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WITH GRATITUDE**

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WEDNESDAY-MAY 13
Lady Antonette Reese
District Missionary Sandra Bronson

THURSDAY- MAY 14
Women's Night
Honoring Mother Mary Jean McGraw
Lady Vanessa Macklin
Hayward, CA

FRIDAY-MAY 15
Official Night
Bishop Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr. DD
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BISHOP JOHN DREW SHEARD
PRESIDING BISHOP & CHIEF APOSTLE
EIGHTH IN SUCCESSION



MOTHER BARBARA MCCOO-LEWIS
GENERAL SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN



BISHOP REGINALD C. WITHERSPOON, SR., DD
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE

Greetings from Our Jurisdictional Supervisor



May 13, 2026

Dear Beloved Saints,

Welcome to the 12th Annual Women's Convention!

This is more than a gathering—it is a divine appointment. This year, we embrace our theme: *“Living in the Abundance with Gratitude.”* God has already provided all we need; gratitude is what opens our eyes to see it and positions us to walk fully in it.

We are stepping into a season where we shift from lack to overflow, from worry to worship, from striving to trusting. As 2 Corinthians 9:8 reminds us, God is able to make all grace abound toward us, that we may have all sufficiency in all things. This week, we will realign our hearts, renew our minds, and rejoice in the abundance already released in our lives.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr., for his unwavering support of the Women's Department. We also honor our special guest speaker, Lady Vanessa Macklin, our own Lady Antoinette Reese and District Missionary Sandra Bronson who will pour into us with power and purpose.

To every Pastor, leader, and attendee—thank you for pressing your way. Your presence is part of the overflow God has ordained for this moment. Come expecting. Come grateful. Come ready to live in the abundance God has already prepared for you.

In His service,

Mother Mary Jean McGraw

Mother Mary Jean McGraw
Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women & Convention President

A portrait of Mary Jean McGraw, a Black woman with short black hair, wearing glasses and a patterned sweater. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

MOTHER

Mary Jean McGraw

SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN

A professional portrait of Laura N. Witherspoon, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a bright yellow and white striped blazer over a matching top. Her accessories include a large, multi-strand necklace of clear crystals, a matching earring, a watch on her left wrist, and a ring on her right hand. The background is a plain, light grey.

LADY

Laura N. Witherspoon

JURISDICTIONAL FIRST LADY

CONVENTION SPEAKER

Lady

Antoinette Reese

The Carrie House
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

• WEDNESDAY •

• MAY 13 •



CONVENTION SPEAKER

District Missionary

Sandra Brunson

Joshual District

• WEDNESDAY •

• MAY 13 •



CONVENTION SPEAKER

Lady

Vanessa Macklin

NorCal Jurisdiction
Hayward, CA

• WEDNESDAY •

• MAY 14 •



OFFICIAL NIGHT

Bishop

Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr. DD

JURISDICTION PRELATE
WASHINGTON NORTHWEST
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

• **FRIDAY** •

• **MAY 15** •



**Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Women's Department**

MISSION STATEMENT

- ◆ To encourage and empower women of all ages and stages to achieve the highest level of Christian living through prayer and perseverance.
- ◆ To uphold the biblical standards of Holiness through teaching, training and development.
- ◆ To provide opportunities for kingdom service through an inclusion of gifts, abilities and talents amid the aged and young women alike.
- ◆ To inspire women to serve God's kingdom in a "spirit of excellence" in whatever capacity they serve.
- ◆ To be intentional in our efforts towards impacting our homes, local churches, districts, jurisdiction, communities and our world.



WASHINGTON NORTHWEST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

Women's Department

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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL, SHARE \$100
IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE,
YOURSELF, OR BUSINESS
\$100 PER PHOTO

The due date for photo is 5/10. All funds received after will have name acknowledged only. The previous year photo can be used if desired.

Please see Pastor Ruth Easter or Missionary Angela Maxie for additional information.



