

# **CAROLINA REGION DEPARTMENT REPORTS 2017-2018**

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## **Board of Christian Education**

Dr. Debra Lowe, Director

## **Lay Ministry**

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## **CAROLINA REGION BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND MISSION**

### **2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

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To Bishop James B. Walker, Presiding Prelate, Mrs. Delois Walker, First Lady, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Ministers, Delegates and Laity .

The Board makes the following report. There has been a mighty move of the Holy Spirit in the work across the districts this conference year. A keen awareness to Bishop Walkers thrust "Friendship Evangelism" was embraced and implemented in various unique ways that had major impacts on the church.

#### **Report for the Durham District Evangelism Boards**

The Durham District has been focused on Friendship Evangelism this conference year. The district has found several ways to be initiative in ministry. The churches are reaching out into the community to help and show the people that the church loves them.

The District has feed the hungry, given out appliances, supported schools within their communities – One Church, One School with school supplies for classrooms as well as support for teachers. There have been bibles given to persons within the church that does not have their own personal bible.

There has been a focus on the senior citizens within the church and the community by cleaning homes, reading and cleaning lawns. The youth were engaged in this project, to help them learn how to give back to the community.

Several churches (*Faith, Hamlet Chapel and Staunton*) served the community through outside celebrations, where there was food and fun. Over 300 souls were saved, and the community saw the churches as places that will give back and that God is fun. *Faucet* partnered with other church to bring souls to Christ and baptize those that had a desire. It is all about soul winning! All the churches are busy with soul winning outside the four walls.

*Spencer Chapel* had a Worship service on the lawn and fed the community. *Williams Memorial* fed 10,000 for Thanksgiving. *Reid Memorial* was a station that received items for the hurricane victims in Greensboro. They assisted in many ways as they were needed. *New Horizon* gave several appliances to persons in the community that were in need. *Russell Memorial* and *St Joseph* both have food banks to help the hungry in the neighborhood.

The Durham District is about our Father's business. We are focused on showing the community our Risen Savior and show how much He loves them through our actions.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev Robert J. Williams – Director Rev Venessa Hughes President

#### **Winston Salem Greenville District Evangelism Boards**

It is with my distinct pleasure to present this overview for the Winston Salem Greenville District; by highlighting the work of my brothers and sisters that labored in the vine yards of their various communities and in the lives of their churches for this 2017-2018 conference year.

THE OVERVIEW: Revivals Local churches and Zone, during Lenten season, special programs, door to door witnessing, community events, nursing home services, coat drives, feeding the hungry, clothing the homeless, driving the sick to medical services; partnering with local hospitals to host community services ;rainbow teas, hosted services in the homes of elderly church members ,hosted prayer line every Monday night, food banks; food trucks; leadership trainings, witnessing at grocery stores; witnessing out in neighborhoods, prayer vigils, prayer walks; intercessory prayer; providing community resource information.

Presented The William F. Phillips Certificate of Recognition; for the work of Evangelism demonstrated within the life of the local churches and their communities. Certificates given to churches for membership growth "Inside-Out." awarded to Israel, Bunton and Bethel .Baptisms certificates to Rev. Cassandry Keys, Rev. Courtney Adams and Rev. Eleanor Miller(Received honorable recognition)

Board will support the Annual Conference's Mission projects to award a \$300 love offering to a church for financial support and to participate in Mission Outreach Projects at Annual Conference

Several churches have implemented exercising opportunities for their congregants; such as an aerobics class called "Refit" Exercising during services and many others. Health Fairs, Blood Pressure checks were conducted at some churches along with First responders as part of Sunday worship services. Churches have informational health booths, tables, and bulletin boards that are being utilized to distribute and promote healthier eating habits, healthier lifestyles and health education.

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done in our lives!

Humbly Submitted, Rev. Angela D. Brown, Dr. Allyson Prease, Southern Zone Leader and Rev. Laura Wilson, Director of Health Ministry

### **Charleston/Columbia District**

On March 30, 2018 the board held an Evangelism workshop, Revival and at Community CME Church, (Rev. William Baker) a prayer walk on May 23, 2018. Neighborhoods were canvassed with prayer, encouragement and invitations to revival. Rev. Juliana Hosey was the workshop facilitator and Rev. Satchell Doyle was the revivalist.

