



North Carolina State Conference of Branches presents the
2009 Women of Excellence Brunch Symposium &
54th Annual Mother of the Year Coronation

Saturday, May 16, 2009
 Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
 3703 Tryon Road • Raleigh, NC 27606

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II
 President

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 WIN/Mother of the Year

Women have been on the frontlines of the civil rights movement throughout our nation's history and more importantly, since the beginning of our association, 100 years ago. It is imperative that during **NAACP's Centennial---our 100th anniversary** that we acknowledge how far we have come through the strength and resilience of our mothers before us at our **54th Annual Mother of the Year Coronation**.

The North Carolina State Conference and the WIN & Mother of the Year Committee invite your branches to honor your former local mothers. Wherever possible, bring your oldest representative of your local Mother of the Year program to the State event. Encourage young women to **take part during this especially historic occasion as we celebrate women in NAACP, recognize their achievements and commemorate the NAACP's 100th Anniversary**.

Again, this year, we are looking forward to an excellent program filled with lots of information-you-can-use and fun beginning with our **Women of Excellence Brunch Symposium** followed by our Mother of the Year Coronation. In advance, we publicly thank Rev. Dr. Harry L. White, Jr., Pastor of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Raleigh for hosting us this year.

As Branch Presidents, WIN Chairpersons and contestants be sure to review the rules. All monies raised in this annual statewide fundraiser support the work of the state conference as we provide technical assistance and support to over 100+ branches and youth units throughout the state as we do justice---*fighting for our children and not just for ourselves*.



Women of Excellence Brunch Symposium

Our day begins with panel discussions on three pertinent topics of today: **Public Education, Economics and the Crisis in the Adoption of Black Children.** We have invited some of the state's leading experts to inform our membership and general community of the emerging issues and critical concerns related to these subjects as they affect African-Americans and other minorities starting at 10:00 AM. Women tend to be the primary caregivers of children and oftentimes advocate for our own children as well as for others around school issues. Historically, our culture has informally adopted children in the neighborhood, raised family member's children or our own children's friends. Unfortunately, there are thousands of black children who deserve loving caring families who instead languish in foster care and adoption agencies until adulthood. And, the current economic crisis impacts all of us. Stay informed. Come to hear about how we can improve what we are already doing as NAACP branches, and how collectively we can change the life of a child.

All Mother of the Year Contestants receive two complimentary tickets to the brunch---one for herself and one for her guest. **Branch Presidents and/or WIN Chairpersons, be sure to order tickets for your contestants by Friday, May 1st** so that tickets can be mailed directly to participating Queens and their guests ahead of time.

Tickets go on sale beginning on Monday, April 20th. Tickets are \$20 each for adults and \$5 for youth. Use the enclosed **Ad and Ticket Order Form** to order tickets no later than Friday, May 1st by mailing your check or money order to NC NAACP, 114 W. Parrish Street, Second Floor, Durham, NC 27701. Faxed orders will be processed if payment is received by Friday, May 1st. If not, tickets can be retrieved at the NAACP Hold Desk at the Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. To fax your order to the State Office, dial 919-682-4711.



Mother of the Year Coronation Program

Following the symposium, we will hold the annual Mother of the Year Coronation that afternoon beginning at 1:00pm. Information on our keynote speaker will be announced in April. The Grand Prize for this year's Mother of the Year is an all-expense paid trip for one to the 100th Annual National NAACP Convention held in New York City, NY. See the details enclosed and win your trip to New York while supporting the most effective civil rights organization in the nation!

Special Note to MOY Contestants: Please complete the enclosed **Mother of the Year Registration Form** with your Escort's Name. Highlight your hobbies, civic activities, accomplishments, and the work that you do for your local branch and/or community. Chairwoman O'Linda Williams Gillis asks that the contestants line up by 12:45pm so that we can begin the Mothers' Processional March promptly at 1:00pm. There will be time and a designated location to prepare for the Coronation at the church following the informative *Women of Excellence Brunch Symposium*.