Mother Mary Jean McGraw
Supervisor of Women

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Advisory Board Co-Chairperson
Jurisdiction Marshal

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DISTRICT MISSIONARY UNIT

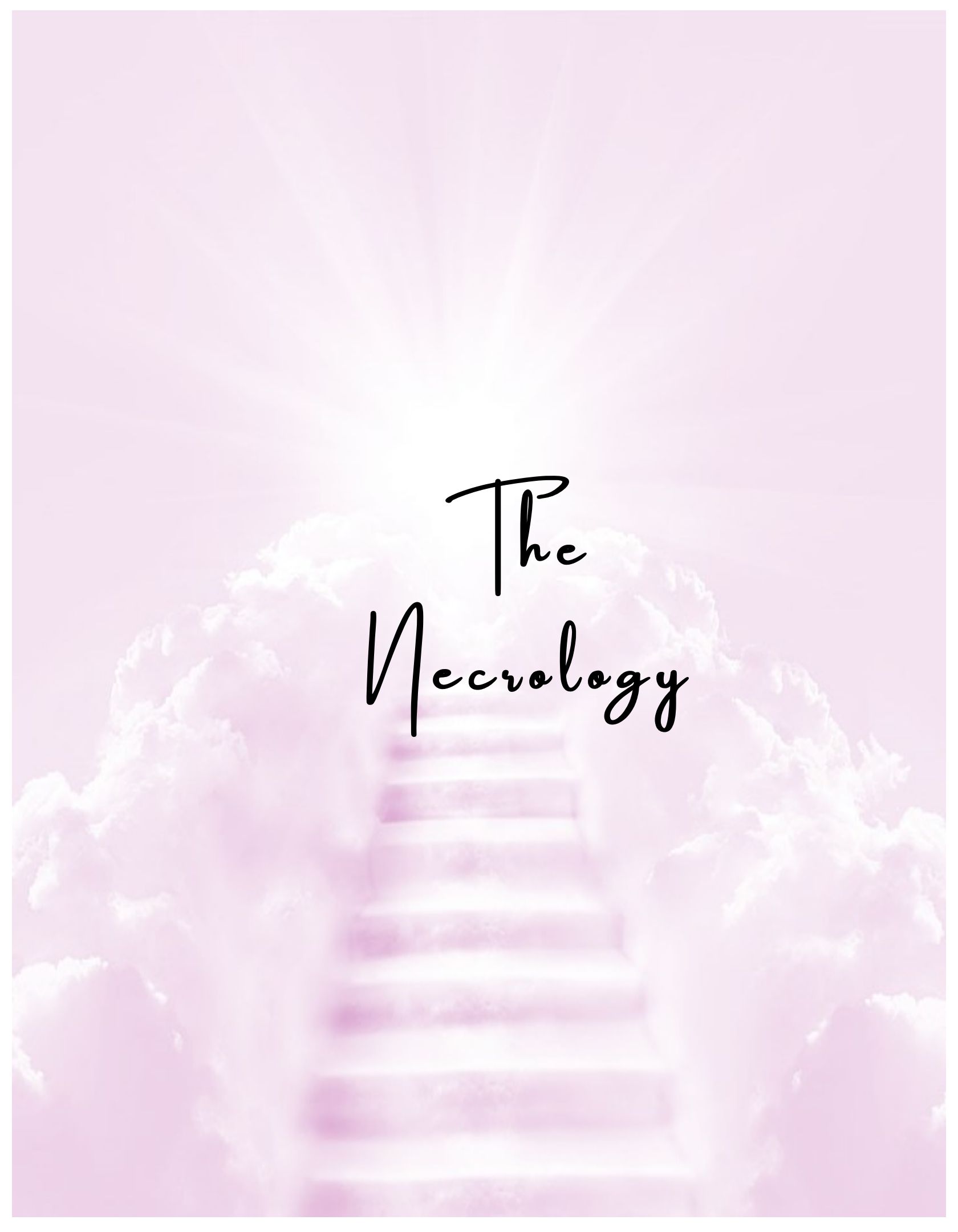
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District Missionary Mary McGraw
District Missionary Sandra Bronson
District Missionary Angelia Maxie without Charge

