

PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN'S DAY

*Shining the Light of Christ*

THROUGH THE CIRCLE OF SISTERHOOD



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

*Women in Faith. Women in Fellowship. Women in Action.*


TOGETHER, WE SHINE.

*Pastor:*

Reverend  
Dr. Andrew Lee Stephens Jr.

*Guest Preacher:*

Reverend  
Shavon Starling-Louis



# *Greetings from the Pastor*

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## **RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

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### **Elder Cindy Kai Dockett, Moderator**

Presbyterian Women of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
286 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318-7413

### **Dear Elder Dockett and the Presbyterian Women of Radcliffe,**

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



It is both my honor and my joy to serve as your pastor and to bear witness to the extraordinary light you are within the life of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church and far beyond. Your presence is not confined to this congregation, it shines brightly into the Collier Heights community and into every space where God has called you to serve.


I write with deep gratitude for your faithful witness to the Word made flesh—Jesus Christ, Through your commitment, compassion, and steadfast leadership, you proclaim the Gospel not only in word but in deed. You embody what it means to be servant leaders, glorifying God through lives poured out in love, advocacy, and mission.

Your theme for this year's Women's Day Worship Service, "Shining the Light of Christ through the Circle of Sisterhood." Is not simply a theme—it is a lived reality among you, I give thanks to God for the ways your sisterhood nurtures faith, strengthens community, and extends Christ's light to those who most need to experience it.

Please know that I celebrate you, give thanks for you, and remain continually inspired by your faithfulness. May God continue to strengthen you as you serve, lead, and shine as vessels of Christ's light.

*In Christ,*  
*Rev. Dr. Andrew Lee Stephens, Jr.*  
Pastor and Head of Staff  
Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)





# Greetings from the Moderator


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May 3, 2026

To my Dear Sisters in Faith, Distinguished Guests, and the Radcliffe Community,  
Grace and peace to you.

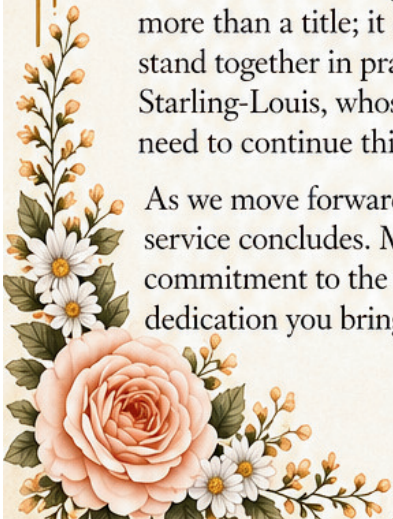
It is with a heart full of gratitude and humility that I welcome you to our 2026 Women's Day celebration. Serving as your Moderator during this season has been one of the most significant honors of my spiritual life. Today, as we gather in this sanctuary, we celebrate more than a tradition; we celebrate the active and enduring presence of God within our circle of sisterhood.

This past year has been a period of transition and growth for our body. I have personally been moved by the way we have collectively set aside familiar comforts to embrace the new paths God has laid before us. We began this year with a commitment to move from internal reflection to active engagement, and the results of that commitment have been evident in every corner of our ministry.

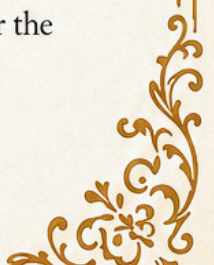
I am especially appreciative of the excellence demonstrated when we hosted the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Your hospitality and coordination served as a witness to the wider church of what can be achieved through unified purpose. Beyond the walls of our sanctuary, our work with the Backpack Ministry continues to provide essential support to students in our neighborhood, ensuring that our legacy of service remains rooted in the generations that follow us.

Our theme for today, "*Shining the Light of Christ through the Circle of Sisterhood*," is more than a title; it is our shared responsibility. We reflect Christ most clearly when we stand together in prayer and mission. I am overjoyed to welcome The Reverend Shavon Starling-Louis, whose message will undoubtedly provide the spiritual nourishment we need to continue this work.

As we move forward, my prayer is that the light we share today does not dim when the service concludes. May we remain steadfast in our care for one another and our commitment to the world. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and for the dedication you bring to this church, the body of Christ, every day.



