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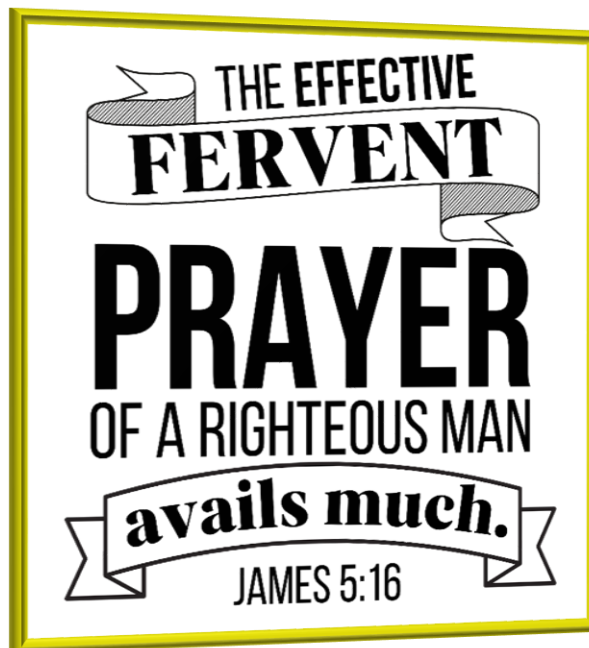


**MINNIE H. GOODLOW PAGE SECTION**

**15TH ANNUAL *POWER OF PRAYER* BREAKFAST**

***CELEBRATING FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & THE POWER OF PRAYER***

*Something is Bound to Happen When You Pray*



**Saturday, November 15, 2025 – 10 a.m.**

**THE EMERALD CENTER - PRESTON ROOM**

**1501 Osprey Drive, DeSoto, Texas 75115**



**DR. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE**

**(1875-1955)**

**FOUNDER**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INCORPORATED**

“Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.”

-Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune





Greetings to my NCNW Family and Friends:

It is indeed a privilege and my pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of the Minnie H Goodlow Page section. Welcome to the 2025 *Power of Prayer* Breakfast. This is the day that the Lord has given us, and we rejoice in it. We feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to gather with friends and dedicated supporters, for a time of prayer, praise and fellowship.

Thanks and congratulations to all who have worked tirelessly to make this event an awesome program, reflecting our gratitude, We pray that it will be an inspiration for continued outstanding service to our communities.

We always do better when we work together. To God Be The Glory!!!

With A Servants Heart,

Hazel Patterson, President  
Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section





*Greetings in the name of our most Holy Father,*

*It is my esteemed pleasure to extend greetings and well wishes on behalf of the officers and members of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. Texas State Coalition, and to all in attendance on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section Power of Prayer Breakfast.*

*Mrs. Minnie H. Goodlow Page was an outstanding Christian woman who was a “prayer warrior” and an ever-flowing vessel of love that was always full. Mrs. Page’s legacy of love and service lives on in the hearts and through the service of those whose lives she touched. As we come together in prayer, the theme: “Something is bound to happen when you pray.” We are reminded of the power of prayer and the scripture: “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16*

*I salute the award recipients, program participants, family members, affiliates, friends and supporters who have joined us on this monumental occasion. Commendations are extended to President Hazel Patterson, First Vice President Mrs. Verna Chivers, Chair Mrs. Maxine Jones, Co-Chair Mrs. Henrietta Brown, the Prayer Breakfast Committee, and the Minnie H. Good Page Section members for your dedicated service, outstanding programs, and positive sisterly attitudes as you continue to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent. May God bless you and your every effort.*

*In the Joy of His Service,*

*Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams*

*President NCNW Texas State Coalition*

*NCNW Life Member, NCNW Legacy Life Member, Organizer, Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section*

*1<sup>st</sup> President Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, Multiple Bethune Achiever*



**Dr. Dorothy Height**



**Mrs. Minnie H. Goodlow Page**

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is an “organization of organizations.” Comprised of over 350 campus and community-based sections and 37 national women’s organizations that enlightens, inspires, and connects more than 2 million women and men. Its mission is to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families and communities. It was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, an influential educator and activist, and for forty years, the iconic Dr. Dorothy Height was president of NCNW.

