

**THE 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  
NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.  
JULY 27-31, 2009  
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

**THEME: “USHERS STANDING STRONG FOR GOD”  
(I Corinthians 16:13)  
Senior Department Agenda – N.U.C.U.A.A., INC.**

**PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, July 25, 2009**

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|----------------|---|
| 2:00 pm        | Willie J. Minnifield Training & Development Workshop                |
| 4:00 – 6:00 pm | George T. Grier School of Ushering<br>Advanced Instructors’ Seminar |
| 7:30 pm        | Gospel Stage Play “A Change Is Coming”                              |

**Sunday, July 26, 2009**

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| 7:00 am           | Past National Officers’ Prayer Breakfast  |
| 10:00 am          | Raymond Thomas Interfaith Service & Communion<br>Speaker: Rev. Martha A. Lang, Mt. Tabor A. M. E. Church<br>Philadelphia, PA                        |
|                   | Willie J. Minnifield Training & Development Workshops<br>First Timers Orientation<br>(Begins immediately after the Interfaith & Communion Services) |
| 2:00 pm           | Executive Board Meeting   |
| 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm | George T. Grier School of Ushering Workshop<br>(All departments – Uniform is not required)  |
| 7:00 pm           | Musical Concert<br>Philadelphia State Musical   |

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**Monday, July 27, 2009**

**Ushers in National Uniform**

**All Officers are to be present**

**Doorkeepers Serving: California, Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey  
& Virginia**

- 7:00 am                    Robert E. Allen Candlelight & Rededication Service  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Janet Sturdivant, Asbury A. M. E. Church  
Chester, PA
- 9:15 am                    Devotion – National Chaplain Elrita James  
State Chaplains/Devotion Leaders (All Departments)
- 9:30 am                    Welcome Program  
Pennsylvania State Ushers (Eastern Region)
- 10:00 am                  **General Business Session**  
Presentation of Gavel  
                                Bro. Kensey M. Lewis, Board of Directors Chairman  
Acceptance of Gavel  
                                Bro. Alexander Fawra, Jr., Junior & Young People President  
                                Sis. Jacqueline M. Nesbitt, Young Adult President  
                                Bro. Charles E. McCraney, Jr., Senior President
- Call to Order  
                                Charles E. McCraney, Jr., National President, Presiding
- Roll Call of Officers  
                                Credential Committee – Financial Secretary  
                                Convention Rules  
                                Acceptance of Agenda  
                                A.W. Briggs Health Unit Inspection Report  
                                Minutes from Friday's session 2008 (Printed & Distributed)  
                                Admission of New States  
                                Appointment of Committees
- Address**  
                                Charles E. McCraney, Jr., National President  
(Dismissal of Juniors & Young People and Young Adults)

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**Reports:**

Executive Board

Nominating Committee Report

Nominations from the Floor

Election Committee – Directions for Wednesday Elections

Finance Report

Board of Director's Report

Power Point Presentation

Questions

Announcements/Dismissal

2:30 pm	Willie J. Minnifield Training & Development
4:00 pm	Committee & Department Meetings
7:00 pm	Henry Ballard Musical Program Announcements/Dismissal

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**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

**Uniforms required only for School of Ushering**

**All Officers are to be Present**

**Doorkeepers Serving: Arkansas, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Texas,  
Washington State**

- 6:30 – 9:30 am      George T. Grier School of Ushering  
Floor Demonstration
- 10:45 am            Devotion: National Chaplain Elrita James  
State Chaplains & Devotion Leaders
- 11:00 am            **General Business Session**  
Filmore Gregory, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Presiding
- Minutes of Previous Session  
Credential Committee
- Address**  
Alexander Fawra Jr., Junior & Young People President
- Address**  
Jacqueline M. Nesbitt, Young Adult President
- Vice President's Report**  
Filmore Gregory, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,  
Eastern Region Director
- Reports:**  
Alumni Department  
President's Council  
Past National Officers  
Resolution  
Monitors  
Helen B. Hornbuckle Doorkeeper  
Announcements/Dismissal
- 1:00 pm            National Unity Luncheon
- 4:00 pm            Department & Committee Meetings
- 7:00 pm            Vicie Juran Parade of States – Junior & Young People Department  
Birthday Calendar Contest – Young Adult Department  
Announcements/Dismissal

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**Wednesday, July 29, 2009**

