



Universal Church of Christ, Incorporated



UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC. National Women's Department Historical Summary

It was during the 1993 Holy Convocation that our Presiding Prelate, Bishop Robert Clinton Jiggetts, Jr., spoke life into the formation of the National Women's Department. From that prophetic moment, the heartbeat of this ministry has continued to pulse with divine purpose. That year held the very first Women's Convention, October 25th - 30th, 1993.

The first leading officers, Mother Alleyne L. Jiggetts (**Supervisor of Women**), Evangelist Tonya A. Samuel (**Assistant Supervisor of Women**), Teacher Marietta Thoroughgood (**Secretary**) and Sister Frances Thoroughgood (**Treasurer**) were endowed with strong faith and holy determination. During the 1998 Holy Convocation, Mother Jiggetts was elevated to National Mother, and Evangelist Samuel became Supervisor of Women. The Lord later sent a faithful helper, Evangelist Eileen D. Jesse, who was appointed Assistant Supervisor of Women in 2000. Under the anointed leadership of Bishop Jiggetts, these great women of God nurtured the National Women's Department into a flourishing and mature ministry.

The foundation of the National Women's Department was built upon the unwavering faith and diligence of local church leaders such as Mother Alleyne Jiggetts of Greater Liberty Temple (Orange, NJ) and Mother Lillian Leathers of Brooklyn Temple (Brooklyn, NY), who were the first Presidents of their respective Women's Alliances. Their vision for the beautification and upkeep of God's house gave birth to lasting traditions, including The Annual Love Dinner, Rummage Sales, and Women's Day celebrations—efforts that supported church renovation and growth.

In May of 2003, Mother Alleyne L. Jiggetts transitioned to glory leaving a legacy of faith that imprints the foundation of our Assembly and continues to inspire generations today. Elder Delose G. Randolph was appointed National Mother during the 2004 Holy Convocation. She leads fervently, while encouraging the women of Universal. In 2011, Evangelist Dalphine Dwah was appointed Assistant Supervisor of Women by Bishop Jiggetts. She later became the Supervisor of Women in 2016. In September of 2022, the Lord called Co-Pastor Tonya A. Samuel home to glory, we are living in the reflection of her excellence. During the Holy Convocation of 2022, the baton was passed to Evangelist Kamesha Jackson, Bishop Jiggetts appointed her as Supervisor of Women, serving with excellence to this present day.

Since its inception, the National Women's Department has expanded under anointed leadership—establishing local departments from New Jersey to Georgia and beyond. The addition of the One Hundred Women in White service has further unified women across the ministry. The Women's Department has since broadened its reach to fulfill the mission of its Parent organization concerning the whole man through health and wellness seminars and events. These times of fellowship educate and provide support and resources to help all members live and lead healthier lives, reducing health disparities and foster a well of generational knowledge. The Bi-Annual Women's Convention continues to serve as a sacred vehicle of empowerment, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Supported by its founding Officers, alongside its National Mother, Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, and International Liaison, the Women's Department Board remains steadfast in its mission. Meeting three times annually, the Board continues to uphold the vision of unity, service, and excellence.

As we commemorate Thirty- Two years of Convention Fellowship and National organization, we thank God for the vision of our Presiding Prelate and every faithful woman who has labored, prayed, and persevered. Together, we continue to build upon a legacy of holiness, service, and strength—"to the Wonderful Glory of God."

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