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# **NEWSLETTER**



"AGREED TO DIFFER, RESOLVED TO LOVE, AND UNITED TO SERVE"





#### **AMERICAN HEART MONTH**

February was named American Heart Month to raise awareness about heart health and urge Americans to reduce their risk of developing heart disease. Every year, more than 600,000 Americans die from heart disease and it's the No.1 cause of death in the United States. Maintaining a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, getting frequent exercise and having your blood pressure checked regularly helps your heart stay strong – and it also increases the chances of you living a longer, healthier and more enjoyable life.

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.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy New Year!

What a wonderful year 2022 was for Church Women United Atlanta, Inc.

We had tremendous growth in membership, celebrations implemented with excellence and programs/events that included members and friends of CWU Atlanta, Inc. but also the community.

The officers worked as a TEAM to provide leadership that propelled the movement to achieve excellence carrying out the daily work of the organization through advocacy and networking. Special thanks for dedicated service by officers Jackie Brown, Tryphenia Speed, Rev. Angela Rice and Barbara Leath who retired from their leadership positions.

Congratulations to all officers installed at the December meeting:

Interim Vice President-Karen Turney

Secretary-Grace Terry

Corresponding Secretary-Nedra Juniel

Treasurer-Lillie Hercules

Historian-Vivian Davis

Ecumenical Action-Allison Newman

Ecumenical Development-Joyce Thomas

Nomination Committee-Helen Sprewer, Chair

Communication-Roberta Rhodes, Chair

Young Church Women-Leticia Haynes, Chair

Bylaw Committee-Barbara Leath, Chair

Award Committee-Pamela Perkins. Chair

More Love-Maureen Hill, Chair

Savannah Street-Janice Walker, Chair

Finance Committee-Tryphenia Speed

Newsletter/Website, Facebook-Leslie McCrary

Calling Post Coordinator/Registrar-Annie Milner

Parliamentarian (Appointed)-Carol Hart



COVID19 prevented face-to-face meetings the past 2 years. But as we prepare for 2023 prayerfully we'll be able to again meet face-to-face at meetings, celebrations, and events.

The 2022 Annual Report of the Unit is being prepared and will be sent out February 2023. The report will highlight the work done in 2022.

Congratulations to Annie Milner chosen as the unit's 2023 "Woman of the Year" in Georgia. Annie will be honored along with other "Women of the Year" honorees February 11, 2023 during the annual "Woman of the Year" celebration via Zoom. To join the Zoom celebration a registration fee of \$10 must be paid.

A flyer has been sent to all emails on file with the payment link. After your payment is made the zoom link will be sent to your email.

Members and friends are encouraged to join CWU National WIN Wednesday's at 12 Noon weekly and Tuesday Training-all via Zoom. Registration is required. Visit the CWU National website for more information. The unit will also send out registration information for both WIN Wednesday's and Tuesday Training sessions.

March 6-17, 2023 Church Women United (CWU) members throughout the United States will join thousands of women and a few men at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. CWU is a Non Governmental Organization NGO at the United Nations. This annual event for 63 years addresses gender inequality and searches for ways to improve the lives of women and girls globally as well as locally. Detailed information will be shared in the next newsletter about decisions made and outcomes from the event.

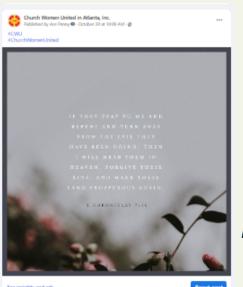
I'm encouraged by scripture that states: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Through Christ the Atlanta Unit of Church Women United can be the voice for advocacy and work in our communities. The unit can be the "Change" we want to see in our communities and our world.

To make this happen it's important that we remain strong in membership. Please RENEW your membership and encourage others to join the movement. To make this happen we must WRITE the VISION and WORK to make the vision a reality.

Last, each of us must prayerfully consider joining one of the many committees of the Unit and carve time out to support the celebrations and events hosted by the unit.

