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National B & P W F President**

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First Annual "Best in Class" Recognition Luncheon and Awardees,
Evangelist McPeak's Welcome Message, our T-Shirts, and MORE!



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OFFICIAL WELCOME

From the President's Desk

National President, Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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Welcome to the...

112th HOLY CONVOCATION of the Church of God in Christ.

I thank God for our supporters; the faithful and loyal women of the Business & Professional Women's Federation. Your commitment and generosity have enabled us to continuously care, share and help special nonprofit organizations in need.

The 1st Annual "Best in Class" Recognition Luncheon was a success. It was a wonderful spiritual event. It took place in May at our International Women's Convention in the beautiful city of Baltimore, Maryland. We celebrated and awarded 20 outstanding women nominated from the following five categories: Church Mothers, Community Workers, Evangelists, Supervisors and National Workers for their accomplishments in their home, church, and community. The Luncheon blessed us to donate \$2000 to "Black Girl Vote". This is a nonprofit organization that is committed to educating young girls 18-25. It empowers them to use their collective political power to vote on issues that will affect their lives. The Founder / CEO of this organization is Nykidra (Nyki) Robinson of Baltimore, Maryland.

Now, we hope you will join us on Wednesday November 6, 2019 and Thursday, November 7, 2019 during this 112th Holy Convocation. For full details, please see our enclosed Fall Calendar in this newsletter. There are exciting and new things happening within the B&PWF National Chapter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

May God continue to greatly bless our International Leaders of the Church of God in Christ:
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**Our Advisory Board Chairman,
Mother Lee Powell passed. We extend our prayers to
her precious family, church, jurisdiction,
and loved ones.*



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*



70 CHAPTERS ACROSS AMERICA

OUR MISSION

Based on the belief that God has empowered and equipped, by the Holy Spirit, the Business and Professional Women's Federation to serve as Godly examples in their work places, homes, schools, churches, communities, and the world; our mission is to share our God-given resources and expertise; to care for the general welfare of all people; and to help spread love, joy, happiness, and the Word of God, by being living testimonies to people everywhere.

OUR CREED: We Care! We Share! We Help!

This organization is designed to promote good fellowship among women in various business and professional fields for the ultimate purpose of winning souls to Christ.

OUR SCRIPTURE:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13 KJV).

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THE BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION

2019 FALL CALENDAR



We hope you will join us during the 112th Holy Convocation in St. Louis, MO:

Fall Fellowship / Open House
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

in the
America Center, Room 122
No charge to attend
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The B&PWF Classes
November 6, 2019, Wednesday and Thursday, November 7, 2019

Mornings
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Held during
The OTJ Training Institute - Holy Convocation 2019.
We have gifted and very qualified teachers and trainers for these sessions.

*I'm looking forward to seeing you in May 2020
at our
70th Annual WIC in Portland, Oregon*

REPORT – 2019 “Best in Class” Luncheon



Our National President, Mother Bonnie Jean McPeak, the Business and Professional Women’s Federation leader, presented and hosted the 2019 First Annual “Best in Class” Recognition Luncheon on Friday, May 31, 2019. This elegant event was held during the 69th International Women’s Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Jurisdictional presidents and officers from across the country participated in this grand event. The luncheon surpassed expectations.

Five categories of recognition were given to: Supervisors, Mothers, Evangelists, National Workers and Community Service. Awardees received a medallion and a certificate of recognition to reward them for their unwavering faith and work that God called them to do.

The keynote speaker, Evangelist Waynell Henderson (*That Sunday School Girl*), inspired us to be faithful to our calls. Evangelist Angela Steele, accompanied by Elder John Grant, rendered two melodious selections that invoked the Spirit of God among us.

Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis, our International COGIC Supervisor of Women, dined with us. She also rendered words of encouragement and wisdom. We were grateful to also have the following to dine with us: Mother Willie Mae Rivers, General Supervisor Emeritus, the members of the national staff of executive facilitators, Mother Darlene Stone (Auxiliaries, Bands, and Units) and Mother Barbara Bryant (Marketing/Public Relations), First Lady Mollie Whitehead (the wife of Michigan Southwest 2nd Jurisdiction Bishop James Whitehead, Jr.), Mother Josie William (Asst. Adm. to Mother Frances Curtis), and Bishop Hackworth, Prelate of Metropolitan California Jurisdiction.

