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## JUMPING 4 JUSTICE DOUBLE DUTCH REVIVAL

*This 'Old School' "Funraiser" Takes Aim at a Global Issue*

Concentration, coordination and stamina are much needed skills to jump in Double Dutch -- a style of jump-rope, where two ropes are turned counter to one another while a person jumps in the middle of them. Those same skills are needed to address the global issue of violence against women – focused attention, coordination between and among public and private partners, and an enduring resolve to combat the problem.

On May 12, the Middlesex Central Baptist Association of NJ (MCBA), Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, NJ, and Lott Carey will kick off the “**Jumping 4 Justice**” weekend as they seek to elevate the visibility of gender-based violence which, according to the United Nations, impacts one in three people globally. The weekend’s events will start with a virtual panel discussion on **gender justice** as part of the MCBA’s 107<sup>th</sup> semi-annual session beginning at 7 pm. Panelists include Dr. Selina Carter, executive director, Spirit of



The inaugural Jumping 4 Justice Double Dutch Revival Community Outdoor Event will be held on Saturday, May 14 at Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, NJ. Come get your jump on!

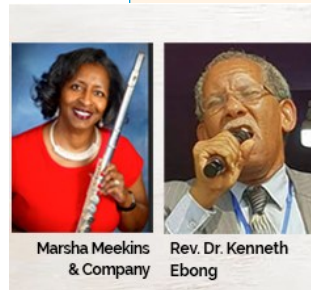
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You're Invited...

### Virtual Jazz Tea Party

Grab a cup of your favorite tea (brown, black or green) and kick back and relax to the soothing sounds of the Marsha Meekins & Co Jazz Band on Saturday, April 23 at 3:00 pm. Trivia games will also be part of the fun. While you don't need to purchase a ticket to attend, it is hoped that guests will be generous in their giving to this event which is being held on behalf of Lott Carey Schools in Nigeria. Donations will be used to enhance educational opportunities for children through the purchase of computers for multi-media laboratories, library books, and a school bus to transport primary and secondary children as well as making classroom renovations. Rev. Dr. Kenneth Ebong, Superintendent of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in Nigeria, will be a special guest. Virtual guests are encouraged to wear their African attire (if they wish). You can donate the price of a concert ticket through the Lott Carey website at LottCarey.org. Please note that your

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Marsha Meekins & Company      Rev. Dr. Kenneth Ebong

## Rallying Around A Good Cause



Charles City County is the birthplace of Rev. Lott Cary



Photo of the Lott Cary house taken during a 1924 visit by a group of Richmond ministers.

The first fifth Sunday each year is the celebration of the Annual Lott Carey Richmond Rally. For 35 years, churches from Richmond and the greater Richmond area – Henrico, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, King William, Powhatan, and other places – join together in worship and witness to the Word of God and for the benefit of Lott Carey.

This year's celebration, a virtual experience held on January 30 at the Fifth Baptist Church in Richmond, was a momentous occasion for the Richmond Rally. **Rev. Dr. Gina Marcia Stewart**, the first woman to serve as President of Lott Carey, was the guest preacher. Following greetings from Lott Carey's executive secretary, Rev. Emmett Dunn and Deacon Ralph Fleming, first vice moderator of the Tuckahoe Baptist Association of Virginia, Dr. Stewart preached a dynamic message from Mark 14:1-9 entitled, "*Forever*

*Touched by Love*". She spoke about an unknown woman who gave the best she could with what she had. In her sermon, Dr. Stewart stressed the importance of leaving a legacy; that God deserves our best and we should

give our best to others. In the end, she stated this woman was able to give radical love.

The churches that participate in the Richmond Rally have a history of demonstrating radical love. Most recently for example, Richmond area churches collected toiletries for the Charles City, VA, home of Lott Carey, our founder. The toiletries were donated to the Charles City School and Community Pantry as a mission project. It is hoped that participating churches will help reach the rally goal of \$15,000 for Lott Carey so that we, too, can touch lives with transforming love.

