



**INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN**  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

**Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis**  
**Appointed General Supervisor of the**  
**Church of God in Christ**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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LOS ANGELES, CA - - The Church of God In Christ, Inc. recently announced Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis as General Supervisor of the International Department of Women.

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis was appointed and installed during the recent April Call Annual Business Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee (the Church of God in Christ World Headquarters) by Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., in conjunction with the approval of the twelve General Board Members. In this national leadership role, she will oversee the Department of Women of this 6.5 million member church and succeed Mother Willie Mae Rivers of Goose Creek, South Carolina.

Since 2013, Mother Lewis has served as the Assistant General Supervisor of the International Department of Women. In addition, she has faithfully served for over 29 years as the Jurisdictional Supervisor of the Department of Women of Southern California First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God of Christ, under Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Joe L. Ealy. In this capacity, she has successfully built the largest women's department in the history of the Church Of God in Christ.

Internationally known as a Godly woman that follows His leading, her character, integrity, determination and incredible leadership have captivated and inspired many across generational lines. Her exceptional reputation for being one of the most powerful and hardworking women in her line of ministry has made her name great. Passionate about the mission of the Church of God in Christ and committed to its foundation and values, she will be an invaluable resource to the women in over 250 jurisdictions across the country as well as 80 countries around the world.

Prior to the elevation of General Supervisor, she served the national level of the Church of God in Christ as a member of the Presiding Bishop's Senior Executive Planning Commission, Assistant General Supervisor, Chairperson of Executive Business Affairs, Advisory Board



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the Board Member, Executive Board Member, International Marshal, Chairperson of the Program Committee, Chairperson of the Special Convention Assistance Committee and member of of Trustees of the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA.

In Southern California First Jurisdiction, Mother Lewis is the cornerstone of the Department of Women's success. Since 1988, she has developed, implemented and launched fifty-one programs centered on the needs of women in Southern California First Jurisdiction. She is also the visionary of the Hale Morris Lewis Manor; a 4.7 million dollar forty-one unit Senior Citizens Complex in Los Angeles. Highly exceptional in all she does, Mother Lewis' thoughtful and impactful mentorship, has motivated so many women to unlock their potential and unleash their destiny. Thousands of women have been transformed and empowered to progress in their individual gifts and talents through her innovative leadership.

As a cutting edge leader, she has received several awards which include: The Mayor's Certification of Appreciation for Outreach Work in Drug Rehabilitation Centers in Los Angeles; Los Angeles Sentinel Newspaper "Woman of the Year"; Distinguished Educator Award from West Angeles Bible College; and the First Ladies Community Impact Award from the LA Focus Newspaper. She was honored as outstanding Supervisor of the Year by both the Business and Professional Women's Federation and the Education Department of the Church of God in Christ.

**The Journey of Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis.....**

A decision that was made twenty-nine years ago by then Jurisdictional Prelate and now Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle, Charles E. Blake has allowed the world to experience one of the most extraordinary women's leaders in Christendom. Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, the preeminent woman at the helm of Southern California First Jurisdiction Department of Women was appointed State Supervisor on May 5, 1988. For the past 29 years, she has remained faithful, committed, loyal and steadfast in the work of women's ministry. Her thriving track record of proven and successful leadership moved Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake to appoint her to the position of Assistant General Supervisor of Women in 2013 and General Supervisor in 2017 for the National Church of God in Christ.

Mother Lewis is a marketplace of ideas. Her values, stimulated vision, love of God and compassion for people have provided the direction and energy to assemble and lead diverse types of women to accomplish kingdom purposes. She is a wise and faithful steward of the gifts God has entrusted to her. It is this combination of exemplary skills that has cemented her profound influence in the realm of Christian leadership.



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In a fast-paced, continually shifting environment, resilience to change is often the single most important factor that distinguishes those who succeed from those who fail. Mother Lewis continues to succeed as the theme of her life is: "I Can Do All Things through Christ Which Strengthens Me (Philippians 4:13)."

Her masterpiece is her biography. Born September 18, 1943 in Los Angeles California, Mother Lewis was born again and baptized in the Holy Ghost at age nine and is a Third Generation member of the Church of God in Christ. She has been married to Bishop James A. Lewis, Sr. since June 9, 1962. To that union were born two sons both ordained Elders of the Church of God in Christ; James A. Lewis Jr. and Jeffrey M. Lewis (wife Floetta) and grandchildren Shannon and Jeffrey Jr.

Along with her husband, she co-founded the New Antioch Church and held the first service February 1, 1970. After thirty-six years (January 2006), Bishop Lewis passed the baton to their youngest son, Administrative Assistant Jeffrey Martin Lewis who now serves as Senior Pastor. Mother Lewis has served faithfully in many capacities since the inception of the New Antioch Church.

The Church of God in Christ has been blessed by God with Mother Lewis. Her brilliance is contagious! Her wisdom is God-given. This incredible gift is one of the most anointed and spiritual leaders of this generation who is equipped to take the International Department of Women to next level ministry. She is an incredible inspiration that is changing our world and church in every positive manner of achievement.

And the journey continues...

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