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On January 13, 2013, The Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, In., will initiate a series of local events **commemorating the organization's 100 years of public service,** with a Centennial Worship Celebration. **The joyful**
Centennial Celebration Worship Service will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, January 13, 2013, at Mt. Zion Congregational Church, 10723 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Clergy members of the sorority in the Greater Cleveland will kick off the celebration of its centennial in divine order, reaffirming the Sorority's values remembering the Sorority's illustrious history, and celebrating past accomplishments with focus of the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter. The praise and prayer service will culminate with renewal of the organization's commitment to creating positive change within the framework of sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

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The community is invited to attend.

Delta Sigma Theta, a private non-profit organization with over 250,000 predominately Black college educated woman is an organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. .

The organization is the single largest African-American women's organization in the world with **900 chapter's n the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the**

Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and Republic of Korea.
Locally, the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter, which was incorporated in 1924,

executes major programs under the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust

including Economic Development, Educational Development, and International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

On January 1, 2013, Delta Sigma Theta marked the 100-year anniversary of its founding as the first African-American women's organization to have a float in the historic Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade. The parade was followed by a gala event where the sorority recognized individuals who represent Delta's commitment to community service. The day's activities culminated with the launch of a Centennial Torch that will be carried to 22 cities in honor of the sorority's Founders and in commemoration of its Centennial Celebration around the world.

The torch will stop in Cleveland, Ohio in honor of Delta Founder Madre Penn White, a founder; and the Honourable Maria L. Fudge, Delta 21st National President. To celebrate the arrival of the Torch, the foundation will host a major centennial fundraiser on April 13, 2013. Proceeds from the event will support the Greater Cleveland Delta Foundation Life Development Center which houses the chapter's public service programs. The Torch will end in Washington, D.C., where 22 collegiate women at Howard University founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in July.