Honoring Our LEGACY

Celebrating **75** YEARS of

SISTERS of UNITY Convention

The Titus 2 Woman

True Church of God In Christ, Inc. of the Apostles' Doctrine and Faith

May 15 - May 19, 2024

Greetings,

We are dedicating this Sisters of Unity Convention to the memory of our late mothers and sisters who were women of faith, obedience, and wisdom. Many of them were the kind of women described in Titus 2, who taught and trained us to live a life similar to that of the Proverbs 31 woman. They were devoted to prayer and faith, and they showed us how to be obedient, loving wives and mothers, discreet, chase, and keepers at home. They taught us how to display wisdom in a soft and graceful approach. The legacy these women left is one that we celebrate, embrace, and honor by reflecting on their memories and the lessons they taught us.

Yours in Christ, Mother Claudette Boyd, General Mother Mother Lilly Mae Stafford, Assistant General Mother

Titus 2:3-5 KJV

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

75 Years of Unity

Over seventy-five years, we have embarked on a journey of unity, starting with just a few and continuously recruiting new members. Though many have passed on, some of us remain. Our mothers and sisters have held up a standard of holiness and righteousness, teaching us how to follow what's written in our favorite book, the Holy Bible. They have shown us how to live a life of sacrifice, submission, and sanctity. They have taught us to be sober, strong, clean, considerate, courageous, and most importantly, to follow the light leading to the brightest light. We ponder what will be left after another seventy-five years as we look to the future. Will we leave behind a legacy of these virtues? Will we be remembered for them? Let's remember that what God brings us to, He can bring us through. So, sisters and mothers, let us continue to strive towards these ideals and be a beacon of light for others to follow.

Written by: Mother Gloria Dobbs, Words of Life Member

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - 7:30 PM

Praise and Worship

Sister Natasha Camp, granddaughter of the late Mother Alberta Jackson, Sister Diara Turner, granddaughter of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries Sister Victoria Jeffries, granddaughter of late Church Mother, Mother Velma Holmes and Sister Jennifer Jeffries, great-granddaughter of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries, District Mother, Mother Freddie Scott, and Church Mother, Mother Bessie Boyd

Mistress of Ceremonies

Sister Belinda Jeffries, daughter of the late Sister Billene Henderson and granddaughter of the late Mother Annie Rockemore

Official Welcome to our 75th Sisters of Unity Convention

Mothers Claudette Boyd, General Mother of the True Church of God in Christ, daughter of the late Mother Celestine Jenkins, granddaughter of the late Mother Rosia Smith, and niece to the late Mother Bettye Davenport

Pause for Offering | Song By

Sister Aretha Hutchinson

Remarks

Mother Cynthia Lawson, Words of Life Church Mother, *daughter of the late Mother* Josephine Reid and granddaughter of late District Mother, Mother Josephine Graves, "Remembering the Legacy" - 3 minutes or less

Selection

Fearless Praise

Word of God

Elder Stacy Boyd, Pastor of Words of Life, grandson of the late Church Mother, Mother Bessie Boyd, and the late Mother Celestine Jenkins, and great-grandson of the late Mother Rosia Smith

Closing Remarks, Announcements, and Dismissal

Elder Terry Jeffries Jr., Pastor of Hope of Glory, son of the late Sister Jennifer Jeffries, and grandson of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries, and late Church Mother, Mother Bessie Boyd

Announcements

Mothers and Sisters, please wear RED hats on Friday in honor of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries.

Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 7:30 PM

Praise and Worship

Sisters Rena and Jada Castlin and Krystin and Kennedy Johnson

Welcome and Mistress of Ceremonies

Sister Patricia Allen, daughter of the late Mother Ruby Andrews and sister-in-law of the late Sister Darlene Andrews

Pause for Offering | Song

Sister Edna Holmes, daughter of the late Mother Alberta Jackson

Remarks

Mother Delores Mann, *daughter of late Church Mother, Mother Adell Adams*, "I Remember Mama" - 3 minutes or less

Selection

Henderson Temple and Saint Paul Combined Choirs

Word of God Elder Dratin Castlin Jr., Pastor of Saint Paul

Closing Remarks, Announcements, and Dismissal

Elder Willie Mann, Pastor of Henderson Temple, *son-in-law of late Church Mother, Mother Adell Adams*

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Friday, May 17, 2024 - 7:30 PM

Praise and Worship

Mothers Patricia Robinson, Renae Jeffries, Sherrie Turner, and Vevelyan Turner and Sisters Velinda Thomas and Ondra Washington, *daughters of late Church Mother, Mother Velma Holmes, and granddaughters of late District Mother, Mother Freddie Scott*

