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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA, INC.

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



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*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.*

## CELEBRATING CULINARY ARTS MONTH

*National Culinary Arts Month in July recognizes the professional cooks and chefs who bring innovative cuisine from their kitchens to our tables every day.*

*Around the country, culinary schools, restaurants, and kitchens will be honoring chefs for their inventive recipes and creative dishes. The month-long celebration spotlights the best in the industry, the latest trends and what’s exciting in the culinary world.*

*From delicate pastries to the freshest seafood dishes and spice combinations, chefs and cooks hone their skills daily to stay on the edge of culinary perfection. It’s no surprise there’s an entire month dedicated to honoring their achievements.*



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## President's Message

Greetings Church Women United Atlanta, Inc. Members and Friends!

We've braved the cold of winter. Had April showers that brought May flowers. And now we welcome summer warmth that brings outdoor flower gardening, vacations, beach and pool fun, cookouts and family reunions.

COVID is still amongst us but that did not stop the work and advocacy of the CWU Atlanta, Inc. movement.



The past months the unit has enjoyed World Day of Prayer, Church Women United in Georgia Annual Luncheon, May Friendship Day and the implementation of the inaugural "Girl Greatness Rite of Passage" program. Pictures and articles are provided throughout this newsletter about the "Girl Greatness Rite of Passage" program.

Several members from the unit participated in CWU National Win Wednesday (February through April) and CWU National Training sessions (May through June) via zoom.

March 14-25 found members from CWU Units throughout the United States attending via zoom the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women out of New York City.

We are preparing for Everybody's Birthday celebration our only fundraiser to be held Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. The invitation is included in this newsletter. I'm excited that Young Church Women will be leading the planning for the celebration.

Also in the planning stages is the 2022 Human Rights celebration to be held Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

In the coming weeks email notifications and calling post messages will be sent giving you more details on both Everybody's Birthday and The Human Rights celebration.

Nominations for the Human Rights Award must be sent to Tryphenia Speed and received by August 5, 2022. The nomination form with Ms. Speed's email is included in this newsletter.

The Southeast Regional Assembly is being held August 12-13, 2022 via Zoom. A flyer providing registration information and cost is included in this newsletter.

Abundant thanks to members and friends for making the first 6 months of 2022 a success!!

Blessings,

Sheila Louder, President



Church Women United in Georgia

## Woman of the Year 24th Annual Awards Celebration

Theme: "It's Up to You in 2022"

- A Virtual Event -



Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 11:00 am

Speaker: Rev. Senator Kim Jackson, District 41, GA State Senate

## Church Women United in Georgia – 24th Annual Church Woman of the Year Awards Celebration

The Woman of the Year Awards Celebration is an annual luncheon in honor and appreciation of women of outstanding ministry through their personal ministry, their church and denomination, and through Church Women United. Due to Covid-19, this year's event was held as a virtual tea. Reverend Senator Kim Jackson, District 41, Georgia State Senate was the Speaker. Leslie McCrary was the Atlanta Unit Nominee for Church Woman of the Year. In celebration of CWU's 80th Anniversary In December 2021, the following sisters were recognized from our Unit: Claudette Rainey, Dr. Gwendolyn Garrison, Dr. Melva Costen, Emma Olds ,Gertrude Adams, Helen Bellamy, Lola Parks, Minnie Clayton, Rev. Josephine Alston, Rev. Joyce Myers-Brown and Virginia Young.



# CELEBRATIONS

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year. Through the worship service written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland we focused on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia (Jeremiah 29:1-14) The exiles were in a place of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond. We came together to hear the stories of women who felt excluded, listened to the fear of a child refugee and saw a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI).




*It's Up to You In 2022*


**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
*A women-led, global, ecumenical movement*

**"I Know the Plans I Have For You"**  
**Friday, March 4, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

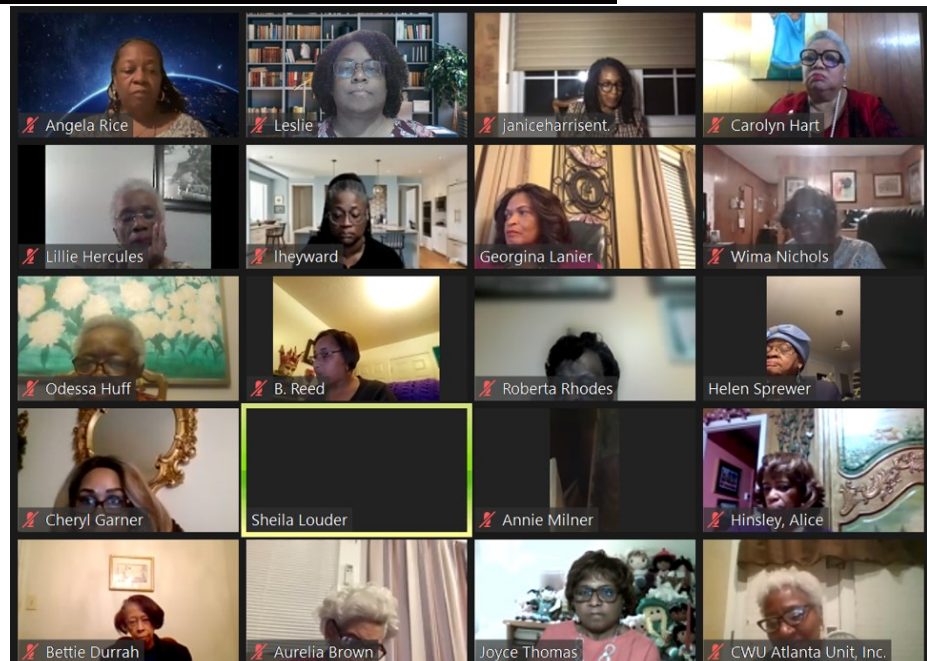
*World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.*

