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## Lavonia Perryman

### Radio Host, Author, Political Activist



Presently Lavonia Perryman is the top female daily radio host in Michigan. Her informative, creative talk show, THE LAVONIA PERRYMAN SHOW, airs on 910 am super station weekdays at 7 pm. 910 am is 50,000 watts radio station

with an extensive reach, giving Lavonia the opportunity to share current news and relevant issues with several thousands not only in Michigan but across the country since you can tune in several ways. For example you can listen to THE LAVONIA PERRYMAN SHOW by clicking on [www.910amsuperstation.com](http://www.910amsuperstation.com), ROKU or just tune in on your radio 910 am.

This not new for Lavonia because her career as a journalist and broadcaster started in 1970s right here in Detroit at WCAR radio and WTVS channel 56 and while in Washington, DC was the executive producer of the Emmy award program America's Black Journal.

Since the 1980's, Lavonia Perryman has combined her media experience with her commitment to community advancement and sustainability. She also has passion for politics. Since that time Perryman has served as the Michigan Women's Vote Director for Hillary Clinton. In addition, she served as Detroit Education chair for President Barack Obama. This after serving on President Bill Clinton's transition team and consulting several candidates in Michigan. In addition she served as the faith-based director for Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm during her re-election; then she was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the 2010 Democratic Detroit Coordinated Campaign. In 2004 during the John Kerry for presidential campaign, Lavonia served as the Communications Director for Michigan's America Coming Together where she managed a state-wide media team.

Lavonia is regularly called upon for her insight and opinion on local and national community and media relations issues. She has lectured at Marygrove College and has presented at Howard University, Norfolk State University, and Bennett College and the Democratic National Committee.

Since 1990, Lavonia has held elected offices which include the positions of District of Columbia Cable Commissioner and Michigan Precinct Delegate.

Lavonia's unique combination of experiences in politics, media and community

outreach has given her the opportunity to play a significant and productive role as the deputy communications director the Democratic National Convention and press secretary in the President Clinton and Al Gore Presidential Transition office. In addition, Lavonia served as press secretary for Congressman Walter Fauntroy (D-DC) and for several years managed media relations for Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Her work in the community - with such individuals as Harlem Globetrotter Tyrone "Hollywood" Brown, Oscar winner Denzel Washington, the late Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president, National Council of Negro Women; R&B Grammy nominee recording artist Kenny Lattimore, and Doug Williams, the first African American Super Bowl quarterback - has focused on securing social justice and equal rights for all.

Lavonia is the recipient of several awards, including the Detroit's "Spirit of Detroit" Citizen Award, Detroit's Women in Radio and Television "Media Woman of the Year", Ms. Black America, Ms. Black Michigan, Ms. Black Congeniality, and Ms. Soul of Detroit. In addition, she was awarded the National Rainbow PUSH Coalition Citizen Award, the Cancer Society Citizen Award, District of Columbia Best Dressed Award four years straight, Dollars and Sense Business Woman of the Year, Savannah, Georgia Technical School Citizen Award, District of Columbia Who's Who Black Business Network, George Fraser Success Guide Top Achiever Award, Who's Who Metro Detroit Award, National Association of Public Relations "Outstanding Minority PR" award.

Perryman is a founding member and national board member of The FuturePAC. She is on the board of the Michigan Democratic Party Black Caucus. In addition, Lavonia is the first women to hold the position of Democratic Detroit Coordinated Campaign Manager. She is the former president of the District of Columbia National Black Women's Political Congress and a former president and founding member of the Coalition of 100 Black Women District of Columbia Chapter.

Lavonia also holds the title "first" in Michigan. She opened the first basketball camp for girls and was the first African American female to cover national sports events in Detroit. In fact, she covered the National Basketball Association (NBA) Detroit and Boston playoffs.

Lavonia is a graduate of Wayne State University, Central Michigan University where she received a master's degree in education and Howard University graduate school of Communication where she pursued a degree in organization communication. She is the proud guardian of Shawnda and Virginia now adults. She enjoys reading, all sports and traveling.

## Monique D. Marks

### President & CEO of Franklin Wright Settlements

Monique Marks assumed the position of President & CEO of the oldest settlement house in the country, Franklin Wright Settlements, in 2001, after serving as the organization's Deputy Director/Clinical Social Worker. Mrs. Marks journey with Franklin Wright began in 1997. Under her administration, she has developed and implemented innovative, multi-systemic therapy programs, products and services.

