

Priscilla (Tiombe) Briggs, was born Priscilla Ruth Reeves, in Detroit, Michigan. Tiombe's dedication to community service began in early childhood. Giving was always a part of the Reeves family, and Priscilla, the fourth of five siblings, took her father's values to heart and followed in his footsteps. Her father, Mr. Steve Reeves II, would always feed those in the neighborhood, who were hungry. The Reeves' home was always open to those who were looking for something to eat! Tiombe graduated from Central High School in Detroit. After graduation she attended McNamara Skill Center and Wayne State University. She also attended Shaw College of Detroit while working full-time, studying stenography for court reporting.

Her years of professional experience include, sixteen years as Sales Auditor for J.L. Hudson Co. (Macy's). She was the Executive Administrative Assistant for Electronic Data Systems, where her manager called her "a diamond" because she was always on time and met deadlines! They also stated, "Any manager would be glad to have you as their administrative assistant!" After sixteen years of service as a Nurse Administrative Assistant at Henry Ford Medical Center, Tiombe's entrepreneurial spirit emerged, and she owned and operated a day care center for children for seven years, and she is currently the owner of "Baskets by Priscilla".

Sister Tiombe joined the Shrine of the Black Madonna in the early 70's and was one of the BCN Nationnaires. When most people reach their golden years, they look forward to slowing down and taking it easy, but Tiombe is anything but ordinary! Her passion and years of commitment led her to work with the PAOCC's Food Pantry Ministry, where she has been the coordinator for the last six years.

Under Sister Tiombe's leadership, the Food Pantry has increased in membership, and is a vehicle for COR! Along with her dedicated staff, the PAOCC's Food Pantry is able to reach out and feed hundreds in the Detroit area community who might otherwise go hungry. At Shrine #1, "free" fresh vegetables, along with canned and packaged foods, as well as toiletries, are distributed the 3rd Saturday of each month. Gleaners Community Food Bank now distributes food through the Food Pantry every 3rd Wednesday at Shrine #1. Tiombe also coordinates the Unify Detroit Coalition's (UDC) annual Health Fair at Shrine #1. The Food Pantry was a 2018 recipient of The United Church of Christ's (UCC) Neighbors in Need (NIN) Grant, a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States!

Following in her family's example of best-self Christians, Sister Tiombe has not only dedicated her entire life to helping others but is dedicated to the health and well-being of citizens in the Detroit area community through the PAOCC's Food Ministry.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something drink". Matthew 25:35