



# NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA, INC.

*“Agreed to differ, resolved to love, and united to serve”*



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**Congratulations President Joe Biden, 46th President of the United States and Madam Vice President Kamala Harris, the first African American and South Asian American WOMAN to be elected vice president!!!**

*Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive, ecumenical Christian women’s movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Church Women United Atlanta and Happy New Year!

“And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it”. Habakkuk 2:2

The above scripture states “the vision must be written”! As the newly elected president Church Women United Atlanta, Inc. I took pen in hand and began reflecting on goals that were realistic and attainable during my 2 year term. As a result Odessa Huff, newly elected Vice President and I envision the below goals with your help and prayers:



1. Grow membership to 100
2. Be more visible in the community
3. Support the Georgia and National Office CWU
4. Update membership directory
5. Select 2 signature projects unique to Church Women United Atlanta
6. Continue support of Savannah Street Ministry
7. Identify Key Women for the Key Woman Program
8. Provide training for all officers and committees
9. Enhance our commitment to remain a viable Christian women's movement that is racially, culturally and theologically inclusive

Congratulations to the new officers installed at the December 4, 2020 membership meeting. I'm especially excited to welcome Young Church Women who are members of the Ecumenical Development Committee and who will manage the website and be Editor of the Newsletter!

Vice President: Odessa Huff

Secretary: Karen Jones

Corresponding Secretary: Nedra Juniel

Treasurer: Lillie Hercules

Committees:

Finance Committee: Tryphenia Speed, Chair Lillie Hercules, Emma Olds, Roberta Rhodes, Helen Sprewer, Angela Rice, Shelia Louder, Ex-Officio

Ecumenical Development: LaTonya Herndon, Chair, Deborah Fortune, Rashunda Moyes

Ecumenical Celebrations: Angela Rice, Chair, Janice Walker, Lillie Hercules Odessa Huff, Roberta Rhodes

Ecumenical Action: Barbara Leath, Chair, Bettie Durrah, Rev. Alberta Bosell, Emma Olds and Sherrie Wilson

More Love: Maureen Hill, Chair, Roberta Rhodes, Rev. Alberta Bosell

Nomination: Helen Sprewer, Chair, Bettie Durrah, Annie Miller, Emma Olds

Awards: Tryphenia Speed, Chair Angela Rice, Helen Sprewer, Lillie Hercules, Annie Milner, Helen Bellamy, Shelia Louder, Ex-Officio

Savannah Street: Janice Walker, Chair, Roberta Rhodes, Lillie Hercules, Barbara Leath

Bylaw: Barbara Leath

Newsletter Editor and Website: Leslie McCrary, Chair, Angela Rice and Roberta Rhodes

Communication/PR: Annie Milner

We wish the best for Claudette Rainey, Immediate past president who moved to Connecticut to be with family.

The year 2020 was a year like no other due to the COVID-19 Pandemic! It made us do things differently when we communicated and interacted with each other. Change is often difficult. But we adapt and adjust. We survive and it makes us better and grow in ways unimaginable.

CWU Atlanta, Inc. is about to DO A NEW THING! We are about to do the impossible! The suggested goals are reachable with prayer and the awesome members of CWU Atlanta.

Our Zoom meetings will continue until the Pandemic is over. Please check the website for current information. Listen out for Calling Post messages with meeting updates. Follow CWU Atlanta on Facebook.

Most important: Stay safe and Healthy!

Blessings and Peace,  
**Sheila Louder, President, CWU Atlanta**

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## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - ATLANTA CELEBRATIONS 2021

THE **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held virtually on March 5, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. It is the first of 4 celebrations of the year. We are looking forward to this event where women will stop to focus on prayer and a country where women are coming together to create unity , The National Theme for this year is Build On A Firm Foundation. The program has been prepared by the Word Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu. We will get to learn more about the women of Vanuatu and to discuss how we all can build on a firm foundation.

As our nation appears more divided than ever, Church Women United is look forward to us coming together. This year's national theme is Becoming One in 2021. We will celebrate **May Friendship Day** on May 7 at 11:30 A.M. The theme for May Friendship Day is "Making Room at the Table." Church Women United Atlanta is looking forward to celebrating friendship and will make room at the table to all of our sisters who are committed to peace and justice.





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IHTI's vision is that no child is  
exploited for sex or labor

JANUARY IS...