Throughout the year other churches have also engaged in evangelistic activities. Rev. Annette Mathis and the Cross Road CME Church family reached out to those in their community and had a day of feeding, prayer, encouragement and also gave out clothing and shared pictures of a Pastor Bobabe from Africa.

St. Peter CME Church (Rev. Charlene Williams) supported a homeless ministry. They hosted a Word, Wisdom and Fellowship brunch which was free to the public and addressed spiritual empowerment, physical, marital and financial health and living a responsible and productive single life. St Paul CME Church (Rev. Satchell Doyle) held an evangelistic service which was preceded by a day of giving out tracts on the street. Rock of Ages CME (Rev. Edward Moultrie) provided school supplies, refreshments and entertainment for the children in the neighborhood before they began the school year. Martin Temple CME Church (Rev. Curly M, Teasdell) impacted their community by participating in the "When Enough is Enough -Stop the Bullying" program and being involved in the Committee on School Improvement,

The District Board along with the Annual Board has made plans to reach out to a local housing complex during this Annual Conference to include bringing resident's toiletry items and other materials as requested.

Respectfully Submitted; Rev. Michelle V. Williams, Secretary, Rev. Juliana Hosey, Vice President, Rev. Annette Mathis, President, Rev. Edward Moultrie, Board Director, Rev. Satchell Doyle, Sr., Advisor

### **Annual Conference Recommendations for 2018-2019 Conference Year**

1. Continue Friendship Evangelism Initiative using innovative methods.
2. Encourage Local Churches to set goals for soul winning and keep record of their progress.
3. Encouraging Planting New Churches in every Presiding Elders District and help evangelize areas selected.
4. Consult Bishop Walker on the "Bishop Awards of Excellence in Church Growth".
5. Begin to develop a curriculum that teaches every member to share his or her faith and give opportunities through workshops and evangelistic training..
6. Encourage local churches to get tracts in language of those in the local church communities for witnessing.
7. Encourage each church to begin a full campaign to promote healthy living by promoting wellness and fostering environments and healthy experiences

## **Carolina Region Board of Christian Education Report June 2018**

The Carolina Region Board of Christian Education is busy planning for Annual Conference 2018! This year's theme is *Investing in the Community through our Children, Youth, and Young Adult*. Our goal is to make the Carolina Region BOCE second to none through collaborative efforts with the Women's Missionary Society, Lay Board, and Board of Evangelism. The BOCE Board is partnering with the Women's Missionary Society to conduct a college/career fair during Annual Conference. Varied colleges and universities will be represented. The Board of Evangelism will conduct a workshop again this year to help our youth better understand discipleship and the need to give back.

As a member of the Connectional Education Council for the 7<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District, part of my responsibility is to keep the region abreast of planned and upcoming activities.

- Save the date for **2020 CYYAC** to be held at the Koury Convention Center Sheraton, Greensboro, NC June 29 – July 3, 2020. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Charleston-Columbia District – Ms. Latosia Gibson, Director**

The Charleston-Columbia District Board of Christian Education under the leadership of Elder Jetson Maness held its Annual D.W. Roston Insight Retreat on Saturday, January 27, 2018 to commemorate the beginning of Connectional Youth and Young Adult Week. This year's theme was "The Investment Factor:" Y C C - Yourself, Church and Community. The retreat focused on health, increasing knowledge of how the church functions, and involvement with the community. This fun, informative retreat was held at the historical Sidney Park CME Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Workshop facilitators included Dr. Barbara Campbell, Connectional Lay Ministry President from the 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District (Parliamentary Procedures) and Ms. Latosia Gibson (Self-Spirituality and Health). The Your Church workshop mirrored the national church by hosting a Community Lunch for our homeless brothers and sisters. This enabled the district, especially the youth to give back to the community. All boards and the ministerial staff participated and partook of this wonderful meal cooked on site.

### **Durham District – Ms. Michelle Jamerson**

This year the Durham District worked with Elder Clifton Harris to host a panel discussion in February to help churches understand what can and should be done to protect the church through knowing its legal rights and liability. The panelist for this event was High Point Police Chief Kenneth J. Shultz, Williams Memorial CME Church Security Team Member Larry Royal, Church Mutual Insurance Company Regional Representative Kevin Crater. and Attorney Taniya D. Reaves. Dr. Debra Lowe served as facilitator of the panel discussion.

The Durham District Board of Christian Education continues its annual commitment and outreach project to provide school supplies for the youth who attend the Carolina Region Annual Conference. Members typically provide enough school supplies to donate to a local school. This project has been very successful in the past few years and the board plans to continue this outreach effort.

