Welcome From President Carol W. Mohamed

Greetings and Welcome to Grand Rapids!

Thank you for coming! We are so glad you are here! As we gather to support Lott Carey’s 2019 theme, Missions: Loving, Sacrificing and Giving! John 3:16, I greet you in the Name of our LORD and Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! Your love, sacrifice and gifts (of time, talent and treasure) that brought you to this gathering in Grand Rapids is acknowledged and greatly appreciated! While together this week we will celebrate, among other things, the 122nd Annual Session of the Lott Carey Global Christian Missional Community as a whole and the 119th session for Lott Carey Women who were officially established as a Unit of Lott Carey in 1900. Lott Carey Leadership has planned an engaging program with numerous opportunities to Listen, Learn, Serve, and Fellowship. We strongly encourage you to join with us and participate in the WISE hosted events throughout this week.

We hope those of you who arrived prior to 7:00 AM on Monday joined us in praying with our International Partners at the Mission Focus Prayer Breakfast. This Prayer Breakfast was hosted by WISE and was graciously and superbly co-chaired by Minister Brenda Troy of Ohio and Dr. Ellyn Waller of Pennsylvania. Immediately following the Prayer Breakfast, some of you participated in the Grand Rapids Mission Blitz; others had responsibilities to participate in WISE Committee/Team Meetings. Some of you may have engaged in Grand Rapids/Michigan cultural immersion. If you find yourself tempted to go shopping, please stop and pray FIRST. Don’t spend the money God has provided and assigned for offerings this week. If you absolutely must take souvenirs home, we encourage you to purchase them at the Lott Carey International Market, where you can get retail therapy and support mission endeavors at the same time.

We urge you to attend the Prayer and Praise services each morning, including Friday morning, from 5:30 AM through 7:00 AM. If you did not already take the Mission Study Class all day Saturday, please enjoy this rich teaching and interactive fellowship Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM. Daily General Sessions begin at 9:30 AM with our WISE Emphasis occurring at the Thursday General Session. We are asking that you wear white if that is convenient for you. If it is not, please come in whatever pleases you. Unit focused breakout sessions for WISE, PEN and MOM are Tuesday and Thursday afternoon beginning at 2:00 PM. The WISE leadership team has assembled a program designed to be interactive, interesting and informative. On Tuesday afternoon be certain to join WISE to hear about more options for Serving and Learning Together (S.A.L.T.), complete with the opportunity to participate in a S.A.L.T. Marketplace. Later that afternoon we will celebrate our 2019 Woman of the Year, Dr. Shirley Bullock of North Carolina. On Thursday afternoon you will receive several reports; elect WISE officers for the next three years; and learn about regional opportunities to be active for Lott Carey WISE all year!

As we engage in Lott Carey WISE endeavors this week and throughout fiscal year 2019/2020, we will glorify GOD and align our actions and decisions, first of all, with the Bible and, accordingly, with the Lott Carey Strategic Drivers: (1) advance the Lott Carey global missional impact; (2) execute short-term mission assignments; (3) support special mission projects; (4) recruit others for membership in Lott Carey. We are confident that this time of fellowship in Grand Rapids, Michigan will prove to be edifying as well as exciting. May each of you depart Michigan satisfied, thankful that you came to the Lott Carey 122nd Annual Session in 2019 and looking forward to what we can do for Christian missions in 2020!

Yours in His Service!

Carol W. Mohamed, President
Lott Carey Women in Service Everywhere (WISE)
Shirley Wilkerson Bullock, wife, mother, teacher, speaker, leader, missionary, counselor, administrator, world traveler and God’s humble servant, is a native of Oxford, North Carolina. She currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina and is a member of the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, where her husband, Charles, served as pastor before retiring. Her current pastor is Dr. Shawn Singleton.

She graduated with honors from North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina, with a bachelor’s degree; East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina with a Master’s degree; North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina with administrative and vocational certifications; and received the doctorate degree from Shaw University, Raleigh.

Dr. Bullock demonstrated her ability as a high school teacher (teacher of the year), department chairperson, vocational counselor and Director of Vocational and Technical Education Programs in the North Carolina public school systems. Additionally, she has taught extension and on-site courses for two North Carolina community colleges.

