



Cheryl W. Turner

Jackson, MS

Upon her appointment as Co-Chair of the 2021-23 National Program Planning and Development Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cheryl W. Turner also became a member of the DREF Board of Directors by virtue of her position on the DST Executive Board. The Jackson, MS resident has held numerous leadership roles in the Sorority; she was the first Mississippian to be elected as Director of the Sorority's Southern Region, since the inception of DST Regional Conferences in 1926. She was elected in 2011 and served until 2016.

She has previously served the Grand Chapter of Delta as Chair of the Reclamation Project, a subcommittee of the National Membership Services Committee (2017-2021), and during her tenure, the team surpassed the reclamation goal set for each year. In 2009-2011, Director Turner was appointed Southern Region trainer for the Cultures of Giving Campaign conducted by DREF, and she also served as elected Chair of the Regional Nominating Committee, 2007-2009. Initiated into the Lambda Sigma Chapter at the University of Mississippi in 1975, she is a Diamond Life Member who is a member of the Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter, serving as a member of the Social Action Committee, and immediate past Chair of the committee. Prior to membership in JMAC, Director Turner served in elected and appointed leadership positions within her collegiate chapter of initiation, Oxford Alumnae Chapter, and Tupelo Alumnae Chapter.

Director Turner has 30 years of administrative and management experience. Upon retirement from the State of Mississippi, she assumed the role of Director of Client Acquisition and Development with Jefferson Stevens Consultants, LLC. Ms. Turner holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensics Chemistry and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Mississippi. She is a Certified Public Manager, and holds a Continuous Readiness Certification from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

She is active in her community and church, serving as Local Gun Violence Prevention Lead for the Mississippi Chapter of MOMS Demand Action; Mentor for the Medgar Evers Academy for African-American Males, and President of Farish Street Baptist Church Missionary Society. She's been recognized as Who's Who among Mississippi Leaders, and served as Class Leader for the Greater Metro-Jackson Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Institute. Cheryl is the proud ChiChi to Kaylen and Ian Turner, children of her only child, Jared (a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity) and daughter-in-love Sharonda (a Delta member).