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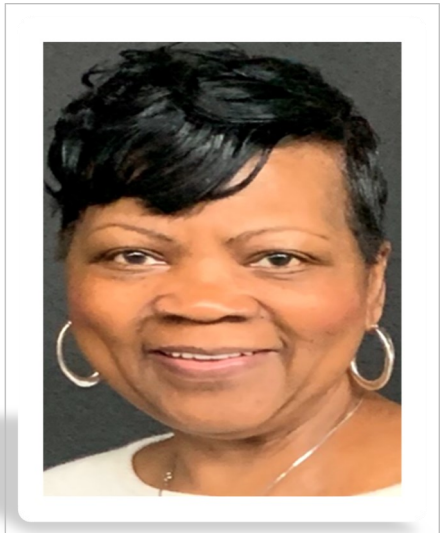




## MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

An annual observance “to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the day of need.” We recognized our Valiant Women—Mrs. Carolyn Hart, Mrs. Annie Milner and our Young Church Woman—Mrs. Leticia Haynes. Reverend Dr. Toni Belin Ingram, Presiding Elder of the AME Church, North Augusta District was our guest speaker.

### VALIANT WOMAN—ANNIE L. MILNER



Annie has been a member of CWU Atlanta since 2009. She currently serves CWU Atlanta on the Communication Committee responsible for the Calling Post, Greeter and Membership. She also serves on the Hospitality Committee. Annie has attended a number of State and National CWU Assemblies in support of her sister, Sherrie L Wilson, who has served in leadership positions on the Board at the local, state and national levels. Annie is always willing to help out in any way, her quiet demeanor encourages new faces to feel welcome and to be a part of CWU Atlanta Unit and CWU Georgia. She continues to serve untiringly with CWU in Atlanta in the area of hospitality; and is always present at meetings and celebrations.

Annie is a native of Griffin, Georgia where she grew up being nurtured in the Christian faith. She received her early education in the Griffin Spalding County School System. Annie graduated from Atlanta Area Technical College with an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration. Annie started her long standing career with the Georgia Department of Labor in 1974 where she held several positions within the Unemployment Claims Division. She retired in July of 2005 as an Unemployment Claims Examiner after 34 years of service. During her tenure, she earned numerous service career recognition awards.

Annie is an active member of the Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church, where she tirelessly participates in various ministries of the church at all levels. In addition she feeds her soul through continuous Sunday school and bible study classes. As an essential volunteer she serves as the Chair of the Usher Boards Ministry (4 boards), of which she is the president of the Ladies Board, Co-Coordinator of the outreach ministry -Smart Lunch Smart Kids Summer Feeding Program that contributes to alleviate food insecurity for the church and the surrounding community and Co-Chair of the Birth Month Clubs. She also works/support the church administrative staff. She works alongside her husband in the Church’s Visitation Ministry that support not only the church members but the community as well. She also is an active member of the Central North District United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) Organization who is organized in breaking the barriers of fear and hopelessness for women, children and youth. She believes in creating an environment for positive growth spiritually, be in mission and advocacy related to social justice issues.



# CELEBRATIONS

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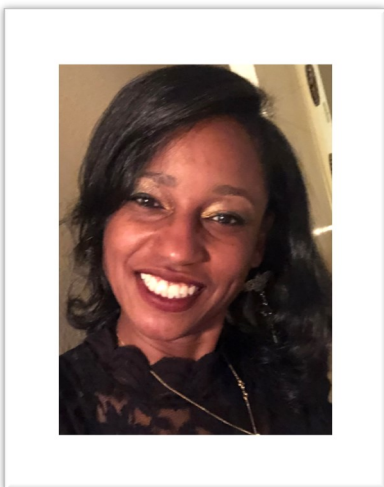
She is a member of the Griffin /Spalding County National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc. (NANBPW), organization and have held several leadership positions including the annual Debutante Ball, Annual Shoe Box Holiday Campaign and volunteers with Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Bell Ringers Christmas Drive. She is an active member of her High School Alumni Association, in promoting a creative legacy environment.

Annie has been an active member of the AARP Georgia organization for 15 years where she volunteers giving back to her community helping the 50 plus community live their best lives. Annie has been a volunteer with Xerona Clayton Foundation, Inc. for the past 10 years volunteering service to the annual Trumpet Awards that celebrates and recognizes the best in African American Excellence and Achievement by those striving for the justice and equality of all.

In summary, Annie has a life-long track record of service and helping everyone around her! She believes in creating hope and has shown that she is concerned for those in need and the less fortunate as expressed here in her active interests in supporting causes related to the least of these. She is involved in community organizations that provide outreach to others and she really enjoys interacting with others in efforts to uplift their spirit and well-being.