Welcome and Mistress of Ceremonies

Sister Kayla Brown, daughter of late Church Mother, Mother Louise Holmes, and granddaughter of late District Mother, Mother Freddie Scott

*Pause for Offering | Song By

Sister Naomi Jones, daughter-in-law of late Church Mother, Mother Arlene Jones

Remarks

Mother Alfreda Glenn, *daughter of our late State Mother, Mother Girlie Dean* "Great Lessons I Learned from My Mother" - 3 minutes or less

Selections

Abundant Grace

Word of God

Elder Marvin Jones, Sr., Pastor of Abundant Grace and General Superintendent, son-in-law of the late Mother Ada Bell Jones

Closing Remarks, Announcements, and Dismissal

Elder Dwight Camp, Assistant Pastor of Saint James, *son-in-law to our late* General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries

Announcements

Saturday Enrichment starts at 10:00 AM. Peace on Earth | Goodwill towards Women, In Memory of Mother Bessie Boyd starts at 12:30 pm.

Mothers and Sisters, please wear all white on Sunday.

Saturday Enrichment, May 18, 2024

Celebrating 75 Years: Honoring Our Legacy | The Titus 2 Woman

8:30 AM | Join Zoom Prayer Conference

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2856350634?pwd=RHZUajBQTGZteG9xM2IYK1B4NIcxQT09 +1 305 224 1968 Meeting ID: 285 635 0634 Passcode: 951398

Saturday Enrichment Coordinator: Sister Lilly Boyd

10:00 AM

"For All Sisters"

IceBreaker Game: Get to Know Your Sister Bingo

Search the room for ladies who match the description listed on your bingo card and have them sign that box. The first sister to get Bingo or fill their card wins a prize. **Game Facilitator:** Sister Kia Searcy **Location:** Lucas Temple Sanctuary

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

"For All Women"

PART 1: Learning from Titus 2 Women | Why Not... Be Discreet?

A discreet woman is someone who is confident, self-controlled, and careful in what she knows, possesses, says, and wears. It is essential to understand how and when to be discreet, whether you are a married or single woman. For instance, a discreet woman knows when to speak the truth in love and when to stay quiet and listen. In this session, we will learn about the importance of being discreet as a single or married woman. We will direct questions to a panel of aged women to help us understand why discretion is a Holy virtue.

Moderators: Sisters Calandra Miller and/or Lilly Boyd

Panelists: Mothers Cassandra Camp, Barbara Jones, Ramona Murphy, Brenda Pullin, and Virginia Reynolds

Remarks: Mother Claudette Boyd, General Mother

Location: Lucas Temple Sanctuary

"For Older Girls, 8+"

Mothers are welcome to attend this session with their daughter(s).

Keeping our GIRLS Safe Starts NOW!

It's essential to start teaching our children about safety from an early age. Kids are naturally curious and may not fully comprehend the potential risks and dangers around them. Often, children are unaware of their surroundings, making them vulnerable to harm. This session is designed to educate our beautiful daughters about safety and how to protect themselves in dangerous situations. We'll be discussing tips on public safety, internet safety, and more.

Open Discussion led by Sister Donna Green

Location: Meet in Room 1 - Bishop B.J. Lawson

"For Younger Girls, under 8"

"I AM" Who God Says I AM

The girls in this class will each receive a few "I Am" coloring books, created by author Ms. Aaliyah Wilson, which are filled with positive affirmations such as "I am enough," "I am unique," and "I am worthy," among others. During the session, each girl will choose a page or pages with one of these positive affirmations and then select a corresponding scripture that speaks to what God has called us to be. For example, God has called us to be Holy (1 Peter 1:16), children of God (Galatians 3:26), and so on. The goal of this session is to build the girls' confidence by helping them understand who they are and whose they are!

Facilitator: Sister Asia Camp Location: Meet in Room 2 - Mother Annie Mae Parlor

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

"For All Women"

PART 2: Learning from Titus 2 Women

A Wise Woman Builds Her Home: The Recipe for a Godly Home.

"The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands." A wise woman embodies love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. She seeks ways to make, save, and use money wisely. She strives to love her children and respect her husband. In this session, we will discuss the significance of being a woman of wisdom in all aspects of life. We will direct questions to a panel of wise and experienced women to help us understand the importance of attaining wisdom in life.

