

## CONNECTING THE DOTS!

### A Message from WISE President Rev. Dr. Angelita Clifton

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March 2023



Women of God,

Our God works in mysterious ways! Keeping in step with the Spirit requires a realignment, every now and again. As Both/And believers we know God orders our steps and we ought to order our steps in God's word (Acts 1:6-8). Since 2019 the WISE Leadership Team has utilized Ministry Mapping, intentionally creating a Ministry Action Plan (MAP) that is a balanced, sustainable, five-year strategic vision. During the process we discovered God was preparing us for what God had prepared, and we didn't even realize it. The Rev. Emmett L. Dunn, our Executive Secretary Treasurer, repurposed both the Men on Missions and Women in Service Everywhere. Previously identified as auxiliaries, divisions, and/or units, functioning as supports for the parent-body, Rev. Dunn instituted a shift. Now, as key contributors in shaping both the Spring Missions Conference and the Annual Session, this subtle but significant shift is a sign — WISE was in step with the Spirit all along. God was doing a new thing and Ministry Mapping was getting us ready. Now, it all makes sense. WISE functions as a Lott Carey ministry with our MAP for pastoral care guiding the missional mindset.

Since the start of the pandemic, WISE focused on Trauma Informed Care for clergy and congregations. Beginning with the kick-off of the Literary Circle and the Master Class in 2020, we have been intentionally looking inward, upward and outward. Moving forward, with nuanced topics in the same subject area we have addressed removing the mask of trauma, identifying oppressive systems in society and the sanctuary, putting the puzzle pieces of ministry together as well as gospel gaslighting and mentoring Generation Next. We have introduced to some and reintroduced to others the Lott Carey-WISE Giving Circle design, perfected in this hybrid space. Over the last three years, in addition to reshaping the educational component and giving plan, ministry mapping has served to prepare our heads and hearts for a CommUnity Conversation with emerging leaders in WISE. We have tagged this session, "Red Letter Table Talk." Like Jesus talking with the woman at the well, we intend to personify Jesus' message by listening to women, who are often not at the table, discuss the future of WISE. It is our hope that WISE will discover the things we have done well and the things we can do better.

During the Spring Conference, Dr. Micah McCreary, the president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick NJ, will continue connecting the dots. His presentation on Hurts & Hope: God's Hand in Post Traumatic Growth, will allow us to glean from the garden God has grown. In this semi-post pandemic place, WISE is charged and challenged to navigate this peculiar space, mobilizing all our sisters with God's grace. As the President of WISE, my mantra, from day one, has been "together we are stronger!" In my heart of hearts, I believe the

# Spring Conference 2023

Lott Carey's 2023 Spring Missions Conference will be held March 16-17 at the Sheraton Suites Old Town in Alexandria, VA. This year's theme is **Both/And – "Doing Missions Locally and Globally,"** Speakers include Rev. Adam Russell Taylor, president of Sojourners, a Christian nonprofit organization focused on the biblical call to social justice. Taylor is the author of *A More Perfect Union: A New Vision for Building the Beloved Community*. The guest preacher for the Thursday evening worship service, which will be held at Alfred Street Baptist Church, is Bishop Walter Scott Thomas, Pastor, New Psalm Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD. The guest musical artist will be Minister Kabanya Vinson. For more information, visit [www.lottcarey.org](http://www.lottcarey.org)



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bigger the volunteer bank the less likely there is to be a breach. What's my point? The path for an insightful, informed, and emotionally intelligent exchange of ideas at the August Annual Session has been paved. As Both/And theologians, we know only what we do for God will last. Biblical Mentoring makes it possible for both the mentor and the mentee to grow while working together. Standing on the threshold of a new day, let's rejoice and be glad in it. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. The "Red Letter Table Talk" format is designed to repair the breach, inviting all the women of God, at every age and stage of life, to serve the Lord with gladness. I encourage you to both pray on it and pray over it, as we prepare to be about our Father's business in a most excellent way. I believe, as it is in heaven—so will it be on earth. Let's keep touching lives with the transforming love of Christ!!!

*In CommUnity ~ The WISE Leadership Team*

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Angelita Clifton".

