



# THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, INC.

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# ECHO

*From the desk of  
State President Julia A. Kitchen*

*Greeting! Happy Spring!*

*To God be the Glory for bringing us thus far. A new year—  
2022.*

*Our Organization Day on January 9<sup>th</sup> was a very spiritually  
and uplifted service. Thanks to Rev. Roland M. Barnes,  
Pastor of Carroll Western United Methodist Church. Thanks  
to all that attended.*

*We are looking forward to our 72<sup>nd</sup> State Convention which  
will be held virtual again this year. Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00  
pm and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am. The host unit is  
Baltimore and host Pastor is Rev. Christopher P. Burnett.  
Let's pray for a successful convention, so that God will get the  
Glory.*

*Please continue to Pray for our Brothers and Sisters. We are  
all going thru something.*

*Live one day at a time, today is all you have*

*Love for all of you!*



# THE BALTIMORE UNIT



## *Highlighting One of Our Young Adults*

Usher Everette Jackson

Perkins Square Baptist Church

Usher Everette Jackson is a graduating senior with a full scholarship at Morgan State University where he is majoring in Construction Management with a minor in Business Administration. He is also a 2016 recipient of the ICUA State of Maryland R.E. Harshaw Grant. Usher Jackson has worked tirelessly to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout his college career to graduate summa cum laude, but he knows that he is not finished yet. He plans to continue his education by pursuing a Construction Management Master's degree from Morgan State University's graduate program. With almost four years of education and experience as an intern, he has solidified his goal to work in the construction industry. He became secretary of the Construction Management Association of America (C.M.A.A.) Morgan State University Chapter in his junior year and stepped into the role of president in his senior year. As president, he has dedicated all his efforts to ensure his peers have opportunities to learn and grow professionally so that they may be successful in the industry. After four years of interning, he is now looking forward to working full time with Southway Builders, a local general contractor in Baltimore whose motto is Quality, Dependability and Integrity. Usher Jackson intends to embody those qualities in everything from everyday interactions to working in his future career.



The Financial Team Welcomes Usher Debbie Ferrell from Huber Memorial Church  
as the New Baltimore Unit Treasurer

## Givelify

Under the organization name of Baltimore Unit of the I.C.U.A. of Maryland, Inc., we have implemented **Givelify** – an easy-to-use platform that offers complete donation management, tracking and integration for nonprofit organizations and religious groups. This online mobile giving app or desktop platform accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Choose a donation amount. Your gift goes exactly where you want. Visit [givelify.com](https://givelify.com) to learn more.



**Sister Bessie Harding  
Enon Baptist Church**

The oldest usher in the Baltimore Unit has received her wings at the age of 112 years old. She has become one of our Lord and Savior's newest ushers. To God Be the Glory!

Sister Harding resided at Keswick Multi-Care Center located at 700 West 40th Street in Baltimore until our Father called her home during the week of February 18. Knowing she loved flowers, the Baltimore Unit presented her with a fresh vase of beautiful flowers on Monday, April 26, 2021. The picture above of Sister Harding was taken at that time. Let's keep her family in prayer.



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Usher Georgia Lee Jones Washington*



*March 13, 1938 - February 4, 2022*

*Georgia truly loved serving as a Doorkeeper in the house of the Lord. In, 1978, she became a member of the ICUA of Maryland and she served as the Calvert County Unit President from 1996 -2010. She was an advisor for Calvert County until her health declined. Georgia was a great Leader, and she left a powerful impact on the ushers and everyone she met. Her aspiration was "If I can help somebody as I travel along life's way, then my living will not be in vain." Georgia will be greatly missed by ICUA of Maryland and the Calvert County Unit.*

*Delores Sewell, Calvert County Unit*

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## **UCUA of Harford & Cecil Counties Unit**

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ.  
“Colossians 3: 23-24

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Since our last State Meeting, on December 4, 2021, the officers and members of Harford and Cecil Counties Unit had a blessed time at our Organization Day, Sunday, January 9, 2022. We had 9 members in attendance with 1/3 of our Churches being on Zoom. It truly was a blessed Service through worshipping, singing, and hearing the preached Word from Pastor Roland Barnes of the Carroll Western United Methodist Church.

Pastor Barnes’s Message from the Lord entitled “Look at what the Lord has done”! As we look over our life one should not dwell in the past but look towards the Lord for all His goodness. Never allow your problems to defeat you. God gives us more and we should give thanks unto the Lord for all that He hath done for us.

On behalf of UCUA, we were blessed to donate 7 scarves, 44 hats, and 75 gloves to the Harford Family House to support the Juniors’ Outreach project. Praise God for His blessings!

We were blessed to give both families gift cards from Harford & Cecil Counties Unit, State of Maryland, and donations from Brother Gaddy. To God Be the Glory for the Great things He hath done!

UCUA have donated our 50 books for the Outreach Project of the Mabel A. Grey Education Department.

