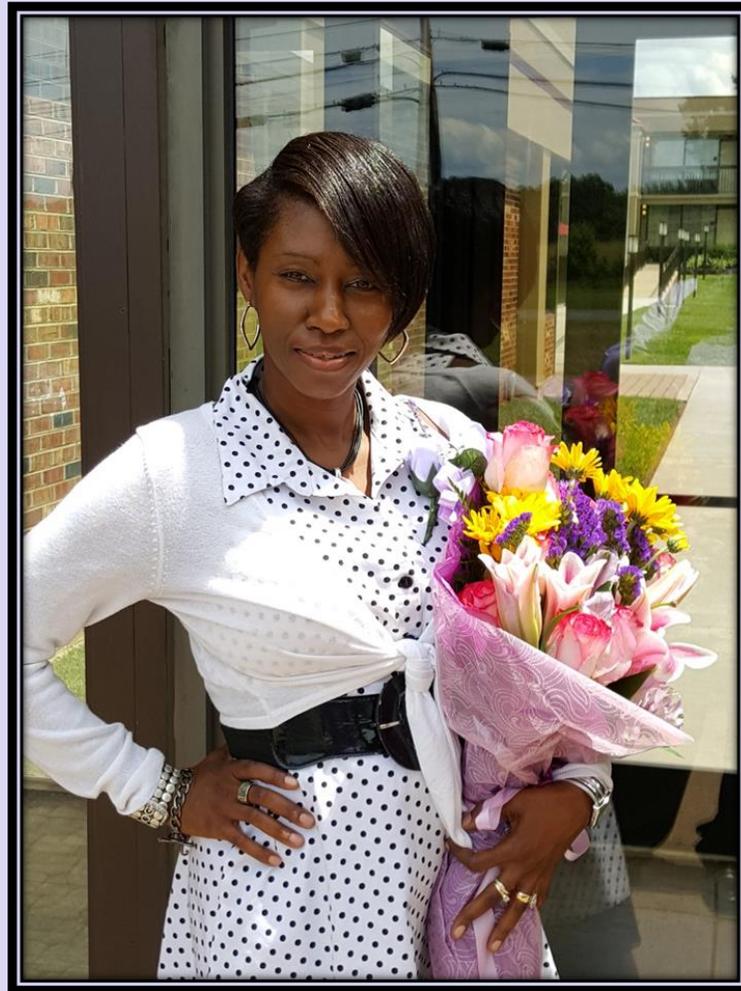
Devall Kelly

**Filmore F. Gregory Men's
Fellowship Committee Chairman**



Anita Hall

**Historical Society Committee
Chairman**



Shadonna Bartholomew

**Kensey M. Lewis School of
Ushering Department Chairman**



Sheila B. Smith

**Kensey M. Lewis School of
Ushering Department Interim
Chairman**

**Constitution and Bylaws
Committee**



Gloria Greenhow
Music Department Chairman



Rose Holley

**Scholarship Committee
Chairman**



Patricia Lewis

Constitution and Bylaws Committee



Vera Lloyd

Constitution and Bylaws Committee



Arlene Pullen

Constitution and Bylaws Committee



Paulette Garner
Junior and Young People's Department
Supervisor



Pauline Johnson
Lawrence A. Wright Outreach
Department Chairman



Gena Randall
Memorial Committee Chairman

Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.



October 8, 2021.

Greetings Fellow Doorkeepers,

We are thankful to God for His continued blessings.

The Board is elated to announce that a pilot online registration and payment process has been approved as an alternate method to register and pay for the Mid-Year Conference. This was a goal of State President Allen to explore online registration and payment capability. Special thanks to the finance team for working diligently to set up the online registration and ensure the process works properly. Those who choose not to use the online process may continue to mail a check or money order with a copy of the Mid-Year Fillable Registration Form. However, we are hopeful that most will use the new online process.

Delegates may use either:

Electronic Mid-Year Fillable Registration Form - Online using Google Forms

- Click on the registration link, <https://forms.gle/RYkWu8iUv4N8b5FB6> 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)
- Send electronic payment directly to the ICUA of VA bank via Zelle or
- Mail payment separately to Assistant Financial Secretary
- Assistant Financial Secretary will prepare and send email acknowledging receipt of payment

Mid-Year Fillable 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 prepare and send email acknowledging receipt of registration and payment

Zelle will be used for online electronic payments

- Zelle is an easy way to transfer money directly between many U.S. bank accounts typically within minutes
- Check with your financial institution for Zelle availability
- Follow your financial institution's instruction to activate Zelle in your bank account
- With just an email address or mobile phone number, you can quickly, safely and easily send money regardless of where the recipient banks
- Many financial institutions will require you to add the email address or phone number of the recipient you wish to send money to before allowing you to select them as a recipient
- The ICUA of VA is Only using an email address to receive Zelle transfers
- Online Zelle Send Money transfer to: ICUAOFVAFT@gmail.com
- Zelle sends the recipient an email indicating that a Zelle payment has been sent

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Irene Washington 301-906-1743 or ijwashington5@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
 Irene J. Washington, Chairman, Board of Directors
 Cheryl D. Allen State President
 Susan Kelly-Bing, Treasurer
 Joyce Parson, Financial Secretary Jacquelyn Kelley, Assistant Financial Secretary

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF VA, INC.



