



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

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*GENERAL SUPERVISOR EMERITUS*

**Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.**  
*PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF APOSTLE*

**February 27, 2017**

*“I know the thoughts I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

**Beloved Saints of the Church of God in Christ:**

Holy greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus!

Just four weeks ago, I received a call from our Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. He informed me that he had made choice of me, with the consensus of the General Board, to serve this quadrennial as the General Supervisor of the Department of Women. A few hours later, Mother Willie Mae Rivers called with warm words of congratulations and prayers. How humbled and honored I am to have been selected for this unprecedented opportunity to serve God's people in the only church I have ever known, the grand ole Church of God in Christ. I prayerfully look forward to being installed as the seventh General Supervisor of the Department of Women during the April Call Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

I pen this communication to publicly say “thank you” to our esteemed leader, Presiding Bishop Blake, and members of the General Board. Thank you to the countless individuals who through telephone calls, text, emails and social media have extended words of congratulations and prayers on my behalf. At the forefront of my assurance to move forward is the well wishes of my beloved husband of 55 years, Bishop James A. Lewis Sr.

The distinguished and honorable General Supervisors of the Department of Women, from organizer Mother Lizzie Robinson, with the guidance of our visionary founder Bishop Charles Harrison

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Mason, to our sainted General Supervisor Emeritus Mother Willie Mae Rivers, have sacrificed much and labored diligently to bring us to this time. With the help of God, we, together, will continue to build upon the strong foundation, and that is: *“We will follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord” (Heb 12:14).*

To the Women of God, let us remain unified for the sake of the work and the people we serve. Together, we will promote the vision of our National Church, evangelize the world, glorify God and edify believers. Please join me in prayer at 6:00 am daily (your time zone). We shall pray for our changing world, pray for our church, our leaders, our families and for one another; always remembering that bringing souls into the kingdom is preeminent.

I am serving to bring glory to my Father.

Love and Prayers,

Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis

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