The Board is also working on having some new workshops for training that will encourage more children, youth, young adult, and adult participation. We believe the numbers could be greater and we can reach into the community to bring others in.

We thank you in advance for your support to our children and youth and encourage you to purchase BOCE tee shirts. Your purchase will help offset Annual Conference expenses.

Humbly Submitted,  
Dr. Debra Lowe, Director  
Carolina Region Board of Christian Education



**Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
Seventh Episcopal District  
Carolina Region Department  
of  
Lay Ministry Report for 2017-2018**

The mission of the Carolina Region Lay Ministry seeks to promote Christian and Methodist Education based on the objectives set forth by the Connectional Department of Lay Ministry.

During the 2017-2018 Conference Year the Carolina Region Lay Ministry held the 1<sup>st</sup> Planning meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Charles L. Helton Royal Plaza in Gastonia, NC. The meeting opened with a short devotion and was conducted with a planned agenda. The workshop used to help educate us more about the lay ministry was accomplished by playing "CME Family Feud" moderated by Dr. Joseph Fox. There were three teams who answered the questions relating to church finances, support of Preachers-in-Charge, church membership, voting, and church property. The information for the workshop was taken from the CME Book of Discipline (2014). Persons present were given an opportunity to ask questions.

The District Lay Leaders were given an opportunity to share activities conducted in their respective districts.

As a means to defray travel expenses to conduct the planning and implementation of the annual dinner dance, annual conference activities and other matters of importance, conference calls were utilized.

In lieu of the yearly Lay Ministry Coat Drive held during the Winter Accounting Meeting, the Carolina Region Lay Ministry teamed up with Rev. Abner Ramos and congregation of Kingdom Life Ministries of Gastonia, NC to send a donation to Puerto Rico for victims of Hurricane Maria. Persons attending the Winter Accounting Meeting were asked to donate \$10 to the cause. A collection was taken at this meeting; however, due to inclement weather many people were not able to attend so the drive was completed with persons sending donations by mail. Rev. Ramos and his members traveled to Puerto Rico and used the donation to purchase water and other needed supplies to be distributed directly to those affected by Hurricane Maria. With the help of the Carolina Region, we were able to donate \$950.00

The Lay Ministry sponsored a Parliamentary Procedures Workshop, Conducting Effective Meetings, on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Charles L. Helton Royal Plaza. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Robert Miller, Certified Parliamentarian and the State and Regional Parliamentarian of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The workshop was well received and everyone left with handouts and a better understanding on the procedures for conducting a meeting.

The Annual Carolina Region Lay Ministry Dinner Dance Scholarship fundraiser was held on April 20, 2018 at the Charles L. Helton Royal Plaza where everyone enjoyed live music, dancing, food, and fellowship. There were persons from all the districts in attendance. Again, we were able to meet our financial goals for the three scholarships and our outreach ministry.

All of the districts were active this conference year. Some of the activities held in addition to district planning and zone meetings included: Lay Ministry workshops and training; voter registration training, ongoing visitations to sick and shut-ins; Annual Connectional Lay Day Observance; and contributions to the Connectional Lay Ministry Graham-Webb-Kennedy Scholarship. All districts raised money for their district scholarships. The districts also participated in the District Planning meetings and Annual Conference meetings. The Lay Ministry took an active role in the presentations to Bishop and Mrs. Walker at the Quadrennial Celebration.

Newsletters were sent to all of the local churches giving updates on the activities of the Lay Ministry and to inform members of the deadlines for the submission of scholarship applications and the submission of names for Saints Beyond the River.

The Lay Ministry will continue to work on the following goals for the upcoming conference year:

1. To continue to seek God's guidance in all that we do.
2. How to create and use online forms to disseminate information across the region.
3. To improve unity, commitment, dedication, communication, and cooperation across the region.
4. To establish local lay councils in all of the churches and/or have the smaller churches partner with larger churches for the establishment of local lay councils.
5. To encourage all churches to observe Connectional Lay Day.
6. Have special projects to raise funds for the Regional and District Lay Scholarships.
7. Joint meetings with other boards and auxiliaries.
8. Have representation at the Local, District, Regional, and Connectional Meetings.

