



40TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SEASON

CONSECRATION & KICK-OFF SERVICE:

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REVEREND DOCTOR NICOLE MASSIE MARTIN

Reverend Doctor Nicole Massie Martin was born and educated in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University with a triple major in Human and Organizational Development, Educational Studies, and French. Dr. Martin received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and earned a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Dr. Martin serves as the Chief Impact Officer at Christianity Today. She is the founder and Executive Director of Soulfire International Ministries, which accelerates thriving for pastors, churches, and younger leaders. She also leads the Grow Ministry at Kingdom Fellowship AME Church.



Dr. Martin is a gifted writer and author of numerous articles including two books: *Made to Lead: Empowering Women for Ministry* and *Leaning In, Letting Go: A Lenten Devotional*. She serves on the executive council of the National Association of Evangelicals and the board of trustees at Fuller Theological Seminary. She is a founding board member of the Center for Christianity and Public Life and has been inducted into the esteemed Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.

Dr. Martin is married to her best friend, Dr. Mark Martin, and they have two amazing daughters.

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Order of Service

Rev. Chandra Marriott, Worship Leader

Devotions

Invocation..... Rev. Tia Farmer

Response.....The Liturgical Dance Ministry

Welcome of Visitors Sis. ShaDowna Jones

AnnouncementsSis. Wendy Johnson

*Introduction of Co-Chairs
& Overview of Women's Season Activities Pastor Jo Ann Browning*

Women's Season Scripture..... . Rev. Trisch Smith

Introduction of Preacher.....

Ministry of Preparation The Women's Season Praise Team

*Ministry of the Word..... Rev. Dr. Nicole Massie Martin
Kingdom Fellowship AME Church
Calverton, MD*

Ministry of Consecration Pastor Jo Ann Browning

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offering/Offertory

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Committee Sign-up in the Narthex immediately following the Benediction.

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General Information

Information No. (301) 265-8293

Website: www.Godisawonder.com

Spiritual Retreat Registration Fees

The 2024 Women's Spiritual Retreat fee is only **\$149 in-person** and **\$119 virtual (online)**. The retreat fee does not include hotel accommodation.

The Spiritual Retreat fees are non-refundable and include entrance to all day and evening live sessions, virtual bonus sessions, retreat bag with materials, workshop materials and online access to all sessions and activities for at least two weeks after the conference.

Online Registration

Please register via the Internet at www.Godisawonder.com. Online payments can be made by Visa and MasterCard credit cards only.

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Location and Hotel Fees

The God is a Wonder Spiritual Retreat & Restoration Conference will be held on the campus of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, in Fort Washington, MD. Hotel accommodations are available at the National harbor located on the expansive waterfront of the Potomac River just minutes from the church. Lodging must be arranged separately and can be secured at one of several partner hotels at the beautiful National Harbor.

When calling to make your reservation, you must mention **Ebenezer A.M.E. Church** to receive the discounted rate. Be sure to make your reservations as early as possible since there are only a limited number of rooms available. The deadline to book rooms is **Wednesday, April 30, 2024**. Please do not wait until the deadline as rooms are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once these rooms are gone, we cannot guarantee the discounted rates.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a one night non-refundable deposit at the time you reserve your room. Based on current banking procedures, use of a debit card for hotel check-in transactions and rental cars is discouraged. This could result in additional funds being withheld for an extended period of time. Additionally, please **DO NOT** send your hotel registration to Ebenezer A.M.E. Church.

Room rates and location of retreat hotels are listed below:

National Harbor – Waterfront Street – National Harbor, MD (www.nationalharbor.com)

- **Gaylord Hotel** – 301-965-4000
\$269 + tax
- **Residence Inn** – 301-749-4755
\$219 + tax
- **AC Hotel by Marriott** – 301-749-2299
\$215 + tax
- **Hampton Inn** – 301-567-3531
\$229 + tax
- **Hyatt Place** -301-686-1120
\$239 + tax
- **Westin Hotel** – 301-567-3999
\$269 + tax

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In addition, we have another partner hotel (Harborside) which is located outside of National Harbor and approximately five miles from Ebenezer. Transportation to and from this hotel will be provided to those individuals who paid for transportation.

- **Harborside Hotel** – 240-493-1020
\$175 + tax

Transportation

Charter buses, vans and vehicles will be available to transport attendees from the National Harbor property to Ebenezer A.M.E. Church for a cost of only **\$85** for the entire weekend. Pre-registration for transportation services is required. On-site registration will not be available.

Travel Arrangements

There are three major airports that serve this region--Reagan National Airport is the closest to the designated hotels. Dulles International Airport and Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport are approximately one hour away. Amtrak Train Service is also available to New Carrollton, MD and Washington, DC, which are within 30 minutes of the retreat hotels by taxi.