Today, the NCNW programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns that are now “NCNW Priorities.” Our organization promotes education; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and economic stability; educates women about health and promotes healthcare access, and promotes civic engagement and advocates for sound public policy and social justice.

The local component of NCNW was named for Minnie H. Goodlow Page, a devoted Christian woman. She is best remembered for her deep faith in God, love of people and strong conviction regarding the importance of Prayer in daily life.

Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley is the president and chief executive officer for National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). Dr. A. Lois Keith serves as the national chair for NCNW, and has dedicated much of her life to NCNW’s mission.





Grace and peace to you, beloved family of faith!

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I welcome you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Power of Prayer Breakfast. What a joy it is to gather once again in the spirit of unity, love, and prayer. For fifteen blessed years, this sacred gathering has reminded us that when God's people come together in prayer, mountains move, hearts are mended, and lives are transformed.

This morning, as we share in fellowship and lift our petitions before the Lord, let us remember the promise of Matthew 18:20 – “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. “Truly, His presence is here with us today.

May our prayers rise like incense before the throne of grace, igniting fresh faith, renewed hope, and deeper love within us all. My prayer is that each of us will leave this place strengthened, encouraged, and reminded that the power of prayer still works!

May God bless each of you abundantly as we continue to walk in faith, stand in unity, and believe in the power of prayer.

With love and gratitude,

Maxine Jones  
Chair, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Power of Prayer Breakfast  
Life Member, Treasurer  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section





Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to extend heartfelt gratitude to NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, officers, cherished members and affiliates as we celebrate our 15th Annual Power of Prayer Breakfast. We embrace our theme "Celebrating Faith, Fellowship & the Power of Prayer" The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16.

Congratulation to our outstanding honorees. Your accomplishments are evident that you are making a valuable contribution to society. Special thanks and appreciation to Maxine Jones, Program Chair for your dedication and hard work. I am honored and forever grateful to serve alongside you. Thank you President Hazel Patterson for your leadership and all that you do for our section. Special appreciation to Mrs. Verna Chivers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Special Appreciation to Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams, President, NCNW Texas State Coalition for your excellence in leadership and dedication to NCNW and all sections.

We honor the incredible life and leadership of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder, whose legacy is a model for womanhood throughout the generations. In the words of Dr. Bethune, "I leave you finally, a responsibility to our young people." NCNW is committed to strengthening women and their families in the African American community and empowering young people to be world leaders.

Blessings and Sisterly Devotion,

Henrietta Brown, Co-Chair  
Past President/ Advisor/Legacy Life Member  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. I proudly extend my sincere and unwavering regards to all attendees of the 15th Power of Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Minnie H. Goodlow Section.

I commend each honoree for their remarkable accomplishments, which exemplify a strong commitment to positively impacting society, uplifting humanity, and steadfastly maintaining faith in God. I also express my deep gratitude to family members, friends, affiliated organizations, program participants, and supporters for their vital participation in this significant event.

A heartfelt appreciation goes to President Hazel Patterson, Maxine Jones, Program Chair, Henrietta Brown, Co-Chair, the Program Committee, Officers, and Members for your dedicated service and unwavering sisterhood.

Mrs. Verna Chivers  
1st Vice President  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Section



## Prayer Leaders



**Chaplain Dr. Mae Margaret Crosby, TH.D**



Rev. Carlyn Houston  
NCNW Member



Marilyn Bradford  
President  
NCNW Dallas Southwest Section

## BETTY CANNON



Ms. Betty Cannon is a member of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas where she serves as the teacher of the Children's New Membership/Sunday School class and is active in various church ministries. Ms. Cannon is also the President of Dallas City Wide Mission where she gives leadership in serving the community. Some of the outreach community projects include monthly assistance in feeding the homeless at the Austin Street Center, supplying food assistance to families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and supplying socks and t-shirts to two adopted nursing homes.

During her childhood, she had a desire to accompany her mother to various nursing homes around the age of six. As she grew older, she found herself role modeling the same mission works she had watched her mother do as a child. As she grew in faith and became knowledgeable of her purpose in life, she came to understand the Lord was preparing her, during those childhood years, to do a special work unto Him. Today, Ms. Cannon is actively involved in doing mission work in her church, the local community, and internationally in Belize Central America. In December 2025, she plans to travel back to Belize to fellowship with the Belizean sister churches, teach bible study to the Belize children, and assist in food and clothes distribution to the Belize needed families. Ms. Cannon looks forward to traveling to Belize twice yearly where she experiences the joy of teaching and serving others, feeling humble and grateful, and engaging in true Christian fellowship with another culture of baptized believers.

