As we move through the month of September, let us include Creation in our Mission Initiatives. Begin the day in PRAYER for the Earth and continue through the day. At each WMS Annual Convocation there will be an Eco Challenge for 2012-2013. It will require working with children and youth. I hope the three prayers that I have written will be a BLESSING!

**PRAYER TO COMMUNE WITH NATURE**

Holy Spirit, Help me to cast off every distraction. Make me ONE with YOUR PRESENCE. Help me to tune in to the Divine Breath in all Creation. Please Wash the scales from my eyes that I may freely Behold the Beauty of the earth. Lord, open my heart to a profound longing for Sacred intimacy. Help me to hear the songs of life, the whispers of eternity and RECEIVE the peace of God. This is my PRAYER in the Name of JESUS. AMEN.

**PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

LORD, in this place I realize that too often I have been unkind to the Planet. Please forgive me for wasting water, Indulging in excess, Participating in a lifestyle of pollution and taking our precious natural resources for granted. Holy Spirit please Change my heart, my priorities and my relationship with the Earth. By your Grace, Transform me into an Ecological Ambassador. That the glory of creation will be renewed.

In the Name of JESUS. AMEN.

**PRAYER OF SURRENDER**

I am ONE with the Universe. I am ONE with the LORD. My heart beat is aligned with the Universe. My heart beats for the LORD. The Breath of the Spirit flows through the Universe. The Breath is the LORD's. I behold the Beauty of the Universe. My Beauty is the LORD's. Abba is my SOURCE, My LIGHT, My DREAM. I am Whole. I am One. I am Peace. To the Glory of GOD. Amen.

THE FOURTH DISTRICT WMS IS:

1. DEDICATED to Kingdom Impact Locally,
Nationally and Globally

2. POSITIONED to raise up a New Generation for the Gospel of Jesus Christ

3. ADVANCING the Principles, Purposes, Priorities and Practices of PRAYER

4. CREATING an Ecumenical, Intergenerational, Global Sisterhood of Missionaries

5. PURSUING NEW VISION, NEW CAPACITIES and NEW INITIATIVES

6. ADVOCATING Peace with Justice and Dignity

7. RAISING AWARENESS and Respect for the DIGNITY of CREATION

With this Platform, our INTENTION is to EXPAND our resources, INCREASE our membership, CREATE fresh streams of income, BUILD our Churches, PROVIDE for the Children, EDUCATE Women and DISCIPLE the Nations.

To this end, we request EACH Missionary for a Contribution of 50 cents a day. (a cup of coffee at McDonald's is $1.)

Between now and October 15, we are especially in need of devoted members for our TECH TEAM. Please Contact my Administrative Assistant, Lady Claudette Baker. assistant2revc@gmail.com

EACH AREA CHAIRPERSON is requested to create a network that is Ecumenical, Intergenerational, and Global of 99 Women to be submitted at the Planning Meeting to Mary Madison for our WORLD OF WOMEN PRAYER CONVOCATION UPDATES. An email address and phone number must be provided with each name as well as their Church affiliation.

IMPACT 2012-2016

The 4th District WMS united in heart and in Spirit enters the new quadrennium in Covenant with The Kingdom of God and one another to have local and global IMPACT.

Thanks be to GOD for FAVOR, VISION and COMMITMENT.

EACH LOCAL SOCIETY is requested to select ONE IMPACT MISSION out of 7 listed for which they will bring a contribution to their ANNUAL CONVOCATION. (In lieu of a Night In White Offering)

A. Jamaican AME Basic Schools
B. My Sister's Keeper in Sudan
C. Primary School in Grand Bassa Liberia
D. Children's Defense Fund USA
E. Women's Shelter of Nova Scotia
F. Fourth District Headquarters
G. Mother Beverly Thomas Fine Arts Academy

This CONFERENCE YEAR KUDOS to the: Michigan Conference who are Sistering the Trinidad Conference WMS
Chicago Conference hosting the 2013 WORLD of WOMEN PRAYER CONVOCATION
Illinois Conference Sistering the AME India Conference Branch
Indiana Conference Spearheading Young Women's Initiative
Canadian Conference Raising Awareness of Persecuted Christians