Remember "Together, Everyone Accomplishes More"!

Blessings, Peace and Love. Sheila Louder, President, CWU Atlanta, Inc.

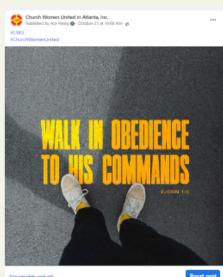


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#### STAND FOR PEACE



CWU Members Nedra Juniel, Lillie Hercules, Carol Hart, Sheila Louder, Rev. Joyce Myers-Brown, Niyah and Destiny Cameron (Girls Rite of Passage Participants).

On December 30, 2022, Church Women United members joined the weekly Stand for Peace witness at Colony Square. For almost 20 vears --- ever since shortly after the tragic events of 9/11/01 --- and in an effort to stop our nation going to war -- a dedicated group of women and men have met at 14th & Peachtree streets from noon to 1:00 each week calling for peace and for justice with signs.

#### By Karen Turney

In December, President Biden issued a proclamation declaring January 2023 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month reaffirming his Administration's commitment to protect and empower survivors of all forms of human trafficking, to prosecute traffickers, and to bring an end to human trafficking in the United States and around the world.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' theme for Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2023 is Partner to Prevent, an opportunity to highlight the importance of partnerships and collaboration in strengthening anti-trafficking efforts. Preventing human trafficking cannot be accomplished alone; rather, we must build partnerships across all sectors of society to improve the lives of those we serve.

When we #Partner2Prevent, we can enhance our efforts to keep everyone safe from human trafficking. Visit OTIP's website -https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip throughout January for news and resources and the federal interagency calendar of events.



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE



**CALL** 1-888-373-7888

**TEXT**"BeFree" (233733)

24/7 • Toll free Confidential 200+ languages



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GET HELP REPORT TRAFFICKING



#### **WOMAN OF THE YEAR - ANNIE L. MILNER**

Annie L Milner – Atlanta Unit Nominee for the 2023 CWU Georgia Woman of the Year

Annie has been a member of CWU Atlanta since 2009. She currently serves CWU Atlanta on the Communication Committee responsible for the Calling Post, Greeters 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/supports 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. She is a member of the Griffin /Spalding County National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc. (NANBPW), organization and has 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 Xernona 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.





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#### BY LETICIA HAYNES

The Young Church Women Virtual Conference – The Power Within! was held Saturday, September 12, 2022. We were so excited to have participants join us for this inspiring and empowering event.

We gathered some of the most influential Christian women of our time to share their stories and wisdom. Our goal was to help young women discover their inner strength and gain confidence in their faith. We had the opportunity to hear from amazing speakers and gain insights into the power of prayer, trusting God, and living out your faith. We also discussed how to build a supportive network of Christian women in your community and how to use our talents and gifts to make a difference. Our speakers guided us through a journey of self-discovery and provided us with the resources that we needed to live out our faith. We also had several workshops and discussion groups available to help us connect with other young

Christian women and find hope and encouragement. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Young Church Women Virtual Conference – The Power Within. We look forward to seeing you there! Next year for The Young Church Women Virtual Conference –for young women of faith to come together and connect. We invite you to join us on this journey of self-discovery and empowerment. We believe that God can work through all of us to bring healing, hope, and transformation to our lives. Our speakers inspired us to tap into your spiritual gifts, discover our true purpose and potential, and use your faith to make a The Power Within is a unique opportunity difference. Whether you're looking to build a community of like-minded Christian women, or you want to explore how to live out your faith in the world, we've got you covered. So come join us for this amazing event! Next year. Together, let's explore the power within and

make an impact in our lives and the lives of others. We can't wait to see you there!



