

PRESIDENT HILDA D. GADSDEN

Hilda D. Gadsden was elected as the sixteenth President of the Woman's Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina during the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina on June 14, 2018.

Hilda D. Gadsden is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. She has been married for 53 years to the Reverend Mack A. Gadsden, Sr., Senior Pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, South Carolina. She is the mother of three children; Reverend Dr. Maxcina Gadsden, Associate Minister of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, North Charleston, SC, Bishop Michael D. Gadsden, Senior Pastor of New Vision Ministries in Savannah, Georgia and Inspector Mack A. Gadsden, Jr., United Postal Service, Charlotte, North Carolina; grandmother to eight and two great grandchildren.

President Gadsden is a member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, South Carolina. She serves with the following ministries; Senior Missionary Ministry, Pulpit Aid Ministry, Women's Committee, Education Committee, Health and Wellness Committee Coordinator and an advisor to the Deaconess Ministry.

Hilda D. Gadsden is the President of the South Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. and the former President of the Ministers Wives and Ministers' Widows of Charleston County and Vicinity. She is a Certified Instructor for the SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education. She is a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated Women's Auxiliary. She serves as the Health and Wellness Ministry Coordinator and Resource Coordinator for the Education Committee of the Charleston County Missionary Baptist Association, the Curriculum Coordinator of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Class for the Charleston County Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Christian Education,

former Youth Council Member and Education Committee Member of the Charleston County Missionary Baptist Association. She is a Nominating Committee Member of the International Interdenominational Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc., Former Dean of Education and Former Ways and Means Chairperson of the South Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. She has served in the following capacities of the Woman's Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina: YWA Advisor, First, Second, and Third Vice President, Financial Secretary, and State Youth Area Coordinator.

Mrs. Gadsden work experience over a span of thirty-three years includes that of a Licensed Master Social Worker, Criminal Justice and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor with the State of South Carolina County of Charleston, Women's Program Director with Charleston County Center of Drug Addiction and (10 years) with other organizations of the private sector. She has been employed as a Facilitator/Instructor for the Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties- Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Class; Adjunct Professor for Central Wesleyan College (Charleston, SC); Chief Investigator of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office and Department of Social Services – Child Support Division.

Mrs. Gadsden received an Associate Degree in Office Administration from Trident Technical College. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from The Baptist College of Charleston and a Master of Arts Degree from Webster University. She received a Certificate from the Certificate Program from Virginia Union University/International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She has also completed the Teacher Certification Program for the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Mrs. Hilda Gadsden is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a Family Consultant for the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association. She holds professional licensure as Master Social Worker, a Certified Addiction Counselor, and South Carolina Notary Public.

Mrs. Gadsden is the recipient of many awards and recognitions to include the First Black Female Special Investigator for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office and Department of Social Services – Charleston Child Support Division. She was recognized as the 2006 South Carolina Association Ministers' Wife of the Year. She is a published writer of: "Parliamentary Procedures for Young People and Others", copyright @ 1992. Mrs. Gadsden received recognition in 1984 as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America and The Charleston Business and Professional Association "Woman of the Year". She is the Past President of the South Carolina State Employees Association and a Charleston County Legislative Delegation Appointee to the Mental Health Board. In 2003 she was recognized as the "First Family Award Recipient" of the International Interdenominational Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She has done Foreign Mission travel to East Africa for the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina where she was a keynote speaker for the Woman's Convention of Kenya, Africa. In 2006 she was a Black History Recognition Recipient. She received a Masonic Lodge Community Recipient Award in 2013. In 2014 she was a recipient of the Charleston County Baptist Sunday School & B.T.U. Congress of Christian Education –Service Award. In 2014 she was the National Baptist Convention, USA-Women's Auxiliary "Queen". In 2015 she received recognition as the Black History Honoree for "Civil Rights, Human Rights and Community Involvement". In 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 she was the "Reigning Queen" of the International Interdenominational Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. In 2018 she was the National Baptist Convention, USA "Woman's Auxiliary Worship Speaker", International Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. "Annual Prayer Breakfast Speaker", and the National Baptist of America, USA Ministers Wives "Annual Luncheon Speaker".

Mrs. Gadsden Motto to live by is, "If I can help somebody, then my living will not be in vain", and her **scripture to live by:** is the 23rd Psalm.