

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

# WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

## *Centennial Executive Board*

**"Celebrating 100 Years and Embracing the Future!"**



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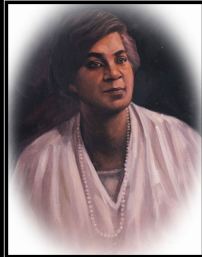
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First Council President 1918-1939

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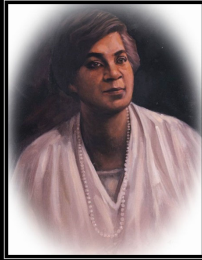


**Organizer**

**Dr. Mattie E. Coleman**  
**1918-1939**

- Dr. Mattie E. Coleman (an Organizer) was the **first** President of the Women's Missionary Council.
- In 1906, she finished from Meharry Medical College and began to practice medicine in Clarksville, TN.

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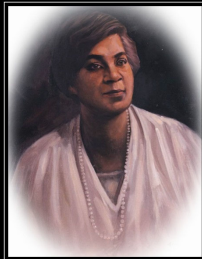


## Organizer

Dr. Mattie E. Coleman  
1918-1939

- She was instrumental in the establishment of the Nashville Bethlehem Center.
- She served as Dean of Women at Lane College for several years.
- Although she was busy with her medical practice, civic and social responsibilities, she always found time to do her church work.

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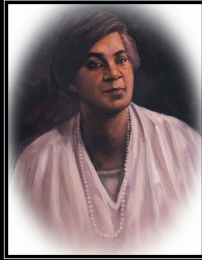


## Organizer

Dr. Mattie E. Coleman  
1918-1939

- The spirit of missionary work was her top priority.
- She worked, talked, prayed, until the Fourteenth General Conference, May 1918 in Chicago, Illinois, gave her and the missionary women permission to organize the Connectional Council.

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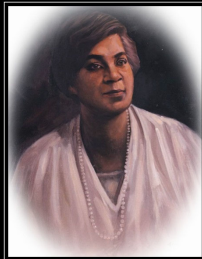


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Dr. Mattie E. Coleman  
1918-1939

- Thus began the working of the present Council which has grown from 18 persons to over 120,000 in the past 95 years.
- She laid the foundation for the present Council.

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## Organizer

Dr. Mattie E. Coleman  
1918-1939


- Our Youth Department ages 12-17, is named in her honor.
- She was the longest serving president, serving 21 years - from 1918-1939.

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The Builder: **Mrs. Rossi T. Hollis**  
Second Council President: 1939-1955

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**Builder**  
**Mrs. Rossi T. Hollis**  
**1939-1955**

- **Our second** President, Mrs. Rossie Thompson Hollis (a Builder) was born in Elbert County, Georgia.
- She was elected in New York in 1939, and served until 1955.

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## Builder

Mrs. Rossi T. Hollis  
1939-1955

- She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Lane College in 1910. She did further study in New York.
- During the years she was a Paine College, she taught Latin and served as matron of the girls' dormitories.

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## Builder

Mrs. Rossi T. Hollis  
1939-1955

- Mrs. Hollis was a member of many organizations: Trustee Board of Paine College, Chairman of the World Day of Prayer Committee, and Vice President of the Oklahoma State Council of Women.

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## Builder

Mrs. Rossi T. Hollis  
1939-1955

- Mrs. Hollis became a General Officer and was the first woman to be honored in that realm of the connectional church.
- In memory and in honor of Mrs. Hollis, the Children's Department was named the Rossie T. Hollis Children's Department.

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## Builder

Mrs. Rossi T. Hollis  
1939-1955


- She served 16 years from 1939-1955.

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The Educator: **Mrs. E.W.F. Harris**  
Third Council President: 1955-1963

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**Educator**  
**Mrs. E.W.F. Harris**  
**1955-1963**

- Dr. Eula W. F. Harris (an Educator) was born on a ranch in West Texas.
- She was elected as the Council's **third** President in 1955.
- It was under her administration that it was voted to limit the term of the Council's President to eight (8) years.

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## Educator

Mrs. E.W.F. Harris  
1955-1963

- She earned the Master of Arts Degree from Northwestern University.
- After leaving the public school system of Texas, she devoted herself wholly to church work.

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## Educator

Mrs. E.W.F. Harris  
1955-1963

- When it was decided to edit a magazine she was selected as editor and in 1941 was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference, which met in Oxford England.
- She was a delegate to six General Conferences.

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## Educator

### Mrs. E.W.F. Harris 1955-1963

- She received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Lane College in 1955.
- She was a member of the 1954 General Conference Resolutions Committee which recommended that the name of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church be changed to Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

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## Educator

### Mrs. E.W.F. Harris 1955-1963

- She was a member of the **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**
- The E.F.W. Harris Institute which is held annually at Texas College was named in 1991 as a tribute to Mrs. Harris.