REGISTRATION FORM
 2021 Virtual Mid-Year Conference
 Host - District #1
 Saturday, November 20, 2021



Registration must be **Postmarked** no later than **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix
Address			APT#
City	State	ZIP	
Email			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
District Number			
Church Name			
Pastor's Name			
REGISTRATION			
I Am A (click all that apply)	X	Usher Department	X
State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Timer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>
REGISTRATION FEE PAID \$			

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ:

- Your registration form with payment must be **postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 3, 2021** to ensure registration validation.
- You will be sent, via text or email, the Zoom links to be able to join the virtual conference with video or telephone dial-in.
- Reminder: Your church should be financially current with the State assessments.
- Make registration checks or money orders Payable to **ICUA of VA, Inc.**
- Mail registration form with payment to State Assistant Financial Secretary:

Jacquelyn Kelley 4017 Bali Court Woodbridge VA 22192
 (ICUAofVAAFS@gmail.com 703-626-4575)

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KENSEY M. LEWIS SCHOOL OF USHERING DEPARTMENT
AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL GEORGE T. CRIER SCHOOL OF USHERING

**2021-2022 SCHOOL OF USHERING
VIRTUAL CLASSES**

**CLASSES BEGIN OCTOBER 23, 2021
THROUGH JUNE 11, 2022**

DATES: 2nd and 4th Saturdays

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



If there is a holiday, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Registration Forms Must Be Received by Saturday, October 30, 2021!

To register, please complete the enclosed registration form and email to Shadonna Bartholomew at icuaofvasou@gmail.com.

Mail registration payments to Mary Ann Carr, School of Ushering Financial Secretary, 17074 Four Seasons Drive, Dumfries, VA 22025. Make checks payable to the ICUA of VA, Inc.

School of Ushering

Is committed to teaching Church Ushers the National Silent Uniform System of Church Ushering as described in the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. School of Ushering Manual.

Shadonna Bartholomew, School of Ushering Chairman - (571) 330-7367
Cheryl D. Allen, State President
Irene J. Washington, Chairman, Board of Directors
Kristeena Kenny, Junior and Young People's President





Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, Inc.
Kensey M. Lewis School of Ushering Department
An Affiliate of the National George T. Grier School of Ushering
Registration Form
2021-2022 School Year



Class Location: VIRTUAL

Instructor(s): TBD

Instructor(s) in Training:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

(Please state your name the way you want it to appear on your certificate and the program.)

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
Parent/Guardian (For Juniors Only)	Phone	

Street Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	
Phone: Home	Work	Cell	
Email			

Please check one.	Senior	Young Adult	Junior
Please check one.	First Time Student	Post Graduate	Post Graduate/Instructor Assistant

Church			
Street Address			
City	State	ZIP Code	
Pastor			
Has your Church paid their Association dues?	Please check one: YES _____ NO _____		

↓THE PORTION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRAR↓

		Method of Payment			
		Cash	Check	Money Order	Amount Paid
\$10.00	Registration Fee	\$10.00			
\$3.00	Instructors' Guidelines				
	TOTAL				
	Age Category				
	Junior	8-21			
	Young Adult	21-35			
	Senior	35 and Up			

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 Updated 10/12/20
 Mary Robinson
 Created 9/18/06

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 NUCUAA Condolences/Resolution Form (see Page 37) for all bereavement notices. The Word file of the form was previously e-mailed to the members.

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:

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE



SADIE P. BOLES, CHAIRMAN
 GEORGE MERIDA, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We pray that all is well with each of you and that your families and you are continuing to follow the guidelines of CDC and your local authorities. COVID is still with us and we encourage you if you haven't been vaccinated, please get vaccinated soon. It is our hope that we are on our way out of this crisis, but the challenges still remain.

The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge our appreciation and thank the delegates and members for their outstanding support during our 2021 Virtual Convention.

Joining in oneness to congratulate Immediate Past President Ruth I. Jones for a successful 102nd virtual convention, our first with over seven hundred members in attendance. We could not have done it without your support. A special thank you to the Technical Team and Finance Committee for completing the job and doing it extraordinarily well in excellence.

