
Shrine of the Black Madonna



58th Anniversary



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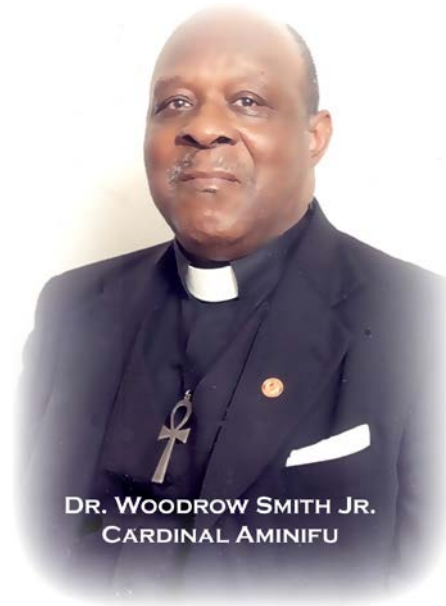
Recognitions



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Cardinal Aminifu Waganga (Dr. Woodrow Smith Jr.) served the Nation in ways too numerous to count, and with a depth of care, excellence, and impact that has been unsurpassed in the annals of our church's 58 year history. In every region in which he served, Cardinal Aminifu became nothing short of a legend for the positive and lasting impact he left upon the people with whom he interacted. So great and so long and so consistent and so dedicated was Cardinal Aminifu's service that it is only fitting that the National Service Award given out by the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church be named in his honor.

The tangible expression of an individual's Christian faith can be measured by the difference one makes in the world with their life. This sentiment was expressed by Martin Luther King when he said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy." As a fellowship, laboring to make our church a force for good in the world, we in the Shrines of the Black Madonna believe service is the highest praise. Rooted in the belief in the equality of souls, we are dedicated to creating a world where the divine value of all human beings is accepted, respected, and protected. While all of our members are urged to be involved in community service, there are some who, by their exemplary service, distinguish themselves and profoundly enhance our ministry. Therefore, these shining examples of service have been selected for recognition and appreciation during our Anniversary Month, as a celebration of our mission and tradition. Recipients of this award exemplify the words of our founder and first Holy Patriarch, Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman,

"Everything I have done with my life, I did because I was a Christian."

We are proud of their accomplishments and hold high their examples.

Ms. Geynille “Dalilah” Agee



Ms. Geynille Agee (Sis. Dalilah) began her professional career as a teacher in the Detroit Public School System, before moving on to adult education as Training Specialist for Michigan Metro Girl Scouts.

In 1985, she went to work for the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Houston, Texas, as Child Development Specialist, working with parents to support and stimulate developmentally delayed infants.

There she also participated in research studies to determine learning defects caused by prenatal exposure to drugs. The results of the research were published in Newsweek Magazine.

She was awarded a grant by Gulf Coast United Way to work with parents of children with developmental delays due to environmental neglect and or abuse.

Ms. Agee began her work with the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of HIV/STD & Viral Hepatitis in 1995. Her duties as Senior Trainer included the development of basic HIV/STD & Viral Hepatitis participant's manuals to target all at risk populations, such as *Hidden Dangers*, an informational course that was included in the Houston Police Cadet Academy training program.

She trained employees of Community Based Organizations in current HIV prevention strategies and Interventions.

Geynille served as liaison to the Urban AIDS Ministry Taskforce, a coalition of interdenominational faith representatives, developing, promoting and implementing educational programs and providing infrastructure development to HIV/AIDS ministries.

She is certified by the state of Texas and the Centers for Disease Control to train national Evidence Based Interventions for HIV prevention.

Ms. Agee is currently the Texas consultant for the National Black Church Initiative.

She is also consultant and trainer for Community Mental Health Associates delivering education and interventions to support family wellness.

Joyce “Fd. Karimah” Johnson



Fundi Karimah Onyemachi (Joyce Taylor Johnson) is a native Houstonian raised in the Third Ward and what is now known as the Museum District.

A graduate of Lamar High School, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Houston, as well as a Masters Certificate in Project Management from the Project Management Institute at George Washington University in Washington, DC, Fundi Karimah has over 25 years experience as an IT Professional. She has worked as Systems Designer, Quality Manager and Project Manager on IT projects for major corporations such as Halliburton, Lyondell, Compaq Computers and Hewlett Packard, and currently works as a Project Manager at a major insurance corporation. She is a member of the

National and Local Chapters of the Project Management Institute.