# Hope AME Zion Church WELCOME PROGRAM

THE ATLANTA DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, LED BY
PRESIDING ELDER REGINALD M. MORTON, HELD
A WELCOME PROGRAM SUNDAY, JANUARY 8,
2023 AT THE SAVANNAH STREET MISSION FOR
HOPE AME ZION CHURCH WHERE REV. ARIT
UMOH-JAMES SERVES AS PASTOR.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ATLANTA
DISTRICT ALONG WITH CWU MEMBERS CAME TO
SEE THE SPACE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND DINNER
WAS SERVED.





YOU ARE INVITED to "Win Wednesday," a powerful hour for women of faith to discuss social issues and concerns impacting our society and marginalized communities.

We invite you to join us via Zoom every Wednesday at Noon. ALL ARE WELCOME!

> Meeting ID- 810 5538 0600 Meeting Passcode- 258057



#### TENSIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH (MARCH)

#### BY GRACE TERRY, GRACE@ANGELSABIDE.COM

I grew up in the public school system in the 1960s and '70s. At the time, women were mostly absent from the history books, leaving me with the false impression that women in history did nothing important or deserving of recognition.

In my early thirties, I discovered the work of the National Women's History Project (www.nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org). A whole new world opened for me – a world that recognized the priceless contributions of women throughout history and in the present day! I've been a volunteer activist for celebrating women's history ever since.

Join me in honoring Women's History with any of the following:

- 1. Honor yourself as a woman! Do something extra nice for yourself to honor your gifts and your resilience.
- 2. Visit the website of the National Women's History Alliance (www.nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org), an organization that has celebrated and promoted multicultural women's history since 1980. If you can comfortably do so, order from their bookstore or make a donation.
- 3. Express appreciation to the women who made a difference in your life. If they are still living, you can tell them and/or write them a note of appreciation. If they are now deceased, tell someone else what a difference they made in your life. Consider donating in their memory to an appropriate non-profit.
- 4. Enjoy reading biographies about remarkable women who overcame obstacles to achievement. Ask yourself how you can use their good example in your own life.
- 5. If you do not find a biography in the library of a particular woman who interests you, buy a book, read it, then donate it to the library.
- 6.Tell a child or adolescent girl or boy about a woman who made a difference in your life. Encourage the young person to always value both the women and the men who help them to be better people.
- 7. Find a children's book in the library about a woman of achievement. Volunteer to go to a local elementary school and read the book to one or more classes.
- 8. Invite a group to your home for coffee or tea. Ask each person to tell briefly about a woman who has made a difference in their life OR ask each person to tell about a famous woman who has inspired them. Give permission for anyone to "pass" if they prefer to listen and not speak.
- 9.Do a focused study on women in your spiritual tradition. For example, you might do a study of women in the Bible. Invite others to join you in that study.
- 10. Create your own idea for celebrating Women's History any time of the year. The possibilities are endless!













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 66th 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 realty. 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.

#### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### BLACK HISTORY FACT

Heiress and socialite Amanda America Dickson Toomer was, in her time, the wealthiest African American woman in Georgia, and one of the wealthiest women in the United States.

Born November 20, 1849, on the Dickson Plantation, near Sparta, Georgia (Hancock County), Amanda America was the product of her 12-year-old mother, an enslaved house servant, Julia Francis Lewis, and 40-year-old David Dickson, a well-known agricultural reformer of that era and one of the wealthiest planters in the area. In her youth, Amanda was taken into the Dickson family home and raised by her paternal grandmother where she was taught to read, write, and play the piano. According to Dickson family tradition, David Dickson eventually doted on his only daughter.

In 1866, 17-year-old Amanda married her white first cousin, Charles Eubanks, a recently returned Confederate Army veteran and together they had two children, Julian Henry and Charles Green. It was an unhappy marriage, and in 1870, Amanda left her husband, and returned to the Dickson Plantation, where she was legally given the surname of Dickson for herself and her sons. Eubanks died two years later.

Dickson left home briefly again between the years of 1876 and 1878, to attend the Normal School of Atlanta University. When her father David Dickson died in 1885, and his will was read, it was revealed that he left all of his property, over 15,000 acres of land in Hancock and Washington Counties as well as his personal possessions, and money, together estimated at slightly over \$300,000, to his daughter Amanda Dickson and her two sons.