With the favor of God, Ms. Cannon feels privileged to have visited the Holy Land in Israel on two different trips. She gained a greater spiritual relationship with Jesus as she was baptized in the River of Jordan, visited the birthplace of Jesus, walked up the Hill of Golgotha where Jesus was crucified, and most importantly, entered into the place where Jesus was buried and witnessed an empty tomb. During her second Holy Land trip, she revisited several Holy Land sites in Israel and then continued her travels into Egypt to Mount Sinai where Moses received the ten commandments. Ms. Cannon was successful, with the strength of the Lord, in climbing to the top of Mount Sinai where she witnessed and prayed in the place where Moses stayed for 40 days and nights in the presence of the Lord. This was truly an unforgettable spiritual moment.

Ms. Cannon stated she is still growing in the Lord and is increasing in the knowledge of his Word by her active participation in the teaching and serving ministries. Ms. Cannon is actively involved in attending the district congress, state conventions, and national conventions of the National Baptist Convention of America International. Under the state convention, Ms. Cannon serves as a member of the Foreign Mission Board helping to plan the twice-yearly foreign mission trips to Belize Central America. Ms. Cannon is also a member of the Christian Women United Dallas Coalition under the state convention Women's Ministry.

Ms. Cannon is the recipient of three earned University degrees including Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and Master of Arts in Counseling. She is currently in private practice as a psychotherapist where she incorporates her Christian principles and beliefs, Christian lifestyle, and ethical practices in her God gifted profession. Her national affiliations include Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, National Council of Negro Women, and NAACP.

Ms. Cannon's personal enjoyments include nature walks, personal meditation times, elegant dining, art museums, symphonies, musical plays, and shopping. She enjoys cooking and preparing the festivity for the five-day yearly family fellowship with her 8 siblings, 23 nieces and nephews, 24 great nieces and nephews during the week of Thanksgiving at the family's farm in Arkansas. Ms. Cannon supports the successes of her family by attending their special achievements: High school and college graduations, marriages, baby showers, and birthday celebrations.

Favorite Scripture:

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection... Philippians 3:10

Ms. Cannon believes your first ministry unto the Lord starts at home; Demonstrate the "Love of Jesus" through fellowship with your family and enjoy every precious moment.

## *FRANCES NELL MORRISON*



Frances Nell Morrison has a beautiful glowing kind spirit with the love of Jesus in her heart, a genuine concern, compassion and willingness to help others. Frances grew up in a Christian home environment with her late Mother Leola Garden Morrison Goode and the late Philip Goode in the sand and rocky, sometimes muddy streets of Groesbeck, Texas. Frances is the fifth of seven children, alone with her twin brother Thomas Dell. At the age of six Frances joined the Lone Star Missionary Baptist Church, under pastorage of Rev. C. C. Gindratt, where she was baptized and accepted Christ as her all and all. She graduated from Groesbeck High School with several honors and “Most Likely to Succeed.”

As a young child her parents and grandparents had a practice of feeding the hungry and helping those in need, especially the “Hobos” who would come off the nearby trains. Frances says she has been blessed and God gives us the abundance of his grace and mercy and her family legacy lives on (Proverbs 14:23), emphasizing that kindness and compassion are essential attributes of both God and Believers, showing mercy, forgiveness, and love to one another.

After graduating Frances moved to Dallas, Texas where she joined the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorage of the Late Rev. Gilbert B. Prince. She was a member of the Junior Mission and G. B. Prince Choir. Frances loved to travel, after graduating from El Centro College with her Associate Degree in Medical Assistance Technology she ventured her career to California, back to Dallas and then she decided to venture to Philadelphia, PA to live with her oldest brother and family. She joined the Upper Room Missionary Baptist Church, under the pastorage of Late Rev. Joseph Akins, Sr., during which time her Christian experience involved her devoted service as Youth Director, and was presented

the New England Youth Workshop Nightengale Award. Also, she received several awards and recognitions with the Nurses Guild and Sunday School. Frances worked at the Albert Einstein Medical Center where she persuaded her career Goal as a Registered Nurse at Gwynedd Mercy College/University.