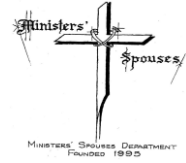
We must continue to remember and understand that our duty is to assist the Clergy in building up the church through Christ and that we must carry out the mission of the lay through leadership, stewardship, worship and praise. As this conference year closes, I challenge each of you to get involved in the work of the church. Let's get engaged! Let's get excited! Let's get energized! Lay people, let us together rise up and impact our churches, our communities, and our world!

I thank the members of the Carolina Region for the support given to the Lay Ministry during this conference year and for affording me the opportunity to serve as the Regional Lay Leader. We continue to look forward to building relationships with the boards and auxiliaries of the region and for your continued support. May God's blessings be with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Severne L. Budd, Carolina Region Lay Leader

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Severne L. Budd". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page.



## CAROLINA REGIONAL MINISTERS' SPOUSES

To God Be the Glory for the many blessings He has bestowed upon all of us. It gives me great pleasure to present my first Carolina Regional Ministers' Spouses President report. Thanks to all of you for all the many ways you have blessed others as well as being so supportive of your churches. I pray that we will continue growing in numbers just to show how supportive we are of the Ministers' Spouses Organization. Our goals this year is to work at getting all Spouses involved and to serve on different committees and to let them know they are part of the Ministers' Spouses and their ideas are needed. We are One In the Spirit.

### **The Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers' Department**

#### **The Durham District**

The Ministers' Spouses of the Durham District are few in number but are faithful women of God. We are sisters in Christ, who supports, encourages, and love each other during all the seasons of our lives.

We want to say "Thank-you" to all the Pastors and members of the Durham District for your support, especially the pastors who are not married but continue to support the Ministers' Spouses, Widows and Widowers Department by purchasing tickets to the Henry C. Bunton Scholarship Luncheon during the Annual Conference and for their donations given on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April during our Annual Ministers' Spouses observant day.

Listed below are some of the work and ministries for some of the Ministers Spouses for 2017-2018 Conference year.

#### **Christmas Cards Ministry**

The entire Ministers' Spouses participated in the Christmas card ministry. Each year Christmas cards are delivered to local nursing homes in Charlotte and in our local communities and cards were mailed to widowers during the holiday season. We believe that a simple Christmas card will brighten a person's day and let them know that someone was thinking of them during the holiday season.

#### **Visitation of the Sick and shut-in**

All of the spouses are very active and supportive of their spouses. They work alongside of him or her in the ministry, by visiting the hospitals, visiting members who are sick and/or shut-in, and helping during worship services and funerals services.

#### **A.C.T. (awaken confront transform) to end Racism Movement**

Mrs. Deaneatha Harris and I were privileged to attend the A.C.T. to end Racism Movement that was held in Washington, DC on April 3-5, 2018. A delegation from the Carolina Region and a delegation from the New York, Washington, and Virginia Conference were in attendance. Several of our Bishops were present as well as Bishops, clergy, and other representatives from other denomination. It was a wake-up call to us all to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination date – April 4, 1968 and to be aware that racism against black and brown people is still a very real problem today.

#### **Quadrennial Celebration Host and Hostess**

The Ministers' Spouses participated in the Quadrennial Celebration as hosts and hostess for Bishop James B. and Mrs. Deloris W. Walker held at Williams Memorial CME Church on April 27, 2018. It was a beautiful and joyous occasion as we honored our Episcopacy leaders. We were honored to serve with the Women Missionary Society in the role of hosts and hostess.

Sister Lynette Cradle of St. Joseph CME Church

- Sponsored a family in Puerto Rico for Christmas.
- Collected and donated items during the hurricane disaster in Puerto Rico.
- Donated items for the Greensboro Tornado victims.

Sister Joyce Jenerette of Logan Chapel CME Church

- Help with donation and adoption of a family for Christmas.
- Offering donation for holiday meals for the men's shelter in Charlotte
- Work with the Board of Christian Education and Women Missionary Society in their programs
- Participate in the Senior Ministry for Black History Month

Sister Valarie Cunningham of Pleasant Hill CME Church

- Visit nursing home and sick and shut-in members
- Participate in VBS (Vocation Bible School)
- Help with donation and adoption of a family for Christmas

Sister Deaneatha Harris of Prince Chapel CME Church/Sister Vernell Williams of Russell Memorial

- Adopted a family for Christmas
- Donation to the tornado victims in Greensboro.
- Participated in the A.C.T. Racism Movement during Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in Washington, DC. A.C.T. was held to end racism and to remember all the work of Dr. King.

