

PW Puzzler

Celebrating Black Presbyterian Women

Learn more about African American Presbyterian women, and the many ways they have served their communities, Presbyterian Women and the denomination. Watch National Black Presbyterian Women's *Looking Back to Move Forward* (available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2T39Nc0uIXY>) to learn about the faithful women who have shaped Presbyterian Women, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its predecessor denominations—the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPC) and the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS). Then match the woman with her (abbreviated!) accomplishments.

Who She Is

What She Did

1. **Thelma C. D. Adair** a. She served as an associate executive for the Synod of the Sun and developed a funding system widely recognized as one of the best in the denomination.
2. **Lillian D. Anthony** b. She served as a missionary to Allahabad, India, where she helped organize the Jamna Christian Basic School and a home for vagrant boys. She is a past moderator of National Black Presbyterian Women.
3. **Gladys Boykin** c. She served as associate for affirmative action and equal employment opportunity when the UPC and PCUS merged in 1983, becoming the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
4. **Mildred McKee Brown** d. She served as president of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus.
5. **Patricia G. Brown** e. She served as an executive with Presbyterian Women for 14 years, managing all administrative, financial and personnel functions.
6. **Joan Salmon Campbell** f. She held many leadership positions in the church and Presbyterian Women, and was a member of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) at a time when divestment in South Africa was a serious concern for the PC(USA).
7. **Katie Geneva Cannon** g. She is the only African American woman to have served as moderator of Cincinnati Presbytery, and was elected moderator of the PC(USA)'s 209th General Assembly (1997).
8. **Eva McPherson Clayton** h. She served as associate for black congregational enhancement in the PC(USA) and as staff associate for racial ethnic ministries in the PCUS.
9. **Sara Brown Cordery** i. She was the first African American woman ordained in the PC(USA).
10. **Barbara Campbell Davis** j. She was the first African American woman to become a Presbytery Moderator and later became vice moderator in the synod of the covenant.
11. **Willie Dell** k. She worked for eight years as a staff associate for PC(USA) focusing on leader development in African American churches and on congregation leadership training.
12. **Rita Louise Dixon** l. She was elected moderator of the 188th General Assembly (1976) of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, the first black woman elected as GA Moderator in the history of the American Presbyterian church.
13. **Bettie J. Durrah** m. She was the first African American woman and clergy woman to be elected moderator of the PC(USA)'s General Assembly.
14. **Maria Fearing** n. She twice served as dean for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and is a mentor to youth and young adults, providing support and encouragement to candidates for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
15. **Arlene W. Gordon** o. She was the national staff person for the Third World Women's Coordinating Committee in the UPC.
16. **Evelyn C. Gordon** p. She was the first woman elected to Congress from North Carolina.
17. **Stephany D. Graham** q. She was the moderator of the Racial Ethnic Ministry Unit in the PC(USA) from 1986 until 1991.
18. **Catreli Steele Hunter** r. She served as 2006-2009 churchwide moderator of PW, and her professional career included serving as vice president for institutional advancement for Barber Scotia College.
19. **Rhashell D. Hunter** s. She was the first African American woman to serve as PW Churchwide's vice moderator for justice and peace concerns and helped to open the door for PW's involvement at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).
20. **Lucy Craft Laney** t. She is current director of Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries of the PC(USA).
21. **Sheila H. Louder** u. She was vice moderator of justice and peace concerns for PW Churchwide and served as a liaison to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.
22. **Lillian Oats** v. She was moderator of National Black Presbyterian Women and has served in governing bodies at all levels of the Presbyterian church. She was also staff for Women's Ministries for nine years.
23. **Mary Grace Rogers** w. She was a self-supporting missionary to Congo, where she established the Pantops Home for Girls.
24. **Lillie A. Ross** x. She was the first African American woman from the Presbytery of Baltimore to be elected commissioner to the General Assembly.
25. **Vera Poe Swann** y. She founded the Haines Normal and Industrial Institute in 1883, established the first kindergarten for black children in Augusta, Georgia, and was instrumental in founding the Lamar Nursing School in 1887.
26. **Patricia Gill Turner** z. She joined the national staff of the PC(USA) in 1973, and served in Women's Ministries as an associate for leadership development and spiritual growth.
27. **Artence J. Walton** aa. She was the first African American woman to serve as moderator for PW.

Answers: 1. a; 2. c; 3. e; 4. o; 5. g; 6. m; 7. i; 8. p; 9. aa; 10. a; 11. d; 12. h; 13. v; 14. w; 15. n; 16. q; 17. k; 18. r; 19. f; 20. y; 21. u; 22. s; 23. f; 24. x; 25. b; 26. z; 27. j

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