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General Supervisor & Convention President



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MAY 26-30, 2025



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Join us as we celebrate the past
while looking forward to the future!

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Come celebrate with us as we reflect on the 75 years that the Department of Women has received from the Lord. We will honor our past Supervisors along with our current General Supervisor, **Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis**, highlighting their contributions to the work of the ministry. This is a convention you do not want to miss.

No writer could do justice to the life work of these illustrious women of God, nor of the numerous deeds of kindness done by each of them, nor the height of esteem in which they were and are held by thousands.

Mother Lizzie Woods Robinson - First General Supervisor 1911 – 1945

Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey - Second General Supervisor 1945 – 1964

Mother Annie L. Bailey - Third General Supervisor 1964 – 1975

Mother Mattie McGlothen - Fourth General Supervisor 1976 – 1994

Mother Emma Crouch - Fifth General Supervisor 1994 – 1997

Mother Willie Mae Rivers - Sixth General Supervisor 1997 – 2017

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS **MARCH 31, 2025**

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CONVENTION ACCOMMODATIONS

Registration for Women’s International Convention includes four (4) options:

PREMIER	RED CARD	WHITE CARD	BUNDLE
Housing 5 Nights (May 26th – May 30th, 2025) Presidents’ Luncheon Three (3) Breakfast Meals Three (3) Dinner Meals Empowerment Workshop Book Leadership Conference and Materials Souvenir Journal w/provided email address Conference Bag and Program	Housing 5 Nights (May 26th – May 30th, 2025) Presidents’ Luncheon Three (3) Breakfast Meals Three (3) Dinner Meals Souvenir Journal w/provided email address Conference Bag and Program	Housing 5 Nights (May 26th – May 30th, 2025) Presidents’ Luncheon Conference Bag and Program	NON_HOTEL REGISTRATION \$125.00 Empowerment Workshop Book Leadership Conference and Materials Souvenir Journal w/provided email address Conference Bag and Program

CARD RATES

PREMIER CARD

	SINGLE RATE	DOUBLE RATE
Bishops	\$1570.00	\$785.00
Supervisors	\$1520.00	\$760.00
Bishops' Wives	\$1520.00	\$760.00
Assistant Supervisors	\$1370.00	\$685.00
Supervisors Without Charge	\$1370.00	\$685.00
National Leaders	\$1370.00	\$685.00
District Missionaries	\$1370.00	\$685.00
Delegate (Lay)	\$1340.00	\$670.00

RED CARD

	SINGLE RATE	DOUBLE RATE
Bishops	\$1420.00	\$710.00
Supervisors	\$1370.00	\$685.00
Bishops' Wives	\$1370.00	\$685.00
Assistant Supervisors	\$1220.00	\$610.00
Supervisors Without Charge	\$1220.00	\$610.00
National Leaders	\$1220.00	\$610.00
District Missionaries	\$1220.00	\$610.00
Delegate (Lay)	\$1190.00	\$595.00

WHITE CARD (*Indicates Room and Luncheon)

	SINGLE RATE	DOUBLE RATE
Bishops*	\$1310.00	\$655.00
Supervisors *	\$1260.00	\$630.00
Bishops' Wives*	\$1260.00	\$630.00
Assistant Supervisors*	\$1110.00	\$555.00
Supervisors Without Charge*	\$1110.00	\$555.00
National Leaders*	\$1110.00	\$555.00
District Missionaries*	\$1110.00	\$555.00
Delegate (Lay)*	\$1080.00	\$540.00
Hotel Vendors (6 nights)	\$1280.20	
Hotel Only (5 nights)	\$1066.00	
Hotel Only (1 night)	\$213.20	
Vendor Booth	\$1000	

Additional Items for Purchase:

Empowerment Workshop Book	\$35.00
Leadership Workshop Book	\$40.00
Souvenir Book, Program and Bag	\$40.00
Children's Meal Card (Ages 14 and under)	\$245.00
NonCardholder Registration Bundle	\$125.00

Suite up charge is from \$50 to \$170 per day.

There is also an additional charge to the Card Rates for the Embassy Suites and the Hyatt Regency.

EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Exhibiting at the Women’s International Convention enables you to promote your products or services to our captive audience. Networking with organizations and other exhibitors enables your business or organization to communicate up close and personal with our delegates and attendees. Throughout the convention, delegates will have the exclusive opportunity to shop for jewelry, purses, clothing, shoes, books, etc. For exhibit opportunities, please contact: **Mrs. Yvonne Conerly at 888-673-7208, Ext 8 or by email: exhibitswic@cogic.org.**

RELIGIOUS VENDORS

Expose your brand or product to more than 10,000 delegates. If you are a religious organization and are interested in being a vendor. contact: **Dr. Eddye Rambo, by email: erambo@sbc.global.net.**

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

The Women's International Convention would be pleased to have your support by placing an advertisement in our souvenir journal for the Women's International Convention. The Souvenir Journal Ad and Patron’s List Deadline is **January 31, 2025**. Download the Journal Form from the International Department of Women’s website at **www.cogic.org/womensdepartment** or contact **Supervisor Caron Dean Watkins by email: souvenirwic@cogic.org**

H I G H L I G H T S

GOSPEL MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

The Gospel Music Extravaganza is a stellar night of uplifting music performed by various Gospel Recording Artists and other musical talents. This exciting event will unfold Monday, May 26, 2025, at 7:00pm at the St. Louis America’s Center. The ticket price is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under the age of 15. Tickets can only be purchased from your Jurisdictional Supervisor, the office of the registrar in St. Louis or at the door. For more information regarding musical tickets, contact: **Supervisor Jeanette King by email: darnice@aol.com**

AUXILIARIES, BANDS & UNITS TRAINING SESSIONS

The Auxiliaries, Bands and Units transformative training sessions will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Your national presidents will develop and lead the sessions to encourage ongoing efforts and inspire growth. For more information, contact: **Supervisor Darlene Stone by email: darlenestone5048@yahoo.com.**

HONORING OUR SENIORS

Honoring our Seasoned Saints (80 and above) Presentation will take place Friday during our 10:00am worship service. We will recognize the treasure of the senior population in our church who continue to have much to offer. For more information, contact: **Supervisor Barbara Gillespie Washington, gillespie.barbara@comcast.net.**

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Leadership Conference 2025 will provide you with the necessary tools to build a dynamic and winning team. Team building is imperative to be successful in building your local, district or jurisdictional women's department. Get ready to receive new strategies, techniques, and methods for building a cohesive team and becoming a more productive team member. The Leadership Conference will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:00am. The cost is \$40.00 and is included with the Premier registration and the non-hotel bundle. For more information, contact: **Supervisor Vanessa Winbush-Gatlin by email: vwgatlin@aol.com**

EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

Enriching, Enlightening & Equipping Women to Thrive in God's Kingdom (The Workshops are FREE and OPEN to the public). The Women's International Convention will offer two tracks of powerful and invigorating advice, entrepreneurship, finances, social graces, ministry development, women's outreach, technology, and family dynamics. The Empowerment Workshops will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025. There will be two sessions from 10:00am to 10:50am (Track One) and 11:00am to 11:50am (Track Two). The registration is free. For more information, contact: **District Missionary Felicia Sanders at frsanders18@gmail.com.**

PRAISE IN THE PARK

The Women's International Convention partners with local city and county organizations as well as connecting with community leaders and churches to meet a variety of needs for residents within the surrounding areas. The WIC and its leaders will be creating out-of-the-box and fun environments to connect with the unchurched and those desiring to advance spiritually and naturally. Praise in the Park will be held Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 10:00am. For more information contact: **Supervisor Lee Van Zandt by email: mothervanzandt@yahoo.com.**

BISHOPS' WIVES

There are two sessions for our Bishops’ Wives of current Bishops’ Wives and the Widowed Bishops’ Wives Circle. They both act as support groups inspiring one another in spiritual education. Both sessions will take place Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10:00am. For more information, please contact: **Lady Yolanda Bryant for the Bishops’ Wives Circle, bishopswivescirclecogic@yahoo.com. Contact Lady Sherel Lee for the Widowed Bishop Wives Circle: wbwcircle@yahoo.com.**

CLERGY WIVES SESSION

The Clergy Wives will be Empowering Women in each Circle. There is something for everyone: the Administrative Assistant’s Wives, Superintendent Wives, Pastor’s Wives, and Elders and Ministers Wives. The classes will take place Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10:45am. For more information, please contact: **First Lady Laqueta Timmons, jvfirstlady@gmail.com.**

H I G H L I G H T S

BANNER MARCH

This year will be exciting because we will have a LIVE banner march. We will present our banners in person in celebration of our Diamond Convention! The 2025 Banner March will allow each Jurisdictional Supervisor, Auxiliary, Band, Unit, and each area of the Department of Women to be highlighted. Began now getting your banner together. Everyone is responsible for the creation of their own banner. This banner should be large enough to be viewed by those in the audience as well as those watching online. For reference, an approximate size is 3'(H) x 4.5'(W), this will allow for two women to stand behind the banner while marching. If you have questions, please contact: **Supervisor Darlene Stone at: darlenestone5048@yahoo.com.**

SUNSHINE BAND

The International Sunshine Band is a child's place to be inspired. The core is the Bible equipping them to be AMAZING KIDS, spiritually and naturally. The class will take place Friday morning at 8:00am and will be featured during morning worship beginning at 10:00am. For more information, contact: **Elder Charleston Sanders and Sis. Algerita Sanders, Co-Presidents by email: cogicssb@gmail.com**