All of the spouses' names aren't listed, but they have been and still are working behind the scene. They prefer not to list activities that they do or have completed in the past. So many spouses are the "unsung Heros", giving of themselves tirelessly. They say that "it is not about them, but it is what you do for Christ that will last". Thank you ladies and gentlemen of the Mighty Durham District for the great work you are doing and for helping to build God's kingdom.

Mrs. Vernell Williams, President

Mrs. Deaneatha Harris, District Advisor

Rev. Clifton E. Harris, Presiding Elder

### **CHARLESTON/COLUMBIA DISTRICT Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Department**

Activities Sponsored by the Charleston/Columbia District Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Department for the Conference Year 2017-2018:

- The District's Rendition of "Behold the Bride Cometh" was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Community CME Church in Columbia, South Carolina
- The District's First Rainbow Tea was held Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Sidney Park CME Church. The Reverend Brenda Davis of the Antioch United Methodist Church in Sumter, South Carolina rendered a spirit-moving sermon
- The Prayer and Vesper Hour will be held at the District Conference on July 7, 2018 at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. The Vesper Hour is a service to be held each year in memory of the late Mrs. Marion Scipio, Spouse of Dr. Isaiah Scipio



- We meet periodically during the conference year via teleconference
- The Spouses are grateful for the support of our churches, Presiding Elder J. Ronzell Maness and Regional President, Sister Lorraine Brown

The Officers are:

Donna Moore Gives, President  
 Barbara Baker, Vice President  
 Betty Doyle, Secretary  
 Trinette Spencer, Assistant Secretary  
 Lorraine Johnson, Treasurer  
 Germanique Chatman Brown, Financial Secretary  
 Jacqueline Moultrie & Raymond Teasdell, Worship Leaders  
 The Reverend Dr. Beverlyann V. Austin, Parliamentarian

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Donna Moore Gives  
 Donna Moore Gives, President

**WINSTON-SALEM/GREENVILLE DISTRICT -- Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers  
 Department**

The Winston-Salem Greenville Ministers' Spouses take serious the purpose of the Organization. During the year we worked together on several projects. Carrie Sullivan, Caroline Poole, Jeanette Webb, Shalonda Adams, Bernice Harrison and Sharon Cannon presented "The Bride Cometh" with other spouses, Brenda Nix, and Lorraine Brown, and Evangelist Joyce Davis. Thanks goes out to the Spouses that help host the Quadrennial Brenda Nix, Jeanette Webb, and Linda Cox.

Many spouses also supported the Barbara Sommerville Scholarship Fund.

Several of the Spouses serve not only on the Spouses Organization, but they also support the Missionary Society and the Board of Christian Education. We are honored that the President of the Carolina Regional is in this district offering her talent. Sister Brown kept the Spouses informed of any illness among us and also any deaths and expressed how important it is to contact the family to let them know they are in our prayers. She represented the District well by sending tributes to the families on all three districts. On the local level of her church she serves as Director of the Senior Ministry.

Yours in Christ,

*Lorraine M. Brown, President*

Carolina Regional Ministers' Spouses

Greetings in the Awesome name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A continued heartfelt and very special thank you and appreciation goes out to each of you for all you do to make the Women's Missionary Society a success. Thanks for your vote of confidence in electing me as a delegate to our General Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. I promise to represent you to the best of my abilities. It gives me great pleasure to report our labors for this conference year. I thank the Lord, for every blessing we received in 2017 and allowing the Society to be of service to others and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for **100 years!**

It is truly my joy and honor to be your President at this historic time and in the words of Patron Bishop James B. Walker, the "daughters of Dr. Mattie E. Coleman" are doing just fine.

I realize that we are here today not because of the work I have done nor the work that you have done – but we are here today because of God's grace!

The Missionary Wheel of the Society has its spokes oiled and tuned and has been kept rolling through the diligent and very capable leadership of our Local Presidents, District Presidents and the help of their dedicated and committed members.

I don't have the words to tell you how grateful I am, my dear missionaries, friends and faithful supporters of the Women's Missionary Society for your participation of the many activities of the missionaries from the local level to the Region level. So many things have happened in our lives, our community, our nation and around the world. Some good and some not so good, but through it all, we are thankful that he has brought us through. I am always amazed by the work done as shown in the Local Church Reports of the Presidents. Truly, you have been very busy and have made tremendous efforts to carry out The Great Commission. So, on behalf of all the people you have helped, I say thank you for a marvelous job of being about God's business.