Welcome President Charles J. Brown and all newly elected and appointed officers. The returning board members George Merida (SR), Selena Roberson (CR), Willis Warren (WR); new board members Daryl Adkins (CR), Pansy Bradley-Cooper (ER), Darleissa Robertson (ER) and Lawrence Wright (ER).

The Board of Directors has begun planning for the 103rd National Convention and we're asking members to make your room reservations prior to January 9, 2022 this will assist with determining whether our meeting space will be cut. Also, thank you for your participation of the 2022 survey with an open rate of 77%.

103rd CONVENTION:

July 21- July 31, 2022, Hyatt Regency O'Hare 9300 W Bryn Mawr Ave. Rosemont, IL 60018, Room Rate \$149.00 Plus Tax 14% (\$169.86).

Housing Chairman is Chairman Sadie P. Boles spbolesaa04@gmail.com 773 480-6616.

Reservation Link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRO/G-NCUA>

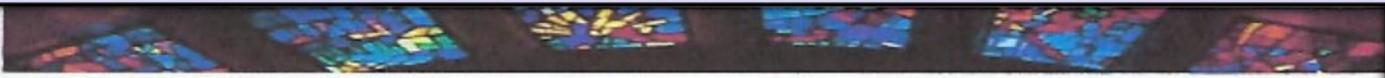
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 President

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 President
 Young Adult
 Department

Jordan Paige
 President
 JR & Young People's
 Department

Filmore F. Gregory
 President Emeritus

Ruth I. Jones
 Chairman Emeritus



Reservations Guarantee: In order to guarantee a reservation, the hotel will charge a deposit of one night's room rate \$149.00 plus tax 14% (\$169.86 for each room reserved. The charge will be deducted from the total bill upon checkout. Should there be an invalid or declined credit card the hotel is required to contact the guest for a valid credit card. If no contact is made within 72 hours (72) hours the reservation will be cancelled.

Early Departure Fee: Any individual wishing to change their departure date may do so up until the time of check-in without any fee. Upon checking in you must inform the hotel of early checkout or you will be charged a departure fee of one-nights room and tax. Guest will not be charged for any unforeseen emergency or medical emergency on a **case-by-case basis**

Cut-Off Date: The Cut-Off Date is Thursday, June 30, 2022 Central Standard Time.

Incidental charge of \$100.00 upon check in, this is not mandatory the charge is based upon individual preferences.

Shuttle/Parking: Complimentary and continuous to and from O'Hare International Airport Fifty percent (50%-\$17) discount off prevailing overnight self-parking and daily parking rates, Valid 7/21/22 through 7/31/22. Includes in and out privileges. Daily parking rates do not include in an out privilege.

United Airlines Discount Code: We are pleased to partner with United Airlines for travel to our upcoming convention.

- To make flight reservations online click on discount code **ZKFB627136**
- MileagePlus members earn Premier Qualifying Dollars and miles for their travel.
- You may also call United Meeting Reservation Desk at (800) 426-1122
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. EST
Saturday – Sunday 8:00 a.m, - 6:00 p.m. EST

Southwest Airlines discount code will be available January 2022.

Background Checks: Supervisors attending the Junior and Young People meetings will need to have a background check prior to entering their meetings at the National Convention. Background checks are good for 2 years. Request for background checks should be sent to Chairman Sadie P. Boles.

Budgets: All proposed budgets are due **by October 29, 2021** they are to be sent to your Designated Board Liaison, copy to the Board Chairman spbolesaa04@gmail.com and National President nucuaaprez24@aol.com The Budget Forms are fill-able and must include all projected income and all projected expenses for the period January 1,2022 thru December 31, 2022.



Food Functions: If your Committee/Department is requesting food, please specify the day, time, and food required to the Food Function Chairman, Pansy Bradley-Cooper pansyart@aol.com, and Co-Chairman, Selena Roberson, blw365@sbcglobal.net or Rev. Dr. Travis Harden, RevDrTravisHarden@gmail.com no later than January 5, 2022.

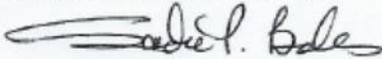
Set-up & Equipment: If your Committee/Department is requesting supplies and equipment, send the request to the Set-up Chairman, John Farrior, j.farrior@comcast.net, Co-Chairman, Rev. Dr. Travis Harden, RevDrTravisHarden@gmail.com and the Board Chairman spbolesaa04@gmail.com no later than January 5, 2022.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact your Board of Directors members in your region or you may contact Board Chairman, Sadie P. Boles, spbolesaa04@gmail.com or National President, Charles J. Brown, nucuaaprez24@aol.com.

We would like to thank NUCUAA and other supporters for your generous donations to the Outreach Department Special Project "Hurricane Ida and Earthquake Relief".

Let us stay in prayer and continue to uplift the family of Director Ronnie Darlene Anderson and all members and families who are sick and those who have lost loved ones.

