

# Lutricia Valentine

President | Executive Planner | Servant Leader

**Lutricia Valentine** is a woman whose life is deeply rooted in her faith and commitment to serving others. Lutricia has been happily married 32 years to **Anthony Valentine**. Their shared passion for working with children and teenagers led them to serve in various youth ministries, combining their gifts and joy to make a positive impact on young lives.

She has two adult sons with amazing wives: Ryan (Jazmin), Daniel (Cayla), and her real joy is the two grandchildren Keagan & Kinsley.

## A Heart Toward Youth & Community

Lutricia has **dedicated** countless years to mentoring *young people* in schools, ministries, and the community. Her home has always been open and welcoming, providing a safe space for young individuals seeking guidance. She has been steadfast in the commitment to reach their family with the transformative power of the gospel.

Born in **Chicago**, **Illinois**, Lutricia currently resides in **Detroit**, **Michigan**, where she is deeply connected to the community and actively involved in community service. Even as a young adult, she displayed a strong dedication to teaching and mentoring, serving as a *Sunday School teacher* and *Director for AWANA Clubs* in various cities such as Chicago, Dallas, and Detroit. Lutricia also played a pivotal role as the *Director of UPWARD*. She is a *co-founder of Urban Village Network*, which aims to provide essential services to youth and families in the community, all while embracing the mission of "preparing the next generation."

## A Gift of Leadership & Executive Planning

Lutricia has enjoyed her professional journey as a **Meeting Planner**. She is an internationally certified Meeting Planner and travel consultant, lending her expertise to organizations such as **IMPACT Ministry**, **Navigators**, **Urban Ministries**, **Chicagoland Christian Women Conference**, **Simeon High School**, **IOTA Phi Lambda Sorority**, **Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology**, **Oak Grove AME Church**, several **DPS High Schools**, and many more clients. **Her role as Meeting Planner and Consultant for the United Conference for Women since 1998** has allowed her to contribute significantly to empowering women and creating impactful events.

She is no stranger to the United Conference for Women. Lutricia attended UCW as a teen conferee, workshop presenter, staff and Conference Planner. Her involvement with the conference holds a special place in her heart, as many of the founding board members were once youth leaders who inspired and guided her in various ministries, including the United Youth Conference and Circle Y Ranch Bible Camp.

Lutricia has a long-standing connection to **Circle Y Ranch Bible Camp**, which has shaped her from childhood to leadership. She served as Camp Director and continues to dedicate herself to its mission. Moreover, since 2009, she has taken on the role of Director for several Summer Day Camps in the city of Detroit, providing a nurturing and educational environment for the community's children. Her commitment to empowering youth

extends beyond summer programs, as she also initiated a food distribution program and co-chairs a food bank in the **Brightmoor community of Detroit** where she also serves as an emerging leader in Brightmoor.

She holds a degree in **Computer Programming with a minor in Business Administration**, showcasing her diverse skill set. Moreover, she has acquired continuing education from Moody Bible Institute in Christian Education, further equipping her to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those she serves.

#### **Spiritual Dedication & Service**

Her active involvement in her church, **Rosedale Park Baptist Church**, further showcases her faith and service where she serves as Community Liaison. In addition to her community and ministry work, she is a Physical Education teacher at James and Grace Lee Boggs School (K-8), combining her passion for education with her dedication to fostering healthy lifestyles among young students.

Throughout her journey, Lutricia has been blessed with lifelong friendships, a testament to her warm and compassionate nature. Her love for the Lord, dedication to family, commitment to community service, and impactful contributions in various roles have made her a beloved figure among those who have had the privilege of knowing her.

Lutricia's life has been anchored in the unwavering truth of Scripture, finding strength, hope, and joy in her faith. One verse that has been a guiding light throughout her life journey is **Romans 8:38-39**: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Lutricia's beloved husband preceded her in death in 2017. Yet, even in the midst of this deep loss, she finds solace and hope in the words of **Nehemiah 8:10**: "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." This verse serves as a reminder that despite the challenges and sorrows that life may bring, the joy found in the Lord's presence becomes a wellspring of strength, sustaining her through difficult times.

**These two verses encapsulate her unwavering trust in God's love and her reliance on the joy He provides.** Her life exemplifies the resilience and steadfastness that come from grounding oneself in faith, allowing her to face adversity with unwavering hope and unwavering joy.

#### **Spiritual Mantel & Legacy**

She is *humbled* to joyfully serve as **President**, **United Conference for Women (2023)**. She was blessed to walk alone side many of the Emeritus Board Members for 30+ years to see the commitment and faithfulness of leaders who love the Lord, served Christ through faith, prayer and the Word of God impacting thousands of women: "Daily Strength for Daily Needs" Colossians 2:6,7