WFWP USA: HerStory Awardees are the Catalyst for New Vision and Hope

Yoshi Mori June 25, 2022

WFWP founding purpose is to realize one Global Family rooted in the culture of heart and sustainable peace, based on the lifestyle of living for the sake of others, and for women to influence the world with their own unique feminine values and their motherly hearts.

In order to work towards this lofty ideal, we need to hear from women who already practice and live by these values, as well as share their stories of how they overcame often unspeakable obstacles along the way and came out victoriously. That is the purpose of the HerStory Award.

The June 25, 2022 the HerStory Award Ceremony on-line drew 50 participants (women and men and children) and emceed by Dr.Susan Taffer, CEO and Founder of World Connections Foundation.

Dr. Susan Taffer introduced the awardees as dynamic women who have **"gone not where the path would lead them but instead where there was no path and they left a trail—through grace and grit."**

She then welcomed WFWP USA President Angelika Selle who explained that women have gone through a course of suffering throughout history. They have been resourceful, resilient, and persistent. Through hearing and learning from the stories of the Awardees, the audience felt empowered and encouraged, and even some healing took place.

Each awardee was then introduced briefly with her bio, as well as a personal statement form the person who recommended her for this very special honor. Then with the actual award being shown on the screen, President Selle read each person's unique text on the award and called on them to say a few words and share a few, profound and precious insights of their journey toward success.

Please enjoy some excerpts of our June Awardees below.



The first speaker of the day was **Dr. Madelene Alexander-Clark, Doctoral Degree in Christian Counseling, CEO and Founder of House of Judah Empowerment Outreach Ministries Inc:**

She shared that of <u>all her accomplishments</u>, the most meaningful thing is being a mother. **It has taught** her to be resilient but most importantly how to love.

I became a mother at the age of 16 to my oldest son. He is on this call today with us and so is my daughter and my younger son. I took care of him and he became my best friend and we grew up together. We had boundaries and we had respect. We have to parent our children and grandchildren with the same principles of being honest, serving one another, and being respectful to one another. Treating others the way we want to be treated. We need to get back to the basics. It has been my faith and my love that got me here. I thank and praise God for my family. To God be the glory that he pulled us all together for such a time as this.

To read Dr. Madelene's full bio and to see the recording of her award and speech click here



Mrs. Sandra Wilks, Founder of Art of Conversationality, Marketing and Promotions Consulting:

I am honored to say who I am. My name Sandra means protector of mankind. I love to help people. I always ask them when I meet them "How can I help you?" If I can't help them I try to find someone who can with information and resources. Networking for me is the greatest thing I love to do. It is for career, business, entrepreneurship, and life. It is all connected.

From my heart, I listen to people and understand where and what they need in their life. I connect people to people. I wear many hats and carry many bags. I open up the bag and give a person something to help them or someone else.

Family and friends have helped me get through my challenges. I am a widow and lost my husband who was shot at work during a robbery. I have been able to heal myself through helping others. The positive energy you can give to a person can mean so much. They need to learn they are not alone. Reach out to others and give them a helping hand.

To read Mrs. Sandra bio and to see the full recording of her award and speech click here.



Rev. Tina Brown, Minister, Unity Celebration Church of Scottsdale:

I realized at a young age that God loves us all the same no matter what religion, race, color, or background. That became the foundation of my life. I had a very difficult life growing up, overcoming childhood abuses, neglect, abandonment, sexual abuse, multiple marriages of my mother, and the instability of more than 40 moves during my childhood. At an early age, I made a conscious choice and decision to change that family history and break the cycle. At age 21, I was introduced to the Unity Church where I felt spiritually at home and the freedom to love people from all walks of life. I began to heal from my past. I used my life experiences to help others through sharing my stories and showing them how I healed. I became a single mother at age 31 to my son, Nathaniel and much later adopted three more children.

The biggest challenge of my life started in 2017, after I had five MRIs with contrast that left me severely toxic with heavy metal poisoning. It caused debilitating pain and kept me in bed. After three years, I discovered that I had Gadolinium deposition disease. It was so painful, I prayed many nights to be taken in my sleep. The doctor's told me there was nothing they could do, but I was persistent. With prayer and the support of my beloved husband, Dave, I found a specialist who had formulated a way to remove the toxic substance that was in my body. I began to heal. I have become an advocate for patients throughout the world suffering from Gadolinium deposition disease. I give thanks to God for my life.

To read Rev Tina's full bio and to see the full recording of her award and speech click here.



Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri, President and Founder of the African Women Mobilization Commission:

I am indeed a product of the Nigeria-Biafra war from 1967 to 1970—a horrific experience in my mind. I was a witness to the massacre of war. My greatest life lessons came from watching my parents struggle through war with nine children. I learned about flexibility and survival where we found food in the bushes and learned to eat unusual things. I learned gratitude when we found food. I learned about kindness when my mother fed children in the village even when we did not have enough food. It was not only about ourselves. It's about the whole.