The women who serve at the local level – the "grassroots" are so dedicated and truly about our Father's business" of doing missionary work at every opportunity. The societies turned in **\$13,115.50 for Service and Outreach**.

We have also contributed to the Sixth Episcopal District **\$1,210.00** in support of Haitian Orphans and a generous **\$1,037.00** was made possible by the Durham District missionaries to the Eleventh Episcopal District for its mission work. Mrs. Gladys Pendergraph Brandon (President).

Through the Missionary March held at the Annual Conference, we have contributed **\$43,400.00** to the Bishop Expansion programs.

## **EDUCATION**

Since we were officially organized in 1918, one of the Council's major priorities has been that of educating our children. In keeping with that tradition, our Helena B. Cobb and P. Ann Pegues SOS (Save Our Sons) annual Scholarship funds provide scholarships and grants to our young people to help them get the best education possible. The finance for these scholarships comes from the local societies. The Region turned in \$2,465.00 for Helena B. Cobb female higher

education students and \$1,000.00 for P. Ann Pegues Save Our Sons male higher education students.

The Vilma L. Williams Scholarship Review Committee was hosted by Ms. Carolyn Stafford, Vice President and missionaries at Logon Chapel CME Church, Charlotte, NC on Saturday, July 14, 2018. An award letter will be given to recipients on BOCE night at Annual Conference. The checks will be mailed in September.

The Helena B. Cobb (Four Year) Scholarship Competition will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 between district contestants: Lyric Cotton (Winston-Salem/Greenville District); Brianna Webb (Durham District); D'Leijah James (Charleston-Columbia District).

Our Helena B. Cobb (Four Year) Scholarship winner as well as the Save Our Sons winner, Nehemiah MacDonald will compete against the New York Washington Conference winners at Young Missionary Temple CME Church, Raleigh, NC on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Mark your calendar!

Our Missionary Institute and Planning Meeting will be held at Young Missionary Temple CME Church, Raleigh, North Carolina on Friday, October 12, 2018 through Saturday, October 13, 2018. Rev. Ronald L. White, Sr.; Host Pastor; Ms. Elouise White; Host Local President; Mrs. Gladys Pendergraph Brandon, District President.

It is our custom to leave a city where the Annual Conference meets a "little better" In keeping with this custom, we will leave \$25.00 gift cards, undergarments (Solid T-Shirts/Socks) (all sizes: Men/Women/Boys/Girls) to Epworth Children's Home a place for children to grow, learn and be loved. Thank you to Mrs. Joyce Jenkins; Ms. Shenekia McDaniels; Ms. Quiwana Poole for handling this project and to all of you for your support.

Our magazine, *The Missionary Messenger* is up to date and we thank you for your subscriptions. It is published monthly and bi-monthly in July and August. The subscription rate is **\$20.00** per year. To renew your subscription orders at Annual Conference (see one of the Missionary Agents).

**Missionary Agents:** Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, Mrs. Theresa Muldrow, Ms. Judy McEachern, Ms. Annette Truesdale, Ms. Elouise White, Mrs. Jacquelyn Cox Smith and Mrs. JoAnn Rainey

Each year the Carolina Region and New York Washington Region Women's Missionary Society takes the lead role in promoting our participation in Bread for the World's Annual Offering of Letters and Annual Lobby Day. In 2017 this combined project delivered a total of 4,800 letters. We thank each of you for your continued support in this effort as our goal this year is to have 20,000 letters to present to Congress on Lobby Day on June 12, 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That our Missionary Institute is held in conjunction with our annual Planning Meeting in October and that we use our prescribed study course, Missionary handbook and bible.
2. That the Installation of officers and all personnel are held annually at our Missionary Institute and Planning Meeting in October.
3. That the Commission and Education Committee work together with the Board of Christian Education to host Career Fair at Annual Conference.
4. That we establish a supportive prayer network under the direction of our Spiritual Life and Message Department.

5. That the Women's Missionary Society continues their Partnership with the Balm in Gilead, the African American Denominational Leadership Health Initiative.
6. That all secretaries, committees, commissions and affiliate representatives submit reports to the appropriate chairpersons by May 30th.
7. That an award letter be given to recipients of the Vilma L. Williams Scholarship on BOCE night at annual conference. Checks will be mailed to recipients by September.
8. That the Women's Missionary Societies continue to support the Eula W.F. Harris Gift Fund, the Helena B. Cobb and P. Ann Pegues SOS (Save Our Sons) Scholarship and Grant Programs, Hunger and Meals for Millions, the Overseas Missions and Organization and Promotion Departments and all other projects that are required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Council.
9. That the Women's Missionary Societies continue the "Here I am Ministries" with President Obama's My Brother Keeper Initiative as a plan of action.

