This year’s Women’s Missionary Society annual NGO Conference was a celebration of a twenty-five year journey of advocacy and action and was retrospective of the WMS’ involvement on the global stage and its participation at the United Nations.

The Seventh Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society was well represented by a delegation of eighteen women, whom included our Supervisor, Mother Mary Ann Norris, our Episcopal President, Sister Sandra Anderson, the Immediate Past Connectional YPD Director, Sister Paulette Cryer, the Connectional Assistant Recording Secretary, Sister Tanya Harper, several Seventh Episcopal District WMS officers, yours truly, and the NGO Liaisons from each Conference.

During the opening session of the conference we were greeted by our Connectional NGO Representatives, Sisters Carolyn Scavella and Lorraine Dickerson, our International President, Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed, the Supervisor of the First Episcopal District, Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, and the First Episcopal District President, Sister Jewel McAshan.

There was a clarion call at the Women’s Missionary Society of African Methodist Episcopal Church 2013 NGO Conference, that even though we have been on this journey for twenty-five plus years, there is still much work to be done globally, nationally, and locally to address the Millennium Development Goals (MDG’S) as set forth by the United Nations. Even though 2015 has been the target...
date set by the United Nations to achieve these goals, the realization is that the enormity of the mission work needed to address these goals will require the work to be ongoing and sustainable. Therefore, after 2015 they will transition into Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s).

We were charged with a “Vision Challenge” by Sister Jacqueline Mitchell Robinson with the question: “What Now?” We were divided into three groups to have a dialogue about three very important references of thought. 1) The World We Have, 2) The World We Want, 3) The World We Need. Each group presented their case after much intense discussion on the issues, and possible solution and resources that can address the issues affecting our world as it relates to poverty and hunger, education, gender equality, maternal health and child mortality and our environment.

Several Episcopal Districts had the opportunity to share their NGO reports. Mother Mary Ann Norris, Sister Sandra Anderson, and the entire delegation from the Seventh Episcopal District stood with confidence as our report was read.

Also represented at the conference was the Connectional YPD Director, Dr. Sherrell Vicks Crawford, Connectional YPD President, Brother Jon Ingraham, and Connectional First Vice President, Brother Alex Tukes. Brothers Ingraham and Tukes shared with us that the theme and focus for the YPD is addressing social justice and non-violence. They talked about the overwhelming number of African-American boys and young men that are losing their lives to violence every day, and the need to deal with this social issue. They stated that during the Leadership Training Institute they are hoping for a “spiritual and social justice revival”.

During the afternoon session in an effort to address the issues of social justice and to find answers, we were asked to reflect upon the question, “what’s going on?”. Sister Lorraine Dickerson played the Motown hit by Marvin Gaye, “What’s Going On?”, which took us back to the past, but also kept us focus on the present. The message in Marvin Gaye’s song in the seventies is relevant to what we are experiencing in the world today. She kept us in the Motown Era with the help of Curtis Mayfield, by reminding us that we’ve got to “Keep On Pushin’...Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Keep On Pushin’”. The answers are in our hands.

The guest speakers for the afternoon sessions encouraged us to be a “change agent” in dealing with some of the social injustices in our society and to deal with issues that affect our political and mental well-being. One such presenter was Montravais King, the youngest elected official in the state of North Carolina, and the youngest black elected official in the United State. Mr. King is a senior at Elizabeth City State University majoring in political science with a minor in pre-law, and he is twenty-two years old. He shared with us his story and his journey that led to his decision to run for Elizabeth City town council. Even though he faced the obstacles of social and racial injustices that tried to prevent him from even being able to run, he stated that his faith in God was his anchor, his passion for government, and his desire to be an advocate for voter empowerment, jobs, and economic development for residents of the Fourth Ward and college students in Elizabeth City. Mr. King’s passionate speech touched all of us and was an example of how all of us have a responsibility to stand up, speak up and be an agent for change in our communities.

Dr. Shermain Bowden, a social worker with Children’s Psychiatric Group for the Department of Behavioral Health, gave some very insightful information relating to mental health and mental illness. Dr. Bowden shared with us that often times we do not recognize, or we are in denial that we or someone we know may be experiencing a mental health crisis. She stated that having strong support systems in place can help someone who has a mental illness, who is a caregiver of someone with mental illness, or who may be going through a crisis and not dealing with it, such as death, depression, etc. The issues of mental health and mental illness is something that we need to talk about, deal with it, and not be in
denial about because of the stigma that society has placed on it.

