

SOUTH JERSEY ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

ANNUAL
 **WOMEN'S**
CONVENTION

APRIL 30, 2025 – MAY 2, 2025

THEME: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOPIC: IS GOD'S WORK EVER FINISHED?

JOHN 4:34-38



Mother Deborah R. Kitchen, Jurisdictional Supervisor, Department of Women
Mother Hazel W. May, Assistant Jurisdictional Supervisor, Department of Women

Bishop Tyrone W. & Lady Katrina T. McCombs, Prelate & First Lady

Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Presiding Bishop & Chief Apostle
Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, General Supervisor Department of Woman

CONVENING AT:
GREATER LOVE CHAPEL COGIC
279 PRINCE ALBERT STREET, ELWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08217
PASTOR DENNIS & LADY BEVERLY CLYBOURN, HOSTS

MOTHER DEBORAH R. KITCHEN

JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR



Deborah R. Kitchen was born Deborah Rose Williams on May 25 to Fred and Esther Williams in New York City, New York.

When Deborah was six years old she and her mother moved to Camden, NJ. She graduated from Camden High School with honors. She then furthered her education at Howard University in Washington D.C. She received a diploma in Banking & Business from Caldwell College in Caldwell NJ. Deborah was saved at the age of 13 at Victory Temple COGIC in Camden NJ under the pastorate of Elder C.E. Giddins Sr. Her young adult life was spent at Morning Star COGIC in Newark NJ under Pastor D.M. Willis. She worked in every capacity of the church.

On August 27, 1977 Deborah was married to John E. Kitchen Sr. The Lord blessed them with two sons, Makal L. Kitchen and John E. Kitchen Jr. and four grandchildren, Da'maree, Zaida, Jelena, and Felix. In 1984, God moved on Pastor Kitchen to go back to South Jersey where they fellowship at Mt. Zion COGIC in Atlantic City NJ, where he is currently the Pastor.

In August of 1989, she was appointed District Missionary of the First Garden District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by Superintendent Charles E. Giddins Sr. Mother Kitchen was appointed as Supervisor of the Women's Department of the South Jersey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction by Bishop Curley Guidry. She was installed by General Supervisor Mother Willie Mae Rivers in November of 2007.

In 2012, God called Bishop Curley Guidry home and Mother Kitchen remained as Jurisdictional Supervisor first under Interim Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks, General Board Member of the Church of God In Christ and then with Bishop Hillmon Moses who was installed as Prelate in November of 2012. Then, God summoned for Bishop Hillmon Moses in 2015 and Mother Kitchen continued as Jurisdictional Supervisor with Interim Bishop Frank Ortho White, General Board Member Church of God In Christ. Now Mother Kitchen continues as Jurisdictional Supervisor of the South Jersey Jurisdiction serving with Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs Ph.D. who was consecrated in November of 2015. Thank God for our Founding Bishop Guidry's vision of the South Jersey Jurisdiction, the spiritual direction of our Bishop Moses & our present Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs Ph.D. who is a humble servant and honored to serve the Lord as he moves us forward in Faith, Unity & Service.



Mother Kitchen is a member of the special recognition committee in the General Assembly of the Church of God In Christ. She is currently a Member of the Advisory Board, the Examination and Orientation Board for New Stateside Supervisors and the Special Convention Assistant Committee for the International Women's Department of the Church of God In Christ under Mother Barbara McCoo-Lewis.

Mother Kitchen's desire is to move forward and to do bigger and better things as God continues to bless. Above all she is a child of the King.

Remember the words of the scripture,
Micah 6:8, *"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; And what doth the Lord require of thee, But to do justly, and to love mercy, And to walk humbly with thy God."*

Philippians 4:13, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

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Faith • Unity • Service

BISHOP TYRONE W. MCCOMBS, PH.D.

**Greetings to Our Jurisdictional Supervisor, Mother Kitchen,
& The Great Women of Our Jurisdictional Family,**

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!



We are thankful to God for another Jurisdictional Women's Convention. We believe that this is a great time for the Lord to meet us and share with us His desire for the total Woman in the church, home and community. We also believe that God has promised great things for each dedicated and faithful Woman of our Jurisdictional family and you should be encouraged by the Word of God as stated in Luke 1:45 *"Blessed is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her.."* Remember, God is a promise keeper!

We would like to thank our faithful Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women and President of the Jurisdictional Women's Convention, Mother Kitchen, for organizing another great inspiring and rewarding gathering for the Women. It is our prayer that God will continue to provide you with a vision for the Women that will enlighten, encourage and empower them to grow in the ministry of the Lord.