New Generation District Superintendent Jesse Townsel
L. J. Green Superintendent Eric Jenkins
Southwest District Superintendent Ronelle McGraw, II
Joshua District Superintendent Jamaal Cole

OTHER AUXILIARIES & STAFF

Pastor Ruth Easter
Pastor Venetia Wilson
Evangelist Rhonda Green
Evangelist Carol Ann Thornton
District Missionary Rhenita Kinlow
District Missionary WOC Angelia Maxie
Evangelist Sylvia Brantley
Missionary Elizabeth McIntyre
Evangelist Sophia Jenkins
Sister Monique Handley
Mother Carolyn Sopher
Missionary Jeanene Rhoden
Missionary Brenda Dinish
Mother Hattie Bryant
Mother Tatyana Green
Sister Guadalupe Dunson

Jurisdiction Marshal & Examination Board Chairperson
Assistant Jurisdiction Marshal
Examination Board Co-Chairperson
Dean of Missionary Training
District Missionary Unit Chairperson
Financial Chairperson
Nurse's Unit Chairperson
Lead Adjutant Sister
Executive Aid To Supervisor & Greeters' Chairperson
Sunshine Band Chairperson
Education Board Chairperson
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Executive Hospitality Chairperson
Christian Women's Council Chairperson
Prayer Warriors Chairperson
Department of Women Photographer



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WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER OUR TRANSITIONED INTERNATIONAL, JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE, SUPERVISORS & FIRST LADIES

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST—PRESIDING BISHOPS

Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, Founder & 1st Senior Bishop

Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr., 2nd Senior Bishop

Bishop J.O. Patterson, 1st Elected Presiding Bishop, 3rd in Succession

Bishop L.H. Ford, 2nd Elected Presiding Bishop, 4th in Succession

Bishop Chandler D. Owens, 3rd Elected Presiding Bishop, 5th in Succession

Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson, 4th Elected Presiding Bishop, 6th in Succession

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST—GENERAL SUPERVISORS

Mother Lizzie Robinson, 1st General Mother

Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey, 2nd General Mother

Mother Annie Baily, 3rd General Mother

Mother Mattie McGlothen, 4th General Mother

Mother Emma F. Crouch, 5th General Mother

JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE & FIRST LADY

Bishop James E. Hicks, Founder, 1st Prelate

Mother Helen Hicks, First Lady

JURISDICTIONAL LEADERS

Pastor Edwin Kyles, Jurisdictional Missions Department President, Shining Star COGIC

Evangelist Esther Kyles, Advisory Board Member, Women's Department, Shining Star COGIC

Mother Inell Jenkins, Sunshine Band President

Pastor Samuel Jones

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IN LOVING MEMORY



BISHOP JAMES EDWARD HICKS
JURISDICTION FOUNDER & PRELATE

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MOTHER HELEN BURRAGE HICKS
FOUNDING JURISDICTIONAL FIRST LADY

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IN LOVING MEMORY



MOTHER INELL JENKINS
JURISDICTION SUNSHINE BAND CHAIRPERSON
JURISDICTION WOMEN CHORUS CHAIRPERSON
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

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Other Transitioned Members 2014-2026