After such powerful and thought provoking sessions during the day, there was no better way to end the day but with a spirit-filled worship experience. We gathered at the U.N. Church Center for an evening Vesper Service. Bro. Jon Ingraham served as the Worship Leader, and what an awesome job he did. It is apparent that the leadership of the Connectional YPD is grounded in the Lord. He knows who he is and whose he is.

The service was based on a service that was held from 1987 through 2012 – SANKOFA, when translated in English means to “reach back and get it”. We gathered to remember by whose hand and in whose authority we accomplished the work. Our souls were blessed through the music of Minister Michael Pugh of The Greater Allen Cathedral of Jamaica, NY. We were taken to the next level of a spiritual awakening by the soul stirring message from Rev. Dr. Kim W. Anderson, the pastor of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Harlem, NY. Rev. Dr. Anderson challenged us to “Don’t Stop Calling Until Your Voice is Heard”. There was much singing and praising the Lord going on in the sanctuary as we remembered “our leader has been God Almighty, our guide has been Jesus the Christ, and our inspiration has been the Holy Spirit”. There was definitely a sweet, sweet spirit in the place.

As we continued to move forward through the conference with theme of social justice, Friday’s session proved to be just as inspiring, uplifting, and thought provoking. Rev. Dr. Gloria White-Hammond, Co-Pastor at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Founder and Executive Director of “My Sister’s Keeper”, started us off by telling us that we are “Raised Up to Rise Up!”. Rev. Dr. White-Hammond is actively involved in humanitarian work that addresses the atrocities that are inflicted upon women and children in several African countries and has taken a leading international role in demanding an end to the genocide in places such as Darfur, Sudan. Rev. Dr. White-Hammond said that it is time for us to put ourselves out there and to come out of our comfort zone for God. She challenged us to “act up and act out” and speak truth to power for social justice. Rev. Dr. White-Hammond reminded us that as we look at a sustainable future, it must be a future with dignity for all. That is the world we want, where we are all working to build a global agenda for sustainable development. She shared with us a quote from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, which seems to put in perspective our role as women:

“I have long called for a revolution based on women. This revolution is the last, best chance for making this globe hospitable to peace, to make this globe hospitable to compassion, hospitable to generosity and caring.”

Rev. Dr. Angelita Clifton, Associate Minister at Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, N.J., coordinates ministry initiatives that seeks to empower women. Her affection for mission work with vulnerable women has afforded her the opportunity to travel extensively to many countries through Lott Carey, which is a Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. She shared with us that in order to successfully carry out mission projects, there must be prayer and priming, which means that the mission workers have to be prepared for the work at hand. Information about the project has to be disseminated with compassion and conviction to everyone that will be involved in the work, and then there must be partnerships. Resources that may be readily available must be identified in an effort to bring all of the pieces together for the work of mission ministry.

The threads that connected all that we experienced during the conference were issues that are relevant to the Women’s Missionary Society of African Methodist Episcopal Church, issues concerning women and children, peace, justice, health, and human rights. Issues that have been the guiding force of the Women’s Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to spread the gospel, save souls, and provide Christian outreach that addresses the ills of society.

The Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Equality
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases
7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability
8. Global Partnership for Development

The Millennium Development Goals

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1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Equality
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
We are extremely excited about our upcoming annual retreat. Get ready for lots of FUN, LAUGHTER, PRAISE, and WORSHIP as we embark upon our Theme and address “Health Matters”. I am overjoyed and encouraged from your support of spiritual formation that helps develop and design resource materials and activities for spiritual enrichment.

The Episcopal Executive Board Committee of the Women Missionary Society held a teleconference on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. We are well on our way with plans for the upcoming retreat to be held January 3 - 5, 2014 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Young Women Initiative (YWI's) will be spreading “Fresh Fire” as they coordinate and present our Annual Awards Luncheon. Let’s support them by wearing the “Fresh Fire Attire”: denim jeans/skirts with white tops and red pumps.

The Young People’s Division (YPD) will provide us with the Saturday Evening Entertainment.

We are looking forward to you joining us in Myrtle Beach, SC in January 2014.
As I am completing my tenure as WMS Episcopal Third Vice President, I want to say thanks to all of you for making my tasks enjoyable and successful.