Evangelist Lisa Sconiers (Alabama First) was the luncheon chairperson. The theme was developed by Deaconess Missionary Allyson Doll Andrews (SW Michigan 2nd). The committee members were: Dr. Emma Clark (Northern California), Dr. Goldie Wells (Greater North Carolina), Evangelist Deborah Thompson (Northern California), Evangelist Alfreda Moore (Metropolitan California), and Dr. Mary May Larry (Illinois Midwest). They diligently helped to coordinate the luncheon under the leadership of our National President, Mother Bonnie McPeak. Mother McPeak along with her committee extends a heartfelt “Thank you” to each person who participated in this special event.

Please see our list of “Best in Class” Honorees on our website in December 2019.



Alabama First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Chapter Business and Professional Women's Federation

The Alabama First Davis-McLeod District Chapter B&PWF hosted its Annual B&PWF Conference on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at St Roberta COGIC in Geneva, Alabama. Sister Kathy Brown our District Chapter President, choose the Nat'l B&PWF motto "*It Takes a Real Woman to Live for God and Living for God Will Make a Real Woman!*" as the conference theme. Conference presenters spoke on several facets on the theme to inspire young entrepreneurs and professionals to be obedient to God. They must follow His instruction as they step out on faith.

The first conference presenter was Sister Que'Nona Valentine Guilford (author and entrepreneur). She encouraged the group to follow God's lead. She said, "*If God told you to do something, just follow His lead. God has already divinely prepared the way for you.*" She proclaimed that without any experience in writing books nor being the best at English, God prepared the way for her. He provided who and what she needed to complete the task. "*If He Said It – Just Do It!*"

The second presenter was Evangelist Carol Choyce who is a nurse. She is from Alabama Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. She attends Light of the World Ministries in Daleville, Alabama. Evangelist Choyce shared important points on staying focused with who you are and where God is leading you. Her first point was to not allow others speak into the destiny that God has ordained for you. Secondly, stay the course. We must stay true to our mission and purpose. Lastly, what God has for you it is for you. Be a real woman. Do what God called "**you**" to do.

Dr. Whitnee C. Brown a family nurse practitioner and instructor at University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB), admonished the ladies to "*Mind Your Business.*" She advised that we must be better informed of necessities as: living wills, life insurances, pre-burial plans, retirement plans, and more. As professionals, we must be knowledgeable about business procedures and information so we can share it with others. Let us encourage others to be better prepared to handle their business affairs, too. Dr. Brown stressed the importance of selecting a responsible person to become the designated one to handle your affairs. They will make life sustaining decisions should you become incapable of doing so for yourself. Your closest relative may not be the most dependable person to make crucial life decisions concerning your well-being.

Dr. Brown also stated that as a physician, her mission is to keep you alive. However, just in case you may need a retirement home facility care, hospices care or etc., who would you completely trust to make those decisions for you? Discuss where your valuables things are kept, how they are to be distributed, and where your legal documents are kept. As professionals, we should have these things in order. Don't leave your business undone!

The conference was a tremendous success. The Spirit of God mightily abode in the place as praise dances, songs and inspirational words were shared.



Sister Kathy Brown
Local Chapter President



Evangelist Carol Choyce
Dr. Whitnee Brown
Sister Que'Nona Valentine
Guilford



Evangelist Lisa Sconiers
Jurisdictional B&PWF President
Alabama First Jurisdiction



Alabama First Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional Chapter Business and Professional Women's Federation

The Alabama First Jurisdictional Chapter of the B&PWF, under the leadership of Bishop O. L. (Oscar Lewis) Meadows and Supervisor Mother Mattie Taylor, granted the B&PWF permission to have a Book Club Session on the Saturday of our Holy Convocation. The initial concept was to encourage and support all (men and women) who inspire to become and are authors within the jurisdiction.