ROYAL GRATITUDE TO THOSE EXEMPLARY SOULS who had PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR coordinating our record breaking CEC 2012:

DISTRICT WMS PRESIDENT JOYCE KEYS
Rev John and Rev Patricia Burns
Rev. Lila Martin
Lady Joyce Johnson
Rev. James and Lady Corlis Moody
DISTRICT YPD Director Myesha Gholston
Lady Kihanna Davis
Sister Jerusha Richards

Seven New Millennium Presidential Strategies for the District, Conference, Area and Local Leadership

1). Prayer is never procedural, it is foundational. Your Prayer life will mold your character, energize your resilience, refresh your Spirit, enable you to hear from God and protect you from the works of the devil.

2) READ! The uninformed neglect a most important aspect of leadership and that is the capacity to edify, enlighten and educate their constituency! Complete the
Get Your Friends Registered

OK. We get it. You're registered to vote. And you think all the people you know are too, right? They're engaged, you send them petitions, share informative videos or articles with them, invite them to make phone calls to Congress, and maybe you even volunteer for a campaign or candidate together.

Well, get this: There's a pretty good chance they aren't registered. Did they get married and change their name? Divorced? Move? If so, they'll probably need to register again—in fact 39% of unmarried women are not registered to vote. And over a third of all women, married or not, aren't registered to vote.

And this is especially true for women under 35 who are incredibly mobile and known to change addresses every few years. Overall more than 45% of the population moves every 5 years.

So we put together a neat little website where you and your friends can register to vote, check your registration status and find out about voting deadlines and rules in your state. Can you check it out and forward this link to everyone you know?

Check out our Voter Registration Center.

Today is National Voter Registration Day, meaning hundreds of thousands of people nationwide will be registering to vote. And according to the folks running today's activities, in 2008, six million Americans didn't vote because they didn't know how to register or missed the deadline. Don't let that happen to your friends! Make sure to forward this note to them today.

Our Voter Registration Center is a one-stop-shop for all your voting needs. And it's an easy way for anyone to check their status, re-register, or register for the first time and find out everything they'll need to get to the ballot box in November.

I know we all think our friends, nieces, colleagues, daughters and sisters are all registered to vote, but there's a really good chance they're not. Besides, what's the worst that could happen if you send them the link above? They'll just spend a few minutes making sure.

Better safe than sorry! And with so much at stake for women this year, we can't afford to lose a single voice on Election Day.

Please send this to everyone you know.

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District Reading list FIRST! Then expand...

3) Do NOT allow negative energy to slip in or dominate your gatherings. Women's time is too precious to be wasted with personality conflicts. Do not be drawn into an argument. When the Gospel is your highest joy; you can let your work speak for you! Those who come with an agenda to be negative, divisive and destructive are "reprobates". The Bible says such people cannot be converted!

4) BE ORGANIZED in head and heart and on paper. Pray it through to visualize it. Think it through to operationalize it. Make the Most of Missionary Mondays. MAXIMIZE: Prayer, AWARENESS, Communication, Recruitment, Collaboration and resource development.

5) Share the Mission Vision Connectional, District, Conference, Area and Local with Elders, Pastors and other stake holders consistently and continuously by every means available!

6) Develop a cell of YWI Mentees and communicate with them regularly. Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

7) Challenge yourself to increase in spirituality, effectiveness and efficiency!


FUTURE and CURRENT FOCUS:
2012

MISSIONARY MONDAY: Organized and Implemented by First Vice Presidents

Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams-Bryant, 4th District Supervisor
Check out our Voter Registration Center.

Thanks for speaking out!

--Nita, Shaunna and Kat, the UltraViolet Team

Sources:
1. 2011 and 2012 Programs, Voter Participation Center
2. Women’s History Month: March 2012, US Census Bureau
4. National Voter Registration Day FAQs, National Voter Registration Day

Registered?

Lately, sometimes it feels like we’re living in crazy town. From Rush Limbaugh and Erick Erickson to Todd Akin’s “legitimate” rape and Gov. Bob Donnelly’s vaginal probes, the thoughts and ideas that come out of the mouths of far right radicals can sometimes seem surreal.

But the thing is, they are very, very real. And this election year, they foreshadow what could increasingly become the norm—unless we stop it.