**SAVE THE DATE for HONORING the CEVIS’s, FRIDAY, June 10, 2022, at 6:30 PM!**

We are so proud of our Immediate Past Unit President, Sister Virginia Cevis and Brother Irvin E. Cevis for their many years of accomplishments, hard work, faithfulness, and dedication to UCUA of Harford & Cecil Counties Unit.

President Ollie M. Danage

UCUA HARFORD/CECIL COUNTIES UNIT

50<sup>th</sup>  
ANNUAL USHER'S BANQUET



*Honoring "The Cevis'"*

*Friday*  
*June 10, 2022*  
Program starts at  
**6:30pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKETS:  
[ucuaharfordcecil@gmail.com](mailto:ucuaharfordcecil@gmail.com)

THEME: "Humbly Serving the Lord's People with Joy"  
Level VFC Banquet Hall  
3633 Level Village Rd, Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
Ticket Price - \$50

*Prince George's Unit*  
*President Sandra Sellman*  
*Reporter Angela Hardy*

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

As a result of the pandemic, President Sandra Sellman continues to have conference call meetings and one on one calls and emails to our members to check on the member's welfare and to keep communications with them.

For the Senior Christmas Dinner in December 2021, the Prince George's Unit received 4 families to be considered for the two gift cards. Two families received the State Gift cards of \$150. The third family received a \$150 gift card from our Unit. We unanimously decided to continue supporting our adopted family (grandmother with 5 grandchildren) for 2022. For Christmas, the grandmother received a \$200 gift card and each of the 5 grandkids received a \$25 gift card, totaling \$325 from our Unit.

Junior Ushers Outreach - Maryland's Juniors had a successful turnout of collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks for children in need and distributed them to two Title 1 schools:

- 1) Waldon Woods Elementary School in Clinton, MD.
- 2) Lewisdale Elementary School in Hyattsville, MD.

In honor of Past Immediate Eastern Region Director Charles Brown, Prince George's submitted a full page ad for Eastern Region Souvenir Booklet.

Prince George's members help supported the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser. Junior Usher Dae'Vionna Leonard will be representing Maryland in the National Vice of Juran Contest. Awesome Job!

Eastern Region Outreach - Per the request from our Elizabeth Lane Education Department, Prince George's donated 50 reading books for the Eastern Region Outreach.

65th Eastern Region Conference - Prince George's registered 9 members for the conference and purchased 7 banquet tickets.

72nd Annual State Convention - Prince George's registered 11 members.

## *Mary McClenon Alumni Department*

Levite Ada K. McCoy, Chairperson

The Mary McClenon Alumni Department of Maryland was blessed to be able to give donations to various charities, which included the Harford Family House located in Aberdeen, Maryland, and the Emergency Foundation Restoration fundraiser for East John Youth Center in Lusby, Maryland, donations were given to a family that had a house fire.

Additionally, the Mary McClendon Alumni Department was also able to help a family in need by providing them with a laundry basket filled with cleaning supplies such as bleach, washing powder, fabric softener, Lysol, masks, paper towels as well as other supplies. We were able to give a Thanksgiving and a Christmas basket along with gift cards to families throughout the Units.

The Alumni Department also gave a monetary donation to the outgoing National Alumni Chairman.

Furthermore, birthday cards were sent out to the members as well as sympathy cards and get- well cards to the members and their families.

As you can see by God's grace and mercy the Mary McClenon Alumni Department continues to be active even during these times of uncertainty.

To God be the Glory!

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### **Elizabeth Lane Education**

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On behalf of the Elizabeth Lane Education Department, we are moving forward with the collection of 250 new reading books for Friday, March 18, 2022. We are so blessed to be a blessing to others by presenting District of Columbia and Vincy new reading books.

Thank you very much Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Calvert County, Harford & Cecil County, and Prince George’s County on your donations.

“O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 107:1

The Elizabeth Lane Education sent out information to the following Units, Baltimore City and Calvert County applications and criteria for the R.E. Harshaw Grant and Allen E. Morse Memorial Scholarship for 2022-2023.

National: We will donate new bookbags and gift cards to a Title One School in Chicago.

Don’t forget to save your pennies for the “Penny Bucket” Contest.

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Matthew 9: 37-38

The Elizabeth Lane Education Department is looking for members to work in the Education Department to support our Juniors and Young People’s. We need your prayers and support to grow our Education Department.

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**Board of Trustees Liaison:** Usher Carrie Lindsey

**PUBLIC RELATIONS NO SHOW SPRING PICNIC**  
**Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Maryland, Inc.**  
**Public Relations Department**

**March 20 – April 23, 2022**

**Enjoy the perfect Spring Picnic without Attending!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ To escape the calories and sodium in those mouthwatering hot dogs and hamburgers.**

**\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ To get out of the aches and pain from playing softball and volleyball.**

**\$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ To stay out of the busy and congested traffic.**

**\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ To avoid those annoying mosquitoes.**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Donations**

**Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make Unit Check payable to ICUA of Maryland. Send forms and monies to**

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