She has been and is a certified Missions Instructor for the Woman’s Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina providing annual Mission Institutes, workshops, and special presentations throughout the state for more than fifty years. She also presented workshops for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Germany Baptist Alliance in Frankfort, Germany, and taught courses for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, USA. Dr. Bullock taught missions courses at the Annual Sessions of Lott Carey for ten or twelve years.

She was invited and served as “Mentor Teacher” for seniors graduating as teachers at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. She also mentored graduating teachers at East Carolina University, Greenville, and Saint Augustine’s University, Raleigh.

Dr. Bullock uses one of her spiritual gifts speaking to audiences throughout North Carolina and at least ten other states.

Dr. Bullock’s leadership skills have been utilized in many official positions. She retired as an administrator/consultant for the State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh. While at the State Department, she edited NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN IN NONTRADITIONAL CAREERS and “Preventing Sexual Harassment in North Carolina Public Schools.” She has held or holds the following offices: Vice President and Treasurer of the North Carolina Council of Local Vocational Administrators; Trustee Board of Shaw University Divinity School; Secretary and Assistant Financial Officer of the North Carolina Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows; Member of the Poteat Scholarship Selection Committee, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC; Board Member and Missions Coordinator for the Women’s Auxiliary/WISE of the Lott Cary Convention; and twelfth president of the Woman’s Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

Two of North Carolina’s Governors have recognized her skills and accomplishments: Governor M. Easley appointed her to a four-year term on the North Carolina Internship Council and she is the recipient of the Governor’s Long Leaf Pine Award, the highest honor to a North Carolina citizen by Governor James Hunt.

In 2009 she was inducted into the newly established “Hall of Fame” by the Women’s Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. More recently she was honored as the WOMAN OF THE YEAR by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Omicron Zeta Chapter during its 61st Annual Finer Womanhood and Community Observance. In 2013, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina honored her as a “Baptist Woman of Strength, Faith and Courage.”

Dr. Bullock is a world traveler. Her speaking, mission, career and family travels include 86 of North Carolina 100 counties, and the USA (including Alaska); her travels allowed her to experience the wonders of Canada, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Switzerland, Spain, Greece, Germany, the commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Virgin and British Isles, London, South Africa, Cape Town, Vatican City, China, Cuba, Hawaii and Israel. Among her most memorable experiences were leading groups to the Holy Land in Israel and the Journeys of Paul in Greece.
Dr. Bullock is the wife of Reverend Dr. Charles T. Bullock, Pastor of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Oxford, North Carolina and former president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. They are one of only three couples who have served as president of both the Woman’s Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist State Convention during its 150-years history. Their four adult children—all college graduates—are Eric, Charles, Cedric (Doris), Melanie and one granddaughter, Jamila.

My Personal Journey With Lott Carey
by Dr. Shirley Wilkerson Bullock

My journey with Lott Carey has been long and meaningful. I was blessed to attend the Lott Carey Annual Youth Seminar on the campus of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia for years as a youth and young adult delegate. Years later the Annual Youth Seminar was moved to Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina and I was invited to teach and served as seminar instructor for several years (both Dr. Wendell C. Somerville and Mrs. Doris Griffin attended and brought visitors to observe my classes). In recent years, I served as a judge for the Annual Youth Seminar’s oratorical contest for four years.

I was a member of a special North Carolina Committee organized by the late Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, who was North Carolina’s Woman’s Convention’s State President and Lott Carey Convention’s Woman’s Auxiliary Board Chairperson, to raise funds to build a library for our school in Liberia, Africa. North Carolina successfully raised the entire $25,000 to completely build the library in Liberia.

One of my most joyous privileges with Lott Carey was serving as missions’ instructor/facilitator during the annual sessions of Lott Carey for ten or twelve wonderful years. Having been appointed Coordinator of Division 1: Support Division during the tenure of Dr. Beverly Scott, allowed me to provide service and leadership to the following committees: Deaconesses/Women Deacons, Literature/Publication, Martha J. Murphy Sunrise Prayer Service, and President’s Scholarship Endowment (Merger of Alberta Randolph and Mary M. Ransome Scholarship Committee. I was privileged to serve as Prayer Breakfast speaker at one of Lott Carey’s Annual Sessions.