Annie happily shares life's journey with her husband of 51 years, Jesse L. Milner, Sr. She is the loving mother of two adult sons, an adoring grandmother of two grandsons and one granddaughter; and two great grandchildren and many spiritual sons and daughters. To her family, she is a nurturer, ever energetic, thoughtful, passionate, and dependable which are characteristics that she extends to her family, church and community. Annie is to be saluted for her exceptional spirit and love for humankind.

## YOUNG CHURCH WOMAN—LETICIA HAYNES



Although a busy working mother of 3 young children, Mrs. Haynes, as a new member of CWU Atlanta, Inc. hit the ground running as she participated on programs and events of the unit in 2021.

Leticia led the planning of the 2021 Everybody Birthday celebration June 2021. She serves as the Chair of the Young Church Women Committee and she also provides technical skills for the unit during meetings and celebrations.

She has worked briefly in the CWU national office since the move to Atlanta, GA in 2020 and she worked on the planning team for the 2021 Quadrennial of CWU National providing technical assistance. She currently participates in Zoom meetings and webinars held by Young Church Women national office.

Leticia is a delight to work with as a CWU Atlanta member and she accepts assignments and works with "a smile"! She understands and appreciates the importance of the work of the movement and it is my prayer she continues to be a CWU Atlanta member and ally.

Leticia is a resident of College Park, Georgia and is a member of Faith AME Zion Church, Atlanta, GA. At Faith AME Zion, she currently serves on the Board of Trustees, is part of Faith Network which is the Media Team for the church and she sings with the Praise Team.

She is currently a student at Kennesaw State University where she will receive a certification to become a paralegal at the end of the summer. <sup>6</sup>

Leticia is the mother to Renaldo, Breana and Deionce.





## VALIANT WOMAN

### **Carolyn Lee Hart, Ed.D.**

Dr. Carolyn Lee Hart is a retired educator with 37 years of service. During her tenure in the Atlanta Public Schools, she worked as an elementary, middle, and high school teacher, Staff Development Liaison Specialist and Special Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. In addition, she served in retirement, as an ombudsman for parents of students with disabilities.

While teaching in Atlanta, Dr. Hart was named Atlanta Public Schools, “Teacher of the Year,” for the district. She served as the first two-year term President of the Georgia Association of Educators. In addition, she was a member of the Georgia Partnership Board and a Member of the National Association of Educators Human and Civil Rights Committee. Helping educators was her goal, which led her to a four-year term on the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue. In 2020, Dr. Hart became a Registered Parliamentarian in the National Association of Parliamentarians ®. She assisted in organizing the Georgia Registered Unit and was elected president of the unit in 2021.

Dr. Hart attends Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church where she led the Service Ministry, taught Children’s Church and participates with the Lay Council. Dr. Hart served as District President of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society for eight years and local president for more than 30 years. Currently, she is serving on the Atlanta District Finance Committee and represented Georgia as a delegate to the General Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church in 2021. She has two children Raymond and Ramona Hart, six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Carol has been an active member of Church Women United Atlanta, Inc. for several years. She currently serves on the Ecumenical Development Committee, the Bylaws Committee, Ecumenical Celebrations Committee and is the unit’s parliamentarian.

Carol is a valuable member and asset to the movement of CWU Atlanta where she has participated with “Stand for Peace”, been a celebration program participant, given advice and counsel to the CWU Atlanta, Inc. Board of Directors and most important appreciates and understands the work of the CWU movement.



MLK, Jr. – Advocate for Native American Rights

**“I have a dream for all God’s children,”**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

By Grace Terry

Most of us are unaware that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a powerful and dedicated activist for Native American rights. He specifically advocated for the desegregation of Native Americans and inspired much of the modern-day movement for Native rights, including water rights and tribal sovereignty.

In his 1963 book, *“Why We Can't Wait,”* King wrote: *“Our nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race. Even before there were large numbers of Negroes on our shores, the scar of racial hatred had already disfigured colonial society. From the sixteenth century forward, blood flowed in battles of racial supremacy. We are perhaps the only nation which tried as a matter of national policy to wipe out its Indigenous population. Moreover, we elevated that tragic experience into a noble crusade. Indeed, even today we have not permitted ourselves to reject or feel remorse for this shameful episode. Our literature, our films, our drama, our folklore all exalt it.”*

Dr. King’s words inspired a deeper focus on how the history of oppression has affected *all people of color in America* and his legacy lives on in those who continue to seek justice and equality.

“Talking the talk” on behalf of Native Americans and other oppressed people at that time was bold and courageous. However, Dr. King also “walked the walk.” For example, In the late 1950’s, King worked with tribal leaders of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians working to desegregate their schools in south Alabama.

At the time, lighter-skinned Native children were allowed to ride school buses to previously all-white schools, but dark-skinned Native children from the same band were not allowed to ride those same buses. With King’s intervention, Native children from the Poarch band were allowed to ride on the buses whatever their skin color, marking a



major step toward desegregation.