In 1991, Frances was blessed to move back home to Dallas, Texas to be closer to her Mother. She joined the Faithful Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Nathan Sargent. Frances served as Youth Director, member of the Mission Ministry and Women's Choir, Organizer and President of the Nurses Guild. She organized and coordinated several health awareness and community service events with the American Heart Association and American Red Cross.

Frances was employed as Clinical Nurse II at Baylor University Medical Center for 15 years. She was active in various community service activities. Received certificates for Critical Care Nursing and Medical Surgical Seminars. Pendants for Excellent Nursing Care Services. In 2004 Frances ventured her career to Veterans Administration North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS). During her tenure she provided quality skilled nursing care for Inpatients, Outpatients and Patient Safety. Frances retired from the VA in 2018. Frances served as a member with the Medical Disaster Response Team-VANTHCS; member of the Recruitment, Retention & Recognition (RRR) Workgroup; member of Patient Safety Committee; Advisor for VA Explorer - Post 24.

In 2005 Frances was a prestigious recipient of "The Great One Hundred Nurse Award."

In 2018 Frances was presented – Priority Award Recipient for Employee Engagement Department of Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Health.

Since 2001 Frances has been a member of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc., Xi Phi Chapter, Dallas. She has served as past Historian; volunteered in health awareness programs and projects.

In 2014 Presented and honored as "Soror of The Year Award" and 2022 Soror of "Close and Friendly Relations Award."

Frances is a Member of National Association For The Advancement Of

Colored People (NAACP) #6169 -B. She volunteers with the Health Awareness Team.

Member with The Prayer Lady Ministries International, Member with The City-Wide Mission Ministry and volunteer monthly service at the Austin Street Center

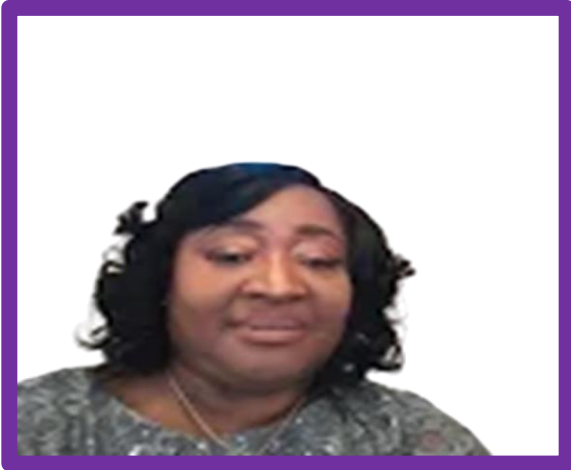
Life Member of The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)

Member of NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, Dallas, Texas, Has served as Recording Secretary and Second Vice President: Membership/Member Care. In 2022 Frances received NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section Outstanding Member Award. Volunteered with the African American History Program; Annie Henry Youth Summit; Annual Hat & Tea Extravaganza; NCNW Texas State Unity Conference and Bethune-Height Recognition Program & other events. In 2022 a Delegate for NCNW'S 60<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. in Washington, DC.

In 2019 Frances joined the Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Curtis W. Wallace, where she and her Mother (Late Mrs. Leola Garden Goode) fellowshipped together. Frances is a member of the "Health Awareness Team (HAT)" and served as past recording secretary; member of the "Greeters" and member of the "Senior Mission Ministry. Has volunteered on various programs and projects (blood pressure screenings; back to school community fair; seminars and other activities).

Frances thank God for his love and overflowing blessings. Her guiding Scriptures throughout her life: Proverbs 3: 5-6 and Philipians 4: 13 Frances greatest desire is to continue to yield her life to the Lord and forget not to be kind. To God Be The Glory for all the things he has done! He is worthy to be praised!