To the Third Vice Presidents on all levels, you have done a wonderful job. We began this year asking each conference to double your efforts for recruiting; to provide meaningful memorial services; to assist diligently with the AARP membership enrollment and to increase your giving to the Women’s Missionary Society Foundation. All of you have done a magnificent job. Much has been done during these eight years and I personally say “hats off” to the Seventh Episcopal District WMS.

This has been a fantastic year. We have so many accomplishments. Here are just a few:

• Seven hundred nine (709) AARP Membership:
• Five hundred seventy four (574) members have joined the Connectional WMS Foundation
• The Young Women Imitative (YWI) recruited 605 new members.
• The Women’s Missionary Society recruited/reclaimed 213 members.

In September the YWI and the senior members celebrated “Fresh Fire.” Worship programs and mission projects were planned and executed throughout the district. Much was learned and shared, and we look forward to an annual affair.

Many of us attended the Connectional YWI Conference held in North Charleston, South Carolina on November 1-3, 2013. It was a fantastic conference that we all enjoyed.

As I leave this position, I thank Bishop Norris and Mother Mary Ann Norris for allowing me this great opportunity. I also thank Sister Anderson and all of the Episcopal, Conference, Area and Local officers and members for their awesome support. God is good to me and I give Him all praises.

The ladies of the Seventh Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society congratulate you on completing eight years of service to our beloved Church, organization, and most importantly to God. You have been a faithful, dedicated and committed member of the WMS on all levels. We pray God’s blessings upon you as you seek to continue God’s work through the Connectional Ministers’ Spouses, Widows, and Widowers Organization Plus P.K.’s.

Congratulations
Sister
Lula Shaw Cleckley

Cleckley
for
President
Ministers’ Spouses, Widows, and Widowers Organization Plus P.K.’s.
The Women’s Missionary Society of the Central South Carolina Conference was called to order at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013. The conference meeting took place at Rock Hill A.M.E. Church in Vance, SC. An account of the works of the Conference Commissions and Areas Chairpersons for the 2012-2013 Conference year was presented in the form of video presentations as well as a written account in our 2013 WMS Conference book. The Young People’s Division also gave an account of their work during the conference year. All reports were adopted.

To begin this conference year we presented checks to two agencies; $400 was presented to the Healthy Start program of Orangeburg, SC and $400 was presented to Citizens Against Sexual Assault (CASA) of Orangeburg. Presentations were made on Domestic Violence and sexual assault by Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter and The Affordable Health Care Act by John Renbacker.

The Missionaries are finalizing an agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide services to our youth who are facing the challenges of being incarcerated. We are continuing to support our YPD’ers, Christian Education Department and our young people through the Big MAK, tutorial and mentoring programs.

Sister Anderson and Mother Mary Ann Norris conducted the election process. Those elected for the 2013-2014 Conference year were:

- **President**
  Josephine Mitchell

- **1st Vice President**
  Marie Artis

- **2nd Vice President**
  Cassandra Keller

- **3rd Vice President**
  Latoya Ragin (YWI)

- **Secretary**
  Leola Parks

- **Assistant Secretary**
  Barbara Seaberry

- **Corresponding Secretary**
  Lorine Perry

- **Treasurer**
  Jackie Mack
We celebrated and inducted three new persons into the ranks of Torchlighter and celebrated with them during our annual luncheon. The three persons that were inducted were Marie Artis, Orangeburg Area, Mary Anderson, Manning Area, and Myrtle Green, Wateree Area. We celebrated these ladies for the years of services they have provided and are continuing to provide to the Women’s Missionary Society.

Our Night in White Mission Service was a spirit-filled celebration as we praised God and ushered in the Holy Spirit. We were encouraged by a spirit-filled word of God from one of our own, Sister Paulette Cryer.

We praise God for the work of missions and the missionaries of the Central South Carolina Conference who strive to make missions relevant.