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## Educator

Mrs. E.W.F. Harris  
1955-1963

- The Life Membership Committee is also named in her honor.
- She served from 1955-1963.


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## The Ecumenist: Mrs. Phyllis H. Bedford

Fourth Council President: 1963-1971

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## Ecumenist

### Mrs. Phyllis H. Bedford 1963-1971

- Mrs. Phyllis H. Bedford, our **fourth** President, (an Ecumenist) was born in Jackson, TN.
- She was elected as President of the Council in Kansas City, August 17, 1963.

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## Ecumenist

### Mrs. Phyllis H. Bedford 1963-1971

- Mrs. Bedford traveled extensively in the United States and spoke in some of the leading churches in the late 70's.
- In 1960 Mrs. Bedford was appointed by the former president Mrs. E.W.F. Harris, under whom Mrs. Bedford served as Vice President, to represent the Council as a delegate to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's White House Youth Conference in Washington, D.C.

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**Ecumenist**

**Mrs. Phyllis H. Bedford**  
**1963-1971**

- In 1961 she was named one of the 75 women across the nation to serve as a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for the World Day of Prayer.
- She was elected by the Executive Board to represent the Woman's Missionary Council in London, England as a delegate to the National Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women in August 1966.

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**Ecumenist**

**Mrs. Phyllis H. Bedford**  
**1963-1971**

- She was named in Who's Who among American Women.
- The Young Adult Department is named in her honor.
- She served from 1963-1971.

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## The Innovator: Mrs. Pauline B. Grant

Fifth Council President: 1971-1979

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## Innovator

Mrs. Pauline B. Grant  
1971-1979

- Pauline B. Grant (an Innovator) was elected as the **fifth** president of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, August 6, 1971 in Detroit Michigan.
- Previous to her election, she served in Missionary work at every level.

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## Innovator

Mrs. Pauline B. Grant  
1971-1979

- On the Council level, she served as Editor of the *Missionary Messenger*—the official organ of the Women's Missionary Council.
- She initiated and began the President's Supper; developed the Division concept, established the first cookbook of the Women's Missionary Council and traveled to Russia, Ireland and England.

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## Innovator

Mrs. Pauline B. Grant  
1971-1979

- The seed for needy college and vocational school students and candidates for Ministerial careers was planted under her administration.
- She helped to produce the drama; "*SINCE THE CHURCH SAID YES –A Historical Look at the Women's Missionary Council.*"

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## Innovator

Mrs. Pauline B. Grant  
1971-1979

- Under her leadership, the Women's Missionary Council was engaged in the following areas of service:
  - The program to combat Hunger in the United States and Sub-Sahara regions of Africa; the sponsorship of a Day Care Center in Ghana.

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## Innovator

Mrs. Pauline B. Grant  
1971-1979

- One of her goals was to involve missionaries of all ages as the Council was expanding.
- She served from 1971-1979.

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

- Dr. Thelma J. Dudley (known for her Leadership) was elected as the **sixth** president of the Women's Missionary Council in 1979 in Los Angeles, California at the Ninth Quadrennial Assembly.
- She was born in Columbia, South Carolina.

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

- She served as Vice-President for the North American Area of the World Federation of Methodist Women; Past Vice-President, Women's Missionary Council; Past Editor, *The Missionary Messenger* (1963-1967).

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

- Under her leadership (1) a four year scholarship for higher education was finalized (the idea was begun under Mrs. Grant's administration), (2) paid the salaries of four of the teachers at the Joseph C. Coles, Jr. Basic School in Montego Bay Jamaica, (3) a Vitamin Dispensary in Port Au Prince, Haiti was sent an annual stipend and

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

- She co-authored the song *We Are Missionaries*, which was adopted as the official song of the Women's Missionary Council.
- Dr. Dudley earned the Doctor of Education Degree (Ed. D.) from the University of Central Florida.

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

- A gifted orator and published writer; Dr. Dudley was the author of *The Heart Can Be Healed*, (1993).
- She was in demand as a speaker and had traveled all over the United States and to ten foreign countries lecturing in churches and presenting workshops. The Missionary

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## Leadership Trainer

Dr. Thelma J. Dudley  
1979-1987

- The Missionary Education Department is named in her honor.
- She served from 1979- 1987.

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## Social Activist

Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk  
1987-1995

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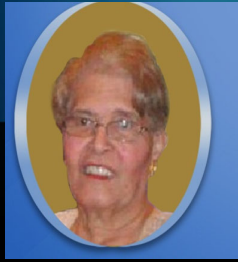


## Social Activist

Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk  
1987-1995

- Sylvia M. Faulk (Social Activist) was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.
- She was elected the **seventh** Council President in 1987 in Orlando, Florida.