*Reverend Carolyn McCrea McCullough*

is a native of Kingstree, South Carolina. She has lived in the Dallas area since 1985. Reverend McCullough received a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina in 1981, a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of South Carolina in 1985, and a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas in 2005. Reverend McCullough received an honorary Dr. of Ministry Degree from School of the Great Commission Bible College and Seminary on October

5, 2024. She is married to Reverend Rodney J. McCullough, Sr. The two of them served the Outland Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Fort Worth, Texas, from October 2000 to June 2018. The two of them have two wonderful sons, Kevin and Rodney, Jr., Two beautiful daughter-in-laws, Teresa and Adriana and four gorgeous grandchildren, Devonte', Mia, Kevin, Jr., and Tatiana.

Rev. McCullough is an Ordained Elder in the Texas Conference of the Southwestern Delta Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She has served the Church in the capacity of Regional Vice President for the Midwestern Regional Christian Education Department, Texas Conference Director of Christian Education and with the Missionary society serving youth and children's Ministries.

She has served Church Women United as Member of the National Board, Regional Coordinator for the South-Central Region (Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas), served as the 2008-2009 President of Church Women United in Dallas, Texas, and Board Member and Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Texas State Assembly Chairperson 2009 for Church Women United in Texas, Board Member, and served as Young Church Woman Representative. Reverend McCullough also served as the 2011 Program Chair and 2012 and 2013 General Chair for Ecumenical Missions Conference at Mount Sequoyah, served as a Member of World Federation and Uniting Church Women and Texas State Co-Chair for the Area Five Seminar. She is a Member of the Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section of National Council of Negro Women where she served as Board Member and Chaplain.

In Jun 2018 Rev McCullough and her Husband started a new Church AME Zion Church entitled, Spread the Word Ministries and is currently serving in the Mesquite Garland area. Reverend McCullough enjoys preaching and teaching God's Word to God's people and has committed her life to Kingdom Building and service for the Master. Her favorite Biblical Passage is Philippians 4:4-7: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



**Sonya E. Curtis**

**DHA, DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, CNL, VHA-CM, FACHDM, FADLN**

**Transformative Leader | Health Equity & JEDI Advocate | Community Champion**

Dr. Sonya Curtis is a visionary healthcare leader with over 23 years of progressive experience in quality, safety, and organizational transformation within the Department of Veterans Affairs. Originally from Lake Village, Arkansas, she now resides in Crowley, Texas, with her husband of 22 years, Anthony Curtis. Together, they have a blended family of nine children and 13 grandchildren.

### **Professional Career**

As Nurse Manager and Quality Management Coordinator for the VISN 20 Clinical Resource Hub, Dr. Curtis leads systemwide initiatives to enhance patient safety, optimize performance, and build high-reliability healthcare systems. Her leadership is collaborative, strategic, and rooted in servant leadership—empowering teams, fostering accountability, and aligning people, processes, and purpose.

### **Membership Status**

Beyond federal service, Dr. Curtis has made a national impact. She served as Chair of the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC) Board of Commissioners, promoting transparency and integrity in the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) certification process.



She is an active member of the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., where she supports professional development, scholarship, and culturally competent care. In 2025, she received the **Doris Foreman Special Achievement Award** from the Xi Phi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi.

### **Community Advocacy**

A passionate community advocate, Dr. Curtis is deeply involved in grassroots health initiatives across the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She regularly participates in health fairs and wellness events, offering screenings and education, serving as a panelist in a Dallas College Fireside Chat on Mental Health and Immigration, and providing preventive care to underserved populations.

### **NCNW**

She serves as Second Vice President of the Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), where she is very active on the Bylaws Committee, Membership, and Member Care. During March 2025 spring break at the MHGPS Annie Henry Event, Dr. Curtis educated teenage girls about teen pregnancy and safe sex, and organized a scavenger hunt at the Boys and Girls Club.

She is the founding organizer of the Crowley, Burleson, Mansfield (CBM) Section, which is still in organizing status. Her leadership has increased NCNW's presence in North Texas, earning her the NCNW President's Award.

### **Dallas NAACP**

Dr. Curtis also plays a key role in the **Dallas NAACP**, as the Assistant Secretary and Chair of the Health Committee, where she secured an \$8,000 grant to support health equity and education initiatives. She contributes to voter registration drives, health education, and partnerships addressing social determinants of health. In 2023, she received the **NAACP Torchbearers Award** and was recognized as a member of Women in NAACP (W.I.N.). She continues to serve as a **Volunteer Deputy Registrar**, helping ensure every eligible resident can vote.

