

Mrs. Beverly Jones-Lawrence, a native of Houston, Texas, moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1979.

Beverly joined the Concord Baptist Church of Christ pastured by the Late Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor in 1980 where she became a Sunday School Teacher. Four years later, Beverly was appointed and served as Sunday School Superintendent of the Junior Department. She then received the Progressive National Baptist Sunday School Teacher of the Year Certificate.

During Mayor Edward I. Koch's Administration, Beverly served on the Board of Directors of the Five Block Day Care Center. She served for two terms as the Recording Secretary.

In 1980, with the encouragement of her late Aunt Marguerite Johnson, Founder and President of the Shirley Chisholm Cultural Institute for Children, Inc., Beverly joined. She served faithfully as Financial Secretary. Later she served as Treasurer.

In 1981, with the invitation by her Mother-In-Law, Girlena Lawrence, Beverly joined the Women's League of Science and Medicine, Inc. She served as Raffles Co-Chair, then was appointed as Honorary Members Chair, later as Scholarship Co-Chair, in 2004 she was elected as Second Vice President and in 2012 she was elected as the fourth President of the 'League.' Spiritually, Beverly knows that God has purposed her for this position and she serves it heartily to His glory according to Colossians 3:23 (KJV)

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men."

As an eager beaver and her strong leadership ability the 'League' partnered with Old Field Planters, Inc. Scholarship Program. With her gift of persuasion, she has increased the Honorary membership from 35 to 93, she also increased the number of Scholarship Sponsors in her first year of Presidency. The Honorary Membership is her passion and it continues to increase every year. Beverly affectionately compares her Sponsors, Honorary Members, Friends and Journal Subscribers to a luxury cruise ship (i.e., the Queen Elizabeth the Second). Sponsors (at the Helm), Memorial Sponsors (Navigators), Honorary Members (Crew that keeps the ship afloat) Friends (Aft Deck –our ship's ahoy) and our Journal Subscribers (Captain's Quarters diners).

Beverly is blessed with a devoted and attentive fisherman husband, Dr. Geoffrey E. Lawrence, II, a gorgeous daughter, Gizette (a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and the University of Southern California), a wise and loving Mother-In-Law, Mom Girlena, a beautiful family, church family, friends and a host of good acquaintances.

Beverly affirms "To God be the Glory for the things He has blessed me with."