

IMMEDIATE MEDIA RELEASE

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

Barrett was elected general secretary in 2018. As general secretary of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A., part of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world, she was a member of the denomination's Executive Presbytery and was the first woman to serve on its Executive Leadership Team. Barrett stewarded the credentialing process of over 38,000 ministers, oversaw the chartering of nearly 13,000 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 88 million.

Barrett's ministry has been marked with a passion for prayer. As a pastor, she served as coordinator and collaborator in her community for the National Day of Prayer. Her book, *Leveling the Praying Field* offers practical guides to help readers learn to talk to and hear from God.

Prior to becoming general secretary, Barrett was a church planter, serving as founder and lead pastor of Rockside Church (Assemblies of God) in Independence, Ohio. She served as an associate pastor seven years in Parma, Ohio, and as a youth pastor 10 years in Youngstown, Ohio. Before becoming a credentialed minister in 1986, Barrett was a paralegal. She was elected as a General Presbyter and Executive Presbyter 4 years each in the Ohio (District) Ministry Network.