In Sisterhood and Service,  
*Elder Cindy Kai Dockett*  
Moderator, Radcliffe Presbyterian Women





# Greetings from Our Presbytery




## RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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April 28, 2026

To all women gathered for Radcliffe Presbyterian Church's 2026 Women's Day:

I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior!

When I think of your theme for this year, "*Shining the Light of Christ Through the Circle of Sisterhood*," I am reminded of the words from 1 Thessalonians 5:11,16-18: "11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

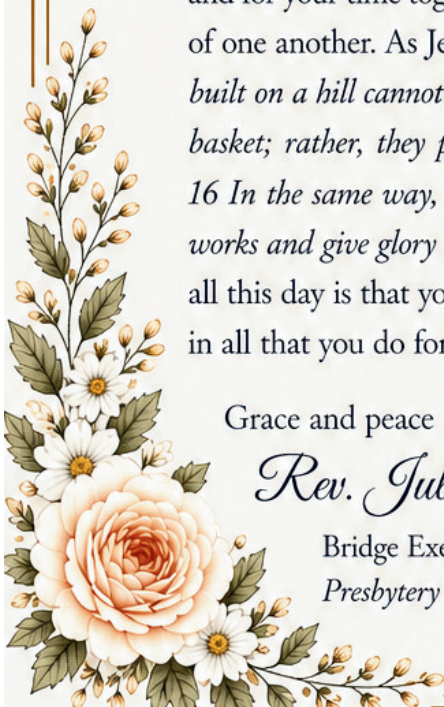
As you spend this time together worshipping, hearing inspiring words, singing, laughing, learning and enjoying the bonds of sisterhood, my prayer is that you will be further inspired in your work and mission together. I give thanks for each of you and for your time together strengthening those bonds of love, compassion and support of one another. As Jesus told his followers, 14 "*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).*" My prayer for you all this day is that you will let your lights shine through the bonds of sisterhood and in all that you do for Christ in service to Him.



Grace and peace

*Rev. Julie Ferguson*

Bridge Executive Pastor

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta





April 7, 2026

Elder Cindy Kai Dockett, Moderator  
Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
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Dear Elder Dockett,




On behalf of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Co-Moderator Sandra Diaz and I thank the PW members of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church for their hospitality in hosting our 2026 Presbytery PW Gathering on March 22, 2026.

We commend Radcliffe's PW organization - its leaders and members - for your ministry and leadership at Radcliffe, in your community, and through your participation throughout the Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic and in Churchwide PW programs.

We commend Radcliffe's women (in the words of our Churchwide office) who welcome all to the tables and rebuild those tables wider. The women who organize, discern, teach, preach, advocate and care. The women who lead for the flourishing of every inclusive, caring community. Across history and now, their leadership reflects a shared commitment to justice, peace, inclusion and spiritual innovation- rooted in PW's Purpose and sustained by one another.

Many blessings for your May 3 Women's Day Celebration.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Diaz and Karen Turney, Co-Moderators of Presbytery PW





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May 3, 2026

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Greetings:

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, I extend my warmest and most heartfelt congratulations to the Women of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church as you celebrate your 2026 Women's Day Service. This year's theme, "*Shining the Light of Christ through the Circle of Sisterhood,*" truly captures the spirit of who you are, women of every generation, standing together, praying together, and serving together in love.

Your sisterhood is not just a ministry within the church walls; it is a living testimony of Christ's light in action. Through your Bible study, your quiet acts of care, your outreach to those in need, and your faithful support of mission at home and abroad, you show what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this community. The Presbyterian Women in Radcliffe embody what happens when women listen to God's call and walk it out, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart.

As you gather for this special celebration, I pray that you feel seen, appreciated, and deeply valued for your prayers, your leadership, your sacrifice, and your love. May God continue to bless each of you with strength, wisdom, and joy as you shine His light and lift one another through the enduring circle of sisterhood.

Yours in service,

*Andrea L. Boone*

Andrea L. Boone  
Atlanta City Council  
District 10



REV. SHAVON STARLING-LOUIS

*A Life Rooted in Love,  
Formed in Community*

Shavon Starling-Louis has always understood faith as something lived in the body and shared in community. Long before she stood in pulpits or guided seminarians, her life was already being shaped by a quiet but steady conviction: I am because we are. Ubuntu was not just a concept she would later name, but a truth she had already begun to embody. The seeds of her ministry were planted in relationships, nurtured in resilience, and watered by a deep trust that God shows up most powerfully where people dare to belong to one another.