AMANDA AMERICA DICKSON TOOMER (1849-1893)



Although the will specifically warned Dickson family members not to contest his wishes, 79 relatives filed a lawsuit to prevent Amanda Dickson from inheriting the property. The Superior Court of Hancock County upheld her claim and the family appealed to the Georgia Supreme Court. That court ruled in 1887 that Amanda Dickson was legally entitled to the inheritance under the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states that property rights are equal for blacks and whites, including the offspring of black and white citizens.

On July 15, 1886, before the Georgia Supreme Court ruling, pressure from other family members forced Dickson to leave the family plantation where she had spent most of her life. She moved to Augusta, Georgia before the town mandated residential segregation by race and purchased a large brick home at 484 Telfair Street, in the most prominent neighborhood in the city.

On July 14, 1892, Amanda married Nathan Toomer of Perry, Georgia. Born in 1839 in Chatham County, North Carolina, Toomer had been the slave of Richard Pilkinson of Chatham County, North Carolina but was later sold to John Toomer of Houston County, Georgia. When John Toomer died, he became the property of Colonel Henry Toomer, John's brother.

Amanda and Nathan were married about a year when Amanda America Dickson Toomer died on June 11, 1893, in Augusta from neurasthenia, or nervous exhaustion, considered to be caused by an unbearably hot train ride home from a month's stay in Baltimore, Maryland for her health. She was only 43 years old. Amanda America Dickson Toomer was buried in her wedding dress, in a metallic coffin, which was lined in rose colored plush fabric. The funeral was held at Trinity Colored Methodist Church, and she is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Richmond County, Georgia. Nathan Toomer later married Nina Pinchback. The couple had one son, the prominent Harlem (New York) Renaissance author Jean Toomer.

NIELSEN, E. (2015, NOVEMBER 22). AMANDA AMERICA DICKSON TOOMER (1849-1893). BLACKPAST.ORG. HTTPS://WWW.BLACKPAST.ORG/AFRICAN-AMERICAN-HISTORY/AMANDA-AMERICA-DICKSON-TOOMER-1849-1893/



HELP WANTED

Dear Church Women United Atlanta members and friends, the Nominations Committee needs your help. We are seeking three persons to fill the positions of **Vice President**, **Financial Secretary**, and **Ecumenical Celebrations Chair**. If you know of individuals who are capable and available to serve in either of these offices, please contact Annie Milner, Bettie Durrah, or Helen Sprewer at 404-305-3536, or text me at 404-754-8110. Thanks in advance for your assistance.



### **CONNECTING THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE**

Selma T. Richardson was a member of Ariel Bowen United Methodist Church, South Atlanta. She was the spouse of Harry T. Richardson, United Methodist Minister, founder, and first president of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta. She, thus, worked in many ecumenical circles to offer support her spouse, as he promoted the six schools that formed the original consortium of the ITC. Deeply embedded in ecumenism, Selma became an active member of CWU in Atlanta, and she was the first African American president of the State Unit of Church Women United in Georgia. It must be noted that she was planning on attending the State CWU Assembly in Savannah when she died April, 1999. Lola Parks went by her house to pick her up to travel to Savannah, and she did not respond to a knock on her door.

Small in stature with a booming voice, she brought a new burst of energy to ecumenism especially as she tried to get younger women, African American women, female seminarians, and other ecumenists involved in the CWU Movement.

From interacting with Georgia Washington Carver, when her spouse was staff at Tuskegee Institute (now University), to traveling to many ecumenical and denominational circles, she embodied the Wesleyan tradition of "The world is my parish." She also participated in George Washington Carver Day at G.W. Carver High School in Atlanta when she was invited by Bettie J. Durrah, another former state president of Church Women United in Georgia.

The Selma T. Richardson Fund, in the State CWU Unit and the Pat Evans Fund in the Atlanta CWU Unit, assist financially younger women to get involved in ecumenical and a variety of leadership circles.

