

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION,
U.S.A., INC.

Women's Auxiliary



*Women
of Faith,
Service &
Impact*

MINISTRY IN *Motion*

Serving This Present Age

*"For the Son of Man came not to be served,
but to serve..."*

Mark 10:45

— 2026 —
ANNUAL SESSION
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

COMPASSION 25

“Restoring Dignity. Strengthening Families. Serving Communities.”

EVOLVING THE LEGACY

After 31 magnificent years of historic local and regional ministry under the banner of Fashion Share, our global sisterhood is officially stepping forward into an expansive new chapter. Rebranded as Compassion 25, the ministry anchors its future on the powerful mandate of Matthew 25:35–40. This foundational scripture reminds us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe those in need, and care for the vulnerable, we are directly serving Christ. This evolution represents a deeper commitment to expanding our reach across modern generations.

Our final 2026 contributions achieved a historic financial milestone, enabling our servants to supply the critical operational needs of the Orlando Union Rescue Mission for approximately 9 to 12 months. Alongside vital physical supplies, the ministry gifted the shelter \$1,000 in direct emergency cards. According to Shelter Director Mrs. Janice Roberson, this represents the single largest one-time organizational contribution received in the rescue mission's history.

“In 2025, our ministry raised \$18,696.64. In 2026, through your absolute devotion, we generated \$34,692.46, a miraculous increase of \$15,995.82!”

— MADELINE HUGHES, LEAD SERVANT

2026 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FUNDING SOURCE / REGION	CONTRIBUTION
Southeast Region	\$11,370.25
Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Grant	\$5,000.00
Southwest Region	\$4,935.00
Midwest Region	\$4,525.00
West Region	\$4,062.52
Northeast Region	\$1,999.69
Fashion Share Ministry Servants	\$1,450.00
Delta Dental of Arkansas	\$750.00
Farwest Region	\$600.00
TOTAL 2026 OUTREACH	\$34,692.46

Looking ahead to 2027 in National Harbor, we expect beautiful things as God Continues to enlarge our borders. We extend sincere gratitude to our Regional Vice Presidents for believing in the vision, rallying your regions, and helping us make 2026 a historic year of ministry and impact.



MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS

Kayonna Ferguson (ALS-MI)
Cheryl Meyers (FL)
Latonia Bailey (FL)
Vickie Wilson (AL)
LeDena Washington (KS)
Linda Allen (MI)
Denise Margaret Heard (MS)
Valencia Allen (LA)
Pearl Harris (AR)
Ta'Mika Brown (MI)
Madeline Hughes (LS-AR)

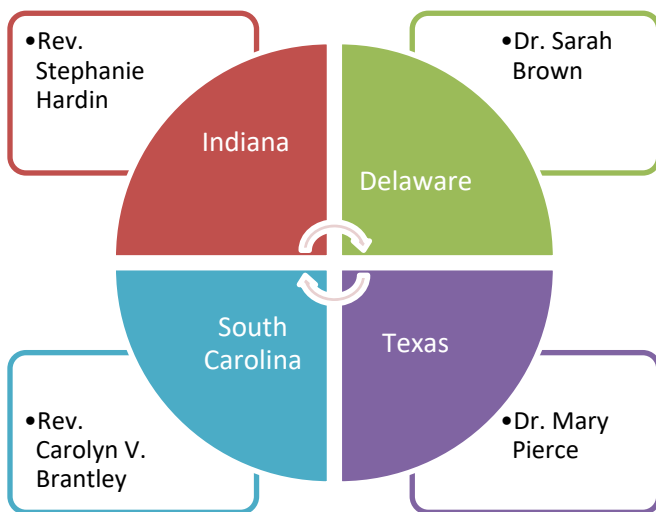


PRAYER WARRIOR MINISTRY 2025-2026

The Prayer Warriors Ministry, comprising twelve members from six regions, met monthly for intercessory prayer, praise, and encouragement. Since the Annual Session in September 2025, the Ministry has initiated and conducted three quarterly prayer services:

- **December 28, 2025:** “Stand Still and See the Power of God” Prov.3:5-6; Ex.14:12-14
- **March 22, 2026:** “Following Jesus: The Only True Blueprint” John 14:5-6
- **August 23, 2026:** “The Power of the Gospel Fueling Our Faith” Romans 1:15-16

MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS



PRAYER REQUEST

The Prayer Warriors Ministry meets monthly and welcomes prayer requests. **“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”** We stand ready to carry your burdens in faith and bring your petitions before the Lord. Please submit requests by email to:

carolynv742@gmail.com.

