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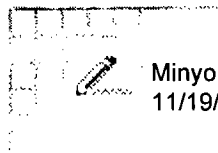
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National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Mission, Message, Milestones

Founded in 1935 by noted educator and human rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune, the National Council of Negro Women is the nation's broadest based organization of African American women. A non-profit voluntary service organization with 34 national affiliated constituency based organizations and 250 community based sections, NCNW has an outreach to over four million women.



The Mission

The mission of the National Council of Negro Women is to advance opportunities and the quality of life for African American women, their families and communities.

The Message

Consistent with our founder's vision, NCNW serves as a national "organization of organizations" to extend the collective power and leadership of African American women.

The Milestones

- 1935 NCNW founded as a national "organization of organizations" and the premier national coalition of black women's organizations.
- 1937 Established first Local Councils -- later to known as Sections.
- 1940 Began publication of *African American Women's Journal*, edited by Sue Bailey Thurman
- 1943 Purchased first national headquarters building, the Bethune Council House.
- 1966 Certified as tax exempt by the I.R.S.
- 1974 Dedicated Bethune Memorial in Washington's Lincoln Park -- the first monument to an African American or to a woman or any race on public land in the Nation's Capital.
- 1979 Dedicated Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Museum and National Archives for Black Women's History.
- 1986 Established Black Family Reunion Celebrations to focus on historic strengths and traditional values of the Black Family.
- 1992 Published *Black Family Reunion Cookbook*, the first of three books that document the diversity and heritage of African American cuisine.
- 1994 Bethune Council House became unit of the National Park Service by act of the 102nd Congress.

and Internationally...

- 1945 Mrs. Bethune was official delegate to organizational meetings on the United Nations.
- 1946 Granted Non-Governmental Observer status at the United Nations.

- **1952** Dr. Height attended UNESCO Conference on Women's Rights, Haiti.
- **1954** Sent NCNW representative to International Council on Women, Helsinki, Finland.
- **1975** Initiated NCNW's International Division, formally introducing collaborative concept of twinning between African and African American women's organizations.
- **1975** Conducted Peace, Equality and Development seminar in Mexico City during World Conference and Tribunal of International Women's Year.
- **1989** Held first NCNWCradle of Civilization Symposium in Cairo.
- **1994** Participated in the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo. Dr. Height served as official advisor to U.S. delegation.
- **1995** Granted consultative status at the United Nations.

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Membership

NCNW is improving the quality of life for African American women, their families, and their communities. NCNW is a coalition of national women's organizations, united for strength, reaching out to all women and their families to advance their quality of life through programs of service and advocacy. Make a difference by becoming part of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. For more information call the Membership Department at (202) 737-0120. Click [here](#) to print and mail a membership application.

THANK YOU!



Our sincere thanks to the more than 700 hosts who held a "Circle of Celebration" viewing party during the April 18 showing of *Having Our Say* to support the National Council of Negro Women's membership drive.

We extend a warm welcome to the many new members who joined the NCNW during the Celebrations. Your membership in the National Council of Negro Women will help NCNW better represent African American women, and ensure that we "have our say" on the important issues of the day.

If you are in need of a membership form, please click [here](#) for the application.

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What's New at NCNW

What began as an idea of Mary McLeod Bethune to unite women to secure justice has grown into a multi-faceted, non-profit organization that works at the national, state, local and international levels. In pursuit of the goal to "leave no one behind" and improve quality of life for women, children and families, the early leaders of NCNW recognized that besides a "national organization of national organizations," they would need to build coalitions at the grassroots level.

NCNW consists of 38 affiliated national organizations, 250 community-based Sections chartered in 42 states, 20 college-based Sections and 60,000 individual members. As the umbrella organization for this widely diverse group of organizations and individuals, ranging from college-based sororities and professional associations to civic and social clubs, NCNW has an outreach to over four million women.

With a national headquarters in Washington, D.C. since 1942, NCNW currently maintains offices, in Atlanta, Brooklyn, New York, and New Orleans, and three international field offices -- Dakar (Senegal), Harare (Zimbabwe), and Cairo (Egypt). NCNW has also sponsored the incorporation of two community-based agencies, NCNW of Greater New Orleans, and NCNW of Greater New York in Jamaica, New York.

NCNW is governed by a Board of Directors made up of the heads of each of its affiliated national organizations and an Executive Committee of 20, elected by the membership at the biennial National Convention. NCNW's Chair of the Board of Directors is also elected at the National Convention; legendary civil rights leader Dr. Dorothy I. Height currently serves as the elected Chair.

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November 4, 1999

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Yes ✓

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President William Jefferson Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Attention: Ms. Betty Curry

Dear President Clinton:

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It would mean a great deal to have a letter from you for inclusion in the 49th National Convention Souvenir Journal. Kindly contact Ms. Betty Robinson at 202-383-9111 to facilitate receipt of your message.

Sincerely,

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