Our achievements and success are not rooted in ourselves. They are the product of God's matchless grace, upon which we are eternally dependent. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Presiding Elders, Pastors, the Laity, missionaries and friends for your continued support!

May grace and blessings be in your path,

*Adrienne C. Speas*

*CAROLINA  
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**CAROLINA REGION STEWARDESS BOARD REPORT**

To serve as a Stewardess is a privilege of the highest order. It is a service of love, faith and humility. A stewardess must humble herself and become a servant, "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being likeminded having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:1-5). Our ministry is to serve, serve, serve; The Table of the Lord; The Table of the Poor; and The Table of the Ministry. Our overall objectives are (1) to provide on-going training to Stewardesses, Pastors, members of local congregations, (2) to be uniformed in dress and (3) to observe National Stewardess Day the first Sunday in June.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH DISTRICT FOR 2017 – 2018**

**Charleston/Columbia District** – Workshops were conducted at various churches throughout the region. Liturgical calendars were distributed. Preparation for Annual Conference Communion Services is underway.

**Durham District** – The Carolina Region President facilitated a workshop at Erwin Temple CME Church, Woodleaf, NC on May 12, 2018. Basic Qualifications, Church Symbols, and Terms were presented. Activities included tracing the history of the Stewardesses both historical and theological; Identifying Who is in Charge on the Connectional, Annual, District and Local Levels; Naming the Seasons of Christian Year and supplying pictures for each season. Participants were given a quiz after the end of presentations. The District

President presided over Communion at District Conference June 1-2, 2018. All local boards were instructed to observe National Stewardess Day and send picture of the event. An overview of the Stewardess Board's Journey in the CME Church titled as "Highlights" shared with the congregation at Hamlet Chapel CME Church, Pittsboro, NC on June 3, 2018.

## **NATIONAL STEWARDESS DAY**

### **Highlights**

Today is National Stewardess Day and it is observed all over the CME Connection on the first Sunday in June each year. It is only by the grace of God that we are listed in the History of the CME Church. When those 41 men went to Jackson, Tennessee on December 16, 1870 to organize the Colored Methodist Church, there were no women in the delegation. Bishop Lakey writes that the role women played in the early church was conspicuously (clearly) absent. Lakey states in his book that it was okay for women to be merely members of the church, however, we were relegated to sit on the "women's side of the church opposite the men. Women could sing, pray, shout, raise money and cook. However, leadership was denied us!

At the 1882 General Conference, twelve years after the founding of the Colored Church, Reverend G.W. Usher of Georgia offered a resolution proposing the establishment of the office of "Stewardess" in the CME Church. The mere thought that women could hold an office produced laughter throughout the conference. What were they thinking about? The Bible is full of women holding leadership roles. Who did they think judged the people under the palm trees? Deborah did! Who did they think lead the people in praise after the crossing of the Red Sea? Miriam did! Who did they think was the first person to bring the Good News that "Jesus is risen?" Mary Magdalene did!

A similar resolution was proposed by Reverends E.J. Blaylock and J. R. Reeves at the 1886 General Conference, but guess what? It was tabled! Thanks be to God it did not end there. At the 1890 General Conference G.C. Rawlson and R.L. Shepherd thought it not robbery to offer a resolution "to create stewardesses and have them confirmed by the Quarterly Conference". Accordingly, women that serve on the Board of Stewardess are a counterpart with the men who serve on the Board of Stewards.

During the 1900s the Board of Stewardess served faithfully and sacrificially the table of the Lord, the table of the ministry, and the table of the poor. Dr. Captolia Dent Newbern's book "Preparers of the Lord's Table" was adopted as the first official Stewardess Handbook at the 1990 General Conference. At the 1994 General Conference a resolution was submitted and approved for the Board of Stewardess to be recognized on the connectional level under the Department of Lay. In December 1997 at the Connectional Lay Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, the first Connectional Stewardess President and ten Vice-Presidents were elected. The elected president was Maxine Branch (McClury), and the 7<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District vice-president was Jacqueline Spencer. Up until her death, Mrs. McClury worked diligently to bring recognition, honor and unity to our ministry. Presently Diana Duncan is our 7<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District vice-president.