Each service was led by one of our Regional Vice Presidents and drew an average attendance of more than 200. We were truly blessed by the Spirit-filled, anointed prayers and the preached Word.

We extend our gratitude to our President, Dr. Virginia P. Hayes, for her vision, leadership, and faithfulness. During the Annual Session in Orlando, Florida, our Lead Servant represented the Ministry at the Fashion Share Service and the Opening Session. Six Prayer Warriors attended and are listed below in the order shown in the photograph:



UPCOMING PRAYER SERVICE

The Woman's Auxiliary invites you to join hearts and voices in a dedicated season of intercession and praise. Let us gather to lift up our community, seek the Lord's direction, and strengthen one another in faith. The next **Woman's Auxiliary Prayer Service will be held on December 27, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. EST.** Come expecting a move of God, and bring a heart ready to receive His blessing.

WOMEN IN WHITE MARCH

Throughout the year, our Women in White Ministry Team had the opportunity to connect with Regional and State Presidents to begin laying the groundwork for the Women in White March. Through our collective efforts, we developed and distributed flyers to promote the event, encourage participation, and build excitement across our regions.



On Tuesday, September 8, at 2:00 p.m. in Orlando, Florida, the women of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. came together in a beautiful spirit of fellowship and unity. Women representing more than 40 states across the nation and the Caribbean participated in this special occasion.

Together, we marched proudly, represented our respective states, and celebrated our sisterhood in a beautiful display of unity and grace. It was truly a blessing to witness so many women coming together in fellowship, strengthening our connections while demonstrating the love, strength, and spirit of our collective ministry.

We are grateful to report that our combined efforts were fruitful. The March had an amazing turnout and provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and celebration. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who participated and helped make the 2026 Women In White March such a memorable occasion.

Above all, we thank God for His continued grace and mercy. We also extend our sincere appreciation to President Hayes for her confidence in our leadership and for entrusting us with the responsibility of serving in this ministry. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve.

We are especially grateful for the dedication and commitment of our Women In White Ministry Team. This event would not have been possible without the hard work, cooperation, and willingness to serve demonstrated by each team member.

MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS

Dr. Ollie Lear, Lead Servant

Sister Dominique Jones

Sister Ruby Cotton

ALS Sister Eunice Evans

Your contributions helped bring the vision for this year's March to life, and we are deeply grateful for your service

The success of the Women in White Ministry reflects what can be accomplished when we work together in unity, love, and service. Each contribution, whether large or small, played an important part in making this event a success.

As we look ahead to 2027, preparations are already underway. We are thankful for what was accomplished this year while recognizing opportunities for continued improvement, growth, and increased participation.

We look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for the Women in White March in

At the time of this report, the final registration numbers were not yet available. The Finance Department will be contacted to obtain the final figures so they may be included and provide an accurate accounting of participation.

Health and Wellness

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2

During the 146th Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, INC. WOMAN's Auxiliary, the Health and Wellness Ministry had the pleasure of sharing Health Tips 101, Baptist Testimonial Style, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, during the afternoon women's session. Powerful and informational testimonies were shared with the ladies, encouraging all to be health aware, proactive, and in tune with our bodies. Dr. Felisa Swift Washington, Health and Wellness Ministry Lead Servant, shared a heartfelt testimony coming from Sis. Doris Reed Chandler, Health and Wellness Assistant Lead Ministry Servant, who has persevered and endured a year of health challenges, yet praises God, for through it all she declares, "He is worthy to be praised!"