Her path into ministry unfolded through both study and story. With a background in psychology and a heart attuned to care, she entered Columbia Theological Seminary, where her call sharpened and expanded. There, she came to see that Christian formation was not only about what we believe, but how we live, how we heal, and how we make room for others. Worship, for her, became more than liturgy. It became a space where grief could breathe, where joy could rise, and where justice could take root in real time.

Over the years, her ministry has carried her across congregations, cities, and contexts, each one deepening her commitment to a Gospel that is both liberating and communal. Whether walking with congregations through transition, preaching in national and global spaces, or serving as Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), she has held fast to a simple but demanding truth: *love* must be embodied. Love must be practiced. Love must be made visible in the ways we lead, serve, and stand with others.

Now, as Campus Minister at Columbia Theological Seminary, she tends to the sacred work of forming leaders who will carry that same vision forward. She creates spaces where students can pause, pray, wrestle, and become. Spaces where spiritual life is not separated from mental health, where leadership is not divorced from self-awareness, and where community is not assumed but intentionally cultivated. Through rhythms of prayer, mentorship, and embodied practice, she invites others into a deeper knowing: that God meets us not only in our strength, but in our vulnerability, our questions, and our becoming.

Beyond the institutions and titles, her life is grounded in love. With her husband Kirk and their children, Sariah and Kamden, she lives the daily liturgy of family, learning, laughter, and care. Together, they are also nurturing Liberooted, a faith project born out of a shared longing to create spaces of healing, justice, and belonging that extend beyond traditional walls.

Her story is still unfolding. It is a story marked by courage, creativity, and a relentless commitment to communal flourishing. And if you listen closely, you can hear the thread that runs through it all, steady and unshaken:

*We belong to one another.  
And in that belonging, God is already at work.*

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PURPOSE

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:*

- ◆ To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- ◆ To support the mission of the church worldwide
- ◆ To work for justice and peace
- ◆ To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.



PRESBYTERIAN  
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## SYMBOL MEANING

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ** The central figure stands in praise.

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves** Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women, engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

**To nurture our faith through prayer and bible study** The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

**To support the mission of the church worldwide** The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures, and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

**To work for justice and peace** The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace for the world. The relationship between the three figures depicts wholesome lives rather than those in turmoil.

**To build an inclusive, caring community of women** The three women have no distinct features and represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

**That strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The open Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seal.

**And witness to the promise of God's Kingdom** Guided by our purpose, we witness to the reality of God's realm.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Presbyterian Women's Day 2026*

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Theme: *"Shining the Light of Christ  
through the Circle of Sisterhood"*



*(Mini flashlights will be distributed to female worshippers)*

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Alivia Clay

## PROCESSIONAL

## PRAISE DANCE

Christyanna Dennis  
Chloe Dennis  
Zaida Lemon

## WELCOME

## PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Elder Judy S. Armstrong  
• *Isaiah 60:1-3*  
• *Ephesians 5: 8-9*

## INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

## SONG — "Safety"

Women's Day Choir

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*(Guest Preacher: The Reverend Shavon Starling-Louis)*

## INVITATION

## CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

## COMMUNION HYMN

*"Fill My Cup" Isaiah Jones*

## APOSTLES' CREED

## SONG — "Marvelous"

Women's Day Choir

## OFFERING

## CIRCLE OF LIGHT LITANY

Deacon Phyllis Gail Ellis

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

(ELDER SHARLETTA MCKINNEY)

- 2026 Radcliffe PW Woman of the Year
- Lifetime PW Members

## REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHARGE

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*✦ Taking the Light into the World ✦*

Maame Yaa Gyeduwa &  
Sabina Eshun

## POSTLUDE

## RECEPTION

# Prayer of Confession

(Unison)

*Radiant God,*

you call us to arise and shine,  
for your light has come among us.

Yet we confess that we do not  
always live as children of light.  
We allow fear, jealousy, and division  
to dim our witness.

