



## Human Relations Commission

### Patience Schenck

Ms. Schenck has served on the Annapolis Human Relations Commission since 2000 and has found it to be challenging and interesting. She has chaired the Outreach Committee since about 2006. An initiative she undertook with another Commissioner was to meet with the director of counseling services at the Board of Education to explore ways that gay and lesbian students are protected from harassment and helped to be integrated into middle and high school communities. "We were credited with inspiring them to explore better ways of helping these students," she reports. She initiated better communication between the Annapolis Commission and the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission and served as liaison to the county Commission for several years. She has a particular interest in assisting police in breaking down barriers in their relationships with minority communities.

#### General background:

- Educator: a classroom teacher for 14 years, an adult educator, professionally, for 20 years, and as a volunteer within her spiritual community "for longer than I can say"
- BA, St. John's College; MA, University of Chicago
- Resident of Annapolis most of her adult life
- Human Rights advocate, also most of her adult life
- Member of Steering Committee, Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform
- Published writer on spiritual and human rights topics
- Mother of two, grandmother of three