A Healthy Mindset = A Healthy Lifestyle

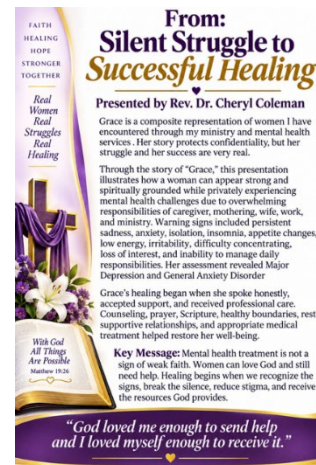
Dr. Washington encouraged the ladies to follow these simple measures in ensuring everyone's safety during the week's session:

- wash hands,
- cover cough/ sneezes,
- stay in the room and catch the 'live' if sick,
- use hand sanitizer,
- stay hydrated with water, and electrolyte giving fluids,
- limit caffeine and sugary beverages,
- choose healthy food items when eating out,
- ensuring steps are gained with flat shoes and not heels, to protect our toes, feet, knees, hips, and back, reminding us that we can be cute in flats; *{if we must wear heels, she urged all to wear flats and change into the heels once we get there}* 😊

Ladies were reminded to schedule yearly checkups, such as pap smears, mammograms, staying up to date with colonoscopies, etc. and remembering that though CDC recommendations are a good guide, it's important we know our bodies and as our best self-advocates

HEALTHY BODY
HEALTHY MIND
HEALTHY SPIRIT

Dr. Washington emphasized, "If you see something, hear something, feel something, smell something, or discern or think something we should say something. Seek consultation from your primary care physician and check out anything that is abnormal."



MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Coleman
Sis. Beatrice Womble
Dr. Pauline Scott
Sis. Anetia Beal-Norsworthy
Dr. Felisa Swift Washington, Ministry Lead Servant
Dr. Linda Cooper,
Dr. Cornelia Coburn,
Sis. Doris Chandler, Assistant Ministry Lead Servant



The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, so let's keep the prayers going for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. God be glorified in all things!

DEACONESS, DEACON WIVES & WIDOWS REPORT

SERVING HEARTILY UNTO THE LORD

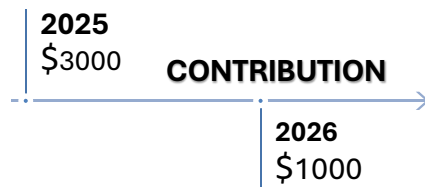
Deaconess Bennie Clark, serve as the Lead Servant of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Deaconess, Deacon Wives and Widows.

We continue to stand on our theme Scripture, Colossians 3:23–24: ***“Whatever you do, work heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”***

As we move forward together in our commitment to Kingdom building, we remain focused on several key principles. First, we must be spiritually united in our service and in our commitment to one another. Second, we must remain prayerful, ensuring that our motives and actions reflect our desire to serve God faithfully.

Effective communication is also essential to the strength and success of our Ministry. We will continue to communicate regularly and meet quarterly to encourage, equip, and strengthen Deaconesses, Deacons’ Wives, and Widows throughout the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

As we serve together, may we remain united in spirit, steadfast in prayer, and committed to doing all things heartily as unto the Lord.



2026-2027 QUARTERLY MEETING & THEMES

8/25/2026	• Look What God Has Done!
10/13/2026	• Hear of a Servant: Principals of Servant Leadership
1/9/2026	• Pass the Torch: Connections Accross the Life Span
3/9/2026	• Limited in Hope: An Evening of Prayer & Reflection
8/10/2027	• Beauty from Ashes: Embracing the Next Chapter

September 2025 Convention Presentation Highlights

What Is a Deaconess?

A Deaconess, also known as a female deacon, is typically qualified for service based on her character, commitment to faith, and practical skills. As a deaconess in the Baptist church, our Pastor and Husband prepare us for the road ahead. The Pastor is our Spiritual Manager. Our job description is to assist Him (Pastor) in either the spiritual matters or programmatic ministries of the church.

A Deaconess in the Bible: Phoebe,

Phoebe is identified as a deaconess (Romans 16:1) Greek meaning (Diakonos) – “Servant or minister” Paul says “I commend to you our Sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me.”

