



Lenor L. Reese
National President
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Lenor Reaves Reese was elected as the 13th National President of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. at the 59th National Boulé in Los Angeles, California. Just prior to her election, she served as the Chairperson of the National Literature Review Committee.

A Life Member, Mrs. Reese has served in several positions at the national, regional and chapter levels including Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director (Membership) and Regional Editor. She was also elected to serve as the Eastern Region representative on the National Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Reese was initiated into Mu Omicron Chapter on May 24, 1997 as a charter member serving as the chapter's first President. In addition, she served as the First Vice-President (Membership), Second Vice-President (Scholarships), Financial Secretary and Youth Advisor. Her most recent position was the appointed Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

She was employed in the Federal government for 33 years. Mrs. Reese entered Federal service in an entry level position and advanced to progressively more responsible positions and retired as the Director of the Human Resources Policy Division of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC. She has also held positions in the field of Equal Employment Opportunity. Mrs. Reese received numerous awards for outstanding performance as a supervisor and manager and was selected for and successfully completed two highly competitive, two-year training programs. She attended Essex County College, Northern Virginia Community College and Strayer University.

A New Jersey native, Mrs. Reese has called Northern Virginia her home for the past 44 years and is happily married to Charles E. Reese, Jr. She is the proud mother of two adult children and seven grandchildren. She is the oldest of four daughters born to the late John H. Reaves, Jr. and El'Dora Whidby Reaves. Mrs. Reese is an active member of the historic Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia where she currently serves as a Deacon. She was ordained as one of the first women deacons in the church's history. She also served as a Trustee.

In her spare time, Mrs. Reese likes to read, loves to participate in educational development projects, enjoys the latest movies and her home is always open to family and friends. Her greatest joy is serving family, friends, neighbors and whoever crosses her path that is in need or could use her help.