Also in “*Why We Can’t Wait*,” King wrote that America’s economic system of capitalism was one that exploited people *of all races*, and welcomed people of all races to join the movement against racism and poverty. He called for those within the movement to fight for bold, transformational change to combat what he identified as “the three evils of society”: racism, economic exploitation, and militarism.

Drawing from a wide range of teachers — from Jesus Christ and Socrates to Martin Luther and Mahatma Gandhi -- Dr. King developed a steadfast belief in using non-violent direct action to fight not only for the liberation of African-Americans, but *for all oppressed persons*.

The civil rights movement inspired the Native American rights movement of the 1960s and many of its leaders. In 1970, Indigenous activists organized the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), which was modeled after the NAACP’s Legal Defense and Education Fund. For the past 40 years, NARF has served as a political advocate and legal defender of Native American tribal nations in cases pertaining to tribal sovereignty and treaty enforcement; land, water and fishing rights; religious and cultural freedoms; and, among others, issues of taxation, gaming and Indian trust monies.

At the 24<sup>th</sup>. Navajo Nation Council in 2020, speaker Seth Damon commended Dr. King, saying “... we honor the life and death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was not only a champion and leader for Blacks, but Native Americans everywhere. ... We all have inalienable rights as citizens of this country. Treat each other with kindness and remember that the fight for civil rights must be never ending.”



Dr. King played a crucial role in both the civil rights and Native American rights movements that challenged and transformed the status quo and marked a new stage of progress that is ongoing to this day. He understood and taught that until there is equality for all, there is equality for none

*Grace Terry, MSW, lives in Byron, GA, and is a free-lance writer for the West River Eagle weekly newspaper in Eagle Butte, SD, which serves a mostly Indigenous population. She researched and wrote an expanded version of this article which was printed in the West River Eagle during Black History Month.*



## “Great Girls” Girls Rites of Passage Program

By Carolyn Hart, Board Member,  
CWU Atlanta, Inc.

Church Women United Atlanta, Inc. excitedly sponsored a Girls’ Rites of Passage Program for seventeen young ladies ages 10 through 15. The program was facilitated by Dr. Lisa Sistrunk author of, *Her 12<sup>th</sup> Year: She’s Not Little Anymore*.

The six week mentoring program provided a God centered environment for young girls to discuss their concerns and feelings. It focused on creating the sense of positive self-esteem through conversations, uplifting videos, fun learning activities, positive peer engagement and support from caring adult mentors.

The program began April 24, 2022 with an orientation and session one (1) that included seventeen (17) registered girls (mentees), their parents, and mentors.

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> a mini pre Mother’s Day dinner was enjoyed by the mentees, parents of the mentees and mentors. Tables were elaborately decorated with cloth napkins, silver, china, glass wear and beautiful center pieces. CWU Atlanta members who volunteered to decorate tables were: Barbara Leath, Nedra Juniel, Vivian Davis, Joyce Thomas, Odessa Huff, Carol Hart, Dr. Sadye Potter, Dr. Lisa Sistrunk and Sheila Louder. CWU Atlanta members Jackie Brown and Lillie Hercules assisted with table and room setup. Dr. Carol Miller, San Antonio, TX stood in for member Maureen Hill and also assisted with set up.

At the dinner a lesson was provided on etiquette, the correct use of the table settings and table behavior by Dr. Sadye Potter and CWU member Sharon Ingram. The session also included a discussion of dealing with good and bad stress and how to channel both.

Additional sessions provided information on health and wellness, an intergenerational conversation and questionnaire with an octogenarian, genealogy/ancestry search led by Chantal Maurice, conflict resolution led by CWU Atlanta Inc. member Pamela Perkins, how to reject negative peer pressure, thinking positively by wearing your favorite color, financial literacy and budgeting by Holly Toodle, CWU Atlanta, Inc. member and CPA. Activities enjoyed at sessions included games relational to what was learned, tie dye shirts were made and led by mentor Niyah Cameron and dishes that represented their family ancestry or favorite family recipe was brought to the Memorial Day park outing.



## **“GREAT GIRLS” GIRLS RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAM CONTINUED**

The girls became knowledgeable of the five pillars of Girl Greatness: intentionality, leadership, communication, goal setting and diversity, building positive relationships, inclusion, and access. Each girl has expressed in some way the fun they had as participants in the program and their appreciation for being encouraged by parents, grandparents, church members and mentors to complete homework and tasks assigned.

CWU Atlanta, Inc. has received positive comments from parents, mentors and sponsors of the program.

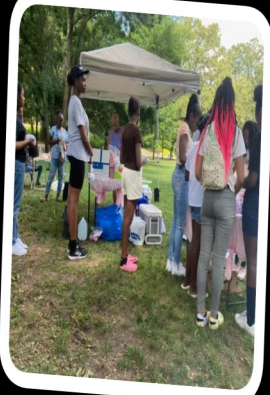
Each girl learned to give back to their community by organizing service projects. Girls were asked to select one of four CWU National 2021-2024 priorities: Health and Wellness, Climate Stewardship, Social Justice, or Hunger and Poverty.

The priority chosen was Hunger and Poverty. The girls worked on teams to volunteer at The Atlanta Community Food Bank, provide care packages for the homeless, and collect non-perishable food items and school supplies for families in need. The mentees became politically active by drafting and sending a letter to Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens to create more homeless shelters in the Atlanta Community with reasons for this need.