Moderators: Sisters Lilly Boyd and/or Calandra Miller

Panelists: Mothers Cassandra Camp, Barbara Jones, Ramona Murphy, Brenda Pullin, and Virginia Reynolds

Remarks: Mother Claudette Boyd, General Mother

Location: Lucas Temple Sanctuary

"For Ages 11 and up"

Mothers are welcome to attend this session with their daughter(s).

Girls and Mental Health

Mental health is an essential aspect of our overall health and well-being. It helps us understand our abilities, cope with daily activities, contribute to our community, and build meaningful relationships. Every individual has a different level of mental health, which ranges from feeling positive to feeling low. We believe that pre-teens and teens should participate in this conversation to learn and grow together. In this session, we will share helpful information on how to recognize and manage your mental health as you go through middle and high school.

Open Discussion led by Sister Nichelle Lemons

Location: Meet in Room 1 - Bishop B.J. Lawson

"For Ages 8 and up"

Journey Through Slime: A Beautiful Creation

Slime can be messy and sticky like sin, but with the right ingredients and molding, it can turn into a beautiful creation. This process teaches us an important lesson. Just like with slime, we must apply faith and be spiritually activated through Christ Jesus for our own lives to become beautiful and free of sin.

IMPORTANT: Please have your daughter(s) wear "play clothing" to this session. **Facilitators:** Sisters Latonia Taylor and Crystle Kizer

Location: Meet in Room 3 - Mother Girlie Dean

"For Ages 3-7"

God Know Us | Like Every Grain of Sand

Kinetic Sand provides a sensory experience that can be enjoyed by all. Have you ever seen photographs of sand under a microscope? Some grains are glossy stones, others look like icicles, some are shaped like precious gems, and so on. Every grain of sand is unique, just like every person in the world. So the next time you're building sandcastles, digging trenches, and creating sand art, take a moment to reflect on the power of God. Consider his creations, the wonders he has done, and the endless possibilities that exist. Just like God knows the uniqueness of each grain of sand, he knows the same about us!

Facilitators: Sisters McCaila Hall and Katera Boyd **Location:** Meet in Room 2 - Mother Annie Mae Parlor

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

"For All Sisters - All Ages"

PEACE ON EARTH | Goodwill towards Women, In Memory of Mother Bessie Boyd Mother Bessie Boyd was a remarkable woman who exuded confidence, elegance, and sophistication. She had a passion for thrift shopping and we have heard many wonderful stories about her adventures at various Goodwill locations. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many church members and family benefited from her purchases from Goodwill. Mother Bessie Boyd understood the financial and environmental benefits of thrift shopping. Therefore, in honor of her, let's go thrift shopping!

We will have representatives from all church locations to model clothing, shoes, hats, purses, and other accessories from Goodwill or consignment shops. Who will represent thrift shopping at its finest while embodying Mother Boyd's confidence, elegance, and sophistication?

Facilitators: Sisters Tina Hall and Ashley Murphy

Judges: Mothers Cynthia Sims and Ernestine Hall, and Sisters Charity Belford, Devin Jones, and Denisha Miller

Participants: We are seeking one to two representatives from each church location. We kindly request that at least one of the representatives be under 25 years of age. Please see your Church Secretary for more information on how to participate.

Location: Lucas Temple Sanctuary

Judging Criteria

- Appropriateness of the outfit (i.e., outfit represents holiness).
- Originality and Confidence.
- Elegance and Sophistication.
- Attention to detail.
- The number of items from Goodwill or thrift stores.

A judging rubric will be provided for the judges.

There will be cash prizes for the winner(s).

1:45 PM | Lunch and Fellowship

Please click on this link to register: <u>75th SOU Saturday Enrichment and Lunch Registration</u> Please Register by Sunday, April 28th if you plan to have lunch. Location: Lucas Temple Dining Hall

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Business Meeting

Mother Claudette Boyd, General Mother of the True Church of God in Christ Location: Lucas Temple Sanctuary

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Praise and Worship

Mothers and Sisters of Saint James Choir

Welcome and Mistresses of Ceremonies

Sisters Cassidy Jeffries and Chastity Lawson, granddaughters of the late Mother Ruby Andrews and Mother Emma Lawson, wife of our late Bishop Bobby Joe Lawson, Sr.