As 51% of the population, women’s voices can decide elections. But only if we all register and turn out to the polls. And if that’s going to happen, we’ve got to get started right away.

Election day is 48 days away—but did you know that many states require you to be registered up to four weeks before that? That means most of us have just a few weeks to make sure we’re registered.

Luckily, we’ve made it super easy. All you have to do is click the link below, and get started—it takes maybe three minutes. So register to vote today.

Register to vote

Think you’re already registered? Most people do. But if you’ve moved, or gotten married or divorced and changed your name since you last registered, you’ve probably got to register again. And if you’ve never registered or voted, well, now is the time to make this election your first. You can also find a bunch of helpful info on the website, like where and when to vote, and what to bring to the polls.

It can be pretty easy to think that the off-the-reservation things you hear some right wing commentators or politicians say are just nut jobs gone wild. But frighteningly, all too often they are just saying what others are thinking—but too cautious to say out loud.

So when you hear Rush Limbaugh call a Georgetown law student a slut, or a couple of lesser-known conservative politicians expound upon their theory of whether rape “counts” or not, don’t brush it off. Don’t laugh it off, and don’t ignore it. It’s not an anomaly—it’s a window into the conservative mindset.

So this November, let’s storm the polls and make sure women’s voices are heard in every race and on every issue. And to make that happen, we have got to get registered ASAP.

Register to vote today. And please, forward this to every woman you know—nearly half of us move every five years and need to re-register, so make sure your friends know how easy and important it is.

Pastor Jamal Bryant Responds to AP Article and Continues to Encourage African Americans to Vote

September 18, 2012 By EurPublisher 3 Comments

“In response to an article written by a recent AP article written by Rachel Zoll titled “African-American Christians waver over vote,” Pastor Jamal Bryant would like to make it clear that he does not, nor has he ever discouraged voting in the upcoming election because of President Obama’s position on gay marriage. This is not the case. Please reference the full quote below:

“This is the first time in Black church history that I am aware of, that Black pastors have encouraged their
parishioners not to vote. At the heart of controversy are pastors who preach subjects of same-sex marriage, of which I am also an opponent. I am against the President’s policy on the issue, but I am not against the President. There is a larger issue at stake facing the Black church and the Black community. I deal with the fact that we lead in foreclosure, we lead in unemployment, we lead in HIV and AIDS, we lead in the high school dropout rates, we lead in dying of incurable diseases. So there are a whole lot of other issues we have to discuss openly.”

The president of the Empowerment Movement; a coalition of African American Clergy that has come together and formed a faith based voting initiative, Pastor Bryant and his fellow clergymen have registered over 100,500 new voters.

“As a practitioner of Liberation Theology, I consider it apart of my divine assignment to encourage, empower and uplift people with activism and evangelism. In starting my church the Empowerment Temple 12 years ago it was my intent to birth a ministry that would be socially engaged and spiritually grounded. To that end I vehemently disagree with our President on his opinion on same sex marriage, yet support him and his policies to support oppressed people. President Obama’s vision is much closer in line with community development than any other available option, so as a consequence I’m working tirelessly to galvanize clergy & the disenfranchised to make their voice their vote!” stated Pastor Bryant.

Pastor Bryant continues to organize and speak at voter registration drives across the country, encouraging all to vote on Election Day and will do so throughout the months of September and October.

**THE FIFTY CENT MISSIONARY**

The Missionaries of the 4th District and the friends of Missions have been requested to set aside 50 cents a day to support our local and global Mission Initiatives. It would be most helpful to receive these contributions by July 18, 2012.

By the Planning Meeting we would like to make good on our following (partial list)commitments of $10,000 each:

**THE FIFTY CENT MISSIONARY**

**IMPACT: Local and Global is the**

**THE FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WMS FOCUS QUADRENNIUM (2012-2013)**

**WOMEN CONTRIBUTING 50 Cents a Day. 2011-2012:**

- Supported the Primary School in Grand Bassa Liberia. (97 Students)
- Mother Beverly Thomas Fine Arts Institute
- Micro Finance Prayer Shawl Project for WMS INDIA
- CAMP BABER
- RECORD BREAKING CEC 2012
- 480 youth 11-17
- 75 children 6-10
- 63 YOUTH MISSIONARIES and Chaperones to Trinidad
- AME SADA
- AME INDIA
- YPD SCHOLARSHIPS
- 4th District New Headquarters
- WMS United Nations NGO
- WYCLIFFE Bible Translations
- assist International Delegates to General Conference
- Global Impact Training for 2013 World Prayer Convocation

**ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN and Girls Locally and Globally**

**FIT TO LEAD CAMPAIGN to Eradicate Chronic Disease and Childhood Obesity**

**Expansion of Technological Support**

We have ALREADY Been asked to respond to HAITI, BRAZIL and GHANA this conference year.