All girls created vision boards that reflected their goals, aspirations, interests, and future endeavors. In addition, each girl prepared a presentation for the final session “The Showcase”, such as a song, dance, poem, or a work of art.

Thank you, God, for laying on the heart of President Louder the vision for the program and Church Women United Atlanta, Inc. Board of Directors for overwhelming support of the program that will make an impact on the lives of young girls into perpetuity!

Psalm 71:18: “And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come.” Amen





**I AM GIRL GREATNESS**

You are invited to CELEBRATE these Great Girls

Presented by Facili

Ute	Arielle Mackenzie	Chloe
Zoe	Jenell	Breanna
Ja'Siah	Arielle	Ermona
Yada	Daria	Riley
Destiny	Ally	Kennedi

Join us at <https://facili.org>


**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
“GIRL GREATNESS, RITES OF PASSAGE”**

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<b>MS. SHARON INGRAM</b>	<b>MS. CHANTAL MAURICE</b>
<b>MRS. PAMELA PERKINS</b>	<b>DR. SADYE POTTER</b>
<b>MRS. HOLLY TOODLE</b>	

**GIRL GREATNESS FACILITATOR**

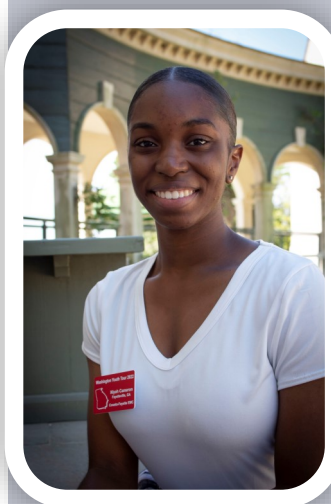
**DR. LISA SISTRUNK**





## Congratulations Rites of Passage Mentors!

### Job well done.



**Niyah Cameron**, was chosen as the Coweta-Fayette EMC Washington Youth Tour Georgia delegate award recipient.

Every year an outstanding high school student is chosen and recognized by the electric cooperative for their academic accomplishments, leadership in their school, community and place of worship.

Niyah joined 70 other students and 10 adults for a week-long trip June 16-23 to Washington, D.C. meeting U.S. Congress people, stops at the Smithsonian Museum, Washington National Cathedral, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery and the WWII, FDR, MLK, Jr., Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam Veterans and 911 Pentagon memorials.

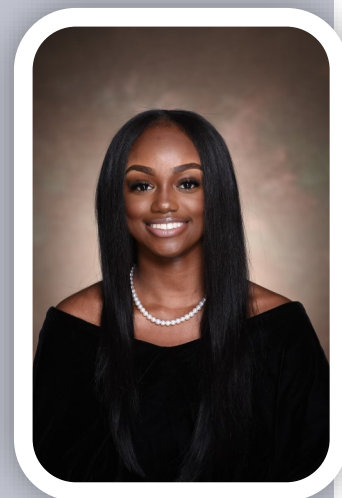
A group photo was taken with U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock.

Niyah, stated her favorite parts of the tour were visiting The Spy Museum and touring the Holocaust Museum, a humbling experience.

Niyah a rising senior is interested in several colleges, including the University of Cambridge, the University of Southern California, the University of Minnesota, and Emory University and wants to major in kinesiology and dance with the goal of opening her own pediatric physical therapy practice.

Niyah is the daughter of Dequania Cameron, CWU Atlanta, Inc. 2021 Young Church Woman honoree.

**Angela Brown** graduated from Spelman College May 2022 receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. She is taking a gap year to conduct research and afterwards apply for a clinical psychology PhD program. Angela plans to take time to enjoy her hobby of traveling while conduct research and pursuing her PhD.



# Indigenous Rights Radio

## Radio de Derechos Indígenas



The perspectives and inclusion of Indigenous women is essential to gender equality worldwide.

Women of the world want and deserve an equal future free from stigma, stereotypes and violence; a future that's sustainable, peaceful, with equal rights and opportunities for all. To get us there, women need to be at every table where decisions are made. In this podcast, we speak to Jannie Staffansson (Saami), a renowned Indigenous climate change expert and a Cultural Survival board member. Staffansson tells us about balancing traditional lifeways today. Indigenous radio producers from Cultural Survival bring you the latest information on Indigenous Peoples' rights and how they are being implemented around the world. Listen, download and share our programs for free. <https://rights.culturalsurvival.org/>

### Women of All Colors and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

102 years of the Women Suffragist movement “Just the Beginning”!

The timeline:

**1920** White women allowed to vote

**1924** Native Americans recognized as U.S. citizens through the Snyder Act (some states allowed Native Americans to vote) Native Women could not vote

**1932** Puerto Rico allowed literate women to vote

**1962** Native Americans gain voting rights in all states

**1965** Black women allowed to vote with passage of the Voting Rights Act

It was a meeting in Seneca Falls, New York, July 1848 that set in motion the Women's Rights and Suffragist Movement.

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920 the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified and went into effect.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1920 the Nineteenth Amendment was adopted and certified.