Meals

ALL MEALS are on your own. There will be vendors available to purchase food on-site and a list of local restaurants will be provided.

Identification Badges

You must wear your badge for admission to all activities. The registration badge provides access to all retreat activities, including meals. A fee will be charged to replace any lost badges.

Spiritual Retreat Attire

Comfort is the word for the spiritual retreat and restoration conference attire. Casual, relaxed clothing including jeans, slacks or capri pants are appropriate for this spirit and fun-filled weekend. Please wear orange, fuchsia, red and white as much as possible.

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Vendor Information

A limited number of vendors will be available.

Assessment

The Women's Season assessment is \$100.00 for adults and young adults, and \$10.00 for youth.

Promotional Items

*We encourage you to pre-order your 39th Annual Women's Season promotional items at the time you register for the Retreat. **Pre-orders must be placed by May 12, 2024.***

New & Returning Attractions

Some of the new and/or returning attractions for this year:

- Additional In-Person Bonus Workshops (*limited space and registration required*)
(Note: These workshops will not be available online during or after the retreat)
- Virtual workshops available to view at your convenience
- Afternoon Answer Preaching Moments on Friday Afternoon
- Two Young Adult Workshops on Saturday morning
- Special Musical Guest Artist Maurette Brown Clark
- Bus Transportation from the National Harbor Hotels at a costs (*limited availability*)
- Limited number of vendors available on the 2nd floor
- Snacks available for purchase at the Ebenezer Market
- Prayer Room at the Women's Resource & Restoration Center

The retreat is designed to enhance you spiritually, mentally and physically! Some exciting attractions are included for 2024. ***Please note that sessions during free time are optional. Attendees can decide if they want to attend.***

Please Note: This Retreat is for WOMEN ONLY. Children and men should not attend.

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Women's Season Co-Chairs

WOMEN'S SEASON CO-CHAIRS

DISTINGUISHED CO-CHAIRS

Sis. Margaret Agnew
Sis. Queen Clay
Sis. Sylvia Yarborough

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

Sis. Edythe Harris
Sis. Zennia Robinson

ADULT CO-CHAIRS

Sis. Tracy Branch-Anderson
Sis. Crystal Carson
Sis. Tonya Dixon
Sis. Wendy Johnson
Sis. ShaDowna Jones
Sis. Peggy Manley
Sis. Stephanie Mason
Sis. Miriamm McKinney
Sis. Tawanna Watson
Sis. Michelle White

YOUNG ADULT CO-CHAIRS

Sis. Jasmyne Smith

CO-CHAIR ADVISORY BOARD

Sis. Wendy Long
Sis. Allicia Mason
Sis. Marilyn Moore

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Co-Coordinator - Activities

Consecration/Kick-Off - March 10, 2024

Adult Co-Chairs/Adult Coordinators
Young Adult Co-Chairs

God is a Wonder Walk (Saturday's 3/16 - 5/4)

Sis. Christy Fenner (A)
Sis. Kinyette Newman (A)
Sis. Denise Ross (A)

Revival – April 3, 2024

Sis. Debra Dickson (A)
Sis. Michelle Hamilton (A)
Sis. Doreen McKnight (A)
Sis. Linette Robinson (A)
Sis. Desiree Dickson (YA)

Inter-Generational Conversation -April 19, 2024

Sis. Toni Benton (A)
Sis. Jean Bruton (A)
Sis. Oris Brown (A)
Sis. Jeanette Griffin (A)
Sis. Breyanna Allen (YA)

Daughters of Anna Prayer Circle – April 20, 2024

Sis. Tasha Parker (A)
Sis. Anita Richardson (A)

Young Adult Activity – April 27, 2024

Young Adult Co-Chairs

Outreach Day – May 11, 2024

Sis. Donna Bradford-Epps (A)
Sis. Cindy Coates (A)
Sis. Sharon Groves (A)
Sis. Anita Sykes (A)
Sis. Larissa Woodard (A)
Sis. Aniya Glenn (YA)
Sis. Ashlee Hayes (YA)

Daughters of Anna Prayer Circle – April 20, 2024

Sis. Tasha Parker (A)
Sis. Anita Richardson (A)

Women's Season Activity – May 18, 2024

Sis. Veronica Huntley (A)
Sis. Juanita Smart (A)
Sis. Phalon Starr (A)
Sis. Jessica Harris (YA)
Sis. Zion Huntley (YA)

Retreat Briefing - May 21, 2024

Adult/Young Adult Co-Chairs

Women's Spiritual Retreat & Restoration Conference – May 30 – June 1, 2024

All Co-Chairs

Annual Women's Day – June 2, 2024

All Co-Chairs

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Co-Coordinator - Committees & Support Ministries