During my four-year tenure as President of the Woman’s Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, our Convention was a major supporter of the Lott Carey Women’s Auxiliary and each year our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Pricilla A. Brodie, and I, as President, were pictured with the Magnificent Men and Women of Troas, Majestic Leaders Approaching Philippi, Amazing Missioners to Thessalonica, Marvelous Missioners to Berea, Glorious Missioners to Athens, and Exalted Stateman to the Celestial City for the Convention’s strong annual financial contributions.

My attendance and contributions to the mission of Lott Carey continues. In recent years I served as an Ambassador for Christ raising more than $1,000 annually for WISE, Women in Service Everywhere.

To God be the glory for the wonderful things He has done and continues to do.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Mark Your Calendar Beginning January 1, 2020
Monthly Lott Carey Prayer Line
Interested in working on this committee? Stop by the SALT Marketplace and sign up!
Anti-Trafficking Regional Giving

by VP Dr. Angelita Clifton

Look at God! Over the last 15 years the women at Fountain Baptist Church have allowed God to work in us and through us while creating the Anti-Trafficking “Regional” Giving Circle. Working together with churches in the surrounding area, while promoting awareness, advocacy and action about Human Trafficking, keeps the people engaged with the issue.

Each year eight to ten churches gather together for a themed Prayer Service to raise consciousness and cash. This year the 15th Annual Prayer Service was titled iPray. Together nine churches focused on raising awareness around shrine slavery, also known as Trokosi, in Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria, West Africa. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight continues to be our guest preacher and since 2014 she has blessed us greatly. She brings a timely word, enlightening all who are under the sound of her voice in the sanctuary and those streaming online.

This year was a true blessing. The Lott Carey Leadership was in full effect. President Carol Mohamed provided the call to worship, Vice President Rosette Graham provided the invocation prayer, First Lady Barbara Jackson provided the statement of purpose, the LCC Operations Manager Tonga Peterson provided the offertory prayer and Second Vice President Angelita Clifton organized the service as she has done over the last 15 years.

This “Regional Giving Circle is shaped by the Lott Carey drivers, strategically partnering with a number of different churches with one common goal. The women of FBC are grateful to our pastor the Reverend Dr. J. Michael Sanders for sponsoring the entire program year after year. He continually affords the Women’s ministry free reign over the prayer service and supports us wholeheartedly.

This year the partnership was blessed by Rodman Street Baptist Church in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania; Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia; The Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack, New Jersey; The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square in Capitol Heights, Maryland; Saint Philip A.M.E Church in Atlanta, Georgia; Federated Churches of Livingston in Livingston, New Jersey; New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey; The River of Life Christian Worship Center in Freehold, New Jersey; and Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey.
The concept of Regional Giving Circle has been informally promoted by Lott Carey for a long time. Under the tenure of WISE President Debra Garner, information about the work of the Rebecca Mullins Foreign Mission Club in Danville, Virginia, which has been raising money for Lott Carey initiatives for thirty years, was presented.

The Bible says there is nothing new under the sun, only above the sun.

Informally Giving Circles have been around a long time, but the Lord has given us new insights. As we formalize the strategy so everyone can participate, we invite you to consider what the Lord would have you to do. God is doing a new thing in the life of WISE and we are excited about the movement of God. The Lott Carey leadership supports introducing to some and reintroducing to others the Regional Giving Circle Strategy, as one of many components in the SALT Intergenerational Ministry Model.

We encourage you to look at what God is doing and create a new circle of support. Let the Spirit lead you, trusting God can do anything and everything but fail. I'll ask you this...WON'T HE DO IT? But you already know the answer -- YES HE WILL!!!
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! The Leadership of Women in Service Everywhere is excited to introduced to some and reintroduce to others, the SALT Ministry Model also known as Serving And Learning Together (SALT). This ministry model revamps the previous volunteer model, creating new service opportunities for women. In 2018 during the Thursday afternoon session, WISE voted to implement this intergenerational ministry model with three primary goals:

- increasing service opportunities for all ages and stages of life;
- recruiting and retaining volunteers; and
- embracing, equipping and empowering volunteers at every stage of life.