In addition we are building our Mental Health Resource Base to ensure that NOT ANOTHER 4th District Child commits suicide, engages in cutting or suffers silently with sexual trauma.

YOUR 50 cents has MIRACLE IMPACT Potential.

Please see your Conference President for DETAILS.

Missionaries and Friends of Mission can make checks payable to the 4th District WMS and send to PO Box 1543
Royal Oak, Michigan 48068-1543

**4TH DISTRICT WMS CREATING FRESH FIRE**

As we prepare for our Annual Convocation, the 4th District WMS is
enthusiastically and energetically recruiting and mobilizing Women 18-45 years of age. Third Vice Presidents and At large Members are charged with the assignment of 1,000 new YWI this Quadrennium. The Connectional Banner "It's A New Season" has inspired our Convocation sub theme: "NEW VISION, NEW CAPACITY, NEW INITIATIVES."

As we pursue our FRESH FIRE, our mantra is "BE THE CHANGE!"

It is a Call to ACTION that is SPIRITUAL, WOMANIST, ECOLOGICAL, and GLOBAL.

Tell the young women: YOU ARE FRESH FIRE if you are willing to:
- Participate in Missionary Mondays
- Practice Daily Intercession
- Advance the Local and Global Initiatives of the 4th District
- Promote a FIT TO LEAD Life Style.
- Contribute 50 cents a day to the work of the 4th District WMS
- Complete Mission Study assignments
- Honor the Connectional WMS Goals and Priorities.

The BE-attitudes for existing WMS officers and members is simply: BE Exemplars BE open BE Inclusive BE compassionate BE Holy

Having just returned from conducting the WMS Annual Convocation of AME India, I feel like "Fresh Fire". Our Sisters of AME INDIA are authentic in Faith and genuine in Sisterhood. They are Intergenerational and hard working. Next year for their 4th Annual Day, I am requesting all District and Conference Officers to travel with Bishop John and I to Chennai India.

INDIANA: South Africa

HAVE ALL MEMBERS of your Local Society REGISTERED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2012.

PARTICIPANTS ARE NEEDED FOR:
- THE ORCHESTRA
- THE LIVING LABYRINTH
- FRENCH TRANSLATORS
- SPANISH TRANSLATORS
- PORTUGESE TRANSLATORS
- Transportation
- Administrative Aides

Each Local Society is requested to identify ONE VENDOR:
- CHAIR MASSAGE
- RELAXATION THERAPIST
- CHRISTIAN BOOKS
- WOMEN's Health Care Persons
- Weight Loss Counselors

EACH CONFERENCE MUST PROVIDE A CHILD CARE CENTER in their College 9-5PM. THURS-SATURDAY FOR children who are toilet trained to 11 years of age. One Primary Coordinator and Volunteer Nurse should be present each day. LUNCH AND SNACKS CAN BE DONATED. Staffed by qualified child care volunteers, with certification, and background checks. Shifts of two and 1/2 hours are acceptable. One adult for every 4-5 year old children. One adult for every child 7 and older. Qualified male adult volunteers should be included.

Save the Date

AME-SADA First Ever Founders Luncheon Celebration

November 12, 2012
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA 22202

As we honor the Legacy of the AME-SADA Founders

Art and Crafts Market, Holiday Gift Baskets,
Fashion from the Caribbean and Africa, Music and other new and exciting activities

www.ame-sada.org *202-371-8722
Greetings to all in Christian Mission,

We have one more Convocation to go, Chicago. I've enjoyed every one and I know this will be enjoyable as well!

