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2012 ANNUAL DINNER:

This year, the Annual Assembly of the Greater Flint Council of Churches will be held at Baker College, 1050 West Bristol Road, in Flint. The Assembly will occur **February 28, 2012**. Registration opens at 5:30 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner are \$15 donation. Invitations and tickets will be mailed to member churches and organizations. This year's theme is "Promoting the Mission of Unity". Please call our office at 810-238-3691 to make your reservations, by February 20.

Apostle Ruby Johnson

OUR MISSION:

The Greater Flint Council of Churches, in our calling to express our oneness in Jesus Christ as Divine Savior and Lord, seeks to maintain fellowship among the participating churches: to develop programs by which the churches may work in concert to address human concerns: to communicate among the participating churches so that we may all learn, grow, and serve, and to facilitate opportunities to worship and witness together as an expression of faith.

OUR PURPOSE:

To witness to the ecumenical spirit and purpose of the cooperating churches in carrying out their mission in the community and the world.

To do for the churches such cooperative work as they authorize the Council to carry on in their behalf. This may include work in Christian Education, Christian Missions, Church in Society, Christian Unity and Interfaith Cooperation, evangelism, stewardship, and the use of the media, planning, adjustment and counseling in matters of church extension, and such other religious activities of the churches.

To encourage fellowship and mutual counsel concerning the spiritual life and religious activities of the churches.

To study the religious needs and social concerns which confront the churches of the community and devise plans to meet those needs.

To maintain fellowship and cooperation with other ecumenical bodies that, by action of their highest constitutional authority, are in agreement with the Preamble of the Constitution.

A note from the president—

A Memorial: Elder Janis Beach

This past year, our Treasurer, Elder Janis Beach, passed away in November. She will be greatly missed. Elder Janis was a devoted member of the Greater Flint Council of Churches. She served for many years.. For the last two years she manned our office Mon—Wed mornings.

Apostle Ruby Johnson

Church Women United Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

February 3rd at Community of Christ, Clio, 4041 W. Vienna, Clio. Registration at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. Lunch cost is \$6.00. Reservations are due by Wednesday February 1. Please call Lottie Dabbs at 810-785-2217

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 3rd	Church Women United Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers
4th	African American Leaders: Closing the Gap
7th	Greater African American Sports Hall of Fame Induction
8th	Exploring African American Art through the Mott-Warsh Collection
15th	Michigan Opera Theater—Footsteps to Freedom
17th	Black Classical Music Family Festival 2012
19th	Orlando J. Roberts Concert—Kimmie Horne
25th	BCMFF Gala Scholarship Dinner

A Message From Love, INC.

Happy New Year to all. What a blessing for all of us that we serve a God that allows us to begin again. Each day God gives us new opportunities to develop a deeper relationship, to serve God and others.

I pray daily for many possibilities for Genesee County families that LOVE INC is the RESOURCE provider to fulfill their needs to give them hope and a new beginning. We have been privileged to serve for 30 years. We currently have over 100 church partners, and 41 Agencies, and many individuals that give us financial support. You can call our Clearinghouse at 810-235-4990 Monday through Thursday 9am till 1pm

If you would like to discuss a ministry or become involved in any of our outreach opportunities feel free to call Judd our Executive Director at 810-234-8891

This past year we assisted 26,340 individuals with food, clothing, household items, furniture, appliances, personals, baby items, financial aide and holiday food baskets. The total value of goods and services provided this year was \$1,315,115.38

Our new E-MAIL address is loveincofgcc@comcast.net
our website is www.loveincofgcc.org

Our new address is LOVE INC 3444 Lennon Rd. Suite 1 Flint, Mi. 48507
Our board meets the 4th Tuesday each month at 5:30pm at our office.

Orlando J. Roberts Concert Series presents jazz vocalist Kimmie Horne, Flint Public Library Sunday Feb. 19th at 4 p.m.

A native Detroit, she is considered by many to be one of the most outstanding Performer & Recording Artist to emerge from this area in years! Her beautiful alto voice coupled with her unmatched ability to perform and entertain puts her in a category of her own.

The Greater Flint Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame Induction Announcement Reception

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Flint Public Library Lower Level Meeting Room

Take a virtual tour of the Hall and explore Flint's athletic history; www.fpl.info/hallfame/

The Award Dinner will be held Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Riverfront Banquet Center, Flint.

Council Meetings

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 8th at noon. location to be at the Council office, 3444 Lennon Rd., Flint, 48507. The Council Board would be happy to have representatives (pastors and/or lay persons) from the community churches attend our meetings. They are held at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from September to June. Please let us know if you are attending, because we enjoy fellowship with a light lunch before the meeting. If you would be willing to host a Council meeting, including a light lunch (the members give a free-will offering to help pay for the lunch), please let the Council office know. If you can host a meeting, but not provide a lunch, let us know and other arrangements can be made. We would appreciate the hospitality!

FLINT INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

On Friday, **February 17th**, the **Black Classical Music Family Festival (BCMFF)** is having a family dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Flint Institute of Music (FIM). The Greater Flint Council of Churches is reserving a table, along with various churches in the community. Enjoy a family friendly catered dinner - Adults \$30.00, Children (5-12) \$15.00, Children (Under 5) Free. This includes reserved seating for the evening's performance of "When I Lay My Burden Down" at 7:30 p.m. in the MacArthur Recital Hall. Tickets include return to the Feb. 25th Flint Symphony Orchestra concert 2nd balcony seating (this does not include the Gala dinner) but you are invited to attend the champagne reception preceding the concert.

On Saturday, **February 25th**, BCMFF is having a Gala Scholarship Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at FIM. Join your friends at their elegant black-tie optional dinner. The Festival strives to inspire the younger generation and broaden the horizon of individuals through classical music. Each February the Flint Symphony Orchestra (FSO) features an African-American soloist in celebration of Black History Month. This year we welcome Ann Hobson Pilot, *harp*.

For more information, call Cathy Prevett at 810-237-3122.

African American Leaders:

Closing the Gap Saturday, February 4, 3-5 p.m. Flint Public Library

Our community is facing gaps in many areas affecting our quality of life and those of our children. What can we do? Eight community leaders (4 under age 35 and 4 over) will share their vision of ways we can be proactive, build bridges, unify, and close gaps in economic development, health care, education, and more.

Presented with the Black Leaders Forum, the Flint Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council-Flint Chapter.

Footsteps to Freedom
Michigan Opera Theater
Wednesday, February 15 6:30 p.m.
Flint Public Library

Footsteps to Freedom features a variety of musical, literary and dance styles, taking audiences of all ages on an entertaining, enlightening, and inspiring historical journey through African American history.

"Exploring African American Art through the Mott-Warsh Collection," **February 8, Wednesday 6-7 p.m.**, Flint Public Library Reading Room

Stephanie James, Assistant Curator of the Mott-Warsh Collection, discusses the history and development of African American fine artists, highlighting significant contributors to the American art scene that are represented in the Mott-Warsh Collection. The exhibit will continue throughout the library for the month. Items from the collection are on display on the 2nd floor on a rotating basis.