Pat Evans, member of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church and Selma Richardson were stalwarts in the CWU Movement. Pat Evans chaired an ecumenical committee for her United Methodist Conference, and she also assisted National CWU in its special fund-raising efforts.

Many persons from around the state contributed to this national fund-raising appeal by Church Women United because of Pat Evans.

We salute these two women as Church Women United in Georgia and Church Women United in Atlanta work together to bring younger women into the movement. Let all of us continue their witness and service by keeping this movement alive by supporting either of the two funds.

#### --Bettie Durrah

Note: The third picture is shown of Selma Richardson with her aunt (Estelle Eaton, 108 years old, member of St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC, and she was living in a retirement home). Date of picture is unknown.











# ARE WE FAILING OUR CHILDREN? Sheila Louder

As I reflect on the noise from the media about abortion rights I sit and scratch my head about the BIG picture.

That picture reveals to me the fact that when the chatter begins and ends what thoughts are there to protect the born child before we fight for the unborn?

This article however is not about abortion rights but how we are failing our children born into these United States.

Facts reveal that there are approximately 15,000 children in foster care in Georgia.

Often these children are not reunited with their biological parents/family because of failure to meet requirements mandated by the state/Department of Family and Children services.

Often these children age out of foster care at age 18 and are left to look after themselves without the needed tools to survive.

Often children in foster care who age out of the system are victims of trafficking.

Statistics also reveal we're failing our children by allowing early access to social media.

Children exposed to more than three (3) hours of social media before the age of thirteen (13) are more likely to suffer from depression, commit suicide, are exposed to cyberbullying, normalizes risk taking behavior and prevents the development of some social skills and direct communication skills. Because a child's brain age thirteen and under is still developing knowing how to deal with the negative impacts of social media as an adult would can have long range impacts on behavior into adulthood.

So I ask, what are "You" willing to do to save our children from failure?.





# WHAT IS THE

NGO CSW/NY organizes the civil society side of the <u>UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)</u>. The NGO CSW Forum runs parallel to the official session taking place at the UN Headquarters. This provides civil society organizations (CSOs) and activists the apportunity to engage in the processes and CSW sessions without ECOSOC-accreditation or a UN grounds pass.

Over the two weeks of the UN CSW, NGO CSW/NY organizes more than 700 events that inform, engage and inspire grassroots efforts and advocacy needed to empower women and girls.

In 2021, the NGO CSW65 Forum was entirely virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### WHAT IS CSW?

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is a global policymaking body dedicated to promoting gender equality and women's rights. The CSW's mandate is to prepare recommendations on promoting women's rights in the political, economic, civil, social & educational fields. The CSW also makes recommendations on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights.

During the annual CSW session, Member States, CSOs and UN entities gather at the UN in New York to discuss progress and gaps in the implementation of the <u>Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action</u>, the key global policy document on gender equality, as well as emerging issues that affect gender equality and the empowerment of women.

For more information: https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw

# NGO CSW FORUM VS. UN CSW The NGO CSW Forum is totally separate from the official UN Commission on the Status of Women session. Below are some important distinctions between the two events.



## **NGO CSW Forum**

- Organized by NGO CSW/NY (a civil society organization)
- Civil society forum (not part of the formal UN system)
- Do not need to be ECOSOC-accredited to attend
- Has Parallel Events



## UN CSW

- Organized by UN Women (a United Nations entity)
- Official United Nations Commission
- Must be ECOSOCaccredited to attend
- Has Side Events



# SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT





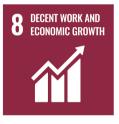






























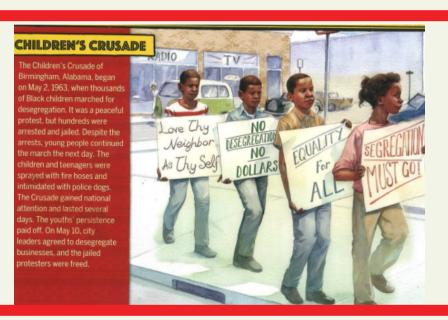


The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Source: https://sdgs.un.org/goals

CWU Atlanta donated toys for the toy drive, led by Presbyterian Woman friend in ministry, Paula Coleman, for the students of Bazoline Usher-Collier Heights Elementary School.







