

# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF ATLANTA, INC. NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2024

### President's Message from Sheila Louder

Greetings CWU in Atlanta, Inc. Members and Friends!  
The movement has been busy since the last newsletter celebrating **World Community Day** and preparing for the **Girls Empowerment** rescheduling. (see Calendar Events)

**Young Church Women United in Atlanta, Inc.** members **Leticia Haynes**, Chair and **Veronica Hill** were busy planning and preparing the unit's silent auction donation of a centerpiece at the **Georgia Festival of Trees** held November 22-December 1. (see photo) This is the unit's second year donating a centerpiece. Again this year our centerpiece sold at a great price! Proceeds from the event supported **Street Grace**, an Atlanta pioneer in human trafficking awareness and ending sexual exploitation of minors. Also supported was **Atlanta Redemption Ink** an organization whose mission is to transform painful reminders of the past into symbols of hope. It provides support services, tattoo removals and cover-ups for survivors of sex trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, self-harm, addiction, and former gang involvement, nationally.



We were encouraged by Young Church Woman United in Atlanta, Inc. Chair Leticia Haynes to support a **NAMI Walk in Atlanta**. In October the unit sent a check for \$100 for the walk held October 5 in Doraville. NAMI Georgia is aligned with the mission of NAMI throughout the US to promote mental health awareness in communities with free top rated programs. We will discuss attending NAMI Free Mental Health Mondays at the Georgia State Capitol beginning Monday, January 6, 10am until 3pm.

With less than thirty days remaining before we end the year 2024 I remind you it's never too late to join the movement!  
Peace and Love!  
Sheila Louder

### Calendar Items

Friday, December 13, 7 pm -  
CWU Atlanta, Inc membership  
meeting on ZOOM

Friday, December 20, 6:30 pm  
Myrna Clayton invites CWU in  
Atlanta Inc. members and friends  
to an evening of jazz during the  
Christmas holidays at the High  
Museum of Art - Cost-\$30 each

<https://high.org/event/friday-jazz-december/>

Monday, January 6, 2025 - NAMI  
Mental Health Mondays at the  
Georgia State Capitol during  
legislative session January -  
April, 10 am - 3 pm.

Saturday, January 18 & Monday,  
January 20 - Girls Empowerment  
to be held during Dr. Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
Celebration.



## Hoosier United Women of Faith

Reported by Sherrie Wilson,  
President UWF

Hoosier's United Women in Faith (UWF) Responded to the North Georgia United Methodist Committee on Relief.

As a mission effort Hoosier's UWF donated and assembled feminine kits responding to the needs of the young teenage girls in the Augusta in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. They also provided Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the community, partnering with Atlanta Public School's Jean Childs Young Middle School.



## Two Great CWU Celebrations...

September 27, 2024 - Congratulations to our Human Rights Celebration honorees - Dr. Fayron Epps, Mr. Johnny "Ray" James, and Rev. Angela Harrington Rice

### November 1, 2024 - World Community Day

We welcomed approximately 25 women to our Celebration and followed the CWU program guide sharing history of World Community Day, opening prayer written by Rev. Billie J. Simmons and the scriptures Micah 6:8 and Matthew 5:5.

The interactive program enjoyed two speakers of diverse communities. Chol Kim is a Presbyterian from Atlanta who has a devoted ministry with prisoners and recently incarcerated individuals. Chol spoke of her 21 year ministry of advocacy and work at a Georgia prison of 1600 providing Bible study, counseling, support with getting GEDS with a graduation ceremony, weekly meals, overseeing band practice, planning worship services and annual Christmas fellowships providing small gifts and meals.

Our second speaker, Samantha Claar, an artist and advocate for the Gullah Geechee community on Hilton Head Island, SC shared how donations to a fund from her paintings depicting the life and stories of the Gullah/Geechee people has provided for paying property taxes of the people about to lose their homes or property. Once a resident on Hilton Head Island Samantha became aware of this issue and saw what she "was required to do"! She shared the difference between the Gullah people (natives of South Carolina) and Geechee people (natives of the Savannah area). She stated that at one time there were estimated 3000 Gullah people on the island. Today there are approximately 100.

Unit President Louder challenged each of us to use what we have learned about "World Community Day"-a day to lift up justice and peace and to be advocates daily, following the example of our speakers Chol Kim and Samantha Claar.