Then it is on to Planning Meeting and the Blue and White Breakfast. Have you purchased your table, planned your centerpiece and table decor, your attire? It promises to be a Grand Affair. Among other activities, the new Life Members and our new Torch lighters will be strolled.

The Michigan Conference Churches and Presiding Elders are arranging for transportation for the elderly and physically challenged to the breakfast site, Wayne Tree Manor in Wayne Michigan. Transportation for those persons will be provided from and to Eagle Crest Marriott and the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, on Saturday. Space is limited! Please contact Lady Gwen Hatter to arrange your transportation, ghatter818@yahoo.com no later than Friday, October 12th. TRANSPORTATION MUST BE ARRANGED IN ADVANCE

Are you getting excited about the 2013 World of Women in Prayer? I know I am. Don't forget to register early to get the lower rate, by December 1st. I'm looking forward to a great time.

Joyce Keys, President, 4th Episcopal District WMS

2012-2013 Reading List

Our 2012-2013 Reading List is compiled from our Supervisor and missionaries who submitted book titles. Thank you for your leadership!

Unfinished Business by Keri Day
Forgiving is Bliss by Patsy J. Cannon
Half the Shy by Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl Dunn
Mighty Be Our Power by Leymah Gbowee
Pray the Devil Back to Hell by Leymah Gbowee
The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
The House at Sugar Beach by Helene Cooper
Jesus Calling by Sarah Young
Cutting for Sonte by Abraham Verghese
Burning My Own Masters House by Jason Blair
Then Sings My Soul by Robert Margon
When God Shows Up by RT Kendall
When Blacks Were Green by Karla J. Cooper
Setting Boundaries with Difficult People by Allison Bottke
No Longer Alone: Rising Above Childhood Sexual Abuse by Sallie Culbreth
Why Do Christians Shoot Their Wounded by Dwight Carlson
To Thine Own Self Be True by Leslie Andrews
Faith Sharing by H. Eddie Fox and George E. Morris

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Illinois Conference WMS Convocation
Saturday, September 8, 2012

The Illinois Conference WMS had its annual convocation on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Union Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois. It was a wonderful convocation and several words used such as joyful, anointed, awesome, wonderful, inspirational and beautiful to describe their feelings of their experience. We were blessed by wonderful and inspiring speakers and presenters throughout the day. We were led in our Fit to Lead exercise break by Connectional Member At Large, Erica Austin, who taught us the moves of the "Let's Move" exercise initiative of the First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama. It was a fun and energetic fitness break. We continued our efforts to be fit with a light and healthy lunch.
Our luncheon Speaker, Dr. Karen Flynn, was born in Jamaica and raised in Canada. She currently resides in Champaign, Illinois and works as the Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies. She was moved to become an associate member of the Illinois Conference WMS. We welcome her and feel very fortunate to have this Global woman and leader in our community become a part of our great society.

We had an awesome end to the day with our young women sharing their talents during our Sister Tea.

Earlier in the week we served dinner to families at two different mission locations. The first was the Ronald McDonald House, which houses families who have babies in extended care at the hospital due to premature birth or serious illness. The second was the Inner City Mission program, which houses families displaced because of abuse/violence/homelessness. Some of the YPDers came and did arts and crafts with the children at Inner City Mission.

**The Illinois Conference WMS Officers for the 2012-2013 Conference Year are:**

President - Kimberly Hamilton Foy
1st Vice President - Ileta Smith
2nd Vice President - Regina Hamilton
3rd Vice President - Sharon Walker
Financial Secretary - Yvonne Ousley
Treasurer - Betty Beard
Recording Secretary - Dianna Penny
Corresponding Secretary - Deborah Faggett
Worship Leader - Joan Dale
YPD Director - Sarah Faggett
PME Director - Jacqueline Robinson
Historiographer/Statistician - Pearly Parks
Parliamentarian - Toni Currie
Members At Large - Sheila Hamilton, Dr. Tiwana Ware, Jonte Rollins (also Fit to Lead Coordinator)

This was a wonderfully blessed day and I thank God for his blessings. I also want to say thank you again to Rev. C, Bishop John and President Joyce for the opportunity and for your support. Thank you Illinois Conference for your support and for all the work you do. Let's make next year even better!!!

**Kimberly Hamilton Foy, President - Illinois Conference Branch WMS**
Chemotherapy and your Bone Marrow

You may have heard her story...