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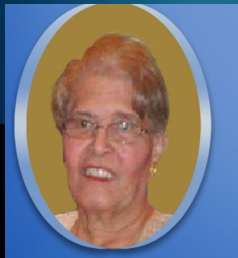


## Social Activist

Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk  
1987-1995

- She served as secretary of the Council's Children's Department, and also served as vice-president before being elected as president.
- She earned a Doctorate of Philosophy degree.

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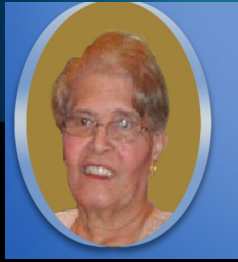


## Social Activist

Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk  
1987-1995

- Dr. Faulk was an advocate for the Missionaries at the Local Level.
- She coined the phrase: *"If it doesn't happen on the local level, it doesn't happen"*.

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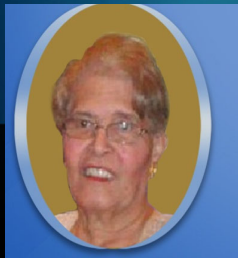


## Social Activist

Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk  
1987-1995

- She emphasized the importance of Young Adults as active Missionary Members and stressed the importance of obtaining an education.
- She, like, Dr. Dudley, was interested in affiliate organizations and served as Area President of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

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## Social Activist

Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk  
1987-1995

- Under her administration, a new marker was purchased for Dr. Mattie E. Coleman's gravesite.
- The Council celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during her tenure.
- She served from 1987-1995.

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## Technology Advocate

Dr. Judith E. Grant  
1995-2003

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## Technology Advocate

Dr. Judith E. Grant  
1995-2003

- Dr. Judith E. Grant (an Advocate of Technology) was born in Pennsylvania.
- She served as the secretary and Vice-President of the Council before being elected in 1995 as the Council's **eighth** President.

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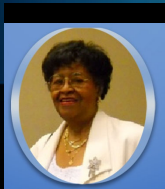


## Technology Advocate

Dr. Judith E. Grant  
1995-2003

- Dr. Grant has the distinction of being the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Grant, the **fifth** Council President.
- Her primary focus was overseas missions.
- She received the Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Lane College in April 1997.

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## Technology Advocate

Dr. Judith E. Grant  
1995-2003

- Dr. Grant was a strong advocate for association and participating in affiliate organizations.
- She also raised the consciousness of a computer generated age.

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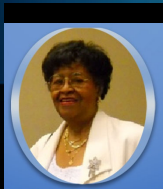


## Technology Advocate

Dr. Judith E. Grant  
1995-2003

- The Council celebrated 80 years of service and dedication under her leadership.
- A strong advocate of Technology, the Council's website was established under her administration.

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## Technology Advocate

Dr. Judith E. Grant  
1995-2003

- She is a member of the CME Connectional Communications, Information and Technology (CIT) Committee.
- She served from 1995-2003.


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## Communicator

Dr. Elnora P. Hamb  
2003-2011

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## Communicator & Reconciler

Dr. Elnora P. Hamb  
2003-2011

- Elnora P. Hamb (Communicator) was elected the **ninth** Council President in 2003 in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- An alumnus of Lane College, she received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Texas College.

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## **Communicator & Reconciler**

**Dr. Elnora P. Hamb**

**2003-2011**

- Under her leadership, the health of women was focused on with:
  - The introduction of The Balm in Gilead Health Care Initiatives;
  - The ISIS Project (Intimate Sessions for Informed Sexuality) which is designed to educate and empower Black Women about cervical cancer and HPV;
  - Sister to Sister Legacy Luncheon;

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## **Communicator & Reconciler**

**Dr. Elnora P. Hamb**

**2003-2011**

- Under her leadership, the health of women was focused on:
  - encouraging membership growth on the council level.
- Dr. Hamb was elected the Vice-President of the North America World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women for 2006-2011.

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## Communicator & Reconciler

Dr. Elnora P. Hamb  
2003-2011

- She served on the Board of Directors for Church World Services and other ecumenical organizations.
- The Council celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary under her leadership.
- She served from 2003-2011

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## Communicator & Reconciler

Dr. Elnora P. Hamb  
1995-2003

- Dr. Hamb constructed and equipped the Elnora P. Hamb Women's Missionary Library & Conference Center in Ikot Epene, Nigeria
- Traveled the world to perform mission work
- Under her leadership, "A History of the Women's Missionary Council of the CME Church From 1918-2009," was written.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
**2011 - Present**

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
**2011 - Present**

- A retired business educator, Dr. Pegues (a Doer) holds a B.S. degree in secretarial Science, a B.S. degree in Business Education, a M.S. degree in Secondary Education, and an honorary Doctorate Degree from Miles College.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
2011 - Present

- She was elected the **tenth** Council President July 1, 2011 in Schaumburg, Illinois.
- She had previously served on the Council level as Editor of the *Missionary Messenger* (1987-1995) and Vice President (2003-2011).