Reflection: “Women are not property”! Although allowed to vote women lag behind in political presentation, medical policies, employment and domestic disputes.

Remember: Women suffrage was not the end but the beginning of a MOVEMENT!



UN Women 50th Anniversary  
Celebration in New York City

Pictures L-R: Magdalene Lewis, Sheila Katzmandn, Joan Capel, Pamela Morgan, Atlanta Unit CWU President Sheila Louder is a member of uN Women but was unable to attend the celebration

## **What Happens to Your Thrown Away Clothing?** By Sheila Louder

March 14-25, 2022 I joined more than 10,000 women and a few men attending via zoom the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of The United Nation Commission on the Status of Women.

Priority theme: Achieving Gender Equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs.

As a Nongovernmental Organization member of The Commission, Church Women United joins Ecumenical Women to jointly review and suggest statements to be included in the agreed conclusions from the priority theme.

During the two week session parallel and side events are held that focus on the priority theme. Worship services begin each day that focus on the priority theme.

As a priority in 2022 on environmental justice events dealt with ways to deal with climate change, saving the planet and review of policies in place that is eroding and destroying the planet was highlighted in all activities and events.

Most interesting to me was the fact that millions of pounds of clothing new and used are dumped in landfills that take 200 + years to decompose. As these clothing decompose methane gases are emitted that is bad for the air and the environment.

My takeaway:

- Commit to buying less clothing and make clothing I have last longer

- Dispose of old clothes responsibly (take clothes to recycling facilities to be downcycled)

- Support sustainably minded designers (designers who zero-waste goals and initiatives and who use fabrics that are recyclable)

- Hold the fashion industry and our government accountable (ask fashion brands what they do with their waste and what efforts they're making to become more sustainable.

At the conclusion of The Commission I became keenly aware of the role I was playing with destroying the planet. My goal: Change shopping habits and other habits that will save the planet!





## What Is Thursday's in Black?

### Sheila Louder

Thursday's in Black grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decades of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998) in which the stories of rape as weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more visible. But what also became visible was women's resilience, and personal efforts to resist such violations.

As a result "Thursday's in Black" grew as an opportunity to take a stand with and show solidarity with women affected by this violence and oft time's death.

At the 2022 66<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women we wore Black every Thursday during the 2 week session. We were encouraged to continue this practice after the conclusion of the session March 25, 2022.

In every country, gender based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence.

Globally, 30% of women experience physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

It was reported that during the COVID-19 pandemic such violence increased.

To Show Support of "Thursday's in Black":

Pause for a moment of silence at Noon every Thursday your local time to honor and remember those who have died at the hand of sexualized or gender based violence.

Pray this prayer: "We stand with invisible victims of sexual and gender-based violence. We see you. We hear you. You are not forgotten.

Pledge to invite to ask 5 friends, co-workers, or family members to join you on Thursday's

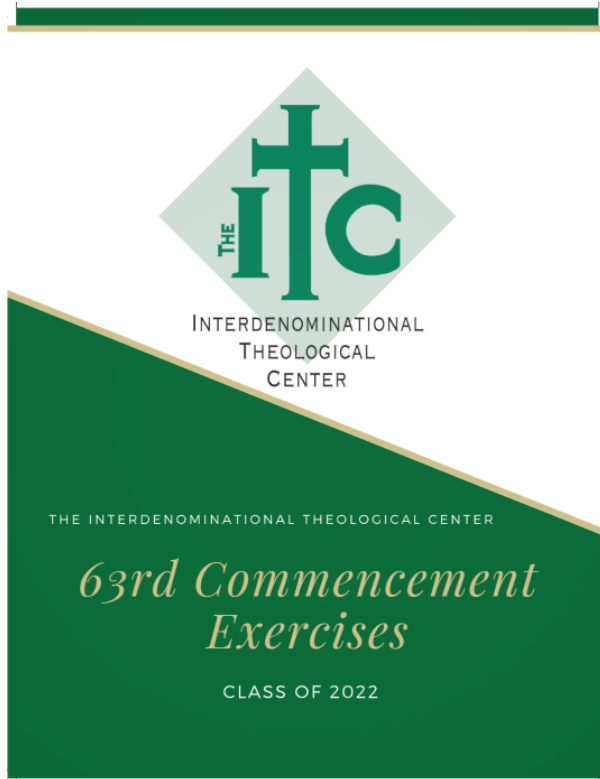
**Last, if you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, seek help immediately. Call the 24 hour National Domestic Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).**



*Thursdays in Black at the United Church of Canada*

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*

# Congratulations!



**Selma T. and Harry V. Richardson**  
Ecumenical Fellowship at ITC  
Angela H. Rice, M. Div.



**Valgene Brown Graves**







## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED SOUTHEAST REGION

- Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee -

“It’s Up to You in 2022”

# 2022 Southeast Regional Assembly

August 12, 2022 and August 13, 2022

~ A Virtual Event ~

### DAY 1

Friday, August 12, 2022

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (EDT)

### DAY 2

Saturday August 13, 2022

9:30 am - 4:00 pm (EDT)

**\$10 Registration Fee**

**Online Registration:**

**[www.cwugeorgia.org/events-celebrations](http://www.cwugeorgia.org/events-celebrations)**



**“AGREED TO DIFFER, RESOLVED TO LOVE, UNITED TO SERVE.”**





# Church Women United Southeast Region

- Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee -

## CWU Southeast Regional Assembly

- Registration Information -

This year's Southeast Regional Assembly will be a virtual event held via ZOOM. The registration fee is \$10 per person and payment and registration are mandatory to receive the Zoom link and pass code. The 2-day event will commence on **Friday, August 12, 2022 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (EDT)** and will culminate on **Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (EDT)**. The preferred method of registration is online.