Stewardesses this is your day! Twenty years ago the 1998 General Conference proclaimed the First Sunday in June National Stewardess Day. So in recognition of our long and tedious journey, the Stewardesses pause today in harmony to show our love for God, our love for one another, our love for our ministry, and our love for the CME Church. Let us rejoice and be glad, because the joy of the Lord is our Strength!

**Winston-Salem/Greenville District** – Workshops conducted at each Zone Meeting held at Israel Metropolitan CME Church, Greenville, SC; Brown Temple CME Church, Asheville, NC

and St. John CME Church, Winston-Salem, NC. The topics were Stewardess Dress, Junior Stewardess, and the Christian year. Many of the churches have elected and offered training for junior Stewardesses. Stewardesses throughout the district participated in the Zone Lenten and Advent services conducted at various churches. We attended training workshop on Basic Qualification of Stewardess at Spring Convocation, William Memorial CME Church, High Point, NC. In addition many churches honored stewardesses on National Stewardess Day. The Stewardesses continue to work with other ministries in the church on outreach projects.

Humbly Submitted:

Annie B. Hargett, President

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Diana Duncan, Secretary/Treasurer

## **Social Justice and Human Concerns**

**Rev. Dr. Doris L. Hicks, Director**

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### **Human Trafficking: Office of Safe and Healthy Students**

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oshs/factsheet.html>

### **Human Trafficking in the United States**

The United States is widely regarded as a destination country for human trafficking. Federal reports estimate that **14,500 to 17,500 victims** are trafficked into the United States annually. An unknown number of U.S. citizens and legal residents are trafficked within the country for sexual servitude and forced labor. Contrary to a common assumption, human trafficking is not just a problem in other countries. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and the U.S. territories. Victims of human trafficking can be children or adults, U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, male or female.

### **How to Report a Suspected Incidence of Human Trafficking?**

- In the case of an immediate emergency, call your local police department or emergency access number.
- To report suspected human trafficking crimes or to get help from law enforcement, call toll-free (24/7) 1-866-347-2423 or submit a tip online at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips).
- To report suspected trafficking crimes, get help, or learn more about human trafficking from a nongovernmental organization, call the toll-free (24/7) [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](http://www.humantraffickingresourcecenter.org) at 1-888-373-7888.
- To report sexually exploited or abused minors, call the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's](http://www.ncmec.org) (NCMEC) hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST, or report incidents at <http://www.cybertipline.org>.

**Bread for the World:** Sr. Bishop L. L. Reddick serves as a Board Member with Bread for the World, a faith based organization that organizes, educates and advocates with its members on hunger-related issues as a way of putting their Christian faith into action.



This year, times are harder, so we must do more. Bishop James B. Walker is asking that we help to produce 20,000 vetted letters and emails to Congress. Our Congregations will join with the Women's Missionary Societies of the Seventh Episcopal District in the Offering of Letters Campaign by being responsible for the submission of Letters. The second phase of our work involves having each CME call their congress person to save programs that end hunger.

**A.C.T. Awake, Confront, and Transform:** The Bishops of the CME Church, along with leaders from all America's faith groups assembled in Washington DC on April 4, 2018 which marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death. The purpose was to challenge politicians and our nation to complete the work of eradicating Racial Hatred and Violence against humanity. More than 50,000 believers gathered at the National Mall in unity for the cause.

**Education: School to Prison Pipeline,** when students misbehave, schools are becoming increasingly dependent on suspensions, expulsions, and law enforcement to punish students. Children are being arrested or removed from schools, even for minor discretions, at alarming rates around the country. African-American boys, account for an overwhelming number of school-enforced punishments, as well as the majority of arrests for school-related incidents around the country. African-American students overall are now nearly three times as likely to be suspended, and Latino students are nearly one-and-a-half times as likely to be suspended, as their white peers. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) recognizes the devastating effects of criminalizing rather than educating children and youth, and is dedicated to reversing the pipeline. In partnership with community organizations, LDF has introduced and proposed a number of groundbreaking programs and advocacy efforts aimed at returning the emphasis to education instead of exclusion and incarceration.

**HIV/AIDS:** The College of Bishops has voted to endorse the NAACP's HIV/AIDS initiative to fight the Epidemic in the Black community. Each local congregation is

encouraged to engage in health initiatives, to include awareness and training sessions concerning HIV/AIDS.