



Kudos: Dr. Ruby Reese Moone



Dr. Ruby Reese Moone was recently honored by the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland when she was inducted into Maryland Women's Hall of Fame (MWHF). Dr. Moone was lauded for her extensive work advancing the cause of civil and human rights. The MWHF recognizes Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural, and social life of the state. Among those honored are legislators, political and social activists, scientists, medical professionals, educators, writers, and spiritual and community leaders. Honorees are selected by an independent committee each year and are inducted in March during Women's History Month. Five women have been selected annually since the Hall of Fame was established in 1985.

A Georgia native and the sixth of ten children, Dr. Moone was exposed early on to the racist and segregated ways of the American South. Nevertheless, Dr. Moone was a diligent student and excellent reader, skipping several grades as a child and excelling in high school. Her experiences of poverty and systemic racism motivated her to become the first in her family to attend college.

In 1963, Dr. Moone helped organize people to register to attend the March on Washington, which sparked her interest in moving to the Washington, D.C., area. She participated in demonstrations across the South, including the Selma to Montgomery March (Bloody Sunday) with John Lewis on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, an event which helped inspire the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. She has experienced many hardships and acts of discrimination, but has never given in to fear. She trusts God to lead her and walks with this faith.

Dr. Moone and her husband, Min. James Clark Moone, Ph.D., organized the Montgomery County Chapter and the Maryland State Unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where she served as President. She was the first female Chair of the Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee.

After retiring from a forty-year career as a high school counselor with the Montgomery County Public Schools, Dr. Moone was recruited to serve as Chaplain at the University of Maryland College Park, ultimately guiding countless students on their Christian journey during her twenty-five year tenure.

Currently, Dr. Moone serves as Pastor of The Sweet Hour of Prayer Ministry in Rockville, where she resides. Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon (ET), she gathers by phone prayer warriors from all over the United States and in Canada. Together, they pray for the people and the needs of the world, especially school children. She has led this ministry "off and on" for decades. (To join the weekly call: 605-475-3235; access code: 327121#). Dr. Moone also recently finished authoring a Christian tract entitled, "Go Ye, Therefore," based on Matthew 28:19-29 (NKJV).

A TPCBC member since the mid-1990s, Dr. Moone was the first female minister at TPCBC (Min. LaVerne Wilson-McLaughlin later became the first woman to be ordained at TPCBC). She was

married to Min. James Clark Moone (deceased) for forty years, a loving union which produced two daughters and six grandsons. Dr. Moone is a member of the Asher Tribal Family.

Congratulations, Dr. Moone, on your induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame!

Sources: <https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/womenshall/html/whflist.html>
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