**Online Registration:** Visit [www.cwugeorgia.org/events-celebrations](http://www.cwugeorgia.org/events-celebrations). Click on the Donate button or scan the QR code that appears on the page. The link will take you to a payment screen that will allow you to pay using PayPal, debit card, or credit card. Once payment is complete, you will be routed to the online registration form. Upon registering, you will immediately receive an email from Zoom sharing the Zoom link for the assembly. The agenda will be emailed prior to the event.

**Mail-in Registration:** Please complete the registration form below.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone ( _____ )	_____
Email	_____ <i>(please print clearly)</i>
CWU State (if applicable)	_____
CWU Unit (if applicable)	_____
Are you a CWU member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a CWU officer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
PAYMENT INFORMATION	
Mandatory Registration Fee (non-refundable).....	\$ 10.00
Donation to Fellowship of the Least Coin.....	\$ _____
Donation to National.....	\$ _____
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>	<b>\$</b> <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
MAILING INSTRUCTIONS	
<p>The deadline for mail-in registration is Friday, July 29, 2022. CWU in Georgia is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible. <b><u>Please make checks payable to CWU Georgia.</u></b> Completed registration forms and checks should be mailed to the following: CWU Georgia, c/o Rev. Hattie Lawson, PO Box 80984, Athens, GA 30608-0984.</p>	

~ Save the Dates ~

**Spiritual Formation Virtual Events**  
**1:00 p.m. (EST) Saturdays**

*"Urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them." - 1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)*

February 26, 2022

May 21, 2022

August 20, 2022

November 19, 2022

*All events will be held through Zoom and registration is free.*

Contact Rev. Lillie Holman • CWU Spiritual Formation Director  
at [cwu.LillieHolman@gmail.com](mailto:cwu.LillieHolman@gmail.com) for more information.



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**National Office Volunteers Needed**

Administrative Tasks to include Answering the Phone, Filing, Scanning, and Mass Mailings.

Computer Skills, i.e. Microsoft Office helpful.

Church Women United - National Headquarters  
3605 Campbellton Road SW  
Atlanta, GA 30331

678.705.3711

**LIVES TAKEN, LIVES REMEMBERED**

**STORIES OF VICTIMS OF RACIAL TERROR  
TOLD IN FIBER ART**



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
THE OPENING RECEPTION OF THE  
ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2022

12 NOON TIL 4 PM.

SOUTHWEST ARTS CENTER

915 NEW HOPE RD.

ATLANTA, GA. 30311

THIS YEARS FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE 2  
SPECIAL EXHIBITS. IN THE THEATRE  
GALLERY AN EXHIBIT "GOOD TROUBLE  
QUILTS" FEATURING CONGRESSMAN  
JOHN LEWIS AND "LIVES TAKEN...LIVES  
REMEMBERED" QUILTS WILL BE ON  
DISPLAY IN THE ARTS BUILDING.

THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE OVER  
100 QUILTS BY PREDOMINANTLY  
AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILTERS.

## NATIONAL CWU OFFICE VACANCY



### Church Women United, Inc

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## Member Service Representative

**Job Position:** Member Services Representative

**Job Type:** Part Time—32 hours weekly

**Salary:** \$15.00 – \$23.00 (negotiable)

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday (some flexibility in hours)

**Location:** Church Women United, Inc, 3605 Campbelltown Road SW, Atlanta Georgia 30331

**Summary:** Our busy, not for profit faith-based office needs a dependable, well organized Client Relations Specialist that will provide administrative support to the National Board of Directors, office staff as well as Church Women United members. This position requires the ability to work independently by coordinating and managing projects from initiation through delivery, and the ability to work in a time sensitive environment to manage a wide variety of activities.

**Position:** Reporting to National Personnel

**Roles and Responsibilities:** The role of the Client Relations Specialist is to accomplish the following:

- Exhibit a professional, friendly and courteous demeanor in interactions with National Board, office staff, CWU members and partners
- Maintain a high level of customer service skills
- Will be first point of contact for incoming calls. Facilitates all troubleshooting and/or issues pertaining to Church Women United.
- Utilize various office equipment efficiently
- Will be responsible for general filing, data entry, updating CWU forms and materials, printing, and distribution of certificates, celebration materials and other CWU material.
- Will assist with the processing and tracking system of accounting, payments and/or invoices from donors, vendors and members.
- Assist with administrative duties for national projects.
- Will manage CWU store orders (placing, shipping, tracking)
- Perform other related job duties and projects as required
- Will be the liaison between the national office and membership



- Must familiarize yourself with Church Women United programs, initiatives, etc.

