



## **REV. DR. THELMA PETERSON RICH**

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***“Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory,  
and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven  
and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD,  
and thou art exalted as head above all.” I Chronicles 29:11***

### ***THE VISION***

It would be an honor to serve as your International President and I look forward to a relationship of dialogue and a collaboration of ideas.

We must support and defend the sanctity of marriage and support each other as we stay focused on a Christ oriented love for God and family. Our Sisterhood must have a healing effect on the lives of our clergy families.

All organizations are facing what they need to do to survive during these economic times, and realizing that the old way of doing business may not work; “business as usual” cannot be the mindset that will serve us well in the coming years. The future of our organization lies in how well we develop our infrastructure and move forward as an internationally renowned sisterhood, second to none.

### ***THE MISSION***

I plan to keep Christ at the helm of our organization. Our motto of FAITH, LOVE, and PRAYER will forever surround us and sustain us.

I would like to recognize the demands put on ministers’ wives and ministers’ widows and set in place resources to deal with what confronts us in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. At the close of each convention I want us to leave empowered to go forth with strength and resilience.

I plan to focus on encouraging and recruiting new ministers’ wives and widows to become an active part of our Sisterhood through area Locals that offer encouragement, instruction, mentoring and sisterly support.

My vision is to have every Local, State, and Region be actively involved in the social and economic concerns of its locality.

I plan to establish a Charitable Contributions Committee to plan and execute a community service project in each host city that we visit.

I plan to initiate an Information Technology Committee to advance our records management and increase our visibility through the world.

### ***THE SERVANT***

***Dr. Thelma Peterson Rich*** is a native of Baltimore, MD and has held numerous positions on the local, state, regional and international levels of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows organizations. She is a retired licensed certified social worker, having worked through the ranks to now become the Director of Field Education at the Morgan State University, School of Social Work. Dr. Rich has submitted many articles to the HERALD and has become a sort-after workshop leader and educator, Women’s Day speaker, project coordinator and preacher. She received her Ph. D. from Family Bible Ministries Worldwide and a Masters of Religious Education, St. Mary’s Seminary and University, both of Baltimore, MD. Currently, she is the associate pastor of the Huntingdon Baptist Church and the IAMWMW Vice President-at-Large. A Life Member, she has served as assistant dean and instructor for the Department of Education. She is married to The Rev. Quay T. Rich and has one son and five granddaughters.