

Ministry Information Packet

for

DR. VANESSA DANTZLER USSERY





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Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ:

We would like to introduce you to the dynamic ministry of Dr. Vanessa Dantzler Ussery.

Dr. Ussery has been called by God and is being used by Him at this moment in time as the Senior Pastor of the Home Assembly Church in Los Angeles. In recent years, God has began expanding her ministry, entitled Celebrate Change Ministries, beyond the walls of Home Assembly; allowing her to fulfill God's commandment to "Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23 ESV).

With a desire to see people change and grow, Dr. Ussery spreads the Word and ministers to those in need of encouragement, hope, and reconciliation. In this mission, she has adapted the motto of CHANGE: Come Have a New Growth Experience because truly, it's time to CHANGE.

With this in mind, we invite you to review the following pages or visit our website at CelebrateChange.org to learn more about Dr. Ussery and how she can bring CHANGE to your group, church, ministry or organization.

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Dr. Vanessa D. Ussery BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Vanessa Wainwright Dantzler Ussery is the daughter of the Sherman Walter Wainwright and Sylvia Tolbert Wainwright. She is the eldest of three children; her sister Pamela Faye Martin and brother, Sherman Walter Wainwright II. She was saved at the tender age of eight and is the third generation of a long line of men and women who were trailblazers in the early days of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. (PAW). Her maternal grandparents were the late District Elder Lambert Tolbert, Sr. and Evangelist Claudia Tolbert, deceased. They were both saved in their early teens and joined in Holy Matrimony by the late Bishop G. T. Haywood, the first Presiding Bishop of the P.A. of W. Her great-grandparents were Elder James and Sally Tolbert who in the early days of the P.A. of W. traveled extensively establishing churches throughout the country. Growing up it was her parents aim to train their children to be dedicated to God, so the home atmosphere was one of prayer and holiness.

In August 1962, under the late Bishop George Brooks of Beulah Heights Church (New Haven, CT), Dr. Ussery was baptized and received gift of the Holy Ghost. A few years later in September 1965, her family moved to Los Angeles and placed their membership at Apostolic Faith Home Assembly, Inc. (better known as "Home Assembly") under the late Bishop Frank R. Bowdan. When Dr. Ussery left home to attend college her parents admonished her to observe Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

After decades of serving at Home Assembly, Dr. Ussery is now the Emeritus Pastor and remains an active member. This church is the oldest apostolic church in Los Angeles affiliated with the international organization, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. Dr. Ussery's appointment as Senior Pastor marked an historic occasion for the Home Assembly, as she was the first female to pastor the "mother" church. However, in consideration of the lineage of this woman of God the appointment was extremely apropos.

While attending Occidental College in Eagle Rock, California, the Lord allowed the paths of two young people to cross, resulting in the union of Pastor Dantzler to Dr. Gregory Rochelle Dantzler. They were joined in holy matrimony on February 14, 1976 and to this union they were blessed with one son, Gregory II. "Doc" as he was affectionately called by family and members of the AFHA, passed away and entered into God's eternal rest on Wednesday, February 4, 2004. He was truly a man of God that expressed a great love for his wife, family and God's people. His legacy continues through the AFHA Nutrition and Physical Activity Program and the annual "Dr. Gregory R. Dantzler 'Master Your Health' Golf Tournament" held the 2nd Monday in April.



On Saturday, May 12, 2007 Dr. Dantzler and Charles Blakey Ussery, Jr. were married in Dana Point, CA in the presence of their immediate family. Charles is a committed man of God and is a devoted husband to his bride. A graduate of the University of Southern California (USC), he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration. Prior to earning his degree, Charles was a member of the Trojan's 1978 National Championship Team and played as a starting defensive lineman during his 4 years at the prestigious institution. After college he played professional football in the United States Football

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League for the LA Express and transitioned to the National Football League for the Los Angeles Rams until suffering a career ending injury. Since 1989 he has served in the aerospace industry and is currently employed with American Airlines in Aerospace management. Charles gives all the credit to the Lord for blessing him to meet his lovely wife and enjoys sharing the story of how they met.

Dr. Ussery, a graduate with honors of George Washington Preparatory High School, holds a Bachelors of Art degree in Psychology from Occidental College and a Bachelors of Religious Studies from Aeon Bible College. She has also received an honorary doctorate in Theology.

During her time as a faculty member of Aeon Bible College, Dr. Ussery taught courses in church administration, church history, public speaking, English composition and church worship. During Suffragan Bishop's tenure as President of Aeon Bible College, she served as the school Business Administrator. When Bishop Benton opened New Life School of Ministries, she served as the Administrator and taught several different courses offered.

God called Dr. Ussery to the ministry of preaching as a teenager and she preached her first sermon at youth service on Tuesday night in 1970. She became a licensed minister in 1980 and was ordained in 1992. She has been a faithful member of this church since September 1965. The odyssey with the church's leadership began for her in 1980 when Dr. Ussery accepted the position of personal secretary to the then Senior Pastor, G. Grady Benton. She served in this capacity until her promotion as Senior Pastor. She was also promoted within her tenure as Business Manager and Youth Director. By 1989, she became the Executive Minister and assumed responsibility for a high percentage of preaching, teaching, counseling, and other pastoral obligations as Bishop Benton became ill and could no longer fulfill these duties

On August 24, 1993, she was chosen by God to be the vessel to succeed Emeritus Pastor Benton. She continued to work faithfully in spearheading the project which resulted in the development of the G. Grady Benton Educational Complex. In addition, she remained active in all her church administrative duties, such as office manager, finance manager and church membership maintenance. On June 9, 1998, Suffragan Bishop G. Grady Benton officially passed the mantle to Dr. Ussery at an installation service officiated by the late Bishop Henry L. Johnson, former Diocese of the California District Council.