Our first session took place in August of 2018. We featured District Missionary Mae P. Gaffney of the Greenville District. Superintendent Lo Earl Flowers and the District B&PWF Chapter President is Sister Deionne Griffin. Mother Gaffney wrote, *"The Spirit of the Sloth: Exposing and Escaping Procrastination and Idleness."* Mother Gaffney revealed to succumb to procrastination and idleness are hindrances to the work God has assigned to us. Therefore, in the church they stunt growth, encouragement and edification.

Sister Dianne Swann, District Chapter President of the Anniston District (Superintendent Willie Hearn and District Missionary Mother Clara Thomas) penned a book of 33 inspirational poems entitled, *Lord, Lord, Lord*. Some are funny, some are serious, and some are heartfelt. A few must reads are: *"The Lord Told Me Not to Lay Hands on You," "What Kind of Christian are You?,"* and *"Strong Enough to Appear Weak."* These poems express the day-to-day emotional highs and lows we face as Christians while we travel through this journey called life. You can find both books on *Amazon.com*. These books can be tremendous assets in your repertoire of reading material.

The book session went really well! Afterwards, the Lord began to deal with me concerning "Mental Illness and the Church." Alabama First Jurisdiction has been blessed to have professionals who possess the expertise needed to address such topics in our church. So, Dr. Cynthia Snedecor was commissioned for the task.



Dr. Cynthia Snedecor, DNP, MSN, RN, District B&PWF Chapter President of the Headquarters District, Birmingham, Alabama was the presenter. This session was healing for those in attendance. Other professionals joined in to give insight on mental health. She stated that we often "chalk up" bad attitude, disruptive behavior and disobedience to sin, when it might be mental disorders triggering the behavior.

Dr. Snedecor expressed that some of this behavior can be corrected if diagnosed, given professional guidance along with medication and through prayer. Depression, schizophrenia, dementia, and psych mania are illnesses that can have an impact on one's activity and personality. I admonish you to use your professional mental health medical doctors and agents for God. They are very much needed in the church!

Our Jurisdictional Prelate and State Supervisor were pleased about these sessions! Many of our district missionaries expressed a desire to implement a training session on these subjects into their Women's Conferences.

God bless you and remember, *"We Can Do All Things through Christ!"*

Evangelist Lisa Sconiers
Jurisdictional B&PWF President
Alabama First Jurisdiction



Business and Professional Women's Federation Local Chapter,
Jurisdictional Chapter Presidents and Members from across
The Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Stop the Violence "2019"

On Friday night, September 20, 2019, we ended our three-part series on stopping the violence in our community and across our land. A lot of lives were touched. Our guest speaker was Bishop James Springfield, Jr. He is the pastor of Greater Hope Baptist Ministries in Maywood, IL.

We ended our night by celebrating the 33rd Birthday of Nathan Lee, the founder of Nate Comic Inc. I am sending a special shout out and "Thank you" to Elder Pirsia Allen a retired Maywood Police Officer, the events Facilitator. Let's keep fighting for justice. See you all again July 2020! STAY STRONG!



Business and Professional Women's Federation Local Chapter,
Evg. Dr. Mary "May" Larry, PH.D. President
Mother Dr. LuVonia Whittley Jurisdictional Supervisor
Bishop Darrell L. Hines, Sr. Jurisdictional Prelate

Southern California's First Business & Professional Women's Meeting

Business & Professional Women, "Emerging Leaders & Enterprising Women: DO SOMETHING!"

At our Southern California Jurisdiction's First Business & Professional Women's 2019 Annual Day, we heard a very powerful song, "*Do Something*," by Matthew West. The lyrics of the song spoke to us as a moving poem. This was a spirit-led presentation by our own phenomenal Sis. Patricia Ferguson.

This poem was introduced to us by Sis Erin Hill and her Mother, Evangelist Dale Hill. They are the founders and directors of an outreach called, **Beyond Conversation**. In this ministry, they and approximately twelve other people provide resources to various entities each month. This is truly a great blessing.

Evang. Dale and Sis Erin were powerful speakers. They have an amazing website which showcases the wonderful work they are doing. It is: www.beyondconversation.weebly.com. You will be inspired when you visit their website.