Contributed by **Rev. Dr. Stephanie L. Wilkes**



## JUMPING 4 JUSTICE

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Excellence-Leadership Guidance, Dr. Carol Patterson, founder, Setting the Captives Free Ministries, Rev. Thurselle Chisholm Williams, founder, Strength for the Day Daily Devotional, and Dr. Angelita Clifton, president, Lott Carey WISE. Rev. Dr. Carolyn Knight, a passionate preacher of the Gospel, will be the guest preacher for the MCBA's evening worship on May 13 starting at 7 pm. The hybrid worship experience will be held at Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, NJ, and live streamed at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/mwwustream>.



Dr. Carolyn Knight

On Saturday, May 14, Fountain Baptist Church will host the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Anti-Trafficking Prayer Service** featuring Dr. Knight as the guest preacher beginning at 10 am. This hybrid event will also be live streamed at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/mwwustream>. Following the prayer service, Fountain will be the site of the inaugural **Double Dutch** outdoor community event honoring survi-

vors of gender-based violence. Attendees will have a chance to learn how to jump “Double Dutch” style at a clinic hosted by the Jazzy Juice Double Dutch Club of NY. The 40+ Double Dutch Club will also be on hand for a “master class” demonstration. There will be food, children’s activities, a 360 photo station, and music. Representatives from organizations that serve people impacted by gender-based violence will be on hand to provide information and inspiration. **Jumping 4 Justice black t-shirts will be available for sale in short or long sleeves for \$25.** Fountain Baptist Church is located at 116 Glenside Avenue in Summit, NJ. All are welcome. If you cannot attend, you can still support this worthy cause by purchasing a t-shirt or going to the Lott Carey website and click on the “Donate” icon. Mark your donations for Women’s Empowerment.



Dr. Gina Stewart, Lott Carey President, wearing a Jumping 4 Justice long-sleeve t-shirt.

## Virtual Jazz Tea Party

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Lott Carey website at [LottCarey.org](http://LottCarey.org). Please note that your donation is for Global Ambassadors. **The goal is to raise \$15,000 on or before June 30, 2022.** If 150 persons give \$100, we will meet our goal.

You must register to attend this event. Go to the events menu on the Lott Carey web site to register or paste the link <https://web.cvent.com/event/fa1bb341-8792-469c-8a8e-34ec13e8cdf6/regProcessStep1> in your web browser.

Contributed by **Tisa Murray**

## Gender Justice Panelists



Dr. Selina Carter



Dr. Angelita Clifton



Dr. Carol Patterson



Rev. Thurselle Chisholm Williams

***“We are Baptist by heritage but ecumenical by practice. We want to invite others to come along side us.”***

**Dr. Gina Stewart**



## SPRING CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Dynamic speakers, engaging discussions, inspirational worship – the ideal participant experience touching heart, mind and soul was displayed at the Spring Missions Conference held in Atlanta, GA, March 23-25. Having paused in-person meetings due to the pandemic for two years, the Atlanta gathering gave pastors, church leaders and delegates a chance to get meet and greet one another. More than 250 people attended the hybrid event which was the first for Lott Carey’s new president, Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart. Highlights from the conference included:

**President’s Emphasis.** In her remarks, which was shared prior to the preaching moment during the Evening Worship Service, Dr. Stewart shared her priorities for Lott Carey. They are:

- ⇒ Increase Lott Carey’s revenue (goal—\$1 Million)
- ⇒ Increase our visibility
- ⇒ Amplify our message
- ⇒ Enlarge our ecumenical footprint
- ⇒ Inspire participation with our emerging generations

(To view the Evening Worship, type <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj9Ube2t7LA> in your web browser.)

**WISE Breakout Session presented by Dr. TaNikka Sheppard.** The title notwithstanding, *From the Sofa to the Sanctuary: Rethinking Religious Spaces*, Dr. Sheppard shared the building blocks for “creating sacred spaces” – those places where we can do the work of *soul tending*. They are being open (access); prioritizing making people seen and heard (acknowledgment); accepting people as they are (acceptance); being supportive and encouraging of one another (affirmation); valuing each other and people’s contributions (appreciation); connecting with one another (affinity); a willingness to change (adaptability); and being answerable to each other (accountability).