Song By

Sister Asisa Hutchinson, daughter of the late Mother Denise Miller and granddaughter of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries

Presentation

The Mozelle Jeffries Woman of Excellence Scholarship Award

*Pause for Offering | Song By

Sister Megan Gant

Inspirational Remarks

Elder Robert Reynolds Sr., Pastor of Christ Anointed, *son of the late Mother Hattie Mae Reynolds*

Selections

Bryant Temple and Christ Anointed Choirs

Word of God

Elder Stanley Gant, Pastor of Bryant Temple

Closing Remarks, Announcements, and Dismissal

Elder Dennis Jeffries Sr., Pastor of Saint James, *son of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries*

Announcements

Mothers and Sisters, please wear all white on Sunday. On Sunday, the center front pews will be reserved for the General Mother, Assistant General Mother, and ALL Church Mothers.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Praise and Worship

Mothers Bernice Searcy, Brenda Pullin, Nancy Brown, and Sister Luvenia Rouseau, daughters of the late Mother Myrnice Rouseau

Lesson

Elder Emmitt Robinson, Jr., Pastor of Augusta and Girard and General Sunday School Superintendent, son of the late Mother Wahnell Robinson

Closing Remarks, Prayer, and Dismissal

Minister Shedrick Pullin, Lucas Temple, and Assistant General Sunday School Superintendent, son of the late Mother Rosa Mae Pullin

Announcement

ALL Church Mothers, please sit on the center front pews.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:30 AM

Praise and Worship

Mothers and Sisters of Augusta and Girard Choirs

Mistresses of Ceremonies and Welcome

Sisters LaTonya Bankston and LaSonya Williams, granddaughters of the late Mother Rosa English, and nieces to the late Mother Vivian "Sue" McCollum and Mother Arzella Goggins

Address to the Sisters

Mother Lilly Mae Stafford, Assistant General Mother of the True Church of God in Christ

*Pause for Offering | Song By

Mother Arletha "Lisa" Lemons, daughter of late Church Mother, Mother Bessie Boyd

Inspirational Remarks and Introduction of the Speaker

Elder Gary Battle, Sr., Pastor of McDonough Outreach and Chairman of the Board of Elders

Selections

Lucas Temple Choir

Word of God

Bishop Oprie Jeffries, the Presiding Bishop and General Overseer, *husband of the late* General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries, and father to the late Mother Denise Miller and Sister Juanita Jordan

Invitational

Elder Vista Jeffries, Pastor of Lucas Temple and General Executive Secretary, son of the late Sister Jennifer Jeffries, and grandson of our late General Mother, Mother Mozelle Jeffries, and late Church Mother, Mother Bessie Boyd

Final Announcements and Dismissal by the General Executive Secretary

General Mother

Mother Claudette Boyd, Words of Life

Assistant General Mother

Mother Lilly Mae Stafford, Henderson Temple

Church Mothers Mother Rosa Auls Hope of Glory **Mother Christine Brown** Henderson Temple Mother Cassandra Camp Saint James Mother Nell Davis Saint Paul Mother Odessa English McDonough Outreach **Mother Thelma Gould** Augusta and Girard **Mother Barbara Jones** Abundant Grace Mother Cynthia Lawson Words of Life **Mother Brenda Pullin** Lucas Temple

Mother Louise Robinson, Former Church Mother and Oldest Mother Lucas Temple

In memory of our Late General and State Mothers and our Late District and Church Mothers

Mother Mollie Lucas - 1st State Mother Mother Girlie Dean - 2nd State Mother Mother Mozelle Jeffries - 1st General Mother

Late District or Church Mothers

Mother Adell Adams Mother Annette Bell Mother Bessie Boyd Mother Annie Bryant Mother Josephine Graves Mother Josephine Graves Mother Myra Haynes Mother Louise Holmes Mother Louise Holmes Mother Velma Holmes Mother Arlene Jones Mother Sadie Maddox Mother Freddie Scott Mother Ollie Mae Shaw

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The Sisters of Unity Convention Committee strives to include representatives from each local True Church, and I approve the final program with input from an Elder. I extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the Sisters of Unity Convention Committee who took time out of their busy schedules to produce this program. I also want to thank Bryant Temple, Christ Anointed, the Media Team, and all those who contributed or participated in the 75th Sisters of Unity Convention.

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-Mother Claudette Boyd, General Mother, and President of Sisters of Unity Convention Committee

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> > Mother Claudette Boyd General Mother

Mother Lilly Mae Stafford **Assistant General Mother**

Sister Latonia Taylor Sisters of Unity Secretary

Sister Aretha Hutchinson Assistant Sisters of Unity Secretary

> Sister Monica Patrick Sisters of Unity Treasurer

The True Church of God in Christ Mission Statement

We work together to build families, to perfect the saints in love, and to evangelize the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Apostles' doctrine.