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Coalition of 100 Black Women
Metropolitan Saint Louis Chapter

Coalition of 100 Black Women
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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, founded in 1981 by representatives from fourteen (14) states and the District of Columbia, is a leadership forum for Black women of professional and personal diversity.

This network was created to meet the expressed desire for a vehicle to serve the multiple needs of the contemporary Black woman, her aspirations, her growth, and her concern for her community.

It is an evolving movement with over thirty (30) chapters as of Spring 1985, representing twenty-two (22) states and the District of Columbia, with a current membership of over five thousand (5000). As a part of a new leadership class, the typical Coalition woman has a completed college, holds a professional position, earns a median income of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500), and is integrally involved in the socio-economic and political matrix of her respective community.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women is committed to becoming a significant voice for the more than fourteen (14) million Black women in the United States. It has designated the following as target areas for program development over the next five years: Economic Development, Personal and Professional Development, Role Model/Mentor Projects, Arts and Humanities, and Political Education & Voter Mobilization.

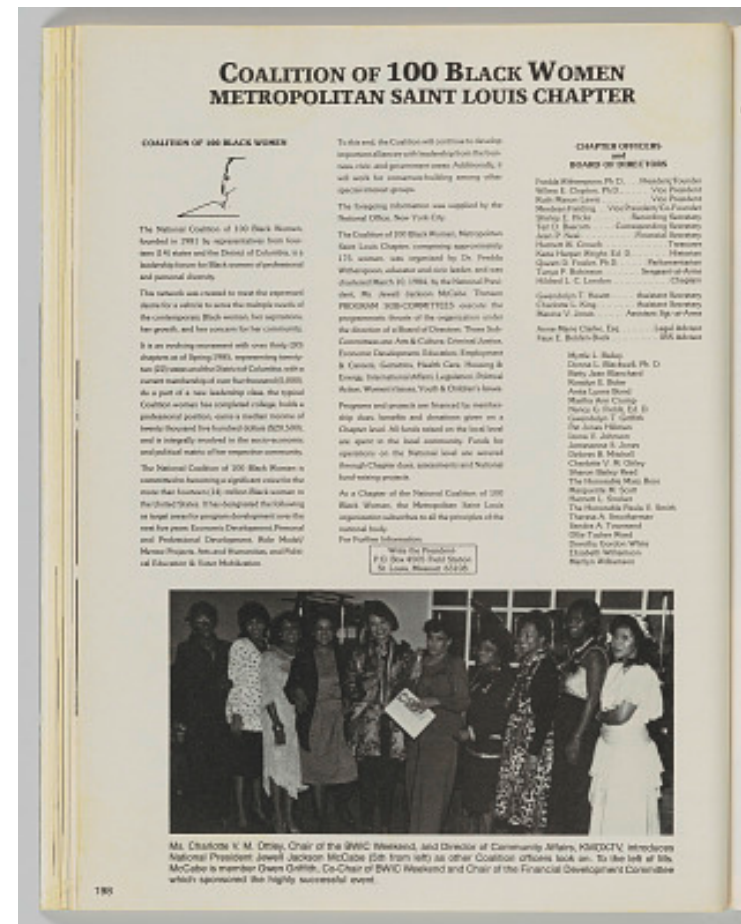
To this end, the Coalition will continue to develop important alliances with leadership from the business, civic, and government areas. Additionally, it will work for consensus-building among other special-interest groups.

The foregoing information was supplied by the National Office, New York City.

The Coalition of 100 Black Women, Metropolitan Saint Louis Chapter, comprising approximately 175 women, was organized by Dr. Fredda Witherspoon, educator and civic leader, and was chartered March 10, 1984, by the National President, Ms. Jewell Jackson McCabe. Thirteen PROGRAM SUB-COMMITTEES execute the programmatic thrusts of the organization under the direction of a Board of Directors. These Sub-Committees are: Arts & Culture, Criminal Justice, Economic Development, Education, Employment & Careers, Geriatrics, Health Care, Housing & Energy, International Affairs, Legislation, Political Action, Women's Issues, Youth & Children's Issues.

Programs and projects are financed by membership dues, benefits and donations given on a Chapter level. All funds raised on the local level are spent in the local community. Funds for operations on the National level are secured through Chapter dues, assessments and National fund-raising projects.

As a Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the



Metropolitan Saint Louis organization subscribes to all the principles of the national body.
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Ms. Charlotte V. M. Ottley, Chair of the BWIC Weekend, and Director of
Community Affairs, KMOX-TV, introduces National President Jewell

Jackson McCabe (5th from left) as other Coalition officers look on. To the left of Ms. McCabe is member Gwen Griffith, Co-Chair of BWIC Weekend and Chair of the Financial Development Committee which sponsored the highly successful event.

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