Let us continue to move in FAITH working together in UNITY with a mind of SERVICE for the Lord and His people.

We stand with you anticipating a great move of the Lord this week and believing that WE will not leave this place like we came in Jesus' name! May God continue to bless and keep all of you. Thank you for your continued sacrifices and support of our Jurisdiction. We love you!

Bishop Tyrone & Lady Katrina McCombs

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In Memory & Gratitude

*The Department of Women salutes the years of
leadership and service of our former
Jurisdictional Prelates*



A MAN OF FAITH
BISHOP CURLEY GUIDRY
OUR FOUNDING PRELATE

A MAN OF UNITY
BISHOP HILLMON MOSES
OUR SECOND PRELATE



SUPERVISOR JEANETTE F. KING

NEW JERSEY FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION



Jeanette F. King, born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, was the first child of the late Elder John Lee and Florence Juanita Powell Wiggins. She is a third-generation Church of God in Christ. She was married to the late Elder Frederick E. King. She is the mother of one daughter, Darnice (Derek), Jacksonville, FL, three wonderful grandchildren, Naomi (Brian), Brandon, and Justin, and one beautiful great-granddaughter, Riley.

She graduated from Glassboro State College, currently Rowan University, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Law & Criminal Justice. Supervisor King received a Master of Arts in Urban Studies from Eastern University with a concentration in Youth Development. Her thesis was on The Disproportionate Confinement of Minority Youth through the Lens of Social Justice. On June 10, 2023, she received her Doctoral Degree in Religious Education from Jameson Christian College. She completed and defended her dissertation on “The Importance of Sunday School from Birth and Beyond.”

- **At the National Level**, under the leadership of Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis, General Supervisor, she serves as a member of the Executive Board, a Member and Secretary for the Program Committee of the Women’s International Convention, a Member of the Special Assistance Committee, and a Member of the Constitution Committee, Church of God in Christ representing the Women’s Department.

- **At the Community/Government Level**, Supervisor King was the **founding Board member** of Camden County’s **Court Appointed Special Advocates** and served as its President for several terms. **CASA** is responsible for **advocating and setting policies for abused and neglected children in the state of New Jersey**. She is committed to youth and continues to work with at-risk youth in the city of Camden. Supervisor King served on the **Camden City and County Youth Services Commission**. Under the administration of former Governor Christie Todd Whitman, she was appointed to serve on the Reorganization Team for Juvenile Justice. She served as a member of the **Governor’s Advisory Council on Volunteerism and Community Service** and as the representative for the Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Supervisor King is a member of the **New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns** and the **Eastern University Prison Education Advisory Board**.

She is **Saved, Sanctified**, and filled with the precious gift of the **Holy Ghost**. Supervisor King loves God and is committed to the ministry of the Lord. She has a passion for teaching and helping others see Christ.

Mother King is a vessel fit for the Master’s use!



HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN FROM THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK (CONDENSED)

During the infancy of the Church of God in Christ in the early 1900's, the work among women had been started, but lacked organization. A search was made for a woman capable of directing a Women's Department. The name Lizzie Woods, who was a matron at the Baptist Academy, was continuously brought to Elder Mason's attention. After inquiring, he succeeded in forming an acquaintance with her. She was introduced to the Church of God in Christ through the preaching of Elder D. W. Delk. In May 1911, while General Overseer Mason was holding a meeting in the Academy, she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Bishop Charles Mason, with the keen insight God had given him, saw that Lizzie Woods, who later became Lizzie Woods Robinson, was an organizer, able to inspire and direct. At the General Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee in 1911, she was appointed Overseer of the Women's Work by Bishop Mason to organize and create such work as would be beneficial to the church.

Mother Robinson began by admonishing the women according to Jeremiah 9:17-20, *"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come; and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! We are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out. Yet hear the word of the Lord, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbor lamentation."*

Observing a group of women praying and another group reading and studying the Bible, Mother Robinson began her organization by combining the two groups together, forming the Prayer and Bible Band. This band was designed to educate in scriptural knowledge, for the purpose of soul winning. Today this Band serves as a doctrinal study of the Bible.

This was the beginning of the organizational structure of the Department of Women as we know it.