Missionary Janis Thomas

Elder Phillip Williams

Mother Geneva Kidd

Brother Donald Hepburn

Mother Shirley Smith

Mother Barbara Patton

Mother Jacqueline Terrell

Mother Mattie Delgado

Evangelist Michelle Hopkins

Mother Bernice Lee

Mother Susie Daniels

Brother Luther Augustus

Mother Rosie Brantley

Missionary Ruth Burrage

Evangelist Barbara Green

Pastor Nathaniel Green

Mother Erma Yarborough

Deacon Marvin Dixon

Mother Doris Stevens

Mother Almeta Witherspoon

LIVING IN THE ABUNDANCE

WITH

Gratitude



20 TRUTHS ON ABUNDANCE & GRATITUDE

- 1** God is the Source of All Abundance
James 1:17
- 2** Abundance Begins with Relationship, Not Resources
Psalm 34:10
- 3** Gratitude is a Command, Not a Suggestion
1 Thessalonians 5:18
- 4** What You Appreciate Multiplies
Matthew 14:19
- 5** Obedience Positions You for Overflow
Deuteronomy 28:1-2
- 6** God's Abundance Includes Grace, Not Just Goods
2 Corinthians 9:8
- 7** A Thankful Heart Attracts God's Presence
Psalm 100:4
- 8** Scarcity is a Mindset—Abundance is a Promise
Romans 8:32
- 9** Giving is the Gateway to Greater Abundance
Luke 6:38
- 10** God Provides Seed Before Harvest
2 Corinthians 9:10
- 11** Gratitude Shifts Focus from Lack to Provision
Psalm 103:2
- 12** Abundance is Meant to Flow Through You
Proverbs 11:25
- 13** God's Plan Includes Overflow, Not Just Enough
John 10:10
- 14** Contentment Unlocks True Wealth
1 Timothy 6:6
- 15** Complaining Blocks What Gratitude Releases
Numbers 11:1
- 16** Faith Activates Abundance
Hebrews 11:6
- 17** God Restores What Was Lost
Joel 2:25
- 18** Abundance Includes Peace and Joy
Romans 15:13
- 19** Your Words Shape Your Experience
Proverbs 18:21
- 20** You Are Already Complete in Christ
Colossians 2:10

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (KJV)

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you..."

I will walk in abundance. • I will live in gratitude.

I will overflow for the glory of God.





Service Programs

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Evening Service 7:30 PM

Presiding– Pastor Ruth Easter
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Women’s Convention Marshal

Theme: “Living in the Abundance with Gratitude”

2 Corinthians 9:8



Moderator

Missionary Elizabeth McIntyre
Southwest District

Invocation

Pastor Ruth Easter
New Generation District

Scripture: Old Testament

Deuteronomy 28:1-5

Sister Teedi Kelly
L. J. Green District

New Testament

John 10:7-10

Sister Kaneshia Johnson
Joshua District

Praise & Worship

Send Judah First

Welcome

Sister Eldoris Turner
New Generation District

Department of Women Greetings

Mother Mary Jean McGraw
Supervisor of Women
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

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Sister Tamar Colman
L. J. Green District

Banner March *“Every Praise”*

Pastor Venetia Wilson
Co-Chairperson, Advisory Board
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Introduction of Prelate

1st Administrative Assistant
Jesse Townsel
New Generation District

Voice of the Prelate

Bishop
Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr. DD
Jurisdictional Prelate
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Ministry of Giving

Missionary Angelia Maxie
Finance Secretary, Department of Women

"Fuel The Tank" Rally Presentation

Pastor Ruth Easter
Marshal, Department of Women

Observations

Selected

Acknowledgement of Visitors &
Celebration of Birthdays

Missionary Jeanene Rhoden
Southwest District

Introduction of Speakers

Missionary Elizabeth McIntyre
Southwest District

Sermonic Selection

Jurisdiction Choir

The Gospel Message

Lady Antoinette Reese
New Generation District



District Missionary
Sandra Bronson
Joshua District

Call to Discipleship

Missionary Elizabeth McIntyre

The Prayer of Benediction

Secretary Nathaniel Kinlow
Jurisdiction Secretary

-Words of Wisdom-

"Gratitude isn't a moment—it's a posture. When it moves from mouth to heart, it unlocks a life that feels full even in waiting seasons."