Rev. Dr. Angelita Clifton, President

## Giving Circles— Doing Missions Locally and Globally

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The Liberia Mission School-Brewerville Campus continues to thrive under the leadership of Rev. Sam-Peal! Serving young people, ages 5 to 20, the school is meeting the needs of its students — spiritually and materially. The school is also increasingly serving the needs of the greater Brewerville area — becoming a beacon of light that touches lives with transforming love. To help the school expand its reach in the community, art supplies, school supplies, personal hygiene products and undergarments are needed. Stepping into the gap are the Mount Olive Baptist Centreville (VA), Salem Missionary Baptist (NY), and St. Paul Baptist (NC) churches which have formed giving circles within their congregations and throughout their respective states to support the Liberia Mission School in its outreach efforts.

Giving circles are groups of people who collectively give of their time, talents and finances to help others. Giving circles are also being established to enhance our support of Lott Carey partners in Ethiopia, Guyana and Nigeria. If your congregation would like to partner with other congregations or state conventions in aiding our Lott Carey partners globally or needs technical assistance in creating a giving circle, contact Rev. Dr. Angelita Clifton for more details.



## Virtual Walk/Run To End HIV in Ethiopia

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Lott Carey Global Ambassadors are sponsoring a Virtual Walk/Run to end HIV in Ethiopia. You can participate in your home, neighborhood, park, gym or church. All are welcome – ages five to 105! The goal is to raise \$15,000 to support Lott Carey's Ethiopian partner -- the African AIDS Initiative International (AAII) which provides volunteer counseling and testing for college students and people in the marketplace, conducting HIV/AIDS prevention education, care, and support. The virtual kick off is April 1. We will mark the "steps" we make towards our goal with a closing celebration on April 29. For more information, contact Barbara Crump at [lottcareygawalk@gmail.com](mailto:lottcareygawalk@gmail.com).



# Thursdays in Black

In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence. **Thursdays in Black** grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), in which the stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more visible.

WISE, in collaborative partnership with the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Women at the United Nations, is actively engaged in this simple yet profound campaign. **Wear black on Thursdays** to declare that you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence.

We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies. We encourage everyone to **wear black on Thursdays**. Share your **Thursdays in Black** photos on Twitter, the Lott Carey WISE SALT Facebook page and Instagram, using hashtags #ThursdaysinBlack and #WCC, and post your prayers as we stand in solidarity with women victimized by gender-based violence.



1 in 3 women globally, around 736 million, are subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner or sexual violence from a non-partner – a number that has remained largely unchanged over the past decade.

World Health Organization  
March 2021

Support Lott Carey WISE SALT 2023 Women's Empowerment initiatives by purchasing a **Thursdays in Black** button (shown above). Buttons are \$10 plus \$5.00 for shipping. Contact **Dr. Angelita Clifton** or send an email to **WISESALT60@gmail.com**. Get it today!

# Accepting Nominations for the Lott Carey WISE SALT Awards

Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) will be honoring up to 12 women who have demonstrated a commitment to service at Lott Carey's Annual Session which will be held in Greensboro, NC, from August 14-17. The new SALT Awards recognize women who:

- ◆ Demonstrate faithful commitment of mentoring, inspiring and developing others
- ◆ Support the call for advocacy, recognizing the human rights of all and promoting social justice
- ◆ Advance the mission thrust of Lott Carey by touching lives with transforming love through ministries of compassion, evangelism, empowerment and advocacy
- ◆ Maintain an active role in the vision of their local church, region, state and/or global communities

Award Guidelines. Awards will given in four different categories with up to three winners in each category. The categories and their respective criteria are:

- ◆ The **Ruth Award** recognizes the leadership and service of women engaged in ministries of compassion.
- ◆ The **Dorcas Award** recognizes the leadership and service of women engaged in ministries of evangelism.
- ◆ The **Jael Award** recognizes the leadership and service of women engaged in ministries of empowerment.
- ◆ The **Esther Award** recognizes the leadership and service of women engaged in ministries of advocacy.