Dr. Clifton, WISE president, stated that WISE members will be focusing on “creating sacred, safe spaces” throughout the year. Dr. Danielle Brown, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ, will be the facilitator for the Women’s session during the Annual session which will be followed by a Literary Circle and Master Class on creating safe spaces.

## Spring Conference Photo Album



Photos Courtesy of Elizabeth Moore

### Women of the Week

Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) is currently accepting nominations for the **2022 Women of the Week** recognition. The honorees will be announced at the 125<sup>th</sup> Lott Carey Annual Session in New Orleans, LA.

Women of the Week honorees are women who exemplify a sound and consistent dedication to Christian mission endeavors, both at home and internationally. They are recognized for their work inclusive of local, regional, and Lott Carey initiatives over a 15-year period.

WISE will recognize up to 10 Women of the Week honorees on August 16, 2022, during the Annual Session. **Nominations**

**forms must be submitted in writing and received by May 23, 2022.** Nomination submissions must include:

- ⇒ Full name and address of the nominee
- ⇒ Full name and address of the nominator
- ⇒ Email and Phone # of nominator
- ⇒ Name of nominee's home church
- ⇒ Nominee's Pastor's name
- ⇒ Paragraph describing the rationale for this nomination. Including multiple examples of the nominee's mission involvement, designating if the activity was with the local church, an organization or Lott Carey

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*"The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Session will be held in New Orleans, LA, from August 15-19. Check the Lott Carey website to register. See you in Nawlins!"*

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## The Power of Prayer

The mellifluous sounds of greetings started each morning shortly before the top of the hour— from Delaware, North Carolina, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, New Jersey, Alabama, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and many other places. Each prayer warrior is greeted warmly by the WISE Prayer team – “Good morning, Mary;” Good morning, Sister Brenda, Good morning, Pastor Moore” – taking a few moments to see how everyone was doing. Then promptly, at 6 am, the WISE Prayer team begins the very serious business of collectively focusing callers’ attention on the plight of women globally. And so once again, Lott Carey WISE puts faith in action during the month of March. Following the *31-Days of Prayer for Women’s Empowerment* guide, more than 250 prayer warriors called the prayer line to intercede for women on five continents in 26 countries *daily*. They were joined in prayer by sisters who are incarcerated and unable to call in as well as those who are in halfway houses and other transitional settings. The published prayers for each country underscore the unique challenges women face as a result of engendered racism—acts of overt

discrimination, limited educational opportunities, poverty, mindsets of oppression which cause many to view themselves as “less than,” and far too often, violence. Yet, in each published petition to the Lord, as well as the petitions and supplications offered by callers, there is steadfast belief that the God who sees us (El Roi) will bring down the strongholds of racism and sexism.

Although the *31-Days of Prayer for Women’s Empowerment* guide is used throughout the month of March, it can be used any time of the year. You can download a copy of the



prayer guide from the Lott Carey website ([https://lottcarey.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/HeraldPrayerGuide22\\_web.pdf](https://lottcarey.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/HeraldPrayerGuide22_web.pdf)). Additionally, participants were asked to contribute at least \$31 per day in support of women’s empowerment initiatives. **The fundraising goal is \$100,000 by July 31, 2022.** You may still give by using Givelify, PayPal, Cash App @ \$Lott Carey or mailing a check to Lott Carey at 8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 1245, Landover, MD 20785 or making a donation through the Lott Carey website at [LottCarey.org](http://LottCarey.org).

