

Meet your National Board of Directors

Angie Rigdon, National President

Angie is currently a middle school teacher in South Florida, teaching Environmental Wellness & Gardening. She has served on the local, state, and national levels with CWC. She is PASSIONATE about children, gardening, and developing and strengthening relationships with all women.

Arnetta McNeese Bailey, Executive Director

Arnetta has served Christian Women Connection since 2002. She is PASSIONATE about women's ministry and ministry to women. She has been on the Board of Directors for Children of Promise, the Executive Leadership Strategic Planning Committee, the Church of God Reconciliation Task Force, and the Circle of Missions Committee. She is currently a member of the Indiana Ordination and Licensing Team. She is a sought-after speaker and conference leader and is also involved in Sherman Street Church of God, her local congregation. She has three children and two grandchildren.

Sharon Delfeld, National Vice President

Sharon retired in 2015 from working as an office manager for forty plus years. Sharon has served in many roles in the local church and serves as New Mexico-West Texas State President. Sharon and husband, Ken, attend New Beginnings Church in Albuquerque. They have a daughter, a son, and four wonderful grandchildren.

Ryann Hartzell, National Secretary

Ryann is a graduate of both the School of Science and Engineering and MBA programs at Anderson University. Her family history is deeply rooted in the Church of God, and she enjoys being involved in her community. She shares a message of hope, growth, and the Lord's abundant faithfulness in all circumstances.

Herline Green, National Parliamentarian

Herline Green, a Jamaican by birth, has been a Church of God member all her life both in Jamaica and Florida, where she now lives. She is presently part of a family business in the healthcare industry. Herline is the proud mother of two adult children and has two beautiful granddaughters. She lives by Proverbs 16v3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Her favorite scripture is Psalm 139.

Barbara Williams, National Director of Finance

Barbara has retired after serving in the education field for 44 years. She is currently working for Volunteers of America on a part-time basis. She has served CWC locally, state, and nationally. Barbara and Alvin have five children and nine grandchildren.

Naomi Bryant, Member-at-Large

Naomi has been involved in Christian Women Connection nationally since 2002. An accountant by profession, she believes her career is merely the steppingstone for ministry potential. She enjoys speaking and hands-on activities with and to women and children. She and her husband, Danny, have three children and two grandchildren.

Elsa Johnson Bass, Member-at-Large

Elsa is an ordained minister of the Church of God. She serves as an associate pastor and Minister of Worship Arts at the Christ Center Church of God in Philadelphia, PA. Elsa retired in 2014 after serving as the head of theater at the prestigious Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. She is the proud single mother of two sons and the delighted Nana to her grandchildren.

Sandra McNeese, Member-at-Large

Sandra McNeese, MBA, has been active in the Church of God's ministry and mission as an ordained minister and a licensed chaplain of pastoral care. As a Business Specialist for the Texas Ministries of the Church of God, she works tirelessly with Pastors and Leaders throughout Texas and other states. She is President of the National Association of the Church of God.

Steve Rennick, Member-at-Large

Steve and his wife, Diane, have been married for 33 years, have adult children, and have spent their lives in Church of God ministries worldwide and now State Pastor for the Church of God in Colorado. Steve's particular passions for Women in Ministry/Leadership and Global Missions make him a unique fit for serving among and with the CWC Board of Directors and National Council.

Carol Merritt, Member-at-Large

Dr. Carol Flewellen Merritt has been in private optometry practice in North St. Louis County for over 28 years and is active in the community. She also is the Co-Pastor and Minister of Music and Worship of the New Cote Brilliante Church of God in St. Louis, alongside her husband of 36 years, Elder Miki Merritt. They have four adult sons and three small granddaughters.

Kim Wardell, Member-at-Large

Kim represents the CHOG Native American Ministries on the CWC Board of Directors. She and her husband, Tim, are both ordained ministers of the Church of God. They serve in Allen, SD, ministering to the Oglala Lakota people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Before the full-time ministry, Kim's experience is primarily in the field of education, literacy, and theatrical arts. She has a passion for engaging in relational ministry.

Melanie Thigpen, Ministry Coordinator of Communications

Melanie is the Ministry Coordinator of Communications at Christian Women Connection. An ordained minister in the Church of God, she serves on the Board of Children of Promise, Inc. and serves with the Department of Ministry Services for Indiana Ministries. She is creative, loves learning, and teaching the Word of God. She and Michael have four daughters and one grandson.