Save energy to save money:
• Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer to save on heating and cooling costs.
• Install compact fluorescent light bulbs; when your older incandescent bulbs burn out.
• Unplug appliances when you’re not using them. Or, use a “smart” power strip that senses when appliances are off and cuts “phantom” or “vampire” energy use.
• Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine-wash clothes goes to heating the water.
• Use a drying rack or clothesline to save the energy otherwise used during machine drying.
Greetings from the Precious and Pivotal Piedmont Conference Branch Women’s Missionary Society. This year’s focus centers around Servant Leaders who are Called, Committed, Challenged to Fulfill God’s Mission With Care. These thoughts come from 1 Peter 5:1-7 with emphasis on verses 1 - 3. We, the members of the Piedmont Conference WMS implore you to never pity missionaries but to envy them. Being a missionary, A Servant Leader, is where the real action is – where life and death, sin and grace, Heaven and Hell converge. Here in the Piedmont Conference, Servant Leaders have demonstrated time and time again their acceptance to strengthen their faith and zeal to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world. The many hours of sacrifice this 2012-2013 Conference year have successfully complimented the will of God. Nothing less, nothing more, nothing else!

Congratulations to the following persons:

- 2013 Torchlighters: Sister Mary Aiken, Greenville Area WMS and Member of Allen Temple AMEC, Greenville, SC and Sister Emma Goodwin, Abbeville/Greenwood Area WMS and member of Long Cane AMEC, Abbeville, SC.
- Rev. Beatrice Ophelia Coleman recipient of the YPD Service Award, in recognition of the Summer Reading Program. Rev. Coleman, former Piedmont Conference YPD Director, is the originator of the Summer Reading Program in the Nation State of South Carolina. The Summer Reading Program has been in existence for more than 25 years and has gathered Episcopal and Connectional attention and accolades. To cumulate this most “Precious” event, the Piedmont Conference will read 2,500 books in 2013-14.
- Sister Belinda C. Adams, Abbeville/Greenwood Area Chairperson, recipient of the 2013 WMS Service Award for four years of dedicated service to missions in the Piedmont Conference. Sister Belinda has relinquished her position as Area Chairperson as she accepts the position of Director of Quality Assurance with the Department of Health and Human Services in Columbia, SC. Good Luck “B”.
- Unsung Heroine Awards 2013: Sister Betty Dowdy, Greenville Area WMS and member of New Bethel AMEC, Clinton, SC and Sister Tarus Aiken, Abbeville/Greenwood Area WMS, member of Mt. Pleasant/Rockford AMEC, Mt. Carmel, SC.
- Outstanding Local Presidents 2013: Sister Joyce Lowe, Greenville Area WMS, and Local President of Friendship AMEC, Clinton, SC. Sister Lowe is also featured and represents the Seventh Episcopal District in the 2013 Edition of the Connectional Mission Education Curriculum (PME Study Guide/Yearbook) as author of the article, “Diet and Health Lifestyles”. Also Sister Caroline Chiles, Abbeville/Greenwood Area WMS and Local President of Allen Chapel AMEC, Greenwood, SC.
- Eight Year Awards for Service: Sister Elizabeth Ann Hallums, First Vice President – Sister Yvette J. Garrison, Third Vice President and Sister Thelma Woody, PME Director.

Piedmont Conference WMS recorded much success with numerous outreach programs this conference year.
At the closing annual business meeting in October, United Ministries of Clinton, SC – Back Pak Snack Program - received a check in the amount of $500 and 1285 individual snack items to complete 150 bags for four elementary and one middle school. Senior Options of Laurens, SC was also presented a check for $500 and untold in kinds gifts of paper, cleaning and toiletry supplies. Senior Options is a local Senior Programs providing transportation, daycare, exercise and activity center in Laurens County for the elderly.

On August 10, 2013, members of the Piedmont Conference Branch WMS partnered with the Columbia Conference Branch WMS for the Episcopal Visit to the Juvenile Detention Center of the Department of Juvenile Justice in Columbia South Carolina. This outreach project is the “brainchild” of our Episcopal Supervisor, Sister Mary Ann Norris. As a result of our collaboration, the Library at the facility on 1725 Shivers Drive, Columbia, SC will be forever named the Mother Mary Ann Norris Library. The two conferences initially donated 858 books on August 10. The Piedmont Conference contributed 150 more books at its Annual Business Meeting on October 7, 2013 to cap the total donation of more than 1000 books. This presentation was made to Chaplain James Stokes of the Detention Center Facility. Sister Jackie Woods, President of the Columbia Conference and Sister Bessie Eaddy Williams, President of the Piedmont Conference are currently in contact with Ms. Sherry Hill, Director of the Juvenile Detention Center and Rev. James Stokes, Chaplain regarding the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Sis. Bessie Williams, Rev. Beatrice Coleman, recipient of YPD Service Award and former Conference YPD Director, and Sis. Mary Wideman, current Conference YPD Director (l to r)

The Piedmont Conference can’t brag about our love for God and how we have failed him daily. But we can brag about his love for us and how it never fails! Hats off to the many members of the local societies who have made many untold sacrifices for those who are in need. Thanks for being Servant Leaders. “You did not choose me, I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. So I command you to love each other. John 15:16-17”.

