

# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF ATLANTA NEWSLETTER

March 2024

## Calendar Items

**Saturday, March 23** - 11 am - screening of the **documentary - Xernona Clayton: A Life in Black and White** - Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church, 2545 Benjamin E. Mays Drive SW, Atlanta



no charge but please RSVP by March 21 call 404-755-1686 X2 or 678-296-3920

CWU Atlanta member **Sherrie Wilson** is President of Hoosier's United Women of Faith

**Friday, April 5, 7 pm - CWU Atlanta Membership Meeting on ZOOM**

**June 19 - 22 - CWU 2024 Quadrennial Assembly, Chicago, IL** - a gathering of ecumenical denominations, partners, women of faith organizations, activists, advocates, and people of good faith from our global community.

**For more info or to register go to [www.churchwomenunited.net](http://www.churchwomenunited.net)**

## Message from President Sheila Louder

Greetings CWU in Atlanta, Inc. Members and Friends!

Since the last newsletter my calendar has been filled with activities involving **Women's History Month** celebrations, attending the **Georgia Legislative session** and the 68th session of **The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women** in New York City, March 10-22.

If you have not had the opportunity to celebrate Women's History Month events or attend the Georgia legislative session there is still time to do so. Find an event in the city or local churches that affirm women's work and commitment.

Registration to attend The Commission is closed but visit: [www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org). to get information about CSW and UN Women. Church Women United is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) at the UN.

In this message I emphasize several critical concerns:

(1) **contacting your Georgia elected officials to voice your concerns about bills before them for a vote that affect the lives of GA citizens, especially issues affecting women and children** such as (SB 51(Pink Tax)-Elimination of state sales tax on products like pads and tampons, HB 1090, HB230, SB376, SB387-Foster Care Bills, and the Ratification of the ERA in Georgia). Google: **2024 Georgia Legislative session** to see all bills before the legislature. **The session ends March 28, 2024.** To find your elected official Google: (1)legis.ga.gov (2) click Member Directory

(2) **Please renew your CWU in Atlanta, Inc. membership.** Membership shows power when we work as advocates in our communities. The desired time to renew is the months of January, February and March as it enables the leadership to set the budget and plan for activities and projects to support throughout the year. Consider making a donation beyond the \$25 membership fee to support the desired projects that benefit women, families and children.

## CWU National News

The National Office has moved to 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1374, New York, NY 10111, phone 212-870-1030

**Join the Zoom Welcome for New Executive Director - Dr. Aigner Holmes** - on Tuesday, March 19 at 8 pm Meeting ID: 883 4253 8078 Passcode: 710827

## SHOWAbility Benefit Concert



**SHOWAbility's 1st Benefit Concert - Sunday, March 24, 2024 @ 3pm.** Headliner - **KEN FORD** - All-Abilities Advocate. **CWU Member Myrna Clayton** will be singing, Also appearing is dynamic rapper, **QuestionATL**, and **SHOWAbility's Inclusive Chorus**. Please attend or donate to support the vibrant disability community. Click the link to learn more - <https://showability.org/benefitconcert/>.

(President's message continued)

3) **Become an officer or join a committee**

4) **Plan to attend the membership meetings and celebrations throughout the year that show support and engagement in CWU as a movement for advocacy and justice peace.**

*Sheila Louder with Blessings and thanks during this season of Lent!*



## Advocacy with Interfaith Children's Movement

ICM's 14th Annual Day at the Capitol did not disappoint! Youth and adults experienced a full day of advocacy including a pre-session workshop, speaking with legislators, and personally delivering **Have a Heart gift bags** to all 236 legislators. Youth Advocacy Internships Available - **APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2024** - [www.icmgeorgia.org](http://www.icmgeorgia.org)

- \* Applicants must be between 13 and 18 years of age
- \* Orientation Session: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\* Attend 12 Team Huddles from June 15 to September 7, 2024

\* Create and present your own Teen Talk strategy for change.

\* Participate in ICM's 24th Annual Interfaith Prayer Celebration and FUNdraiser for Children on Sunday, September 8, 2024

\* For more information about the ICM Youth Advocacy Internship: [www.icmgeorgia.org](http://www.icmgeorgia.org) Advocacy is about showing up and being an active part of making positive change. Consistent attendance and communication is an integral part of ICM program and cultivating a fun, collaborative, and inspiring work environment.