Spiritual Retreat Support Committee

Sis. Jacqui Bennett (A)
Sis. Felicia Glasper (A)
Sis. Kinyette Newman (A)
Sis. Dot Simmons (A)

Registration Committee

Sis. Bernice Contee (A)
Sis. Monia Bond (A)
Sis. Taimeka Butler (A)
Sis. Diane Eubanks (A)
Sis. Constance Odom (A)
Sis. Tamara Rollins (A)

Transportation

Sis. Jeanette Griffin (A)
Sis. Margie Horton (A)
Sis. Greta Martin (A)
Sis. Adrienne McAbee (A)

Hospitality/Helps

Sis. Patricia Haynes Lee (A)
Sis. Lisa Wooten (A)

Spiritual Retreat Prayer Room

Sis. Vivian Crumbley (A)
Sis. Diane Banks (A)
Sis. Monica West (A)

Daughters of Anna - Praying & Fasting

Sis. Tasha Parker (A)
Sis. Anita Richardson (A)

Photography

Sis. Shari Overton (A)
Sis. Yolonda Cooper (A)

Health Ministry

Sis. Veronica Amos (A)

Deaf Ministry

Sis. Gwendolyn Gilbert (A)

Ushers

Sis. Joyce Griggs (A)

Music

Sis. Veda Whisnant (A)

Publicity

Rev. Trisch Smith (A)

Social Media

Sis. Paula Commodore (A)

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Committee Participation

The Lord has blessed each Sister with gifts and talents to be used to His honor and to His glory. We ask that you might seek the Lord for direction in working on the following Women's Season Committees. Each Committee has a specific purpose to amplify the Women's Season theme, edify the Committee workers, and glorify the Lord our God.

Please note that the number beside the Committee name indicates the maximum number of participants for the Committee. Please seek another Committee once the number has been reached. Also note, all Committees are headed by Co-Coordinator who assist the Co-Chairs in carrying out the purpose of the Committees.

Daughters of Anna Praying & Fasting (Open to all Women of Ebenezer)

Will commit to praying and fasting, as a group or as an individual for the Women's Season, for each activity, Committee, for all who are working in any capacity on Women's Season activities, and for the Pastors and leaders of the Church.

God is a Wonder Walk (5)

Will assist with coordinating the weekly walks for the Women's Season.

Women's Season Activity (20)

Will assist with planning and coordinating the activity to ensure through fellowship and fun the event is a blessing to the body of Christ.

Hospitality (100)

Will greet and assist Retreat participants at the various retreat activities. Additionally, will assist the Ushers at Retreat Worship Services, as needed.

Outreach (50)

Will coordinate efforts to reach out to the least of these by visiting designated social service facilities and bringing a gospel message and materials. In the past, we have visited infant and

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maternity homes, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and homeless people who are not in shelters.

Revival (5)

Will assist in coordinating administrative and support services to assure that the Women's Season Revival is a blessing to the body of Christ.

Inter-Generational Conversation (7)

Will assist in coordinating administrative and support services to assure that the Women's Season Inter-Generational Conversation is a blessing to the body of Christ.

Social Media (10)

Will publicize the Women's Season events through social media. Assist in producing visual content (photos, video reels) and live updates of each activity for posting to the Women's Season Facebook, Instagram, and X pages.

Transportation (35)

Will assist in coordinating transportation to and from the hotels at the National Harbor, as well as getting to other locations on the Ebenezer campus.

Women's Season Support (100)

Will provide volunteer support for all aspects of Women's Season, but particularly the Spiritual Retreat. Responsibilities include securing donations of items for the retreat bags, preparing and packing the retreat bags and materials, and providing volunteer support at the Spiritual retreat in areas such as the information desk, workshops, lunches, greeters, retreat signage, and registration.

Young Adult Activity (30)

Will work with Young Adult Co-Chairs to plan an activity that addresses the issues and concerns for young adult women.

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2024 Women's Season Choir Rehearsal Schedule

It is time to prepare for Women's Day 2024. As we look towards that blessed day in the Lord, the rehearsal schedule for the Women's Day Choir will be as follows. All rehearsals will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, 7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, Maryland, unless otherwise notified.

As dates/times are subject to change, please check all emails/texts from the Music Department. Also, please remember to bring a device with you, so you may record the rehearsals.

May 6, 2024

May 13, 2024

May 21, 2024

May 28, 2024

Minister Dillard will oversee all music selection and rehearsal activities.

ALL COMMUNICATION with respect to the Women's Season Praise Team should be directed to Min. Ricky Dillard.

ALL COMMUNICATION with respect to the Women's Season Choir Rehearsal should be directed to Min. Ricky Dillard.