Duties of Deaconess//Deacon Wives in Some Churches

- Preparing the Lord’s Communion elements
- Assisting in baptismal preparations
- Counseling/mentoring young women in the church and the community
- Visit the poor, sick, and elderly, and provide comfort to those in mourning
- Take care of physical needs of church members

Take care of the widows of the church



MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS

Deaconess Bennie Clark, Lead Servant, IN
Lady Pearlie Simmons, Asst. Lead Servant, SC
Deaconess Pearl Sams, Treasurer, NE
Deaconess Anita Lowry, Assit. Treasurer, CA
Deaconess Doris Toney, Corresponding Secretary, MI

The Home Mission Ministry is a Christian outreach ministry focusing on sharing the Gospel, serving, and ministering to the practical needs of women across our regions, and in our local communities. We are committed to transforming lives, sharing the Great Commission found in Matthew 28: 18-20, Acts 1:8, providing acts of kindness, helping and serving as found in Matthew 25: 35-40 as Jesus our Lord taught, showed and set examples. We are motivated to cultivate, promote and encourage not only women of the NBCUSA Incorporated, but witnesses and evangelizing all as the Holy Spirit leads.

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH FAITH AND SERVICE

Since 2025, the Home Mission Ministry has advanced missions' education, evangelism, and community outreach, fulfilling its calling to spread the Gospel and serve others.

The ministry continues to support the parent body's disaster relief efforts. The Mission in Action team is currently seeking a youth, family, or homeless organization in an underserved Maryland community to support during the September 2027 convention.

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In 2025, Certified Christian Educator Dean Sharon Weems trained approximately 15 individuals in "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" to equip them for continuous ministry (1 Peter 4:10). The educational team is preparing a new mission and evangelism workshop to be opened to the entire Woman's Auxiliary and NBCUSA, Inc.



HOME MISSION MINISTRY 2025-2026

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
Romans 8: 1-2

MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS

Ann Floyd	Deborah Isaac
Emma Sampson	Gloria Perkins
Jeanett Davis	Kiana Harris
Dorothy Richardson	Onita Omorodian
Sandra Lewis	Shantel Williams
Crystal Tolbert	Keandra Thompson
Dora Watson	Hattie Shepard
Mallie Jean Finley	Rochelle White
Leanna Sykes	Karen Holley



OUTREACH AND MEDIA PRESENTATION

The ministry actively promotes missions across print and digital platforms. In September 2025, the team delivered a well-received presentation, "Missions Right Where You Are," to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Community impact remains central to the ministry's convention presence. At the 2025 Kansas City Convention, a community booth served over 200 diverse individuals with prayer, tracts, and refreshments. At the 2026 Convention, members sacrificed their lunch hours to volunteer with and financially support the Coalition for the Homeless in Central Florida.

MENTORING WITH LISTENING EARS



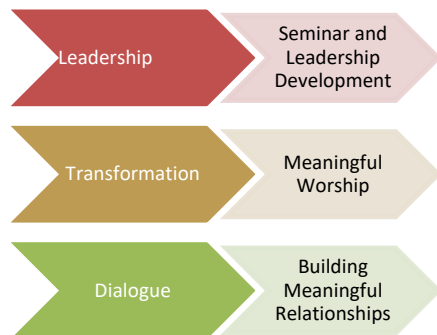
HISTORY

Established under the leadership of Dr. Cynthia P. Smith with a vision to connect women between the ages of 21 and 50 and encourage their active participation in Women's Ministry. The initiative was designed to strengthen engagement among women within their local churches, District Associations, State Conventions, and the National Baptist Convention.

The inaugural meeting of **Mentoring with Listening Ears** was held on **January 8, 2018**, during the January Board Meeting in Mobile, Alabama. As part of the initial launch, a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation entitled "**Servant Leadership**" was presented to prepare participants for the mentoring initiative.

Surveys were also distributed to women to gather information and better understand some of the factors contributing to absenteeism and disengagement among women within the identified age group.