Mrs. Marks is responsible for the supervision of master-level therapists, policy writing, staff and fund development and national data coordination. She works tirelessly with a hybrid of constituent groups, including boards, committees, volunteers and external stakeholders, all for the advancement of Franklin Wright. Collaborating with partners such as DTE, Forgotten Harvest and Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), Franklin Wright has been able to assist thousands of families in need.

With a passion for education and academic achievement, Mrs. Marks instituted an annual college tour, where a select

group of metro Detroit students have an opportunity to take part in a college and cultural tour, which helps to prepare and excite them for post secondary studies. Programs under her direction include early childhood development, youth enrichment,

recreation, family reunification, and mentoring, counseling and senior citizen activities.

Mrs. Marks was recently appointed Detroit Community Education Commissioner by Mayor Mike Duggan.

Mrs. Marks mantra of "helping the child, preserving the family and strengthening the community" exemplifies her love and

commitment for Detroit and has lead Franklin Wright to be a leading neighborhood human service organization, existing to assist individuals, families, groups and the community with basic life, family, and social needs. Franklin Wright's three Detroit locations all embody the settlement house philosophy and multi-service holistic approach in cooperation with the community.

Mrs. Marks holds a BA in Political Science/African Studies and a MSW in Social Work from Wayne State University.



## Sherry McRill

### President & CEO Northeast Guidance Center

Sherry McRill, President & CEO of the Northeast Guidance Center located on Detroit's east side holds a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Oakland University, and is a Michigan limited licensed psychologist with exemplary health and administrative experience in the public and private sectors.

Ms. McRill joined the NEGC team in 1989, and was named vice president in 1993, becoming president and CEO in 2014. Along with a committed staff, she has grown NEGC

Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies, and Senior Reach which provides care and resources for seniors. In addition NEGC behavioral specialists are a part of a DPSCD School-Based Behavioral Initiative, and

NEGC has also partnered with Southwest Housing Solutions which provides affordable homes for low-income residents in the Mack-Ashland area of Detroit. Most recently in collaboration with Detroit Community Health Connection she was instrumental in opening the new Dr. Peter Slaughter Health Center located in the Eli Z. Rubin Children's Wellness Center on Kelly Road. Under Ms. McRill's leadership, NEGC works collaboratively with Con-



## Embracing the Goddess Within: The eye of God

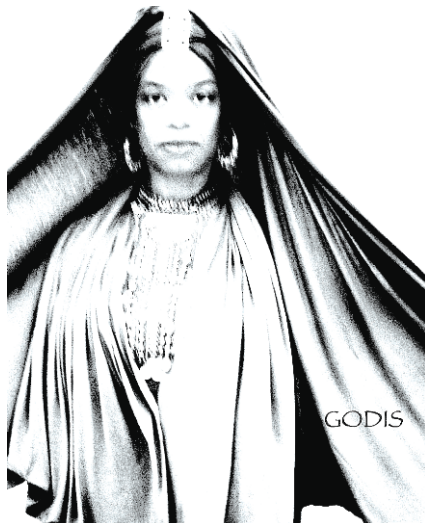
By Addonna AKA Goddess Godis



In our humanness, we see through eyes colored by our past shadows. Memories of things good and bad become a clouded looking glass in which we interpret our experiences.

As we embrace the truth of who we are as daughters and co-creators with God, our spiritual eye is opened and the veils of our illusions are lifted. We are able to see through God's eyes. What was old becomes new, as we embrace a greater truth. We expand our minds, and we become beacons of light. Rise Goddess rise.

GODDESS affirmation  
God as your daughter, I am choosing to see all things through your eyes.



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which employs over 100 medical professionals and support staff who provide primary and behavioral healthcare to those in need. She continues to position the agency as one of Wayne County's behavioral health providers by adopting the integrated health care model for children and adults who seek NEGC services. Under her leadership the organization's outreach now includes partnerships such as Community

nor Corridor partners to improve the lives of community residents on Detroit's east side.

Ms. McRill is committed to the community in which she lives. She sits on the Board of Directors for Jefferson East, Inc.; The Salvation Army Conner Creek, Kevin's Song and is past president of the Junior League of Detroit and the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.