



Elder Oni Nailah Oluremi - According to the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc.'s, the Ministry of ushering is a sacred and powerful responsibility. The NUCUAA is 15,000 members strong and their purpose is to train ushers and to promote evangelism through service. In order to carry out the duties and responsibilities of Church ushering, a Church usher must first and foremost be a Christian. Church ushers must be Christ-like and have a spirit of meekness and humility and they must be well-trained in all aspects and techniques of Church ushering. An usher is an official of the church, an official whose business it is to assist in ensuring the worship place is ready before the clergy and

congregation enter—they prepare the way.

Throughout the Scriptures we can find ushers called by various titles: watchmen (2 Samuel 18:24-27), porters (1 Chronicles 9:17-18), and doorkeepers (1 Chronicles 15:2-23).

As a watchwoman, serving on the National Board of Director; co-director and chairmen for the Willie L. Minnifield Training and Development Institute; co-founder of the Interdenominational Church of Ushers Georgia Association; recipient of the William H. Davis Medal of Honor and the “Pilgrim of Faith” Award; Elder Oni is now serving as the Young Adults Counselor and Chaplin for Georgia region; and remains active in training and preparing ushers, especially youth preparing them for a life of service in the church and in the larger community;

As a porter, she served the greater Atlanta Community for over 4 decades in various capacities as an educator; with a Master of Middle School Education Degree and is one of few National Board Certified Professional teachers, a certified Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediator and a Community facilitator;

As a doorkeeper she has been serving the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church for more than 26 years; as an Usher, an NPU Secretary, a Group Leader, a Women of Worship Ministry co-leader and more importantly she is as an Elder; an Elder that is continuously endeavoring to serve the Pan African Community through outreach support, as a member of the Social Action Group, organizing annual Kwanza and African community festivities; as Secretary for the Urban Voices International Toastmaster Club; as instructor, teaching African History and Spanish in support of the PAOCC's Alkebulan Academy Summer Camp Programs, and lead organizer for the Annual Donation Drive for Carrie Steele Pitts Home, the oldest and only African American Orphanage in the United States.