As year one, of the two year transition period, comes to a close we have been working expeditiously to roll out some new opportunities at the 2019 Annual Session. With God’s grace we will initiate the first SALT Marketplace. This will give every women the chance to explore the new service opportunities, review the service descriptors and meet some of the Team Leaders while deciding where God is calling you to serve. We are blessed to introduce twelve new ministry opportunities. We look forward to your suggestions about other ministry areas we can explore. We pray that every women, who wants to serve will find a place to serve. There are opportunities to serve on the following teams:

- 31 Days of Prayer Team
- Annual Prayer Room Team
- Greek Panhellenic Team
- Information Technology Team
- Logistics Team (Setup & Breakdown)
- Monthly Prayer Call Team
- Newsletter Team
- Regional Teams for Giving Circles
- Social Media Team
- Transition Team
- Volunteer Operations Team
- Workshop Development Team

Be encouraged — there is a place for everyone—God is doing a new thing! Don’t miss the SALT Marketplace. Join us, serving and learning together, working on one accord touching lives with transforming love. Remember you are the SALT of the earth!
For four years TaNikka worked as a constituent aide at the Ohio Senate and in 2002 she served as the State Director of the Freedom’s Answer Program at the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education. From 2004 to 2008 she served in the Life Development Department of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church as the Youth and Young Adult Events Coordinator. In June of 2008 she became the full-time Youth Coordinator at NSMBC with the responsibility of developing and growing a Christ-centered, youth-focused, relationship-based, family-friendly, purpose-driven Youth Ministry. Currently, TaNikka serves as the Director of Life Development at NSMBC where she coordinates and develops ministries, small groups and community outreaches to over 400 young people in middle school, high school and college. She also leads various citywide initiatives that support and promote positive character development and community service opportunities for youth and young adults.

TaNikka is a team member, and former leader, of the International Youth Development Department of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, which provides national and international opportunities for youth and young adults to become compassionate and productive global citizens that play an active role in making a difference in the world. She is also involved in various community and international mission organizations.

TaNikka has been involved with NABWU since 2016 when she was part of NABWU’s Focus Group. Since then she has become more involved in NABWU through attending other NABWU Committee meetings, became a member of the current Uptick group and also took on the responsibility of head planner for the NABWU Assembly planning committee. With this background of a working knowledge of NABWU, and her strong gifts in leadership and organization, she is a great fit for this role as NABWU’s president.

It is by God’s power and for Christ’s glory that she tries to live by the words said by Jesus in Luke 9:23, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”
• **January 1, 2020** — Monthly Prayer for Lott Carey kickoff

• **November 5, 2020** — Baptist World Alliance Women's Day of Prayer

• **February 29, 2020** — WISE Global worship service to launch 31 Days of Prayer

• **March 1 -- 31, 2020** — WISE 31 Days of Prayer for Women's Empowerment

• **May 8, 2020** — Regional Giving Circle service — Fountain Baptist Church, Summit, New Jersey

• **Date to be announced** — 2020 Spring Missions Conference

• **August 8 -- 14, 2020** — Lott Carey 123rd Annual Session, Washington, DC

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**Short Term Mission Trip to Kenya**

Thanks to a $25,000 gift from Mr. Charles and Mrs. Melanie Winton, Charlotte, NC, the Women’s Center in Kenya will be ready for dedication by Team Kenya. In addition to finishing the building, the gift was used to build a water tower allowing the community to have fresh water. God is good!! Team Kenya will visit and dedicate the building November 4-16, 2019. The team, led by 1st VP Sister Rosette Graham, solicit your prayers.

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**Mark Your Calendar —**

**February 29, 2020**

**Kickoff Service for 31 Days of Prayer**

**Hosted by**

**St. Paul Baptist Church**

**Charlotte, NC**

Interested in working on this committee? Stop by the SALT Marketplace and sign up!