After the war, at the age of 10, I was brutally, sexually assaulted in front of my parents by a soldier. Nothing worse than that. The experience was so traumatizing, my father was desperate to do something to raise me from the valley of despair. To help me to overcome this trauma my father woke me up every morning at 5 a.m. to watch the sunrise. He wanted me to see how the sun rose every day regardless of what anyone said, felt and did. He said that even when it is dark in my mind—like the sun, I must keep rising. He told me to not allow the actions of another human being to discourage my daily rise, and that I do not have a right to die until I have made a positive difference in this world.

To read Dr. Uwa Onyioha full bio and to see the full recording of her award and speech click here.

To watch the full <u>recording click here.</u>

HerStory Awardees are precious leaders of the heart based on their years of overcoming obstacles and creating a path for others where there seemed none.

We are proud of these women role models, who are reaching into the deepest part of their hearts and soul and sharing their stories and love, to empower other women and most of all the next generation.







Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander

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Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander was awarded June 25, 2022 for her exemplary work to counsel, empower, and uplift individuals and families in their mental health and wellness, based on her journey of overcoming unimaginable challenges. We applaud her service to women, children, families, and the community filled with love and compassion.

Reverend Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander PhD.CC has been very active and successful in her life. As a preacher, teacher, and motivational speaker, she has always had the passion to serve others and that led her to obtain a Diploma Psychology from Ashworth College, her Bachelor of Science Degree with a concentration in Human Services, Springfield College, followed by a Master's Degree in Ministry and a Doctoral Degree in Christian Counseling, graduating Cum Laude, Andersonville Theological Seminary.

Remarkable is her service of 30 years, from which she officially retired 6/1/2019, holding various positions in the State of Delaware: She was a Senior Medical Social Work Consultant for the Division of Public Health, (Corporal) with the Department of Corrections and Advocate/Case manager for the Child Support Enforcement Dept.

She is also the Retired CEO and Founder of House of Judah Empowerment Outreach Ministries Inc. She partnered with community agencies, facilitating group and individual counseling, and Mental Health Awareness workshops. She provided Bully Prevention and Tobacco Prevention workshops for the youth, feeding the homeless and disabled veterans, providing School supplies to underserved families, and holding Adopt-A-Family Holiday programs and Coat drives

She has served as Associate Pastor of Church of our Savior Presbyterian Church

Wilmington, DE. where she also became the Co-Director of the Re-Entry program, overseeing and providing counseling and community resources to ex-offenders and their families. She also Implemented Virtuous Woman women's ministry.

The United Peace Federation (UPF)/American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) appointed her Ambassador of Peace in 2008, 2018 she attended the International Leadership Conference in Korea, 2019 She attended the United Nation's International family day, Signed the resolution for Korea Clergy Leadership Conference and was appointed State ACLC Representative for the state of Delaware. In 2020 she was spiritually matched to Rev. Kenneth Alexander in Seoul Korea, there to attend the World Summit. They were Blessed April 24, 2021, followed by a civil ceremony 6/3/2021.

She serves as a volunteer at the 765 Food Desert Project (Anderson, Indiana)

She is a Self-published author: *Time Served (a collection of poetry)*

She continues learning, earning an accredited certificate as a Therapeutic Art Life Coach, a Mindfulness Practitioner (Diploma) and a Diploma for Mental Health and Wellness among other certificate courses.

In her many accomplishments she favors being a True vessel of God, Dedicated Wife, Loving Mother and Grandmother.









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Sandra Wilks

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What the Whole HerStory Program on June 25

Sandra Wilks was awarded on June 25, 2022 for her exemplary work of serving and uplifting others, including providing healing and understanding to widows suffering from bereavement, based on her journey of overcoming unimaginable challenges. We applaud her service to the community filled with love and compassion.

Sandra Wilks is a Philadelphia native, graduate of the Philadelphia School System and the recipient of a Business Certificate from the University Of Pennsylvania Wharton School Of Business. Ms. Wilks is also the founder of "Art of Conversationality" a marketing and promotions consulting business. Her talent is creating ways to help small business owners become more visible and have a better means for distributing their information and literature. A business woman and entrepreneur for a major portion of her life, Ms. Wilks has earned the title of *Marketing Consultant Extraordinaire*.

Ms. Wilks and her late husband operated a grocery store in the West Philadelphia area from 1978 until 1995 when her husband's life was abruptly taken by a robber. Although severely traumatized at the loss of not only her husband but her livelihood as well, Ms. Wilks took on a job as an advertising sales person with the Tri -State Minority Yellow Pages and set out to help other businesses succeed.

Her career has allowed her to work as a Marketing Consultant and Outreach Specialist for Entrepreneur Works, Business Coach for Resources for Human Development, Events coordinator for Women's History Month, Black History Month, and many other community themed events in the tri-state area. Ms. Wilks has been recognized by business leaders, procurement officers, local newspapers, and local government agencies for her continuous efforts and contributions to empower people with information and resources.