We turn away from one another  
instead of walking together in love.  
We withhold compassion, neglect justice,  
and fail to bear the fruit of  
goodness, righteousness, and truth.

*Forgive us, O God.*



Restore us to the light of Christ.

Strengthen us to walk as  
sisters and brothers in faith,  
reflecting your glory  
in all that we do.

By your Spirit,  
form us into a circle of grace and unity,  
that your light may shine through us  
into the world.

*In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*





# Declaration of Forgiveness

**Hear the good news:**

Once we were darkness,  
but now in the Lord we are light.  
In Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven, restored,  
and called to walk as  
children of light.

**The light of Christ shines upon you—**  
not to condemn you, but to transform you.  
You are forgiven, you are renewed,  
and you are sent to bear the fruit of  
goodness, righteousness, and truth.


**In Jesus Christ,**  
we are forgiven.

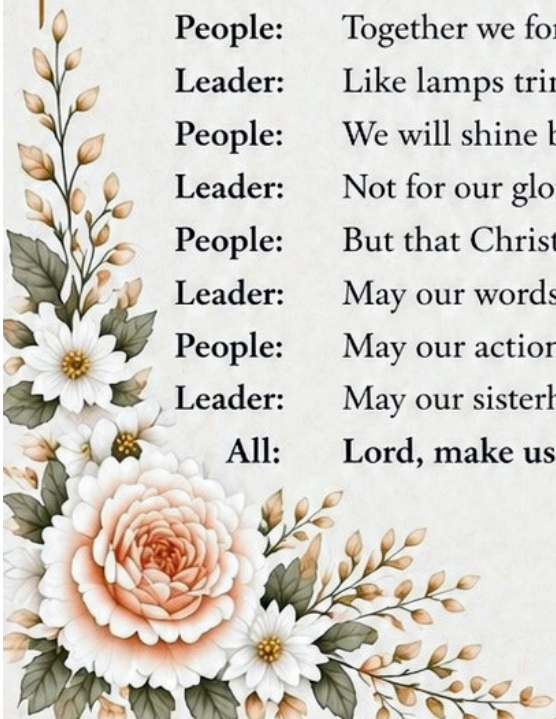
*Thanks be to God. Amen.*



# CIRCLE OF LIGHT LITANY

*“Shining the Light of Christ Through the Circle of Sisterhood”  
women will use their mini flashlights*



- Leader:** We gather in the name of Christ, the Light of the world.
- People:** His light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- Leader:** We gather as sisters—called, chosen, and cherished
- People:** Bound together by grace, we reflect His love.
- Leader:** When one sister rejoices—
- People:** We shine with her joy.
- Leader:** When one sister weeps—
- People:** We surround her with Christ’s compassion.
- Leader:** Where there is doubt among us—
- People:** Let His light bring faith.
- Leader:** Where there is weariness—
- People:** Let His light bring strength.
- Leader:** Where there is division—
- People:** Let His light bring unity.
- Leader:** We are not meant to walk alone.
- People:** Together we form a circle of courage and care.
- Leader:** Like lamps trimmed and burning—
- People:** We will shine before others.
- Leader:** Not for our glory—
- People:** But that Christ may be seen in us.
- Leader:** May our words speak light.
- People:** May our actions reflect light.
- Leader:** May our sisterhood embody the Light of Christ.
- All:** Lord, make us radiant with Your love. Amen.
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# WOMEN'S DAY ASSESSMENTS

Adair, Margaret  
Armstrong, Judy H.  
Barringer, Barbara  
Bell, Helen B.  
Blackmon, Jeanne B.  
Bolton, Peggy M.  
Brown, Marie B.  
Clements, Hazel A.  
Coleman, Paula J.  
Clay, Takara  
Cunningham, Joan Brown  
Davis, Henra  
Sparrow, Cari Dawson  
Dockett, Cindy  
Durrah, Bettie  
Easley, Tania  
Eke, Cheryl  
Ellis, Phyllis Gail  
Ellis, Sylvia  
Estes, Barbara  
Flint, Cheryl Bolton  
Gardner, Margaret  
Glass, Cornelia  
Goggins, Irma  
Costen-Hibbler, Cheryl  
Hollis, Jackie Wilson  
Holloway, Charnelle  
Holloway, Cristell  
Hudson, Delores  
Hudson, Dorothy  
Hudson, Dorothy L.  
Humbles, Letitia S.  
Ingram, Ernesta  
Jackson, Alva  
Jacobs, Margaret A.  
Knight, Katrina  
Lasseter, Dana  
Lasseter, Pamela  
Leaphart, Shirley  
Matthews, Kendra  
Scott, Corene

