

# *Sister Marie "Abeo" Brown*



*"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world". Harriet Tubman*

Sister Marie M. Abeo Brown is a native of the great city of Atlanta, Georgia. She earned degrees Fashion and in Sociology from the Art Institute of Atlanta and Georgia State University. In her professional career she holds various certifications in Communication, Organizational Leadership, Change, Project and Workforce Management. As a senior leader with the City of Atlanta, Sister Abeo is responsible for directing, implementing and leading organizational efficiency through project governance and strategic planning. She is a Founding Member and serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of The Professional Association of City Employees (PACE) Local Union, and served as a Board member on the Credit Union Atlanta's Credit Committee.

However, nothing can surpass the choice she made to dedicate her life to Christian Service to the Pan African Orthodox Christian Church in April of 2000. It is Sister Abeo's strongest belief that when you choose to serve God with your heart, mind and body and soul "Blessings" will come referring to the "Blessings" of being united in marriage and ministry to Bishop Randy "Mwenda L. Brown and the birth of their most exquisite collaboration, Brother Nkosi Mwenda Osaze Brown.

Notwithstanding her honored roles as a wife and mother, her dedication to the ministry is tremendously commended. She is the Founder of the Pan African Orthodox Christian's Church National Women of Worship Ministry and the Southern Regional's (Atlanta) Girlfriends In God Youth Ministry. By stepping out in faith, almost immediately, the Spirit provided her with mentors to lead and guide her along the new path in ministry she has chosen.

Her Ancestral sisters Marcia L. Thornton and Bishop Nkenge Abi are noteworthy in mentoring her on this her Best Self journey toward fulfilling purpose. They provided invaluable knowledge and priceless wisdom. Sister Abeo is also thankful for the ongoing support by a few of the PAOCC'S gurus Rev. Sharion Ifetayo Brown; Rev. Amina Seegars, Rev. Loretta Abaynesta Green and Rev. Sylvia Djenaba Bradshaw for picking up the baton and continuing the process of preparing her for the work in ministry she has been called to do.

She works diligently Co-creating the WOW Ministry with a devoted cadre of gifted and powerful sisters (Elders Migozo and Oni, Rev. Ayana, Mother Titilayo, Sisters Banti, Chenzira and Jaribu whom have the heart and the anointing to develop nurture and uplift women of all ages and stages.

Along with supporting the women of the ministry, Sister Abeo earned a Certificate In Theology in 2014 and serves as the Interdenominational Theological Center Site Coordinator for the ITC Certificate in Theology Program, with 10 members of the Pan African Orthodox Christian to graduate in May, 2015 under the tutelage of Bishop R. Mwenda L. Brown and she is the current President of the Urban Voices Toastmasters International Club.

Her life is a proven testimony of the power of God when faith, hope and endurance are combined. Sister Abeo inspired by her shero, the great Conductor, Harriet Tubman endeavors to be a powerful Spirit-led woman of God, full of boldness, strength, tenacity, creativity, and many gifts.