Ms. Sandra Wilks is a widower, mother of four adult children, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren whom she loves dearly. Her goal in life is to leave a legacy for her family and to have a 100-year birthday party.





PREVIOUS Rev. Tina Brown NEXT Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander



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Rev. Tina Brown

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Rev. Tina Brown was awarded on June 25, 2022 for her commitment to uplifting, motivating, and providing spiritual leadership to many, based on her journey of overcoming unimaginable challenges. We applaud her selfless service to the community filled with love and compassion.

Rev. Tina Brown, ordained in 2005 through Unity School of Christianity, has a rich history in ministry. Rev. Tina pioneered Unity Center of Truth, where she was Senior Minister for six years. She also served as associate minister at Unity Church of Little Rock and Unity of Phoenix, and was Co-pastor of Celebration Church, Sherwood, AR. She lives in Mesa with three of her children. Rev. Tina has a passion for her family, ministry, prayer, pastoral care, teaching and spiritual education.

MY VISION:

My personal vision is to transform the consciousness of humankind, by empowering the individual through spiritual principles as taught by Jesus Christ, practicing compassionate care, being in selfless service and respecting diversity in all creation. I see my vision accomplished through unconditional love of others, encouraging and providing spiritual education and opportunities for people from all walks of life to come together as one, a dedicated prayer life and developing a safe and sacred spiritual community. for all. ~ Rev. Tina





PREVIOUS Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri

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Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri

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Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri was awarded on June 25, 2022 for her exemplary work to empower and coach women with essential skills to make a positive impact on the world from the inside-out, based on her journey of overcoming unimaginable challenges. We applaud her and her work filled with compassion, service, and dedication.

Her Excellency, Chief, Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri is the Founder and President of the African Women Mobilization Commission a non-profit organization mobilizing women to become leaders through training, conferencing, and global engagement. Dr. Osimiri is the Spiritual Leader of Chiism International and holds 6 Nigerian Chieftaincy titles.

She has been featured in the Detroit News as one of Michigan's Most Influential Women, Atlanta's own Voyage Magazine, and many other publications. Using her unique experience as a Nigerian woman, and a survivor of the trauma of war and sexual assault, she has lectured at Wayne State University, Oakland University, Michigan State University, University of Phoenix, Emory University, and countless secondary and grammar schools. Dr. Osimiri's earnings of a Doctorate Degree in Physics or Natural Theology and Doctoral research in Clinical Psychology as well as the author of the book "Words of the Titihoya", has granted her the knowledge and experience to help others dive deep into the struggles of the mind and bring out the "average person's" full potential.

Dr. Osimiri's straight-from-the-heart, passion and high-energy, inspire listeners to move past their constraints and into prominence in many ways. Dr. Osimiri is both a keynote speaker and Trainer, generating the kind of training and learning that transforms lives. Her charm, enthusiasm, and wit have changed regular people into exceptional successes by employing her personal life, and her in-depth examination of others' trials, to develop an insight into what produces results, doesn't work, and why.

She has conducted women empowerment workshops including Chrysler Corporation in Rochester Hills Michigan, Women of the Bar conferences, and many others. Dr. Osimiri has made it a mission to not only inspire others in business and life, but also bring to light world events and how we can change them by changing ourselves.

A survival of trauma in the Nigerian Biafran war, she motivates people on how to prevail over pain, suffering, challenges, and obstacles. The title of her motivational program is" You Are Not Bound by Yesterday... On Forward."

Dr. Osimiri has earned numerous Awards for her work in business, and education. She received an educational citation (Friend of Education, Michigan), several Spirit of Detroit and Wayne County certificates of recognition. She was nominated for Faculty of the Year Award at the University of Phoenix where she is an Advanced Certified Faculty in the Department of Business Administration, teaching MBA courses in Leadership and Organizational Behavior, and a certified Senior Grant Writer. She has served on the Advisory Board for the Women Federation for World Peace and was a member of the Emerging Minority Businesses Council of the State of Michigan. She received a Certificate of Tribute from former Governor Jennifer Granholm for her work with the Governor's small business initiative.

In 2019, she was appointed the Ambassador for Women Affairs to the United States, for Abia State Nigeria, by Governor Okezie Ikpeazu, a position she held for a year and a half.



HerStory Award

Women's Federation for World Peace USA hereby recognizes

Dr. Uwa Onyiaha Osimiri

on this day, June 25, 2022. We honor your exemplary work to empower and coach women with essential skills to make a positive impact on the world from the inside-out, based on your journey of overcoming unimaginable challenges. We applaud you and your work filled with compassion, service, and dedication.

Angeliha Selle

Angelika Selle President, WFWP USA Vice President, WFWP International (North America)

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