She’s described as a disciplined and determined fighter. She’s currently in good health. Five years ago she beat breast cancer. In doing so, another serious medical issue happened, MDS. She has a rare blood disorder, called myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), which affects the bone marrow. A bone marrow transplant can cure this disorder. MDS is one of many bone marrow disorders marked especially by an abnormal reduction in one or more types of circulating blood cells attributable to defective growth and maturation of blood-forming cells in the bone marrow. Her disorder stems from chemotherapy treatments she underwent while battling breast cancer five years ago.

Radiation, at high levels, can destroy a person’s bone marrow, making a transplant necessary. Stem cells are found in bone marrow, and they develop into three types of blood cells that the body needs: red blood cells which carry oxygen through the body; white blood cells, which fight infection; and platelets, which help the blood clot.

Finding a match is the biggest challenge, particularly in the African-American community where the likelihood of matching can be as low as 66% compared to 93% for Whites. Even more daunting is that 7% of the nation’s 10 million registered potential bone marrow donors are African-American. Race and ethnicity matter when it comes to bone marrow donation because a donor’s and recipient’s blood traits must match as closely as possible. The complexity for African-Americans is that our tissue types are rarely found in donors from other ethnic backgrounds and may be unusual even among our own. Our entire genome is inherited from our parents through generations of people and it gets more complicated in typing because of mixing through the generations. Without a match, the donor’s blood cells can attack the recipient’s skin and produce a rash; the lining of the gastrointestinal tract and cause diarrhea; or the liver and cause jaundice, or death.

There is a new procedure called haplo-matched bone marrow transplant. The match doesn’t have to be perfect and this alone vastly extends the donor pool for everyone. There is a medication that’s given after the transplant to help prevent the donor’s cell from attacking the patient’s immune
system. This allows for more successful transplants and gives more patients hope. This is good news for numerous inherited diseases, such as sickle cell anemia, leukemia and lymphoma, and aplastic anemia. Understanding the need and the process are half the battle. Bone marrow donation is not painful either. The donor is given a daily medication for five days prior to the procedure to stimulate production of stem cells and increase their circulation in the bloodstream. On the fifth day, the stem cells are collected by a process very similar to drawing blood or by outpatient surgery. The recipient must undergo aggressive chemotherapy treatment before the transplant. High doses are needed in order to destroy cancer cells or the defective bone marrow. Sadly, in this process any normal bone marrow is destroyed.

Although the procedure is called bone marrow transplant, it is actually the blood-forming stem cells within the bone marrow that the transplant recipient needs. Once the transplant is complete, blood transfusions, antibiotics and other drugs help support the patient until new bone marrow grows, usually within two to five weeks. Patients are cared for in an outpatient setting. I’m encouraging everyone to consider bone marrow donation. You may sign up at www.marrow.org.

Robin Roberts, co-host of ABC News, Good Morning America, has found a perfect match, her sister. You may also follow Robin’s progress by subscribing to her face book page.

Take care of yourselves and stay informed!
Dr. Tiwana D. Ware, Pharm. D.

WMS Annual Day

As we prepare for each Conference WMS Annual Day there are several items that must be completed prior to and are noted below. Please make everyone aware of the request of Rev. C.

Report Card - the attached document must be completed by each local society and returned to their Area Chairperson ASAP. This document must be in the hands of the Fourth District 1st Vice President Jerusha Richards two weeks prior to each Conference’s Annual Day.

Nominating Committee - Each Conference Nominating Committee must consist of the following persons and names must be submitted to Fourth District President Joyce Keys ASAP.

Conference Nominating Committee
1 Active Life Member
1 Active Clergy Spouse
1 Presiding Elder’s Spouse
1 Area Chairperson who has traveled or sponsored a delegate to India, Africa or Trinidad

Annual Contribution of 50cents-a-day Missions ($150) - Each WMS member must complete this contribution prior to their Conference Annual Day, if not this is the registration and must be paid the morning of their Annual Day.

Reporting at Annual Day - The following reports must be submitted. It is suggested that all reports be placed on PowerPoint, CD or jumpdrive.