PURITY CLASS

The aim of the Purity Class has been to help keep in focus the true values of good morals, high standards of living, Christian virtue, and to discourage all forms of vile behavior that violates true Christian virtue. The Class will take place Friday morning. For more information, contact: **Mother Bonnie Williams, bonnproductions@hotmail.com.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children from ages 6 through 12 will experience God through engaging worship on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Children will have a time to worship with peers combined with age-appropriate teaching, worship, games, and fun. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Women's International Convention. For more information, contact: **Elder Charleston Sanders and Sis. Algerita Sanders, Co-Presidents at email: cogicssb@gmail.com**

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Swing into Action at the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9:00am tee time at the The Courses at Forest Park! Join golfers from around the country for a day of unparalleled golfing excellence, light competition, camaraderie, and good Godly fun. For more information, contact: **Supervisor Misha Maynard by email: mmaynard@mishamaynard.com**

LAW DAY

This year during our convention we will host a Law Day. This will provide wholistic legal services to St. Louis residents; to answer legal concerns; and to address ongoing issues of injustice that underlie African American communities. These services will be offered without cost to the residents of St. Louis. It is our desire for residents to feel the love and presence of God's compassion through this kind gesture from the Church. Law Day will take place, Wednesday, May 28, 2025. For more information, contact **Assistant Supervisor Sheila Stuart, Esq. at law@sheilastuart.com**

DISTRICT MISSIONARIES

The District Missionaries will be doing exciting training sessions involving technology. The meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10:45am. For more information, please contact the **Chairperson, Assistant Supervisor Janice Sanderlin, newwavedwd@gmail.com**

HEALTH FAIR

Join us for the 2025 Women's International Convention Health Fair brought to you by the Alliance of Health Care Providers. For more information, contact **Dr. Theresa Jacobs MD at trjacobs1@yahoo.com**

POST-CONVENTION TOUR

This year we will be thrilled by a performance at The St. Louis Repertory Theater (The Black Rep) where Ron Himes is the Founder and Producing Director. The Black Rep has been a Theatre of Soul since 1976. Its mission is to provide platforms for theatre, dance, and other creative expressions from the African American perspective that heighten the social and cultural awareness of its audiences. Round trip transportation and lunch will be included for a cost of \$85.00. For planning purposes, the presentation will begin at 10:00am and we should be back at our hotel by 2:00pm. For additional information, contact: **Supervisor Misha Maynard by email: mmaynard@mishamaynard.com**

President's Luncheon

HONORING CONVENTION PRESIDENT, DR. BARBARA MCCOO LEWIS

The President's Luncheon is the most inspiring and memorable social gathering of the Convention! It is an unforgettable and inviting atmosphere of distinction. This year our colors are red and silver. The luncheon will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 1:30pm for all Premier, Red and White Card Holders. For more information contact: **Lady Barbara McKinney, bjmcKinney@cogic.org.**

HOST JURISDICTION

MISSOURI EASTERN SECOND/WESTERN ILLINOIS

*Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten - 2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop
Supervisor Rosetta Watts*

CO-HOST JURISDICTIONS

MISSOURI EASTERN FIRST

*Bishop Marquaello Futrell
Supervisor Josephine Boyd*

MISSOURI EASTERN THIRD

*Bishop Robert D. Strong
Supervisor Lorraine Birchfield*

MISSOURI GATEWAY

*Bishop Melvin Smith
Supervisor Flora Cooper*

MISSOURI MIDWEST

*Bishop Elijah Hankerson - General Board Member
Supervisor T. Marie Brown*

MISSOURI SOUTHEAST THIRD

*Bishop Nathaniel Ellis
Assistant Supervisor Hester Ellis (Representative)*

MISSOURI WESTERN FIRST

*Bishop Frank H. Douglas, Jr.
Supervisor Diane L. North*

MISSOURI WESTERN SECOND

*Bishop John M. Johnson
Supervisor Mary K. Sims*

SUPPORTING JURISDICTIONS

IOWA

*Bishop LeRoy F. Johnson
Supervisor Lenora Carpenter Beets*

KANSAS CENTRAL

*Bishop Milton P. Jackson
Supervisor Betty Hines*

KANSAS EAST

*Bishop L.F. Thuston
Supervisor Novella Singleton*

KANSAS SOUTHWEST

*Bishop Mark Gilkey
Supervisor Vicki K. Taylor*

NEBRASKA

*Bishop J.O. Ford, Sr.
Supervisor Martha Parker-Love*

NEBRASKA EASTERN

*Bishop Joseph L. Shannon, Sr.
Lady Helene Shannon (Representative)*