## 31-Days of Prayer Kickoff Service

The fight against structural “gendered racism” – a form of oppression directed at women of color, and black women, in particular – is an age-old battle, but thanks to the efforts of generations of activists like those working with Lott Carey to help raise awareness, one day, it may be understood and eliminated.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, Lott Carey’s Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) held a “virtual” kickoff to its annual 31-Days of Prayer service for Women’s Empowerment, which was hosted by Fountain Baptist Church, in Summit, NJ. This year’s event was especially significant for WISE because of the “synchronicity” of Lott Carey’s historical milestones also being celebrated, which include:

- ⇒ the 10<sup>th</sup> annual anniversary of the Women’s Global Prayer Guide;
- ⇒ the 200th anniversary of Lott Carey’s ministry in Monrovia, Liberia;;
- ⇒ and, the election of Lott Carey’s first woman President, Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart, Senior Pastor, Christ Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis, TN.

Dr. Stewart’s remarks as guest preacher during the kickoff, (Genesis 16: 1-14), set the tone for the time that WISE and its supporters would later come together to pray daily against gender violence for women around the world, during the entire month of March. She reminded everyone that despite our struggles, God El Roi is the God who sees us the way He saw Hagar, who said, “I now see the one who sees me.”

“If Lott Carey was alive and serving the least, last and lost today, women that are victims of gender-based violence would be a targeted group – that’s just who I believe he was,” said Rev. Dr. Angelita Clifton, President of WISE.

Contributed by **Patrice Edwards**

## Woman of the Week

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- ⇒ A biography of the nominee (this is in addition to the written rationale for the nomination)

An individual photo of the nominee suitable for publication, if necessary

Written nominations must be submitted as a complete package and emailed to the committee chairperson, **Arvette Pearson, at: justvette.pearson@aol.com**

The Women of the Week committee, in consultation with WISE leadership, will review the content of the written nominations and select the top ten. Email dates or postmark dates may be used to break a tie. The results will be communicated to nominators and nominees’ churches no later than **July 14, 2022.**

Contributed by **Arvette Pearson**

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## Women in Service Everywhere

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*Have an idea for a story? Interested in writing for the newsletter? Please send an email to [WiseWord@gmail.com](mailto:WiseWord@gmail.com) and let us know. We also welcome your comments and questions.*

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## In Case You Missed It...

Meet faith-based trailblazers, key influencers, missions' partners and Lott Carey leaders on the Digital Couch, an original Lott Carey WISE live-stream broadcast. Join us the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm as our engaging host, Doriel Inez Larrier, discusses topical issues and challenges facing people of faith globally. The broadcast is live-streamed on the Lott Carey WISE Facebook page and Lott Carey TV on YouTube. Here are the most recent episodes of the Digital Couch. Check them out!

### March 3

#### Dr. Valerie Pyles

Pastor, First Baptist Church of Allentown, NJ

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdTG\\_U2s7S4&t=7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdTG_U2s7S4&t=7s)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1097374544378478>

### February 3

#### Dr. Selena Carter

Founder, Spirit of Excellence – Leadership, Guidance, Inc.

<https://www.soeleadership.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1080312272751372>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4N5MfKXw9A>

### January 6

#### Rev. Thurselle Chisholm Williams

Founder, Strength for the Day Daily Devotion

[www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1063728834409716](https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1063728834409716)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdTG\\_U2s7S4&t=7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdTG_U2s7S4&t=7s)

### Dec. 3, 2021

#### Rev. Dr. Kelly Farrow

Founder, Circle of Sacred Fire

[www.drkellyfarrow.org/](http://www.drkellyfarrow.org/)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1042722646510335>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5rYr-gog04>

### Nov. 4, 2021

#### Rev. Dr. Carol Patterson,

Regional Pastor, Amer. Baptist Churches NJ

#### Rev. Carl Pace,

Senior Pastor, True Light Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1025898971526036>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZ190BBN5c0&t=21s>

### Oct. 7, 2021

#### Linotte Joseph

Co-Founder, Mission of Grace Haiti

<https://www.missionofgracehaiti.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/1007821983333735>

<https://www.facebook.com/doriell/videos/928656884668416/>

### Sept. 2, 2021

#### Rev. Emmett L. Dunn

Executive Secretary, Lott Carey

[www.lottcarey.org](http://www.lottcarey.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/474006060048666/posts/986168392165761>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLMya4sAXvg>

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