Reports for Annual Day
Conference Treasurer’s Report
Local Churches’ Report Cards
Conference President’s Report
Nominating Committee’s Report

Global Impact Contribution - Each local Society must choose the amount of contribution and where it is to go from the following global areas for impact. The local President must bring the contribution and the global area choice to their Annual Day.

Impact Global Contribution Areas
Jamaican Primary School
Liberia Primary School
My Sister's Keeper in Sudan
Children’s Defense Fund (US)
Nova Scotia Women's Shelter

Facebook Page for Every Conference - Each Conference must create and maintain a Facebook page prior to their Annual Day. Information must be shared regarding their Conference Facebook page at the Annual Day.
Five Thousand
The GOAL FOR THE 2013 WORLD of WOMEN in PRAYER

In 2009, the Women of the Fourth District united to sponsor our International Women's PRAYER CONVOCATION in Toronto, Canada. It was transformative, engaging and educational. June 2013, the host city will be Chicago, Illinois. This gathering will conduct 5 Colleges of Prayer; a Living Prayer Labyrinth, a Healing Room, conduct Global Dialogues and Seminars on Women's Affairs and Honor LIFE MEMBERS who have had Kingdom Impact.

PROCEEDS from the Convocation will be contributed to:

GIRL CHILD INITIATIVES
My Sister's Keeper Mission in Sudan
The Children's Defense Fund (USA)
The Beverly Thomas Academy of Fine and Performing Arts (Fourth District)

ECOLOGICAL INITIATIVES
Wangari Mathai Project 1,000 TREES for Kenya
WATER
YPD Urban Gardens

ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN and GIRLS LOCALLY and GLOBALLY.

Going forward, we need EACH AREA to select an Agency of service for the 2013 MISSION by JUNE 1, 2012. We do not need more than 2 AREAS in each SERVICE.
Those indicated with an asterisk * must be in the CHICAGO Conference Branch.

A. Global Recruitment and Hospitality
B. Ecumenical Participation
C. WOMEN's WELLNESS Center
D. TRANSPORTATION*
E. ELDER CARE
F. REGISTRATION CENTER
G. SITE and Logistics Team*
H. COURTESIES and Hospitality
I. Music and Musicians
J. ATMOSPHERE: Banners, Flowers, Altars, Acolytes, Sacraments
K. Administrative Aides
L. COMMUNICATIONS

Mary L. Madison, CEO/ Convocation Coordinator
Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams-Bryant
Senior Supervisor 4th Episcopal District

Join us on every Monday night for prayer calls of the 2013 Global Prayer Convocation.
The telephone number is 619-326-2700 and the access code is 1981678 followed by the pound (#) sign. The call time is 8pm CST and will last for only 30 minutes. This number is the same every week. The more women on the call, the more women will catch the spirit of prayer and the purpose for the 2013 Global Prayer Convocation.

To: The Bishops of the Church, Episcopal Supervisors, General and Connectional Officers, Organizational Components and Connectional Membership of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

From: President Shirley Cason-Reed

Date: August 31, 2012

Re: Disaster Relief/Emergency Preparedness

Greetings in His Sustaining Power:

We report to you that even in the midst of Hurricane Isaac, our brothers and sisters in the 8th, 9th and 16th Episcopal Districts continue to praise Him! As informed by Disaster Relief/Emergency Preparedness Commissioner, Sister Andriette Bryant, the Women's Missionary Society through our WMS/M.I.T.E. (Missionaries Initiating Transitional Efforts) Initiative is on alert and stands ready to serve.

Episcopal District and Conference Emergency Prep Coordinators remain in contact as much as possible, with those being affected and continue to supply updates as posted. Missionaries of the Eighth Episcopal District (where greatest damage appears) and District Coordinator Sister Shelia Robinson have researched and identified proposed key temporary shelter areas as follows: Tahoma County Expo Center, Clarksdale, Mississippi, The Coliseum, Jackson, Mississippi and Louisiana State University's Shreveport Campus.

Upon release of the present evacuation mandates, our WMS/M.I.T.E. Teams are prepared to assist when and where needed along with the Department of Global Witness and Ministry, the American Red Cross and other Church World Service Organizations with whom they have dialogued.
In reference to Haiti, the Sixteenth Episcopal District Emergency Prep Coordinator, Sister Elvire Douglas reports that sustained damage was primarily in agricultural areas and praises God for His Almighty protection and grace.