Ministry initiatives should be intentional about generating sacrificial gifts supporting Lott Carey's mission.

Nomination Submission Requirements. **Nominations must be submitted in writing and received by May 12, 2023.** Nomination submissions **must include:**

- ◆ Information from the Nominator
- ◆ Full name and information about the *Nominee* including: the nominee's local church with a paragraph describing the rationale for the nomination (include multiple examples of nominee's service involvement, designating if the service was with Lott Carey, local church, region, state, or global community)
- ◆ A **Bio** for 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 may be forwarded via e-mail to: justvette-pearson@aol.com or sent by U.S. mail to: LC WISE SALT Awards, c/o Team Leader Arvette Pearson, 3107 Oneida Road, Charlotte, NC 28269-4847.**

If more than 12 eligible nominations are received, the awards committee, in consultation with WISE leadership, will review the content of the written nominations and select the top 12. Emails dates and postmark dates may be used to break a tie. The results will be communicated to nominators and nominees' churches no later than **July 13, 2023**. If you have any questions, please email Team Leader Pearson.



## News You Can Use—Upcoming Events



Lott Carey WISE SALT **31 Days of Prayer** begins Wednesday, **March 1 at 6 am**. We will lift up in prayer before the Lord the countless missing women and girls globally throughout March. Get your prayer guide at <https://lottcarey.org/.../2023-11th-Anniversary-Prayer>.

The **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Anti-Trafficking Prayer Service and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jumping 4 Justice Double Dutch Revival** will be held on **Saturday, May 13**. Plan to join us!



# Digital Couch - Episode Guide



Meet faith-based trailblazers, key influencers, missions' partners and Lott Carey leaders on the Digital Couch, an original Lott Carey WISE live-stream presentation broadcast on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Our engaging host, Doriell Inez Larrier, discusses topical issues and challenges facing people of faith globally. You may view the broadcast on the Lott Carey WISE SALT group on Facebook and Lott Carey TV on YouTube. Here are the most recent episodes of the Digital Couch. Check them out!

## February 2, 2023—Ep 23



**Rev. Dr. Jesse T. Williams**  
Pastor, Convent Ave. Baptist Church, NY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uftB0FeJuul>

<https://www.facebook.com/doriell/videos/871371850770772?idorvanity=474006060048666>

## January 5, 2023—Ep 22



**Rev. Emmet Dunn**  
Lott Carey Executive Secretary-Treasurer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-ZINf6-cX0>

<https://www.facebook.com/doriell/videos/525919619489171?idorvanity=474006060048666>

## December 1, 2022—Ep 21



**Dr. Micah L. McCreary**  
President, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYD8vI7koLY&list=PLdpo6ooS1sUlr1PsiC0tdYIM6X2GJXTr>

<https://www.facebook.com/doriell/videos/849687189813974?idorvanity=474006060048666>

## November 3, 2022—Ep 20



**Rev. Dr. Gail Rice**  
Associate Pastor—Ministry Development  
Freedom Baptist Church, Hillside IL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBYI1Fw8amg&list=PLdpo6ooS1sUlr1PsiC0tdYIM6X2GJXTr&index=13>

<https://www.facebook.com/doriell/videos/525919619489171?idorvanity=474006060048666>

## October 6, 2022—Ep 19



**Rev. Dr. Derrick Dumas**  
Moderator Middlesex Central Bapt Assoc. NJ Pastor, First Baptist Church, Linden, NJ

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-C1VxxeFw0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-C1VxxeFw0)

<https://www.facebook.com/doriell/videos/520780993220240?idorvanity=474006060048666>

## September 1, 2022—Ep 18



**Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown**  
Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield NJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtyXdI8NR98&list=PLdpo6ooS1sUlr1PsiC0tdYIM6X2GJXTr&index=15>

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=5474471025970322&set=pcb.1215515029231095>

## August 4, 2022—Ep 17



**Rev. Dr. Amanda Haines**  
Dir., Mission Programs a & Special Projects, Lott Carey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRwiDoLXJBw&list=PLdpo6ooS1sUlr1PsiC0tdYIM6X2GJXTr&index=16&t=24s>

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