**Human Trafficking Awareness Month.** Human trafficking victims can be any age, race, gender identity, sex, ethnicity, nationality, immigration status, and socioeconomic class. In many cases, victims do not come forward to seek help because they are vulnerable, potential language barriers may exist, they have a fear of law enforcement, or they do not identify as a victim.

## Learn Something, See Something, Do Something

*Get Educated*

### A Virtual Eye-Opening Experience

We are just one week away from our **Annual Eye-Opening Experience** into how young people are lured into trafficking!

This year, IHTI will present simulations giving registrants a glimpse at:

- How traffickers approach youth online.
- How a popular online site for college women is a gateway into sexual exploitation.
- How boys are recruited online for traveling sales crews.



Register now at [www.ihtinstitute.org/get-educated/](http://www.ihtinstitute.org/get-educated/)

- [Tuesday, January 26 @ 7pm](#)
- [Wednesday, January 27 @ Noon](#)
- [Thursday, January 28 @ 7pm](#)
- [Saturday, January 30 @ 3-4pm](#)
- [Sunday, January 31, 4-5 pm](#)



# IN MEMORIAM



*In loving*  *memory of*

Margaret Garrison Koehler of Atlanta, GA passed away on December 17, 2020. Margaret was born on July 20th, 1927 in Ochlocknee, GA, the daughter of J. Gorham and Vessie Smith Garrison. She graduated from Mercer University in 1948 with a major in English and Music. She did graduate studies in Music Education at Columbia University, NY. She studied at NY School of Interior Design and at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. Margaret taught high school in Columbus, GA, where she met R. Allen Koehler from New York. They married and moved to New York. They lived in Harrisburg, PA and Durham, NC before settling in Atlanta, GA. Margaret was very involved at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, particularly with the International Sunday School department. In 1975, Margaret began a new career with the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, serving there for 15 years and becoming Deputy Director. In 1990 she began her involvement with Church Women United eventually becoming president of CWU in Atlanta and Georgia. She received the Georgia CWU Lifetime Achievement Award. Margaret was always a strong advocate for women's rights and refugee communities. She kept a beautiful garden, loved Ikebana flower arranging, camping with her family, and writing. Her lifelong love was music, and she had a beautiful soprano voice. Margaret sang in the church choir, taught high school music, and was sought after as a vocal soloist. She played the piano beautifully and was well loved for her family and group sing-a-longs. When she moved to Wesley Woods Towers, she continued to enjoy playing the piano and singing with her friends. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband R. Allen Koehler and is survived by her four children RuthAnne Brame (Whit), Kathryn Oliver (Chuck), Andrew Koehler (Lisa), and Robert Koehler, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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*February 3*  
*February 5*  
*March 5*

**WIN Wednesday 1PM**  
Monthly Meeting - ZOOM  
World Day of Prayer 11:30 AM



Submit News for our next newsletter to Leslie McCrary, Roberta Rhodes or Rev. Angela Rice by  
MARCH 19 to [cwuatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:cwuatlanta@gmail.com)

A poster for "Win Wednesday" featuring three women's silhouettes at the top with the text "CHURCH WOMEN UNITED". Below them is a large red "Win" and "WEDNESDAY" in red. A black circle on the left says "JOIN US!". The dates "SEPTEMBER 30, 2020-SEPTEMBER 29, 2021" are listed. The text describes the event as a gathering for women of faith to discuss social issues. It states "EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1PM(EST)" and provides a dial-in number (712)775-7031 and access code 289-905-609#. At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (212)835-1507 OR EMAIL US AT CWU@CHURCHWOMENUNITED.NET".



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**Church Women United in Atlanta  
Individual Membership  
Please join or renew your membership  
by January 31st**

*We request \$25 annually for an individual membership contribution*

Title:

Mrs  Miss  Ms.  The Reverend  Dr  Esq  Other

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First Name: Middle Initial Last Name

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Address

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City State Zip

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Birthday month/day \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Church membership/Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Church Women's Association President and Church Address:  
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**Please indicate your special interest/ministry or activity:**

- Peace  Race Relations  Women's Initiative   
Interfaith Relations  CWU Young  Legislative   
Youth  Children's Issues   
Action or    
Health Care  Domestic Violence   
Development   
Human Trafficking  Ecumenical   
Program Planning  Awards Comm.

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*Please give us additional information about yourself. Thank you.*

**Current/Former Occupation:**

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**Hobbies:**

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**Church Positions Held:**

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**Travels:**

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**Suggestions:**

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**Thank you!**