Thursday, May 14, 2026
Evening Service 7:30 PM

Women's Day

Presiding— Pastor Ruth Easter
Women's Convention Marshal
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Theme: "Living in the Abundance with Gratitude"

2 Corinthians 9:8

Moderator

Assistant Supervisor Regina Canada
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Invocation

Lady Brenda Kinlow
Southwest District

Scripture: Old Testament

Joel 2:25–28

Sister Brooklyn Dismuke
L. J. Green District

New Testament

Colossians 2:6–10

Sister Regina Chatman
New Generation District

Praise & Worship

Jurisdiction Choir

Welcome

District Missionary Jackie Rogers
L. J. Green District

Introduction of Prelate

2nd Administrative Assistant
Ronelle McGraw, Jr.
Southwest District

Voice of the Prelate

Bishop
Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr. DD
Jurisdictional Prelate
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Presentation

Sunshine Band

Introduction of Supervisor

Assistant Supervisor Regina Canada
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

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Mother Mary Jean McGraw

Supervisor of Women

Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Missionary Angelia Maxie

Finance Secretary, Department of Women

Selected

Missionary Brenda Dinish

Chairperson, Executive Hospitality

Assistant Supervisor Regina Canada

Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Lady Sophia Jenkins

L. J. Green District

Lady Vanessa Macklin

First Lady, Glad Tidings COGIC

First Lady, NorCal Jurisdiction COGIC

Hayward, CA

Pastor Ruth Easter

Jurisdiction Marshal

Superintendent Jamaal Cole

Joshua District



-Words of Wisdom-

"Abundance isn't always about increase; sometimes it's about revelation. When gratitude shifts your lens, what looked small starts overflowing."

Friday, May 15, 2026
Evening Session 7:30 PM

Official Night

Presiding- Pastor Ruth Easter
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Women's Convention Marshal

Theme: "Living in the Abundance with Gratitude"

2 Corinthians 9:8



Moderator		District Missionary Rhenita Kinlow New Generation District
Invocation		Pastor Venetia Wilson Women's Convention Assistant Marshal
Scripture: Old Testament	1 Chronicles 16:31-34	Lady Michelle Shields Joshua District
	New Testament	Philippians 4: 17-19
		Missionary Kenisha Blackman Joshua District
Praise & Worship		Jurisdiction Choir
Welcome & Greetings		Lady Laura N. Witherspoon First Lady Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Greetings		Mother Mary Jean McGraw Supervisor of Women Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Selection		Jurisdiction Choir
Ministry of Giving		Superintendent Eric Jenkins Jurisdiction Finance Chairperson
Observations		Elder William Canada Chief Operating Officer

Introduction of Speaker

Superintendent Jesse Townsel
First Administrative Assistant

Sermonic Selection

Jurisdiction Choir

The Word of God

Bishop Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr. DD
Jurisdictional Prelate
Washington Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Call to Discipleship

Bishop Reginald C. Witherspoon, Sr. DD

Benediction

Pastor Aaron Watson
Joshua District



-Words of Wisdom-

*"Abundance follows attention. Where your focus flows, your sense of fullness grows—
or fades."*