**Ushers in Uniform**

**All Officers are to be Present**

**Doorkeepers Serving: Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, New York, Missouri**

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| 6:30 – 9:30 am | George T. Grier School of Ushering Workshop<br>Election of Officers – TBA  |
| 10:45 am       | Devotion: National Chaplain Elrita James<br>State Chaplains/Devotion Leaders   |
| 11:00 am       | <b>General Business Session</b><br>Harold Hester, Jr., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Presiding<br><br>Minutes of Previous Session<br>Credential Committee Report<br><br><b>Vice President's Report</b><br>Harold Hester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President<br>Southern Region Director<br><br><b>Reports</b><br>A.W. Briggs Health Unit<br>Henry Ballard Music Department<br>Leroy Johnson Building Fund<br>Historical Committee<br>Outreach Committee<br>Young Adult Department<br>Election Results<br>Announcements/Dismissal |
| 1:00 pm        | Mother Bethel AME and Grave Site (Founder Elijah Hamilton)<br>Historic Tour  |
| 4:00 pm        | Committee & Department Meetings  |
| 5:30 pm        | George T. Grier School of Ushering Drill Team Competitions<br>Announcements/Dismissal  |

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**Thursday, July 30, 2009**

**Ushers in Uniform**

**All Officers are to be Present**

**Doorkeepers Serving: Delaware, Georgia, Massachusetts, Nevada, South Carolina,  
Wisconsin**

- 6:30 – 9:30 am      George T. Grier School of Ushering Workshop
- 10:45 am            Devotion: National Chaplain Elita James  
State Chaplains/Devotion Leaders
- 11:00 am            **General Business Session**  
Geneva Clark Cole, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Presiding
- Minutes of Previous Session  
Credential Committee Report
- Vice President's Report**  
Geneva Clark Cole, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Central Region Director
- Reports**  
Alma C. Hawkins Public Relations Department  
Election Committee  
By-Law Committee  
Jessie Burnett Arts & Crafts  
Junior & Young People Department  
William H. Davis Honor Club  
Announcements/Dismissal
- 2:00 pm             Willie J. Minnifield Training & Development
- 4:00 pm             Committee & Department Meetings
- 7:00 pm             Allan A.C. Griffith Education & Scholarship Program  
Announcements/Dismissal

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**Friday, July 31, 2009**

**Ushers in Uniform**

**All Officers are to be Present**

**Doorkeepers Serving: Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee**

- 6:30 – 9:30 am      George T. Grier School of Ushering Workshops
- 10:45 am            Devotion: National Chaplain Elrita James  
State Chaplains/Devotion Leaders
- 11:00 am            **General Business Session**  
Ruth I. Jones, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Presiding
- Minutes of Previous Session  
Credential Committee Report (final)
- Vice President's Report**  
Ruth I. Jones, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President  
Western Region Director
- Reports**  
R.E. Harshaw Foundation  
Willie J Minnifield Training & Development  
Allan A.C. Griffith Education Department  
George T. Grier School of Ushering  
Board of Directors  
Memorial
- Memorial Program**  
Speaker: Rev. Jeremiah Witherspoon, Temple Baptist Church  
Chester, PA
- Announcements/Dismissal
- 2:00 pm             Willie J. Minnifield Training & Development Workshop
- 7:00 pm             **Installation Banquet**  
Renowned Gospel Recording Artist, Evangelist Dorothy Norwood
- Adjournment Sine Die

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**WELCOME DELEGATES TO OUR 90<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**CONVENTION RULES**

1. All provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. shall govern this Convention, and are hereby incorporated.
2. The Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the Parliamentary Authority, in all cases not governed by the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws.
3. In cases where the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, nor said manual covers a given question, the convention shall decide the same by majority rule.
4. Delegates shall register promptly, upon arriving at the convention and shall attend all business sessions of the convention.
5. Delegates shall sit in the meeting hall in the section assigned to them under their state sign.
6. Delegates shall be furnished badges by the Credential Committee when they register and will be required to wear them at all times in order to obtain admission to the business sessions.
7. On the opening day of the convention and immediately following the Welcome Ceremonies, the Credential Committee shall report the number of registered delegates and alternates, with proper credentials and shall make a supplementary report after the opening ceremonies of each business session.
8. The Presiding Officers shall enforce order and decorum at all times and shall require observance of same for the expeditious and orderly transition of business.
9. Any person who attends the business meeting shall conduct himself/herself in such a manner as to be a credit to the convention and any person not displaying exemplary behavior shall be subject to removal by order of the Presiding Officer.
10. No Committee Meetings shall be held during the hours that the General Assembly is in session.
11. No Delegate shall be entitled to the floor unless he/she rises, address the Presiding Officer and gives his/her name and the state from which he/she comes, and is wearing a convention badge.
12. Delegates shall rise to second motions in the convention and give his/her name and the state from which he/she comes and shall also rise to question or challenge the vote. All Resolutions shall be in writing and shall be signed by the person submitting same. Main motions shall also be in writing if the chair so directs.
13. All Resolutions that are referred to the Resolutions Committee, shall be submitted to the Convention along with the Committees own recommendation as to the appropriate action to be taken.
14. All Resolutions except those proposed by the Board of Directors shall be referred to the Resolution Committee.

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15. In order to expedite business, only one second to a motion shall be accepted by the presiding officer.