### **Fellowships**

Her recent nominations as a **Fellow of the American College of Health Data Management (FACHDM)** and the **Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (FADLN)** reflect her sustained contributions to healthcare leadership and to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI).

**In closing:**

Dr. Curtis's leadership philosophy is grounded in **equity, empowerment, and excellence**. She is committed to mentoring emerging leaders, advocating for inclusive policies, and ensuring quality improvement efforts reflect the needs of all communities. She is especially passionate about supporting underrepresented applicants and directing resources toward measurable, community-centered change.

Whether leading national boards, mentoring nurses and supervisors, or organizing community health events, Dr. Sonya Curtis exemplifies transformative leadership—bridging clinical excellence with community impact and leaving a legacy of service, scholarship, and advocacy for a healthier, more equitable future.

**A woman of deep faith**, Dr. Curtis draws strength from her favorite scripture: *“Jesus Calms the Storm”* (Mark 4:35-41), a reminder of peace, trust, and divine guidance in the midst of life's challenges.



If the time is not ripe, we have to ripen the time.

-Dr. Dorothy Height

## Verna Chivers



"What shall I render unto God for all His many blessings towards me?"

This is Verna Chivers motto, as God's love inspires her, His Word is her passion, and his purpose motivates her. She lives and serves as a diligent and steadfast worker in her church, home, and community. She has a deep love and passion for God's Word and His people, working tirelessly to help meet any need that arises.

Verna leads the Christian Women United Coalition of Dallas, Texas, within the Missionary Baptist Convention of Texas. She is also a dedicated member of the North Texas District and actively participates in the women's ministry at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church. Verna has been a tax advisor at H & R Block for more than 20 years. She believes, as Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord." She is convinced that God did not create us to settle for mediocrity but to pursue him and become the individuals he intended us to be, reaching our full potential in Jesus Christ.

She is a committed member of her church, serving on the benevolence committee and being a mother at Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Vincent T. Parker. As a widow, she is the proud mother of four children and eight grandchildren, whom she cherishes. Verna enjoys reading the Bible and Christian books, worshiping God, and ministering to others through prayer.

Verna exemplifies dedication and service. Her steadfast commitment to her family and community inspires others to follow her example. She genuinely aims to live by the words, "If I can help somebody as I travel along, then my living shall not be in vain." She is a Life Member of NCNW and has diligently served as NCNW, Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for three terms, Treasurer for one term and numerous roles whenever needed.

## *Shirley Ison-Newsome*



Shirley Ison-Newsome is a retired educator after 40 years of service as a teacher, principal (middle and high school), and central office administrator, retiring as the Assistant Superintendent for Division 4 in the Dallas Independent School District, and having served as the Area Superintendent for the renowned Area 2 in the Dallas Independent School District and many 'firsts' in DISD – for example the first high school Dean of Instruction; the first Chief of Staff. She initiated numerous projects and programs including serving as a major member of the planning team for the District's nationally recognized Magnet Schools, the renowned Learning Centers, and most recently before her retirement the development of the noted Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, she matriculated at Indiana University – Bloomington, Indiana; the University of Louisville – Louisville, Kentucky; and The Ohio State University – Columbus, Ohio. She completed her course work and certification as a Registered Parliamentarian during the pandemic while in retirement.

An active Alpha Kappa Alpha woman, a member for 52 years, Ison-Newsome is a Golden Member and Life Member. She is a life member of NABSE (National Alliance of Black School Educators) and the author of NABSE's *Litany of Commitment* which is read at the opening of every national conference. She is also a Life Member of numerous other organizations and institutions including a Life Member of the Indiana University, The University of Louisville, and The Ohio State University Alumni Associations, the NAACP, the Urban League, the National Council of Negro Women, Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

A church woman, she is a member of St. Luke 'Community' United Methodist Church but is also a 'virtual' member of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia and a 'proxy' member of Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Scarritt-

Bennett Center in Nashville, Tennessee which is a United Methodist Women's funded Center for Justice and Women Empowerment, a member of the Brewer Foundation Future's Leaders Program Advisory Committee, and also a member of several other Boards and several Advisory Committees of various organizations.