These women of God gave us much motivation in their amazing endeavors. They are clearly "**Emerging Leaders and Enterprising Women**" When you review their website, I'm sure you will be inspired to get up, move out and make your way to go "**Beyond Conversation**" and "**DO SOMETHING!**"

-Submitted by: Sheila Bankhead Grisham

MICHIGAN SOUTHWEST SECOND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION - National B&PWF President, Mother Bonnie McPeak, Mother Frances S. Curtis, Supervisor of Women ~ Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr. Jurisdictional Prelate



On a beautiful September day, the B&PWF Chapter and the Missionary Alliance of Michigan Southwest Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, volunteered at De'gage' Ministries in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

De'gage' Ministries helps hundreds struggling with homelessness. The ministry serves 400-500 women and men daily, providing hot meals, hot showers, storage for belongings, and overnight shelter for over 40 women through their "Open-Door" Program.

After obtaining a list of needed items from the Ministry, we fasted and prayed that souls would be saved, delivered and made whole during our outreach visit. We carried several baskets of special items for the homeless women.

During our visit at the shelter, the B&PWF members and Missionaries pairing up in teams of two, washed, sanitized, prayed and interceded on behalf of each of the forty-six homeless women who would be sleeping there nightly. There were lockers where the women kept some of their belongings. Each locker was personalized with the names of the women who reside at this facility. We sanitized and prayed that each woman whose name appeared on the locker, needs would be met.

As the B&PWF ladies and the Missionaries were leaving the shelter, a beautiful young lady named Christina followed us out of the building to the sidewalk. She approached us and talked about sleeping at the shelter from 7pm-7am for the last month. Christina was one of the names on the locker that we had been prayed for and sanitized. We laid our prayerful hands on Christina and ministered to her on the sidewalk as she cried in despair and hopelessness. We told her that we were in the area attending our Jurisdictional Women's Convention at one of our local churches which was being hosted by District Missionary Bonnie McPeak, the National B&PWF President, and invited her to the evening service.

During our evening service, Christina called for someone to come and pick her up for service. That night, Christina gave her life to the Lord. She was adopted by our leader, Bishop James L. Whitehead Jr. and the Michigan Southwest Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction family. God answered Christina's prayer that night by saving her soul, providing her with an entire Jurisdiction that will sponsor her and help her get on feet. *"We serve a prayer answering God and we are so grateful to Him for answering the Saints prayers"*.

Our thanks to, 1st Lady Angelique Spires, Michigan Southwest Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Missionary Alliance Chairlady and B&PWF District Chapter President, Missionary Alfredia Drake the Co-Chair and B&PWF District Chapter President and Deaconess Missionary Tiberlene Jackson the B&PWF District Chapter President for coordinating this outreach ministry.

--Submitted by 1st Lady Angelique Spires, Greater Metropolitan District, Michigan Alliance Chairlady & District B&PWF Chapter President Michigan Southwest Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

We've finalized our new T-shirts!



We're EXCITED!

Here's our new T-shirt... "COGIC B&PWF SLAY" (Saved*Lucrative*Anointed*Yield)!

- ❖ Our T-Shirts are BLINGED rhinestone lettering.
- ❖ Women's sizes: S - 3X
- ❖ Choice of rounded or v-neck.

Design Committee is headed by our National B&PWF President, Mother Bonnie McPeak and members of the B&PWF: Dr. Emma Clark, Dr. Gena L. Ross, Evangelist Lisa Sconiers and Missionary Alfreda Moore.

Contact us for more information: www.bpwfcoig.org or call: 562-653-6758. Order online: <https://www.bpwfcoig.org/> under the membership tab.



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As we enter the holiday season, remember God is so good to us. Let us continuously thank Him for His provisions. Praise Him for His many bountiful blessings!

This is the perfect time to bless others with the blessings that we have received from the Lord. We can change lives through doing kind deeds and giving special gifts. We can make a difference.

We, Business and Professional Women, have great opportunities to help others and to guide them to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us love by example so that souls will say, "What must I do to be saved?" This is our most important achievement!



DON'T MISS IT!

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for Our 2020
2nd Annual "Best in Class" Luncheon
at the
70th International Women's Convention COGIC
MOTHER BONNIE MCPEAK,
National B&PWF President and Host*

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