

IMMEDIATE MEDIA RELEASE

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Donna L. Barrett, general secretary of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, will be guest speaker at (place), (address), on (day, date, time), according to the Rev. (name), (position).

As general secretary of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A., part of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world, she is a member of the denomination's Executive Leadership Team and Executive Presbytery. Barrett stewards the credentialing process of ministers, oversees the chartering of churches and the collection of official statistics.

The denomination has nearly 13,000 congregations in the United States with over three million adherents. The U.S. Assemblies of God is part of a larger World Assemblies of God Fellowship with a membership of over 69 million.

Prior to her election as general secretary, Barrett was a church planter, serving as founder and lead pastor of Rockside Church (Assemblies of God) in Independence, Ohio. Following seven years as a paralegal, Barrett became a credentialed minister in 1986. She served ten years as youth pastor at Highway Tabernacle Assembly of God in Youngstown, Ohio, followed by seven years as associate pastor at Bethel Temple in Parma, Ohio. While pastoring, she was elected by her peers to serve the Ohio Ministry Network as an elected general presbyter and an executive presbyter for four years each.