During her tenure at Home Assembly Church, she developed an agenda that included the church's motto "CHANGE: Come Have A New Growth Experience" (a registered trademark of Apostolic Faith Home Assembly, Inc.). This motto led her to establish Celebrate Change Ministries in 2010, under which she continued to follow God's lead into expanded borders and an extended reach to encourage, enlighten and empower more people.

On October 14, 2011, Home Assembly Church hosted a Retirement Celebration for Dr. Ussery where she celebrated having served more than a quarter of a century at Home Assembly; 18 of those years under the leadership of the late Suffragan Bishop G. Grady Benton. December 31, 2011, Dr. Ussery officially transitioned to becoming Emeritus Pastor for Home Assembly Church.

January 16, 2015, Dr. Ussery achieved yet another historic milestone by becoming one of the first female Suffragan Bishops in the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. when was installed by Bishop Robert T. Douglas, Sr. at the first gathering of the Central California District Council held in Los Angeles, CA.

Dr. Ussery is available for Leadership Training, Seminars, Retreats, Conferences, Special Events and Celebrations, Organizational Planning, Worship Services, Church Administration Training, and more. To book her for your event, activity or service, please call (866) 232-8176 or email Info@CelebrateChange.org.



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MISSION STATEMENT

To minister to the whole person, providing each individual revelatory knowledge to be changed into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ and apply biblical teaching for practical daily living.

PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS

- Act Like a Lady, Think Like God's Girl (L.A.)
- Aeon Bible College (Germany)
- Angeles Temple (Los Angeles, CA)
- Azusa Revival (Los Angeles, CA)
- California District Council Conferences (Statewide)
- Carson Christian Outreach (Carson, CA)
- City of Refuge A New Beginning (Fresno, CA)
- Emmanuel Temple Apostolic Church (Lynwood, CA)
- Emmanuel Temple Pentecostal Church (Boston, MA)
- Empowered to be Rich & Poor (Los Angeles)
- Faith Temple (San Bernardino, CA)
- Grace Chapel (San Bernardino, CA)
- Greater Bethel Temple of Deliverance (Los Angeles)
- Holman Methodist Church (Los Angeles, CA)
- Home Assembly Church (Los Angeles, CA)
- King's College & Seminary (Van Nuys, CA)
- Miracle Center Apostolic Church (Los Angeles, CA)
- Pentecostal Assemblies of the World National Convention (Long Beach, CA)
- Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA)
- Santa Clarita Christian Fellowship (Santa Clarita, CA)
- Second Community Baptist Church (Venice, CA)
- Turning Point Ministries (Indianapolis, IN)
- Women of Excellence Conference (London, England)

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Christian Counselors
- Central California District Council
- Calling First Ladies
- Christian Management Association
- Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

MINISTRY SPECIALTIES

- Leadership Training & Organizational Planning (Church Gov't)
- Marriage & Church Retreats
- Women's and Men's Ministry Conferences
- Pastoral Support and Pastoral Anniversaries
- Motivational Speaking and Self-help Seminars



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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT PREFERENCES & AGREEMENT

Travel Arrangements

A member of Dr. Ussery's staff will make all her air travel arrangements and there is a slight chance that she will be accompanied by a traveling companion. When making arrangements, the staff will make every effort to purchase airline tickets within the budgetary guidelines established by the sponsoring organization/group.

Once the ticket has been purchased, the total cost will be forwarded to the appropriate representative of the sponsoring organization/group for reimbursement upon Dr. Ussery's arrival. Reimbursement for air travel should be made payable to Celebrate Change Ministries.

Hotel Arrangements

Unless otherwise specified, one non-smoking king room at a four star or better hotel should be reserved for Dr. Ussery. Should additional rooms be required, this will be discussed in advance with the appropriate representative of the sponsoring organization/group. Once the room has been reserved, we request that you forward the confirmation number and hotel details to Info@CelebrateChange.org

Ground Transportation

Unless the sponsoring organization/group has made arrangements to utilize members/attendees to transport Dr. Ussery, a chauffeured town car is preferred.

Speaking Preferences

- Bottled Water (room temperature)
- Warm Peppermint-flavored Tea
- Cordless Microphone, if available.
- Honorariums (TBD)
- Please make honorarium checks payable to Celebrate Change Ministries

Media Arrangements

If the service/event is recorded, please mail a CD and/or DVD to:

Celebrate Change Ministries
13515 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90061

The above outlines requirements are understood and accepted by:

Signature

Date

NOTE: A signed original of this agreement is to be returned to the address above a minimum of thirty (30) business days prior to the speaking engagement. If faxing, please mail the original shortly thereafter. Upon receipt of the signed agreement, confirmation will be returned to the address you provide in the written request that accompanies this agreement.

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