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
2011 - Present

- Very cognizant of the plight of Black males, she instituted the **Save Our Sons (SOS) Scholarship Program** in 2004.

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“Doer”

Dr. Princess A. Pegues  
2011 - Present

- She is skilled in writing and has served as Editor of the Fourth Episcopal District Newsletter; Past Editor Church Women United in Louisiana Newsletter, special events reporter and contributing writer for the *Christian Index*. She wrote *A Walk through the Bible: A Booklet of Plays, Pageants, and Skits* in 1991.

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“Doer”

Dr. Princess A. Pegues  
2011 - Present

- She has attended the annual Women Missionary Council Executive Board since 1976 and has been a delegate to 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Assembly.
- She was a delegate to the World Methodist Council – Nairobi, Kenya (1986) and Official Observer of World Federation of Methodist Women (WFMW) and World Methodist Council in 2001.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
**2011 - Present**

- Attended World Methodist Council – Seoul, Korea (2006) and the WFMW Assembly in JeJu Island, Korea in 2006 where she was the only Black American to teach a class.
- Attended the WFMW Assembly in Johannesburg, South Africa, 2011.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
**2011 - Present**

- She has represented CMEs in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and in Jamaica.
- Dr. Pegues has been a delegate to the General Conference from 1986 to 2010.
- She is on the Board of Trustees at Phillips School of Theology and Miles College.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
**2011 - Present**

- She was a member of General Connectional Board for many years and served on the Ministry to Men Committee (the only woman on the committee).
- She is the co-founder and secretary of the National CME Communications and Information Technology (**CIT**) Committee.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
**2011 - Present**

- She served as Past Coordinator & Instructor, Missionary Institute, Louisiana and South LA Regions; Past Missionary Institute Director of Fourth Episcopal District.

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**“Doer”**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues**  
2011 - Present

- Dr. Pegues is the Past President of Louisiana Conference Missionary Society and established a Missionary Scholarship Fund and in 1991 the scholarship was renamed the *P. Ann Pegues Scholarship*.

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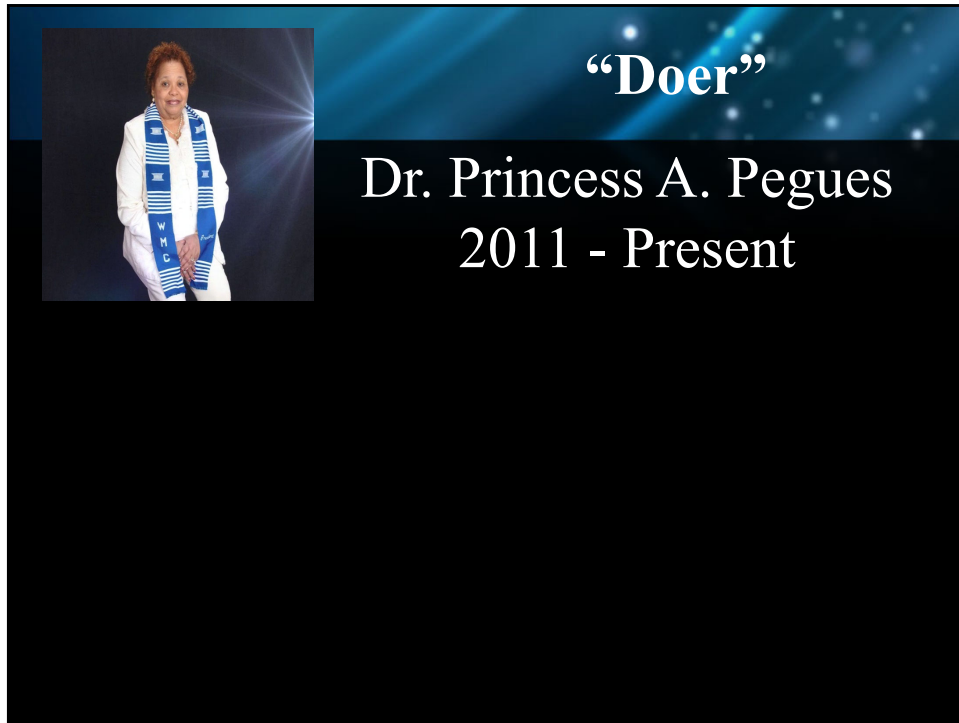
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2011 - Present

- Dr. Pegues is the President of the North America Area of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.
- Dr. Pegues is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

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