Sis. Jackie Woods, Columbia Conference WMS President, Sherry Hill, Director of DJJ – Shivers Facility, Chaplain Rev. James Stokes and Sis. Bessie Williams with the book donations. (l to r)
We are delighted to share some of the glorious things that the Lord is doing for us and through us!

The South Carolina Conference Branch (SCCB) Women’s Missionary Society Annual Business Meeting, Celebratory Lunch and Night in White Service were held September 23, 2013 in Charleston, SC. Rev. & Sister Clementa Pinckney, Sister Brenda Bennett, local WMS 1st Vice President and the missionaries of Mother Emanuel AME Church rolled out the red carpet to welcome the SCCB WMS! Below are some of the mission outreach efforts which were highlighted during the Annual Business Session.

The SCCB WMS embraced the Mission of Education by adopting Holly Hill Roberts Middle School, Colleton Middle School and Baptist Hill High School and continued to support Mission Churches in the Conference. The SCCB WMS also participated in Race for the Cure Walk/Run and Breast Cancer Awareness activities; the MLK Day National Day of Service Outreach Activities; promoted the American Heart Association – Go Red for Women Campaign; participated and promoted March of Dimes Events; provided financial support to the Campaign to End Fistula; provided monetary donations and supplies to the victims of the Oklahoma Tornado and provided financial support to Faith At Works Ministries International - Ghana Mission Tour.

The Annual Torchlighter Ceremony was the highlight of the Celebratory Luncheon. Also numerous missionaries and the 2012 Life members were celebrated for their contributions to the work of missions. Sister Victoria Stokes acknowledges the Area Chairpersons for their dedicated leadership for the 2012-2013 Conference year.

The Sesquicentennial Session of the South Carolina Conference was celebrated at the 2013 SCCB WMS Night in White Service

The Women’s Missionary Society started with a burning desire in the hearts of our founders; Bishop Richard Allen, and his loyal and dedicated wife, Sarah Allen, the 1st Missionary of the A.M.E. Church.

The Annual Night in White Service was held September 23, 2013. A presentation entitled, Our Story Our Mission, was written by Sister Lillian Heyward,
the local WMS president of Bethel AMEC – Holly Hill. The presentation provided perspectives of the first missionary meeting that the South Carolina Conference Branch held in 1909 when Mrs. Maggie Alston, the first SCCB WMS president, was elected. The dramatic presentation paid homage to other missionary leaders, past and present, who laid the foundation of the society and continue to build the work. The service was uniquely designed to celebrate the rich history and sacred heritage of the South Carolina Conference Branch Women’s Missionary Society.

Attendees witnessed the processional of 150 missionaries who marched to represent 150 years in honor of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. A memorable moment of the Night in White Service was when all “Sisters of the Soil” of the SCCB WMS who served as missionary leaders were acknowledged for their lasting commitment to service and Missions! To God be the Glory.

SCCB WMS Embracing YWIs - Fresh Fire

In keeping with the Connectional and Episcopal Goals, the South Carolina Conference Branch WMS is enthusiastically and energetically recruiting and mobilizing YWIs to engage in the great legacy of faith and service. Our goal is to expand our witness for Christ, increase our engagement with YWIs because it is indeed a NEW SEASON! We seek innovation and creative ways to raise up a new generation of women for the Women’s Missionary Society. Utilizing the Young Women’s Initiative, we will MOTIVATE, MENTOR, AND MOBILIZE young women to bring a new perspective, create a “fresh” witness and transform our understanding of self, while expanding our sphere of influence.

As the YWI momentum expands and younger missionaries grow in their faith, develop their leadership skills and engage in the WMS mission, we will see YWIs become empowered to boldly stand in solidarity to eliminate social inequities, poverty, violence and injustice. The priority goal is to embrace young ladies, involve them in the work of missions and make opportunities available for them to become active members and servant leaders in the Women’s Missionary Society and AME Church. The 2nd Annual YWI Breakfast Fellowship Breakfast was held on October 12, 2013 at Greater St. James AME Church. The YWI Fellowship Breakfast was designed for YWIs to build relationships with other YWIs and missionaries from across the South Carolina Conference. Additionally, Sister Sandra Anderson, our Episcopal WMS President was present to discuss the upcoming Connectional YWI Retreat which will be held in Charleston, November 1-3, 2013. Many confirmed the joyful time they experienced.