Submitted by,
National Board of Directors



Sadie P. Boles, Board Chairman
Charles J. Brown, National President

10/07/2021 [1]

**National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.
George T. Grier School of Ushering Department
3rd Master's Degree Program**

INTRODUCTION

The Master's Degree Program serves as an incentive for the Delegates attending the National Convention to strive beyond the achievement of obtaining a Bachelor Degree. The Bachelor Degree requires the Delegates to attend the National Convention for three (3) consecutive years and attend the School of Ushering Sessions each year. The Master's Degree Program is designed to give the Delegates an in depth knowledge of the history of the National Organization, the George T. Grier School of Ushering Department, along with perfecting the techniques of various signs and signals used in Church Ushering. The duration of the course is three (3) consecutive years.

Master's Degree Program Criteria:

Delegate is required to have a George T. Grier School of Ushering Department National Diploma.

2. Delegate is required to have a George T. Grier School of Ushering Department Bachelor Degree.
3. Instructor's Certificate is not required.
4. Delegate must enroll in the Master's Degree Program by the designated registration deadline.
5. Delegate must be enrolled in the Master Degree Program for three (3) consecutive years. A break within the three (3) years will require the Delegate to start over by enrolling in the next upcoming Master's Degree Program.
6. During the third year, the Delegate will write a **Thesis** on an assigned topic. (Thesis topic to be determined.) The Thesis shall be a minimum of five (5) typewritten pages, double space, Time New Roman, Font size 12. The beginning of each paragraph shall be indented.
7. The Thesis maximum score is 100%. The passing score is 80%.
8. Also, during the third year, the Delegate will take a **Written Test**, consisting of ten (10) questions. The maximum score is 100%. The passing score is 90%.
9. Delegate must attend all Master's Degree Program classes offered at the National Convention during the three year period.

The 3rd Master's Degree Program Start Date:

The Master's Degree Program will start July, 2022, at the seat of the National Convention. The 3rd Graduation will be held in July, 2025 at the seat of the National Convention. Graduation Day will occur on Friday during the School of Ushering Session.

Application for the Master's Degree Program:

The Delegate shall submit the required Application for the Master's Degree Program to the National Chairman, George T. Grier School of Ushering Department, and **MUST BE POST MARKED BY December 30, 2021**. Send application and required documents to the following: **NOTE: Emails will not be accepted.**

**Ms. Lillie Grant
355 Clinton Ave. #5F
Brooklyn, New York 11238**

(See attached application)

**National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.
George T. Grier School of Ushering Department
3rd Master's Degree Program
(Continued)**

Resources for the Master's Degree Program:

The history of the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.

1. The history of the Young Adult Department.
2. The history of the Junior and Young People's Department.
3. The history of the National George T. Grier School of Ushering Department (Current edition dated July 2008).
4. National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc., School of Ushering Manual dated July 2010.

Upon graduating from the Master's Degree Program, if you have a Certified National Instructor's Certificate, you will be eligible to teach the Master's Degree Program at the National Convention.

We have developed a Data Base to keep track of all Master's Degree Program Graduates.

NOTE: The procedure for providing certified documentations if the Delegate is unable to locate a copy of his / her National Diploma or Bachelor's Degree.

1. The State Chairman of the School of Ushering must certify the date and year that the Delegate received his/her National Diploma and Bachelor Degree.
2. Certification must be signed by the State Chairman.
3. Certification must accompany application.

Only fifty (50) Delegates will be accepted in to the 2021 Master's Degree Program. The first (50) acceptable applications received and post marked by December 30, 2021 with the required certifications will be accepted in to the program.

National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.

George T. Grier School of Ushering Department

3rd Master's Degree Program

State: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

State, City, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Church: _____

Number of years attending National Convention: _____

(1) Attach a copy of your National George T. Grier School of Ushering Department Diploma.

(2) Attach a copy of your Bachelor Degree.

(3) Or attach the required certification if unable to provide items 1 and 2 above.

Delegate applying for Master's Degree Program Signature

Date

State Chairman Signature

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State President Signature

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

**2022 National Convention
Chicago, IL
July 23-30, 2022**

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS
ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA, INC.**

www.icuaofva.org

**Please continue to keep our sick and shut-in
members and friends and bereaved families in your
prayers!**

**We extend special prayers and blessings to our leaders
and members of the ICUA of Virginia, Inc., Eastern Region
Church Ushers Association, and National United Church
Ushers Association of America, Inc.!**

**May God continue to watch over each of us and keep us
safe!**

To God be the Glory!

***Proverbs 11:25 - The generous soul will be made
rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.
(NKJV)***

***Proverbs 22:9 - He who has a generous eye will be
blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor. (NKJV)***