

Church Women United



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World Community Day

~ Becoming One in 2021 ~
New Places,

New Faces at the Table

November 5, 2021

9:30 – 10:00 – Gathering

10:00 - 11:30 – Program

Please join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82887167290>

Co-hosts:

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Carolyn Rumph – CWU Key Leader

Grace Episcopal Church

Lynn McDonald – CWU Key Leader

Our Guest

Carlettra Stanford

Chief of Elementary Schools

Madison Metropolitan School District



Carlettra was born in Marks, Mississippi and moved to Madison at the age of three. She attended Madison Public Schools, graduating from Madison East High School, home of the Purgolders.

She went on to attend the prestigious Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia before earning her Master's degree in education from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Carlettra is currently pursuing her Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership.

In her role as Chief of Elementary Schools in MMSD, she supervises and collaborates with the 32 elementary principals, to ensure that schools are a place in which all Scholars will thrive. Prior to her role as the Chief of Elementary Schools, she had the honor of being the Principal of Mendota Elementary School, one of MMSD's first community schools, for ten years. With over twenty-eight years in MMSD, Carlettra has held myriad roles including Principal, School Wide Facilitator, Literacy Coach and Teacher.

An active community member she has served on numerous committees, boards and was the director of the African American Ethnic Academy. Her contributions to the community, the field of education and promotion of educational equity have been acknowledged through many awards and recognitions including the Luminaira Award for Leadership for Equity and Excellence, Lois Gadd Nemece Outstanding Alumnae Award, Milt McPike Education Award, nominee for MMSD Principal of the Year and most recently Charles Hamilton Houston Institute Difference Maker Award for Outstanding Service in Education.

Through her journey in the field of education, Carlettra has been steadfast in her commitment to eliminate, disrupt and dismantle inequitable systems. Her career and volunteer efforts have focused on creating systems and structures in which all Scholars will not only succeed, but will thrive.

Carlettra has been a member of S. S. Morris Church for 32 years.



Program

Prelude – “[Simple Gifts](#)”, arranged by Mark Hayes
Mark Brampton-Smith
Organist/Pianist, Grace Episcopal Church

Welcome - Reverend Marcus Allen, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Opening Prayer - Minister Brenda Brown, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Let us pray...

We thank you Father for this day that You have allowed us to see. We praise You for the opportunity to come to the table in a new place with new faces. We are humbled that you have equipped us for such a time as this with willing hearts to receive You, Your grace and Your mercy as we embrace one another, partake of Your guidance, and sup together at this table. We love You and thank You for disciplining us so that we may be where you are one day.

In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**

Opening Song – “[Recover It All](#)”

Levites of Zion Praise Team - Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Scripture Reading – Deacon Carol Smith, Grace Episcopal Church

John 10:30; John 17:20-23 & 26 (NLT)

“The Father and I are one.” I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in Me through their message. I pray that they will be one, just as You and I are one – as You are in Me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in Us so that the world will believe You sent Me.

May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that You sent Me and that You love them as much as You love Me.

Scripture Reading – (continued)

Father, I want these whom You have given Me to be with Me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave Me because you loved Me even before the world began!

O righteous Father, the world doesn't know You, but I do; and these disciples know You sent Me. I have revealed You to them, and I will continue to do so. Then Your love for Me will be in them, and I will be in them."

Speaker Introduction – Carolyn Rumph, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Keynote Address – Carlettra Stanford, Chief of Elementary Schools, MMSD

Community Leader Award – presented by Gloria Carter
CWU-Madison President

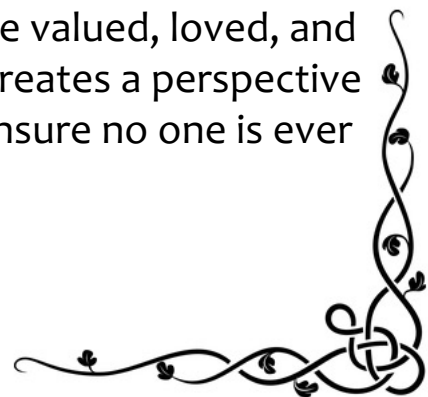
Responsive Reading – introduced by Gloria Carter

Pam Bracey: When we lift our prayers toward heaven as believers, may we be ever mindful of the privilege and authority we possess through Jesus Christ to humbly petition our Sovereign Lord to intervene in the circumstances of our lives and serve as intercessors on behalf of countless and sometimes voiceless others.

ALL (please mute): *We are united among the many faces from many places at the table!*

Iva Hillegas Schatz: Everyone deserves the right to be valued, loved, and encouraged. To esteem others as we do ourselves creates a perspective of inclusiveness and compassion, motivating us to ensure no one is ever neglected, abused, or abandoned.

ALL: *We are united among the many faces from many places at the table!*





Responsive Reading – (continued)

Carolyn Rumph: Establishing genuine peace has the capacity to create environments where productivity soars, selfishness diminishes, creativity abounds, and God is truly glorified. The sincere well-being of everyone becomes priority and enables us to tangibly demonstrate our ability to reflect the heart of Jesus Christ towards everyone we encounter.

