

MISSION

Based on the belief that God has empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit business and professional women to serve as godly examples in the home, schools, communities and the world, the mission of the women of the Business and Professional Women's Federation of the Church of God in Christ is to share their God-given resources and expertise, to care for the general welfare of all people and to help spread love, joy, happiness and the Word of God by being living testimonies to people everywhere.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Many years ago the Business and Professional Women's Federation of the Church of God in Christ National Chapter came into existence when a group of business and professional women, along with the State Supervisors and Mother Josephine Robinson, saw the need to organize a new auxiliary.

They saw the need to spread joy, to share, to care and to help others through promotion of good will and fellowship in the church and community.

The first chapter was organized in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 1976, the late General Supervisor Mattie McGlothen appointed the late Mother Victoria Barnes as National President. Mother Barnes served faithfully until her sudden demise on January 21, 1997. During the interim period, the First Vice-President Missionary Lee Powell served as Acting National President. On November 11, 1999, Mother Willie Mae Rivers appointed Frances Miller-Harris as National President. She was installed in January 2000.

The late General Supervisor Mother Emma Crouch and our president General Supervisor Willie Mae Rivers have also motivated the organization to continue the spread of joy and encouraged more of the ladies to join and promote Christ in a business and professional way.

Many chapters throughout the United States have been organized and are functioning to the glory of God today. The purpose of the Business and Professional Women's Federation is to organize and unite Christian women in the business and professional unit. Its aims and objectives are to be of assistance to the less fortunate, sick and shut-in and support the education of our youth.

The organization of the B&PWF gives women a chance to put their professions to work for God. It operates on a local, district, jurisdictional and national level. A minimum of five business and professional women may organize a chapter.

Every officer and member should work in harmony with the program of their local church, district and jurisdiction as well as under the authority of their local pastor and district, jurisdictional and national leaders respectively.

Collectively, the Business and Professional Women's Federation uses its God-given financial resources to support community charities as well as its church leaders.

Nationally, under the administration of General Supervisor Willie Mae Rivers, the B&PWF began the ministry of blessing the hosting city of the Women's International Convention, the location of which changes yearly, by making a monetary contribution to one of its local charities. Moreover, along with the general ministry of benevolence and monetary support of local charitable organizations, it is courtesy for chapters to remember the jurisdictional bishop and supervisor during the workers' meetings and convocations. All business and professional women are to be faithful to their local church.

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