Let us keep, the Bishops, Episcopal Supervisors and our brothers and sisters within those effected Episcopal Districts in constant prayer.

We encourage you to maintain contact with them and join us in timely active response, to all relief efforts on their behalf.

**Fourth District Lets Load Up the Truck!!!**

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**Mark your calendars for the Bishop’s Planning meeting. It will be held November 1-3, 2012 in Ypsilanti, Michigan.**

**4TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WMS BLUE & WHITE BREAKFAST**

Join the 4th Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society Blue and White Breakfast on Saturday November 3, 2012, from 7:30 – 9:00 am at the 2012 Planning Meeting in Ypsilanti, Michigan. This year’s theme, MISSION IMPACT will celebrate our passion and commitment for expanding, elevating, and empowering the global missions offered through the Connection WMS. The continued outreach for serving and sustaining missions offered through 4th District WMS will highlight the impact your support offers for;

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**The Children’s Defense Fund**

**Trinidad/Jamaican Schools**

**Beverly Thomas Fine Arts Institute**

**Fourth District Headquarters**

*Be inspired to take action! Join the committee for Mission Impact in recruiting 1000 strong to advance our commitment for serving others. Tickets for the Blue and White Breakfast will be available to each conference in August & September. Tickets will be $40*

- **Event:** WMS Blue and White Breakfast
- **Theme:** Mission Impact
- **Location:** Wayne Tree Manor/ Wayne, Michigan
- **Date:** Sat., November 3, 2012 @ 7:30am
- **Tickets:** Individual tickets $40.00 /Tables $400

**Conference Guest Commitments**

- Chicago Conference: 30 Tables
- Michigan Conference: 30 Tables
- Illinois Conference: 15 Tables
- Indiana Conference: 15 Tables
- Canadian Conference: 10 Tables

See attached flyer

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**Tragedy Strikes the 17th Episcopal District**

It is with much regret and sadness that we announce that after the completion of the Fifth Session of the North West Zambia Annual Conference, held in Mansa, Zambia, Pastors and Delegates were involved in a fatal vehicle accident while traveling home on Sunday 16th September 2012. Four Itinerant Elders, Three Licentiates who were also Pastors and two Stewards died in the accident. Bishop Messiah will begin holding funerals tomorrow (Wednesday, September 18, 2012)

Their names are:

- The Rev. James Mwila
- The Rev. Muyambo Chimba
- The Rev. Patson Mwewa
- The Rev. Jackson Ng’ona
- Lic. Nelson Mpasa
- Lic. Kasongo Lumbwe
- Lic. Morgan Chipasha
- Bro. Lazarous Mungo
- Bro. Musondo Chinyangwa
Three Lay-persons are still in Mansa General Hospital in critical condition, while eighteen others are recovering from serious injuries at Mambillima Hospital, Mwense.

The Rt. Rev. Wilfred Jacobus Messiah visited the injured in hospital and has assisted with the care for all by providing funds for:

- The care of the injured while in hospital
- The coffins for the deceased
- The transport cost for the deceased and injured upon release from the hospital
- Assistance to the families for funeral costs.

The entire 17th Episcopal District is requesting that you keep our District in prayer. Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalized.Condolences may be sent to: wjmessiah2004@yahoo.com.

Bishop Messiah may be reached at +1 302 562 7293. Support for the families and information on how to make donations will be forthcoming.

For Christ, Church and Community,

Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah
Presiding Prelate
Zambia, Congo Brazzaville, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo.

From the editor

In a continued effort to make sure that most of the missionaries of the Fourth District Women’s Missionary Society are receiving this publication, we need your help. Please forward this publication and other requested communications on to others. Please make front and back copies and ask the Church secretary to make a few copies to give to WMS members that are not online. The copies can be done in black & white. Please make sure that pertinent information is going forth at your local and area meetings. We want to make sure that everyone is getting the information that is contained in this publication, which is our concern. You may visit the 4th District website and like us on the 4th District WMS FaceBook page. We want to remain connected.

All articles and information for this publication is due on the 15th of every month and please note that there is a 300 word limit on articles.

Our prayers and support are needed!!!!!