An ordained minister of the PAOCC since 1993, a Shrine member since 1990, Fundi Karimah has served in the church over the years in many capacities. She has been a group leader, assistant group leader, finance office trustee, Missionary, member of the Shrine #10 Nationnaires, worship service officiator, member of the Chanza Staff, member of the Cultural Center Review editorial team, Alkebulan Summer Camp tutor, member of the MTI office staff, Kuumba Kitchen cook, member and officer in the Women’s Ministry and a member the the Holy Order of Nzinga. Fundi Karimah currently serves as the Shrine Christian Center of Houston’s Regional Information Officer.

With her strong appreciation for technology and the Internet and her pioneering spirit, Fundi Karimah has led the PAOCC in adopting the use of technology as a new norm and a means to minister to the world community. She is the founder of the Virtual Village of the PAOCC. As one church in 5 places, The Virtual Village consists of a network of cyber locations and tools that not only bring all members together, but allows the PAOCC to take the good news of Black Christian Nationalism to the world and to our people everywhere. The website www.theyearofrestoration.org, TKC Houston media library, Shrine Online worship streaming, PAOCC News Around the Nation, Message from the Pastor, and Thirsty Thursdays make up the Virtual Village of the PAOCC. In addition to native communication products of the PAOCC, the Virtual Village consist of social networking, digital photo sharing, audio podcasts, webinars and other online communication methods.

Fundi Karimah has served as a board member of community based non-profits such as People in Partnership (PIP) and as an officer of Founders Vision Community Development Corporation (FVCDC) of the Southwest Region. She is, presently, volunteer staff manager, database administrator, and webmaster for the Prairie View A&M Foundation (PVAMF). In her volunteer role with the foundation, Karimah is responsible for managing the administration of the foundation’s database, establishing policies and procedures related to data security, online fundraising initiatives, and oversight for website design changes and enhancements.

Enjoying 20 years of marriage to husband, Don Johnson (Mw. Sadiki), she shares with him the love of golf and the joy of traveling. A lover of landscape photography, she is small business owner and operator of PhotosSTAT Photography and has traveled to, at last count, 36 states, Puerto Rico, and 3 continents chasing photo ops. She is a long time member of Professional Photographers Association (PPA).

Sis. Sharon “Tuere” Chew Stewart



Sis. Tuere Ayoluwa Omodele (Sharon Chew Stewart) was born the second of four girls in Lubbock, Texas, reared in Grambling, Louisiana and Houston, Texas. Inspired by her father, a well known community activist, her gift for loving and nurturing children was a gift from God, but was inspired and developed by her mother and grandmother. For many years, she has held her own front on the battlefield for the Liberation of Black children in her family, immediate and extended, in the community, in local schools, and in the church. If there is a child around, you can count on “Mother Tuere” being right there to correct, love, and show support. While she is most known for her work with children, her service to mankind does not stop there.

Having become a member of Shrine #10 of the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church in 1981, she has, over the past 30 years, served not only as House Mother of the Nursery and YTG Group Leader, she has extended her time, energy, and talent to the Black Slate, the Prison Ministry, including service to children with incarcerated parents, the Health Ministry Breast Cancer Walk, the Shrine Graphics Dept. as Church Photographer, and in any capacity the church has needed. Believing very strongly that “we share a sacred trust with those who have gone before”, Sis. Tuere has taken it upon herself to keep the memory of Bishop Binta Chui, her work ethic and unwavering dedication to Shrine children, alive and well.

In addition to serving her community through the mission and programs of the church, Tuere can be found in local schools fighting the good fight. She is most known as the “Jack Yates Basketball & Football Team Mom”. Whether her team takes it victories all the way to State in Austin, TX or loses miserably to the Booker T. Washington Eagles, Tuere is faithful to the end, but not just in cheering her team on, but in taking many of these youngsters into her heart and home, pushing them across the graduation stage from High School to College and beyond, supporting children of “missing parents”, adopting some in the process. Sis. Tuere sits on the boards of the Jack Yates Parent PTO and Project Grad, works with Community In-Service and Student Services. At Jack Yates and throughout the community, Tuere has helped children get school uniforms, helped school organizations get t-shirts, and provided college support to collegiates of all ages. Tuere will never stop fighting for the rights of Black children.

A firm believer that a community’s most valuable assets are its children and its seniors, Tuere offers service to the Golden Age Hobby House of Houston, Inc. as assistant to the seniors, sponsoring birthday parties, assisting with field trips and activities, even preparing funeral services and programs.

And even more impassioned believer in the importance of family, Tuere provides a very strong and consistent presence in the lives of her family members, including her children, siblings, grandchildren, mother, 95 year old grandmother, and her daddy at Beulah Land. She takes very seriously her role in planning and orchestrating her Family Reunion, arranging gatherings, providing tee-shirts, and anything else she can do to make the occasion a memorable one and ensure that the ties of family are never broken.



The Shrine of the Black Madonna is open to ALL.

You are always welcome to worship with us on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

SHRINE LOCATIONS

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