Lorie L. Graham Award



As a part of the afternoon program, the winner of the **Lorie L. Graham (LLG) Award** will be announced. To nominate a deserving candidate for the Lorie L. Graham Award, please complete the enclosed form and submit a one-page nomination letter that includes information about the nominee's NAACP and community accomplishments. The nominee must be a member of the NAACP and her achievements must be exceptional --- beyond the call of duty. **All LLG nominations must be postmarked on or faxed to the State Office no later than Friday, May 1, 2009, and not submitted by e-mail.**

NC State Conference Mother of the Year Assessment

The NC State Conference and its officers appreciate your support of its work through the paying of assessments by the units. According to the NAACP Constitution and Bylaws, each unit is to pay national and state assessments annually to be in compliance. Please send in your branch Mother of the Year assessment based upon your branch membership by Friday, May 8th:

- Branches with **50-500** members --- a minimum contribution of **\$1,000**
- Branches with **501-1,000** members --- a minimum contribution of **\$1,500**
- Branches with over **1,000** members --- a minimum contribution of **\$3,000**

Nearby Hotels

Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
3703 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27606

NOTE: For additional savings, check for AAA rate and AARP rate when making reservations.

Red Roof Raleigh South

(919) 833-6005
1813 S Saunders Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
Rooms begin at \$55.00
(*approx. 2.18 miles from Church*)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Raleigh-Cary

(919) 851-1220
5630 Dillard Drive
Cary, NC 27518
Rooms Begin at \$99.00
(*approx. 2.18 miles from Church*)

Days Inn South

(919) 772-8900
3901 S. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
Rooms begin at \$44.00
(*approx. 2.27 miles from Church*)

Clarion Hotel State Capital

(919) 832-0501
320 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC 27603
Rooms Begin at \$89.00
(*approx. 4.55 miles from Church*)

Raleigh Marriott Civic Center Hotel

(919) 833-1120
500 Fayetteville Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
Rooms Begin at \$149.00
(*approx. 4 miles from Church*)

Next Steps? Review the enclosures in this mailing, which include the following information to assist you in your planning:

1. Contest General Rules & History of NC Mother of the Year Contest (canary)
2. Mother of the Year Registration Form – *Register your MOY Contestant by Friday, May 8, 2009* (white)
3. Prizes for Contestants Reporting More than and Less than \$6,000 (salmon)
4. Map showing highways and directions to the Church (light gray)
5. Lorie L. Graham Profile and Award Nomination Form (white)
6. Ad and Ticket Order Form (green)

Should you have questions, please call the State Office toll-free at 1-866-NC NAACP or ask our State WIN Chairperson, Mrs. Gillis at odw3220@embarqmail.com. Invite your family, friends, sorors, church members and others to support your branch contestant at the Mother of the Year Coronation during NAACP's 100th anniversary, and don't miss the Brunch Symposium.

Keep Up w/ the Deadlines

- Nearby Hotels – Check w/ each hotel
- Lorie L. Graham Nomination - Friday, May 1st
- Souvenir Journal Ad – Friday, May 1st
- Mother of the Year Assessment – Friday, May 8th
- Mother of the Year Registration Form – Friday, May 8th



(Left to right) Queen Rev. Dollie L. Manigo, 1st Runner-up Mrs. Olivia Gilmore and 2nd Runner-up Mrs. Marian Kelly

Farewell to our 2008 Queen and Her Court

2008 State Mother of the Year

*Rev. Dollie L. Manigo
Fayetteville Branch, James Buxton, President*

2008 First State Runner-Up

*Mrs. Olivia G. Gilmore
Durham Branch, Fred Foster, President*

2008 Second State Runner-Up

*Mrs. Marian A. Kelly
Duplin County Branch, Ike Baker, President*

See you May 16!