As we embrace a new conference year we are continuing to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and empowering the sisterhood of the WMS. We endeavor to plan programs and events that will yield dynamic opportunities for fellowship, spiritual edification, empowerment and encouragement. Please pray for us as we continue the work of missions.
COLUMBIA CONFERENCE MISSIONS WRAP-UP
Sister Jacqueline B. Woods
Columbia Conference Branch WMS President

Adopt-a-Child, a Classroom or A School

Pine Grove Elementary
The Columbia Conference WMS adopted Pine Grove Elementary School as its community outreach for this Annual Conference. We are pleased to report that the Columbia Conference donated enough school supplies to fill an office. The principal of Pine Grove Elementary, Mrs. Inger M. Ferguson and Mrs. Evette Vant, Curriculum Coach, were on site to receive the supplies.

Cherryvale Elementary
The Edith McCleary WMS Society adopted Cherryvale Elementary School. Donating school uniforms to those children in need to be placed in the School Uniform Clothing Closet.

Watkins-Nance Elementary

DJJ Partnership
We continued our partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The Columbia & Piedmont Conference missionaries visited the DJJ facility located at 1725 Shivers Road on Saturday, August 10th. The vision was to create a library and provide a pizza party. We are elated to announce 858 books were donated along with stamps, writing materials, pizza and drinks. We are delighted that this library will be named in honor of our Episcopal Supervisor, “The Mother Mary Ann Norris Library”. To God Be the Glory!

Adopted an Orphanage
Hogar Gotitas de Amor Orphanage In Ita Paraguay
WMS Projects and continued their Ecumenical partnership donating more than $15,000.00: AARP, Pink Sunday, Heart Awareness, and March of Dimes, Missions on the Move to name a few. As part of the Ecumenical partnership, the missionaries donated over 1,000 health kits to the Church Women United Annual Friendship Day and $2,500.00 was donated to the Midlands CROP Walk. The Conference also prepared 100 kits for Camille Graham Institution for Women.

**Goodman Correctional Institute**

The only female facility in South Carolina that is a work release/pre-release Institution. Volunteers works with the 380 women in the pre-release center; provide bible study, clothing and personal necessities to assist with pre-employment opportunities. Columbia Conference donated 100+ personal kits to include toothpaste, toothbrush, a bar of soap, shampoo and conditioner and lotion. Donations totaled $600.00.

**Annual Friendship Day**

The Conference WMS participated in the Episcopal

**Nameless, Faceless Project**

Through the Nameless and Faceless Project, we assisted students whose homes were destroyed by fire.

**FIREPLACE ASHES BLAMED IN DUPLEX FIRE**

*Home of a 3rd Grader at Conder Elementary School. The Columbia Conference WMS donated a $100 Wal-mart gift card.*
“Yea thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will feel no evil for Thou art with me. Thou rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

These are the words we have lean on for power and strength in our time of need for guidance. We say “Praise the Lord” for the great things he has done. We have completed our second year on this spirit lead journey into this ever revolving field of missions. Putting our Quadrennial Theme: “Expanding, Elevating, and Empowering” in place, we planned, created strategies and implemented.

Our journey began with Goals and Objectives

**Goal and Objectives I**

1. Attend Connectional and Episcopal meetings to receive communication and training.
2. Communicate project, policies and program from upper levels through conference meetings, and commission meetings.

**Accomplishments:**

1. November 7, 2012, many WMS sisters attended the Post Conference meeting in Florence, SC.

2. January 25-27, 2013, 268 missionary sisters convened on Myrtle Beach, SC at the Sheraton Hotel attending the annual retreat of the 7th Episcopal District.