**Essential Qualifications and Skills:**

- Strong faith background with an affiliation to a participating denomination
- Must exhibit a professional attitude
- Strong organizational skills that reflect the ability to perform and prioritize multiple tasks seamlessly with excellent attention to detail and be adaptable to various competing demands
- Must be able to work independently
- High level of written and verbal communication skills
- Must be able to achieve high performance goals and meet deadlines in a fast-paced atmosphere
- Reliable, punctual attendance is an essential function of this position
- Highly resourceful team-player with solid interpersonal skills, with the ability to build relationships with staff, internal and external
- Partners
- General knowledge of Microsoft Office computer programs

**Education and Experience Requirements:**

- High school diploma (required), Associates degree/Bachelor's degree in business
- administration is preferred
- Will consider minimal 3-5 years of experience in office administration

**Work Environment:** An executive office setting that is quiet and fast paced

**Compensation and Benefits:** Salary commensurate with experience. No benefits offered at this time.

**Please no phone calls.**

All interested applicants may email [mjwashington@churchwomenunited.net](mailto:mjwashington@churchwomenunited.net) for further information.

**Deadline to apply:** August 31,2022



**Church Women United Atlanta, Inc  
2022 Human Rights Award Nominations**

**NOTE: This information is to be used to submit a nomination to the Atlanta Unit CWU ONLY**

**Human Rights: Nomination Deadline – August 5, 2022**

The Human Rights Award is an award that recognizes individuals who have been working in the field of human rights in our community. We would welcome your help in nominating an individual to be considered for this award. It does not have to be someone who has been in the public eye, but a person who has consistently demonstrated a high regard for the dignity of others. It could be a person who has taught Sunday School for thirty years and treated every student with dignity regardless of race, ability, or economic status. It can be a leader in the community who has advocated for health and economic justice. It could be a teenager who works for the Special Olympics. Obviously, the list is endless.

This award will be presented at Human Rights Celebration on September 9, 2022



*It's Up to You in 2022*



*Human  
Rights  
Day*



*CWU Atlanta, Inc. Award Nomination Form*

Name (person completing this form): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include any titles)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Human Rights:*** *Information about the person's participation in the community working in the field of human rights. Include a **brief biographical description of the person** - include information about family, faith community activities, community activities, and educational background and a picture.*

***Please answer, "why you feel this individual should receive the Church Women United Human Rights Award."*** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 5—Awards Nomination—  
Human Rights Deadline**

**EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION (VIRTUAL) 7:00 PM**

**ZOOM: Meeting ID: 835 320 3221**

**Passcode: 83532032**

**Dial In: 312 626 6799**

**August 5-6 YCWU CONFERENCE**

**August 12—13 CWU**

**Southeast Regional Assembly**

**September 6—December 14, 2022—**

**WIN WEDNESDAY**

**September 9—**

**HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION**

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**FEEDING GA FAMILIES**

**WOMXN IN NEED**

OUR WOMXN NEED  
SANITARY PADS,  
DONATE TODAY!

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[bit.ly/fgf-womxn](https://bit.ly/fgf-womxn)



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**SENIORS IN NEED**

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INCONTINENCE PADS  
& DIAPERS, DONATE  
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**Church Women United, Inc.**

**Win WEDNESDAY**

September 6, 2022–December 14, 2022

All are invited to gather EVERY WEDNESDAY for a virtual hour of power to discuss social issues and concerns to help redress the national, and global problems that impact Youth, Women and families. The platform discussions are facilitated by various professional experts. Our goal is to WIN more voices to advocate for better healthcare, improve educational systems, eradicate racism and promote healthy lifestyles and more.

**Lunch & Learn**

Join our Lunch & Learn Wednesday @12PM (EST)  
ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 810 5538 0600  
Passcode: 258057  
Find your local number:  
<https://us02.web.zoom.us/j/885NWQ8C>  
For more information, please email [info.churchwomenunitedinc@gmail.com](mailto:info.churchwomenunitedinc@gmail.com) or call National office (678)705-3711  
To learn more about us check out our website [www.churchwomenunitedinc.com](http://www.churchwomenunitedinc.com)



**VIRTUAL NATIONAL YCWU CONFERENCE**

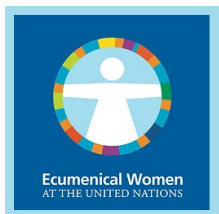
**AUGUST 5TH & 6TH 2022**

**SAVE THE DATE**

For more information email us at [nationalycwu@gmail.com](mailto:nationalycwu@gmail.com)

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**✉** P. O. Box 311795 Atlanta, GA 31131

**📞** 404-696-3247

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[www.cwuatl.com](http://www.cwuatl.com)



**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

First Name: Middle Initial Last Name

Address

Address

City State Zip

Home telephone number:

Other telephone:

Email address:

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

Church membership/Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church Women's Association President and  
Church Address:

**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.

Church Women United in Atlanta  
Church Women United  
**Mail To:** P.O. Box 311795  
**Phone:** 404-696-3247  
Atlanta, GA 31131

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

**Current/Former Occupation:**

**Hobbies:**

**Church Positions Held:**

**Travels:**

**Additional Information:**

**Comments:**

**Suggestions:**

**Thank you!**