



Rev. Ann Gray Byrd

Ann Gray Byrd grew up in Santa Rosa, California. She is an advocate for civil rights and equality, and is well known locally as an author and humanitarian as well as a motivational speaker.

Ann's parents were instrumental in establishing the Santa Rosa Branch of the NAACP. Fresh out of high school in 1954, Ann became the first secretary of the Santa Rosa NAACP. She got the job, she says "Because I was the only one in the black community who know how to type!"

"I always believed what my father taught us, " Ann has been known to say, "Each One Teach One." It means each of us has the responsibility to bring somebody else along, to give to others the same opportunities we seek for ourselves."

Some of the many honors and awards of recognition include – State of California Legislative Woman of the Year 2005, President's Northern Area Conference NAACP Leadership Appreciation Award 1982, Mary McLeod Bethune Community Service Award given by National Council of Negro Women's 1980 and Outstanding Professional Woman given by American Society for Public Administrators, 1972.