"Lest We Forget"

What we accomplished in 2022!! Abundant Thanks

- 1. Inaugural Girls Rite of Passage "Great Girls"
- 2.\$100 Donation to Atlanta Community Food Bank
- 3. "Stand for Peace"- (Weekly on Fridays) Led by Rev. Joyce Myers Brown
- 4. "World Community Day"-Clothing Donation for the Homeless led by Savannah Street Ministry (Hope AME Zion Church), Gift cards for Carrie Steele Pitts Home for Children (Children Aging out of Foster Care) and Books for Africa (booksforafrica.org)
- 5. Church Disability Accessibility Survey
- 6. Virtual attendance to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, New York City (March 14-25)
- 7. Stork's Nest (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.) Baby Clothing Collection
- 8. Financial Support of Quarterly Birthday Parties-Carrie Steele Pitts Home for Children
- 9. Virtual Attendance WIN Wednesday and Tuesday Trainings Sponsored by CWU National
- 10. Held 3 National Celebrations-World Community Day, May Friendship Day and Human Rights Day.
- 11. Celebrated "World Day of Prayer" and Everybody's Birthday

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Church Women United in Georgia



Woman of the Year 25th Annual Awards Celebration

Theme: "Celebrating 25 Years"



Saturday, February 11, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m. Tickets \$10

~ A Virtual Event ~ To purchase tickets visit https://www.cwugeorgia.org/events-celebrations





FROM 6-17 MARCH, THE 67TH SESSION OF THE COTHE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 6 TO 17 MARCH 2023.

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES, UN ENTITIES, AND ECOSOC-ACCREDITED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) FROM ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SESSION.

MISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW67)
WILL FOCUS ON INNOVATION AND
TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, AND EDUCATION IN
THE DIGITAL AGE FOR ACHIEVING GENDER
EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF ALL
WOMEN AND GIRLS.

CWU
SUPER SATURDAY
2023
Dates



SATURDAY	SATURDAY	SATURDAY	SATURDAY
01.28.23	04.22.23	07.22.23	10.28.23
10 A.M. PST 11 A.M. MST 12 P.M. CST 1 P.M. EST	10 A.M. PST 11 A.M. MST 12 P.M. CST 1 P.M. EST	10 A.M. PST 11 A.M. MST 12 P.M. CST 1 P.M. EST	10 A.M. PST 11 A.M. MST 12 P.M. CST 1 P.M. EST

CWU "Super Saturday" events are presented virtually and filled with inspiration, fun, fellowship, and spiritual reflection.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

#### MISSION

Church Women United (CWU) is an inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and empowering women to work towards a world of peace and justice.

#### VISION

Women of faith cultivating love, hope, and peace for all creation.

Presented by the CWU Celebrations Committee



AGREED TO DIFFER - RESOLVED TO LOVE - UNITED TO SERVE

www.churchwomenunited.net

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

We request \$25 annually for an individual membership

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Title:	
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First Name: Middle Initial Last Name	Please give us additional information about yourself. Thank you.
Address	Current/Former Occupation:
Address	
	Hobbies:
City State Zip	
Home telephone number:	
Other telephone:	Church Positions Held:
Email address:	
Birthday month/day// Church	Travels:
membership/Denomination	
Name of Church Women's Association President and Church Address:	Additional Information:
Please indicate your special interest/ministry or activity:	Comments:
Peace Race Relations Women's Initiative Interfaith Relation CWU Young Legislative Youth Children's Issues Action or Domestic Violence	Suggestions:
Development Human Trafficking	Thank you!