2026 Women's Convention Planning Committee

Mother Mary Jean McGraw
Supervisor of Women & Convention President

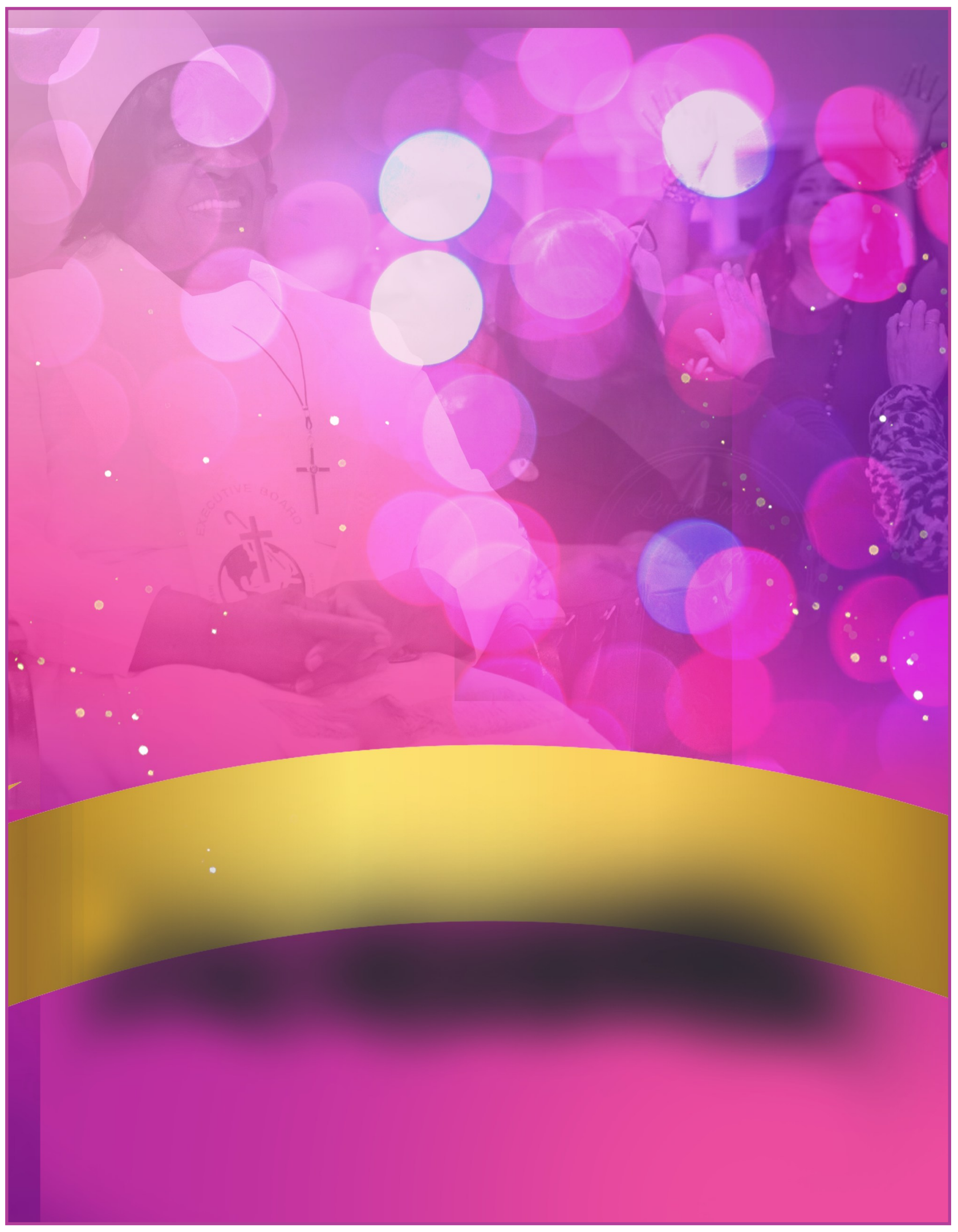
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Sister Tamar Coleman

Our Thanks

Thank You for Joining Us! We extend our heartfelt thanks for being part of the **2026 Jurisdiction Women's Convention**. We pause to express our deepest gratitude to our esteemed leader, **Bishop Reginald Witherspoon, Sr.** and to each of you. We sincerely appreciate your dedicated participation, whether you joined us in person or online. We give God all the glory for His mighty presence throughout the convention and trust that you are leaving **empowered and renewed, ready to live in the abundance with gratitude** daily. May your lives overflow with compassion, love, and strength as you impact those around you. Thank you for your support of the Department of Women. May God bless you and your family in the days ahead!

*Mother Mary Jean McGraw
and Planning Committee*



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