Leath, Barbara  
Lee, Barbara  
McAfee, Beverly

McAfee, Lisa  
McAfee, Stacy  
McKinney, Sharletta  
Moone, Joan Moore  
Moultrie, Andrea  
Osgood, Charlotte  
Peek, Carrie  
Porter, Tusha  
Robinson, Bettye

Roseborough, Courtney  
Roseborough, Teresa

Simon, Dorcas Bryant  
Stephens, Gerilyn Metoyer


Stephens, Lucy S.  
Thomas, Phyllis G.  
Wallace, Anyeka  
Wallace, Iris N.  
Williams, Barbara H.  
Williams, Dolores  
Wilson, Lorena  
Wilson, Neeka  
Wyche, LaVerne M.  
Yarbrough-Morgan, Danette



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## 2026 WOMEN'S DAY SUPPORTERS

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Hazel Clements .....	\$ 1,000.00
Bettie J. Durrah .....	\$ 100.00
Iris N. Wallace .....	\$ 100.00
In Memory of Ethel Winn .....	\$ 150.00
Cheryl Eke .....	\$ 50.00
Sylvia Ellis .....	\$ 50.00

### Backpack Ministry

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Ellabe Williams .....	\$ 300.00
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### Outreach Projects

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Joan Moore Moone .....	\$ 50.00
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# WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEES

## CO-CHAIRS OF WOMEN'S DAY

Cheryl Eke ♦ Phyllis Ellis

### ASSESSMENTS

- ♦ Phyllis Thomas
- ♦ Marie Brown

### WORSHIP SERVICE

- ♦ Cheryl Eke
- ♦ Cindy Kai Dockett
- ♦ Phyllis Ellis
- ♦ Cheryl Hibbler
- ♦ Iris Wallace
- ♦ LaVerne Wyche

### LETTERS + COMMUNICATIONS

- ♦ Joan Moore

### GRAPHICS, PROGRAM DESIGN

- ♦ Andrew Stephens III
- ♦ Cheryl Hibbler
- ♦ Phyllis Ellis

### INVITATIONS

- ♦ Joan Moore Moone
- ♦ Cindy Kai Dockett

### RECEPTION

- ♦ Letitia Humbles
- ♦ Paula Coleman

### WOMEN'S DAY BOOK CLUB

- ♦ Phyllis Ellis
- ♦ Cheryl Eke

# Participants

## WORSHIP LEADER

Elder Cindy K. Dockett

## ACOLYTES

Alivia Clay  
Maame Yaa Gyeduwa &  
Sabina Eshun

## PRAISE DANCERS

Christyanna Dennis  
Chloe Dennis  
Zaida Lemon

## SCRIPTURE READER

Elder Judy S. Armstrong

## INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Kh'adence Grace and  
Cheryl Eke

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Women's Choir

## JUNIOR USHERS

Dulce Analco Perez  
Natali Analco Perez

## MEDIA MINISTRY

Director Reginald Simpson  
Elder Charles Easley  
Trustee Lamont Ryant  
Elder Andrew Lee Stephens III


## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Elder Sharletta McKinney


## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis





# *Radcliffe PW Officers 2025-26*



- ◆ **Moderator** — Cindy Kai Dockett
  - ◆ **Vice Moderator** — Cheryl Eke
  - ◆ **Secretary** — Judy Armstrong
  - ◆ **Assistant Secretary** — Phyllis Ellis
  - ◆ **Financial Secretary** — Letitia Humbles
  - ◆ **Treasurer** — Phyllis Thomas
  - ◆ **Courtesy** — Sharletta McKinney
  - ◆ **Search Committee** — LaVerne Wyche
  - ◆ **Global Missions** — Paula Coleman
  - ◆ **Spiritual Growth & Development** — Cheryl Eke
  - ◆ **Parliamentarian** — Iris Wallace
  - ◆ **Historian** — Henra Davis
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