

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN ATLANTA, INC NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Calendar Items

February is Black History Month - CWU honors **Clair Collins Harvey**, first black National President of CWU 1971-1974

Friday, March 6 - World Day of Prayer Celebration - written by the women of Nigeria; 7 pm on Zoom - Watch for flyer in email

March 8 - 19 - United Nations Commission on the Status of Women -NYC (see separate article)

Sunday, March 15 - Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk - please donate to support CWU Walkers

Saturday, March 28 - CWU State Woman of the Year - on Zoom - (see article)



Message from President Juniel

Greetings, Church Women United Family,

I hope that all is well.

As we are well into 2026, we have been busy confirming our 2026 activities, delivered monetary gift and school supplies to our adopted school, preparing for celebrations, fundraisers and supporting our priorities. We must continue with Hope and Action.

It is fine to hope for the best, however, that is not enough. We cannot merely hope, we must take action. Hoping for the best alone does not work. Hope works in your favor only as long as it is accompanied by action and commitment. Hope cannot replace action. Yes, there is hope, but things will be better when you make them better. Start each day with hope and then get busy working. Let your hope inspire you, rather than console you. Hope depends on you.

Many members have experienced health issues this year and I pray that all members keep them in thought and prayer.

Thank you Church Women United in Atlanta, Inc, members for your continue support, hope and action.

Blessings,

Nedra Juniel, President
Church Women United in Atlanta, Inc.



Woman of the Year 2025

Karen Turney is honored to be CWU Atlanta's Woman of the Year for 2025. As a former member of the CWU DeKalb Karen served that unit as Secretary and then as Celebrations Chair. Karen joined the Atlanta Unit a few years ago serving first as Interim Vice-President and then Celebrations Chair which she currently does along with being Newsletter Editor. Karen is a Presbyterian Elder, member of Covenant Presbyterian Church where she serves on the Worship Committee, Building & Grounds Committee and is a Choir and Bell Choir member.

From the Nominating Committee

Dear Members and Friends,

CWU Atlanta Nominations Committee is soliciting your assistance in filling two vacancies. The positions are **Secretary** and **Ecumenical Action**. Pamela Johnson resigned from Ecumenical Action and the position of Secretary remains vacant. Sheila Louder, our Immediate Past President is serving as our Interim Secretary.

If you know of anyone who is capable and available to serve in either position, please contact a member of the Committee.

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Don't forget to renew your membership (\$25) and pledges for 2026 (due January 31). Thanks to all who have already done so!

ICM Day at the Capitol - February 10, 2026

Every year for ICM's Day at the Capitol people of many faiths gather at the Georgia State Capitol with one shared commitment: Georgia's children deserve better.

On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, CWU member **Leticia Haynes** joined ICM volunteers at the Capitol. The event brought children, youth, college students, and adults together to advocate for policies that protect and uplift children and families across our state.

The day included an advocacy workshop to build skills and confidence; delivering "Have a Heart" bags to legislators; meetings with elected officials to speak directly to the issues impacting Georgia's children - **Community, connection, and collective power** (photos of ICM youth volunteers with Legislative Aides)



Commission on the Status of Women

Priority theme for the 2026 Commission is ***Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers.***

NGO's (non-governmental organizations) will write agreed conclusions that will determine the outcome of how countries should move forward to address the concerns brought forth from the priority theme. [Here is Link to click on to register for free online:](https://ngocsw70.events.whova.com/registration/?utm_source=NGO+CSW%2FNY+Constituency&utm_campaign=cdb23750e1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_11_06_06_19_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-ae60fdff50-411788377&mc_cid=cdb23750e1)

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