



**Sherryl Gordon**, Executive Director of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 1, has been and continues to be in the fore front of the public employee's union movement in New Jersey and Nation-wide. She has been one of the movement's most focused, forward vision, energetic leaders for many years. With more than 30 years in the labor movement, rising through the ranks of union leadership to her position of prominence today, formally as the International Vice President, Eastern Region of AFSCME, and currently as the Executive Director of New Jersey Administrative and Legislative Council 1, her philosophy is membership empowerment, diversity, responsiveness and innovation. Serving in these varied positions allows Sherryl to gain a wealth of knowledge and to learn first-hand about AFSCME's core values, that neither management nor political influence can be a source of intimidation.

As the current Executive Director of AFSCME Council 1, New Jersey, Sherryl has successfully maintained AFSCME's position as a leading union in the labor movement, by always aiming toward the goal of making life better for the working families. She has guided the Union's statewide political and legislative agenda and assisted with the election of public officials at various levels of New Jersey government. Also, she has supported the election of those members of New Jersey's Congressional Delegation, who share in the union's philosophy of passing laws, that protect all working families and the communities that they live in.

Further, under the guidance of Ms. Gordon, AFSCME has initiated many programs that provide education and leadership to its members, such programs as, but not limited to: "Generation X", which is focused on bridging the generational and leadership gap among less seasoned members and the more seasoned members; the "Grow Our Own Program", which encourages and cultivates members to become candidates for political office at all levels of government.

Sherryl has been and continues to be a pioneer in unifying trade unionists, regardless of their background or ethnicity. In addition to her union positions, she has been a founding member, chairperson and or member of numerous boards, committees, commissions, and panels, dedicated to increasing the voice of the worker, and to ensure their protection and empowerment, such as the UNCF, Coalition of Black Trade Unionist (CBTU), A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI), Minority Labor Coalition, Police and Fire Pension, Property Tax, and two Gubernatorial transition teams. Further, she has hosted trade union delegations from Austria, Japan and Poland.

Ms. Gordon's traditional education has resulted in degrees from Thomas Edison State College, and Farleigh Dickinson University, both under graduate and post graduate, and certifications from many union and labor management programs including the Harvard University Trade Union Program. Her most valued education has come from working in the trenches doing the daily fight on behalf of the union membership. Sherryl's many years of experience has allowed her to gain a wealth of knowledge and learn first-hand about individuals core values.

She contributes her success to **GOD** for affording her the opportunity to serve him by serving others.