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 **WOMEN'S CONVENTION**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

District Missionary Yvonne Williams
SJEJ Women's Department Marshall

First Lady Doris Guidry, Moderator

Prayer	Missionary Segura Rose & Evangelist Yvonne Lewis
Scripture	Evangelist Elsie Taylor
Praise & Worship	SJEJ Praise Team
Affirmation of Faith	District Missionary Yvonne Williams
Ministry of Giving (Expense)	Mother Anita Sutton
Observations & Announcements	District Missionary Valerie Durr
Selection	SJEJ Choir
Ministry of Giving (Love)	Superintendent Timothy Harris & Mother Deborah R. Kitchen
Introduction of Speaker	Superintendent Timothy Harris <i>SJEJ Administrative Assistant</i>
Sermonic Selection	SJEJ Choir

“The Spoken Word”
Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, Ph.D., *Prelate*
South Jersey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Church of God in Christ

Discipleship

Closing Remarks & Benediction

Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, Ph.D.

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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

District Missionary Yvonne Williams
SJEJ Women's Department Marshall

First Lady Tambra Clements, Moderator

Prayer Evangelist Crystal Baldwin & Sister Vicki Balance

Scripture Sister Daneen Mears

Praise & Worship SJEJ Women's Chorus

Affirmation of Faith Missionary Roberta Bonds

Ministry of Giving (Expense) Mother Anita Sutton

Observations & Announcements District Missionary Valerie Durr

Selection SJEJ Women's Chorus

Ministry of Giving (Love) Mother Deborah R. Kitchen
& Mother Hazel May

Introduction of Speaker Mother Deborah R. Kitchen
SJEJ Supervisor of Women

Sermonic Selection SJEJ Women's Chorus

"The Spoken Word"

Dr. Jeanette King, *Supervisor of Women*
New Jersey First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
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Discipleship

Presentation of Bishop Superintendent Timothy Harris
SJEJ Administrative Assistant

Closing Remarks & Benediction Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, Ph.D.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

District Missionary Yvonne Williams
SJEJ Women's Department Marshall

First Lady Beverly Harris, Moderator

Prayer

Mother Anita Sutton & Mother Helen Bowser

Scripture

Sister Therale Cisrow

Praise & Worship

The Solomon Singers

Affirmation of Faith

Assistant District Missionary Brenda Kelly

Ministry of Giving (Expense)

Mother Anita Sutton

Observations & Announcements

District Missionary Valerie Durr

Selection

SJEJ Women's Chorus

Greetings From Our First Lady

Lady Katrina McCombs
First Lady of South Jersey Jurisdiction

Ministry of Giving (Love)

Mother Hazel May
SJEJ Assistant Supervisor of Women

Introduction of Speaker

Mother Hazel May
SJEJ Assistant Supervisor of Women

Sermonic Selection

The Solomon Singers

"The Spoken Word"

Mother Deborah R. Kitchen

South Jersey Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
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Discipleship

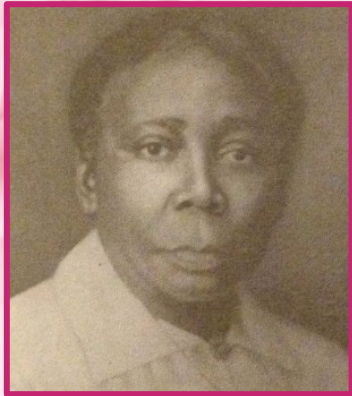
Presentation of Bishop

Superintendent Timothy Harris
SJEJ Administrative Assistant

Closing Remarks & Benediction

Bishop Tyrone W. McCombs, Ph.D.

Our General Supervisors



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 McClothen
Fourth General Supervisor
1976 – 1994



Mother Emma Frances Crouch
Fifth General Supervisor
1994 – 1997



Mother Willie Mae Rivers
Sixth General Supervisor
1997 – 2017



Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis
General Supervisor of Women
Church of God in Christ, Inc.
2017 - Present



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN GOD

We believe that there is only One God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE BLESSED HOPE.

We believe in the blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN REPENTANCE

We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN SALVATION

We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross, provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for Him.

THE LEADER: WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN SANCTIFICATION

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in the present world.

AMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & STAFF
SOUTH JERSEY ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION
WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Mother Deborah R. Kitchen
Supervisor of Women

Mother Hazel May
Assistant Supervisor

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Mother Hazel May

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EXECUTIVE HOSPITALITY

Mother Hazel May

SUPERVISOR'S ADJUTANT

Missionary Roberta Bonds

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BENEVOLENCE

Evangelist Joanne Purnell

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