

**A Celebration Service Honoring the Appointment of
Sister Cynthia P. Smith as NBC Woman's Auxiliary President**

The event was held on Friday, March 17, 2017 at the New Providence Baptist Church where Reverend Everett Jennings is Pastor.



From left to right: President Henry and Marilyn Fuller, Wolverine Baptist State Convention; Dr. Robert and President Cynthia Smith; and President Wallace and Debra Mills, BM&E State Convention of Michigan

The Women of the Michigan Baptist Fellowship comprised of the Baptist, Missionary, and Educational State Convention of Michigan (BM&E) and the Wolverine State Baptist Convention of Michigan found it difficult to wait until Friday, March 17, 2017 for the Strolling Reception and Celebration Service for Cynthia Perkins Smith, President of Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

In January 2017, Cynthia Perkins Smith was appointed by the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. President, Dr. Jerry Young to become the 7th woman to lead the Woman's Auxiliary.

The evening commenced with President Cynthia Perkins Smith escorted by Master Joshua Smith, her eldest grandson, walking down the staircase into the "Great Hall" of the New Providence Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan flanked by greeters holding purple and silver streamers.

President Smith was received at the strolling reception prepared for 400 guests primarily women dressed in white with purple. President Smith received numerous kudos, well wishes and posed for many pictures, after greeting the audience as a whole.

The Celebration Service began when Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. escorted his wife, President Cynthia Smith into the sanctuary.

Our President was inundated with many well-deserved accolades from Michigan workers as well as those from across the land.

Although unable to attend, congratulatory letters were read from Dr. Jerry Young, President of National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Sister Helen Akins Young, First Lady of National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Dr. Tellis J. Chapman, Chairman of the Pastors and Ministers Division, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; and President Linda Turner, Woman's Auxiliary, Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc.

Cards and Letters of Commendation were also sent by President Willie Burke and the National Baptist Convention Laymen's Movement; President Bernice McCain and the Women's Missionary and Educational Auxiliary To the Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.; President Beverly Glover and the International Association of Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows, Inc. and President Maxine Abrams and the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Woman's Auxiliary.

The moment finally arrived to hear from our new leader. President Cynthia Perkins Smith addressed the audience with one of her favorite passages of scripture, 1 Corinthians 13:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Over joyed with the outpouring of love, support, presence, kind words and well wishes from across these United States, President Smith was simply overwhelmed. It was a night to remember!

We appreciate those who traveled to support President Cynthia Smith...

Sister Brooxie Fentress, Director of Music, Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; President, Sister Elnora McCall, Woman's Auxiliary, National Capital Baptist Convention, Washington DC and Vicinity; President, Sister Laura Bass, Woman's Auxiliary, United Baptist State Convention of Illinois, Inc.; Sister Rosemary Wyatt, Woman's Auxiliary, Ohio Baptist General Convention; Dr. Rosemary Saulsby, National Baptist Congress, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Verdie Robinson-Curry, International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Dr. Millie G. Lake, Woman's Auxiliary, United Missionary Baptist State Convention of Ohio; Dr. Ernestine Robinson, Past Vice President at Large, Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Brother Michael Washington, Vice President at Large, Laymen Movement, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. along with other members from the Laymen Movement; Kim Stroman, Personal Assistant to the president from Phoenix, Arizona and Stylist, James Gooden.

President Smith was honored to have in attendance daughters, Terique Parker from Washington, D.C.; Erma Lee McQueen from Chicago, Illinois; siblings, Mary Joyce Gee from Chattanooga, Tennessee and Kathaleen Perkins from Birmingham, Alabama; niece, Jamiku Gee from Nashville, Tennessee; President Michael Joseph and the Detroit Chapter of JAM Family Reunion; New Bethel Baptist Church Family and churches from across the state.

The event was fit for a President, particularly, the 7th President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – President Cynthia Perkins Smith.

Also, take a moment to view the pictures of the program participants and strolling reception (see in next section).

Many people were involved to make this day of love possible and to you we say, **THANK YOU**. Finally, we would like to acknowledge and salute the following: Dr. Nellie Hawkins Williams, Vice President at Large, Woman's Auxiliary, BM&E State Convention of Michigan and President, Sister Sharon M. Floyd, Woman's Auxiliary, Wolverine State Baptist Convention of Michigan; President Wallace R. Mills, Jr., BM&E State Convention of Michigan, President Henry L. Fuller, Wolverine Baptist State Convention, the Women of Michigan Baptist Fellowship, and special, sincere thanks to Pastor, Dr. Everett Jennings, Sr., Lady Barbara Jennings, and the New Providence Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan for hosting the event.

[DVDs of the Celebration Service are available until **May 1, 2017** through the National Woman's Auxiliary Office, NBC, USA, Inc., 5555 Conner Avenue, Suite 2079 Detroit, Michigan 48213 for a fee of \$10, which includes shipping/handling. Checks/money orders payable to: BM&E State Convention of Michigan]

Event Photographs



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Dr. Robert and President Cynthia P. Smith



(From l to r)

President Henry and Marilyn Fuller, Wolverine Baptist State Convention;
Dr. Robert and President Cynthia Smith; and
President Wallace and Debra Mills, BM&E State Convention of Michigan



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Dr. Robert and President Cynthia P. Smith



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