A recipient of numerous awards (over 200+) which includes the Living Legend Award from the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) 2025; The Hall of Fame Inductions for the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) (1997), and the African American Educators Archives and History Program (AAEAHP) (2017); Footprints on the Friendship West Baptist Church Frederick D. Haynes III Justice Walk of Fame (2023); The A. Maceo Smith Community Service Award for Education 2019 and 2024; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter Humanitarian Award (2015); the Political Congress of African American Women's Unbought and Unbossed Award (2007); Texas Southern University College of Education Dean's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Contribution in the Education Profession (2006); U S Congressional Resolution Read Into The Congressional Record (2013); NABSE Phenomenal Women's Award (2009); The Alpha Kappa Alpha South Central Regional Julia Brogdon Purnell Humanitarian Award (2001) and the Jacqueline O. Dansby Educational Achievement Leadership Award (2004). These are but a few of the accolades and awards presented to Shirley Ison-Newsome.

A strong advocate for the education of the undereducated, Ison-Newsome has been hailed as the 'raised hand in the room' challenging systems to address the needs of all; to ensure equity and excellence for all. The schools she had supervised over the years received some of the highest ratings for student academic achievement locally, statewide and nationally. She has been hailed as a 'great principal' maker.

She is known for her philanthropic endeavors having established several scholarships to assist students go to college; adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades at Birdie Alexander Elementary School for many years where students receive personal books to build their home libraries; a donor to numerous local, state and national causes, she lives her motto 'God Blesses Us To Be A Blessing Unto Others.'

The proud mother and grandmother of her greatest joys Brian and Jordan, and life partner Jesse Gordon, Ison-Newsome's commitment to service, to community and children, and serving is legendary.

“We've got to work to save our children and do it with full respect for the fact that if we do not, no one else is going to do it.”

-Dr. Dorothy Height





*Roxanne Waiters*

Roxanne is married with 2 daughters and 3 wonderful grandchildren. She is originally from New Jersey but now calls Dallas her home. She is a member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church where she serves faithfully in the worship ministry. She is also a member of the Radio Community Choir sponsored by KGGR. She loves to worship and serve God's people.



## *The Program*

Mrs. Maxine Jones, Presiding Chair  
Treasurer, Life Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section  
Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Co-chair, Past President, Legacy Life Member  
Advisor, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

Soloist.....Roxanne Waiters, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship

Introduction of the Dais and Mistress of Ceremonies .....Rev. Dalphine Parrish  
Member, Parliamentarian, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

The Greeting/Welcome.....Brenda Jones Baker  
Member, Financial Secretary, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

The Old Testament.....Linda McCoy  
Member, NCNW Minnie H. Page Section

The New Testament.....Rochelle Chivers  
Member, Youth Advisor Young Brilliant Cultivators, Dallas Youth Section  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

The Prayer and Blessing of the Meal.....Hazel Austin  
Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

**BREAKFAST IS SERVED**





~~PRAYER – A Time of Intercession~~



Introduction of Prayer Warriors.....Connie Bradley  
Life Member, Past President, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

*The Prayer for the Family*.....Rev. Carlyn Houston  
Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

*The Prayer for the Community* ..... Marilyn Bradford  
President, NCNW Dallas Southwest Section

*The Prayer for the Nation* ..... Chaplain Dr. Mae Margaret Crosby, TH.D  
Legacy Life Member, Chaplain, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

Music Selection.....Roxanne Waiters



**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

*Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams and President Hazel Patterson*

Dr. Mollie A. Johnson Williams.....President NCNW Texas State Coalition  
NCNW Life Member, NCNW Legacy Life, Organizer Minnie H. Goodlow Page  
Section, 1<sup>st</sup> President Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section, Multiple Bethune  
Achiever

*The Award for Christian Education* .....Betty Cannon

*The Award for Volunteerism*.....Frances Morrison

*Mary McLeod Bethune Award*.....Rev. Carolyn McCullough



### MEMBER AWARDS

Mrs. Hazel Patterson.....President, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section  
Life Member, Bethune Achiever

*The President's Award* .....Dr. Sonya Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Legacy Life Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

*The Outstanding Member Award*.....Verna Chivers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Life Member, NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

### SPECIAL AWARDS

*The Outstanding Service Award*.....Shirley Ison-Newsome  
Life Member, Chairperson, Social Justice Committee  
NCNW Minnie H. Goodlow Page Section

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