ALL: *We are united among the many faces from many places at the table!*

Jane Henning: One of the foundational pillars of any society is the right of justice.

The expanse of our diversity should never circumvent the right to be heard, equitably treated with dignity, and afforded equal opportunities to live righteously, and productively serve humanity.

ALL: *We are united among the many faces from many places at the table!*

Pam Bracey: For far too long, many have focused their attention towards our differences. May we rise up and recognize our strength which we can build upon to better reflect Jesus Christ, who sacrificed His very life and rose from the dead to ensure, for eternity, our position as members of one body, the church, in Him.

ALL: *We are united among the many faces from many places at the table!*

ALL: *Jesus Christ prayed for all who would follow Him.*

Help us, Lord, to remember Jesus' desire was that we would all become one as He and Heavenly Father are one. By this, the world will know He was sent to earth by God, the power of unity, and the unfathomable love He has toward us. Knowing that Jesus prayed for us gives us confidence as we serve for His Kingdom.

Offering Prayer – Minister Brenda Brown

Let us pray...

Almighty God, we come before You humbled and thankful for the numerous blessings You have manifested In our lives, especially during the global COVID-19 pandemic. We are joyous and grateful for the opportunity to sow into the lives of so many women, children and families we may never have to opportunity to meet. We pray, O Lord, that as we reach out to embrace new places and new faces with these monetary resources, the impact will be a tangible demonstration of our desire to be united as you and our Savior are one. Help us to realize there should always be room at the table, just as there is at the foot of the cross.

In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**

Offering Song - “[Great is Thy Faithfulness](#)”

Levites of Zion Praise Team

Offering Appeal – Lynn McDonald – Grace Episcopal Church

Make checks payable to: “**Church Women United**”

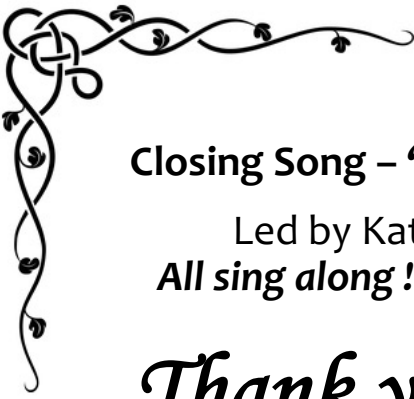
Offerings may be sent to: **Marleen Lippert, CWU treasurer**
6329 Scandia Lane
McFarland, WI 53588

Today’s World Community Day offering will be sent to the National Church Women United office to support the service and work of the national movement.

Sending Forth - Deacon Carol Smith

Precious Lord, our Father, as we conclude this World Community Day celebration, help us to graciously and enthusiastically reach across the table and touch the hands and hearts of those new places from new places. May the activities and fellowship we experienced serve as the catalyst to propel us to extend beyond ourselves to propagate change in the arenas of human rights, peace, justice, reconciliation, and Christian unity. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**





Closing Song – “[Let There Be Peace on Earth](#)”

Led by Katie Anderson, with Mark Brampton-Smith on piano.
All sing along !!! (on mute)

Thank you for joining us today!!

Acknowledgements

With heartfelt gratitude to:

- Carlettra Stanford
- Responsive readers:
 - Pam Bracey & Carolyn Rumph – Mt. Zion Baptist Church
 - Jane Henning & Iva Hillegas Schatz – Grace Episcopal Church
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- Grace Episcopal Church Women for funding the musicians.

CWU Madison

Community Leadership Awards 2017-2021

2017 - Vanessa McDowell, CEO YWCA Madison

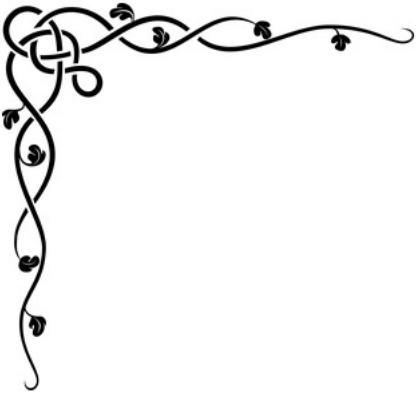
2018 - Dr. Michelle Robinson, newly appointed by Governor Evers as DHS
Director of the Office of Health Equity

2019- Shelia Stubbs, elected Representative from Madison 2018 and
re-elected 2020

2020 - Dr. Christy Clark Pujara, Associate Professor of African American
Studies, UW Madison

2021 - Carlettra Stanford, Chief of Elementary Schools, Madison
Municipal School District

also, a special Honor for her mother, **Carolyn Stanford Taylor**,
Former Wisconsin Superintendent of Schools



CWU History

Since 1941, CWU (originally called United Council of Church Women UCCW) have held a vision of Christian unity and prayerful action. In December 1941, women of faith from three interdenominational women's groups representing 70 denominations convened in Atlantic City, New Jersey while bombs were being dropped; the world was at war.

The UCCW's first action was to circulate a petition signed by 84,000 church women urging the United States at the signing of the United Nations Charter to join and take full responsibility in a world organization.



The action received wide publicity in the media, and Eleanor later involved the UCCW in a conference at the White House on "how women may share in post-war policy making". Such action remains typical for CWU today. Women of the movement affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