From its beginning, the ministry has focused on several key areas:



The ministry meets quarterly through Zoom or conference calls to gather data, evaluate progress, establish goals and objectives, and fellowship with one another.

CONTINUING THE VISION

In 2025, newly appointed President **Dr. Virginia Hayes** continued the work of this initiative, renamed it **Ministry: Mentoring with Listening Ears**, and appointed members to continue advancing its mission and objectives.

Under this continued leadership, the ministry has entered **Phase III** of its development.

Phase III: Equipping Women to Mentor

During the Annual Session in **Orlando, Florida**, the ministry presented a PowerPoint session entitled "**How to Teach Christian Women Ages 18–50 to Mentor Other Women Ages 18–50.**"

The presentation emphasized that effective Christian mentoring should be **biblical, practical, and relational**, rather than overly academic. Participants were encouraged to understand mentoring as a ministry of relationship, spiritual growth, accountability, and intentional discipleship.

MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS	
Sister Paulette Moore: Lead	Tennessee
Sister Arzelia Simpson	ALS- Florida
Sister Shiela Carroll	Florida
Sister Des Liggans	Oklahoma
Sister Shanequah Brison	Oklahoma
Lady Kalandra H. Solomon	Oklahoma
Sister Bernadine Holsten	Alabama

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION · PRACTICAL · RELATIONAL

- Titus 2:3-5 – older women teaching younger women who are spiritually, not just by age
- II Timothy – 2-2 passing truth to faithful women who can teach others
- Proverbs 27:17- Iron sharpen iron
- IV Matthew 28:19-20 the Great Commission includes mentoring

“Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.”

The Queen Revue



The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.'s Annual Session in Orlando, Florida, brought together an inspiring group of five Queen's Review candidates from across the country. Arizona, Florida, South Carolina, Michigan, and the Pacific Northwest region of Washington State were proudly represented.

Each candidate reflected a heartfelt commitment to faith and meaningful service within her church community.

Michigan Representation and Leadership

The Michigan Baptist Fellowship consists of the Wolverine Baptist State Convention of Michigan and the Baptist Missionary and Educational State Convention of Michigan.

- Dr. Nathan Johnson serves as president of the Wolverine Baptist State Convention of Michigan.
- Dr. Wallace R. Mills Jr. serves as president of the Baptist Missionary and Educational State Convention of Michigan.
- Dr. Paula Davis serves as the women's president of the Wolverine Baptist State Convention of Michigan.
- Sister Joanna L. Woods serves as president of the women's auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary and Educational State Convention of Michigan.

Fundraising and Planned Use of Funds

Through their dedication and generous support, the queen candidates raised nearly \$40,000. Their efforts were further strengthened by an additional donation from the Northeast Mississippi Baptist State Convention Women's Auxiliary, led by its president, Sister Glenda Brinkley. A portion of these funds will advance advocacy for Black women's health, while another portion will create a meaningful opportunity for a woman under age 60 to attend the 2027 Annual Session.

Eligibility requirements will be announced at the board meeting

Looking Ahead

With enthusiasm, the committee hopes to welcome even more Queen's Review candidates, encourage broader participation across the states, and deepen its support of the women's auxiliary. Before the board meeting, state presidents will receive an information package from the committee by email. These materials will offer helpful guidance as each state prepares to identify, encourage, and support a candidate for the



Candidates and Results

- **Queen:** Kayonna Ferguson, representing the Michigan Baptist Fellowship.
- **First runner-up:** Eunice Evans, South Carolina.
- **Second runner-up:** Kecia Matthews, Florida.

In a memorable moment, last year's queen, Liz Bagley of Florida, presented the crown and sash to the new queen. The outstanding group of candidates also included Keandra Thompson from Washington State and Latonja Ward from Arkansas, whose participation helped make the Queen's Review especially meaningful.

MEET THE SERVANT LEADERS

Sister Barbara Booth, Maryland

*Sister Brenda Billing
Arkansas*

Sister Joanna Woods, Michigan

Dr. Vernita A. Howze, Texas Regional Vice President