3. Several ladies from the Palmetto Conference attended the Executive Board meeting in Dallas, Texas.

4. The Palmetto Conference WMS Attended the 2013 Leadership Congress in Florence, SC

5. All Episcopal districts meetings were attended.

6. The following meetings were held for communications on the conference level:
   a. Pre-Executive Board meeting was held at Buck Shot Restaurant in McClellanville.
   b. Our Executive Board meeting was held at Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church in Moncks Corner, SC
   c. Our planning meeting was held at Greater Zion in Awendaw, SC, Nov. 3, 2013
   e. End of Year Meeting-July 29, 2013 at St. Peters A.M.E. Church in North Charleston. Our project was the Carolina Youth Agency. The churches came with gifts for the youth at this center and the conference gave a donation of $500.00.
   f. Each area held Executive Board, Planning, End of the Year meetings and other mission activities.

**Goal and Objectives II**

1. Develop and monitor the annual budget of the conference
2. Develop mission ministries for current conference year
Accomplishments:
1. Budgets were made and accepted on the conference and area levels.
2. Ministry Outreach: Sacrificial Giving-
   • Families Helping Families HIV/AIDS
   • Supporting YPD with the Back-to-School Rally
   • Crisis Ministry in Charleston, SC
   • Donation given to St. Stephen A.M.E. Church due to a fire
   • During the month of March 2013, ladies from the Palmetto and South Carolina Conferences did a mission visit at the DJJ Evaluation Center in Ridgeville, SC. This is a facility for youth offenders. The visit consisted of sharing songs, a skit projecting self-esteem activities and a luncheon.
   • Celebratory Luncheon – Honored Conference and Area YPD Directors
   • Gave gifts to the Carolina Youth Center

Goal and Objective III
1. Continue to improve method of reporting project information from local societies.

Accomplishments:
1. Reports are published and presented at the Midwinter and Annual meetings.
2. Encouragement is shared with the local societies.
3. Presidents of local societies are asked to make reports in a timely manner.
4. Reports forms are to be given to presidents and this information is compiled by the Area Chairperson.

Conclusion:
We give honor and praises to all who have participated in the circle of mission. As we continue on this journey we pray for strength and guidance to help us with the challenges of tomorrow. There is more work to be done and as faithful missionaries, we are ready to help transform the world.
The Right Reverend Richard F. Norris
Presiding Prelate

Mother Mary Ann Norris
Supervisor

Sis. Sandra A. Anderson
President

Sis. Genell Tart
1st Vice President

Sis. Annie Simmons
2nd Vice President

Sis. Lula Cleckley
3rd Vice President

Dr. Ila McFadden
YPD Director

Sis. Cleverten Wilson
Recording Secretary

Sis. Bessie Leonard
Assistant Recording Secretary

Sis. Julia Witherspoon
Corresponding Secretary

Sis. Wilhelmenia Broughton
Treasurer

Sis. Irene Davis
Historiographer-Statistician

Sis. Kathleen Simmons
PME Director

Sis. Ernestine Williams
Parliamentarian

Sis. Annie B. Scott
Worship Director

Sis. Ashley Doctor
Member-at-Large

We are called to
strengthen our faith
and sent to continue the
ministry of Jesus Christ
by service and witness in
the world.

Palmetto Conference
Sis. Verdelle Jiles, Conference WMS President
Sis. Ronetha Singletary, Conference YPD Director

Northeast Conference
Sis. Zelda Moses, Conference WMS President
Sis. Myrtis Cusack, Conference YPD Director

Columbia Conference
Sis. Jacqueline Woods, Conference WMS President
Sis. La Shonda Wilson, Conference YPD Director

South Carolina Conference
Sis. Victoria Stokes, Conference WMS President
Sis. Loretta Gadson-Washington, Conference YPD Director

Piedmont Conference
Sis. Bessie Williams, Conference WMS President
Sis. Mary Wideman, Conference YPD Director

Central Conference
Sis. Josephine Mitchell, Conference WMS President
Sis. Frances Keller, Conference YPD Director

Connectional Women’s Missionary Society
African Methodist Episcopal Church
2014 Executive Board Training & Service Day
January 29 - February 1, 2014
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed, WMS President
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Commission Chair
Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., Host Bishop
Mrs. Phyllis Green, Episcopal Supervisor

Registration: $240.00 (November 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013)
Late Registration: $265.00 (January 1 - 15, 2014)
Onsite Registration: $300.00 (based on availability)
Registration Deadline: January 15, 2014

Registration Fee Includes: Kit Material, Name Badge, Workshops, and Tickets to four functions (President’s Luncheon, Episcopal District Evening of Culture, Supervisors Breakfast and Equipping Luncheon).