Report from the Commission on Administration
Sister Patricia Nira Smith, President, Coordinator

President’s Report

YPD Report

Area Chairpersons Report
Atlantic City
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New Jersey Conference Branch Women’s Missionary Society  
Of the  
First District- African Methodist Episcopal Church  

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

1st District Theme: Missionaries: Seeking First the Kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33  

New Jersey Conference Theme: We are one in the Body of Christ serving our churches and communities with love and compassion. Romans 12: 4-5 Ephesians 4: 11-23 I Corinthians 12: 8-12  

Sister Patricia N. Smith, President  

“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise will continually be in my mouth”  
Psalm 34:1  

To: The Rt. Reverend Gregory G.M. Ingram, Presiding Bishop,  
The Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, Episcopal Supervisor  
Sister Jewel D. McAshan, Episcopal President  
Presiding Elders, Pastors and their Spouses  
Officers and Members of the New Jersey Conference WMS and  
All God’s Children assembled  

I greet you in the name of a Great, Mighty, and Powerful God! It is because of the strength God provides through His Grace and Mercy that I am here today!  

I acknowledge the spirits of my ancestors who continue to give me guidance as I stand to give the second report of my stewardship as the President of the New Jersey Conference Women’s Missionary Society.  

I am pleased to say we have surpassed the goals for the 2013 – 2014 Conference Year  

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| Give to a mission agency wherever the New Jersey Conference meets | • At the 2013 Annual meeting gift cards, appliances, and paper goods were given to Women Aware, an agency for battered women  
• At the Conference Queen’s Contest, food, paper goods, and gift cards were collected and given to Elijah’s Promise – an agency in New Brunswick that feeds the community |
At our mass meeting, a donation was given to a Mental Health agency in Atlantic City.

**Workshop for Worship Directors and PME Directors**

July, 2013 the conference PME Director, Sister Bernice Dillings, and the conference Worship Leader, Sister Juanita Moss, gave a joint presentation to discuss how the devotions and PME lessons should work together to present meaningful sessions during missionary meetings.

**Operation Sandy Recovery**

We extended our services to churches to help with any repairs. We have not been able to get into the churches due to other work needed. However, when we are called we will be there. Work continues to be done in schools and communities to help those persons still recovering from the “super storm”.

**Partners with other agencies**

We seek partnership with other agencies to think “out of the box” when doing our mission work.

- A financial gift has been given to **Yates House**, an agency in Plainfield, New Jersey that assists veterans. Once they have developed their program we will help in areas, where requested
- Provided help to the Newark **YM/YWCA** with their annual programs. We are awaiting direction in other areas where we can assist
- We promoted heart healthy eating with the **American Heart Association**.

**Implement Project Possible**

Under the direction of Coordinators Rev. Darlene Reynolds and Rev Valerie Hughes, our conference project **Skills that Propel** is advancing. The coordinators presented an updated report on the progress made and goals to be achieved.

**Other Accomplishments**

- **Alliance to Minister and Educate (AME)** - This effort has been created to assist our communities in gaining knowledge of political, healthy, living, and other issues affecting them. Rev. Dr. Ericka Crawford heads this effort. Weekly Zumba classes have been held and other activities are in the works.
- Creation of [www.njwcns.com](http://www.njwcns.com) - The New Jersey Conference WMS will now house all reports and all activities pertaining to our work on this website.
- Met all 1st District obligations and Connectional requests.
- 2013 – 2014 Category B Queen resides in New Jersey. Sister Dr. Farmer from the Camden Area is the reigning queen!
• Recognition by the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc. for leadership and community service.
• Recognition by my local church, Union Chapel AME Church, Pastor Anthony Mitchell, for promoting spiritual growth in my local church.

In addition, I have attended meetings, special programs, and annual days in the areas of the conference. I have also traveled through the district and connection this conference year. My travels for the 2013 – 2014 are listed in my report.

Goals for 2014-2015

• Continue to implement New Jersey Project Possible – Skills that Propel.
• Look for other agencies where partnerships can be formed to promote the work of missions in our communities.
• Work and mentor our young people to obtain scholarships.

My Thanks to:
• Bishop Ingram, Rev. Jessica and Sister Jewel for giving me guidance and support.
• The elected and appointed conference officers, for performing effectively in their respective positions.
• Area chairpersons, for carrying the work of missions to the local churches
• Conference members, for electing me to serve
• My Union Chapel AME Church family
• My husband J. Roger Smith for being supportive. My son, William G. Smith for doing whatever I ask. My daughter Sharonda Smith-Sims, for being my right hand, and my grandsons Micah Christopher Turner Sims II and Christopher George Roger Sims for being my sweethearts.

As we continue to do God’s Work let us seek His guidance and ask for wisdom to make His Kingdom here on earth.

Travel during 2013-2014 Year

• April 13– New Jersey Conference YPD Annual Day
• April 17– New England Conference WMS Annual Day
• April 22 – Missionary Annual Day Speaker, Union Chapel AME Church, Newark, Rev Anthony Mitchell, Sr. Pastor
• April 23 – New York Conference WMS Annual Day
• May 4 – Hillside, New Jersey Centennial Celebration
• May 8 – Western New York Conference WMS Annual Day
• May 11 – African American Heritage Parade (AAHP) Gala
• May 14 - Trenton Area WMS Meeting; held election officers
• May 21 – Philadelphia Conference Annual Day
• May 26 – Marshall for AAHP committee
• May 31 – Newark District Planning Meeting
• June 1 – Newark District Church School Convention
• June 5 – Senator Menendez Task Force to prepare for Disasters Session
- **June 7** – Newark Area Meeting; held election of officers
- **June 8** – Asbury Area Meeting; held election of officers
- **June 9** – New Jersey Conference Lay Organization Sermon in Song
- **June 14-15** – 1st District Planning Meeting
- **June 20** – Camden Area Meeting; held election of officers
- **June 21** – St Paul East Orange 150th Church Anniversary Banquet
- **June 22** – Yates House Presentation Plainfield for out reach to veterans
- **June 22** – Annual HIV/AIDS Program presented by New Jersey Human Development Corporation
- **June 23** – Speaker for Israel Memorial WMS Day; Rev. Robert Jackson, Pastor
- **July 13** – New Jersey Conference Queen’s Contest; Each Area discussed their mission activities. Congrats to the Camden Area for winning and representing New Jersey on the 1st District Level
- **July 22** – 25 – Christian Education Congress and WMS Institute
- **July 27** – New Jersey YPD Scholarship Breakfast
- **August 17** – Mount Teman AME Church, Rev. Carlton Gipson, Pastor YPD Back to School Event
- **August 25** – Speaker for Friendship Browns Mills WMS Annual Day; Rev Gerald Bailey, Pastor
- **August 30** – Birthday Celebration for Rev J. Stanley Justice
- **September 6** – District Conference New Brunswick, Ebenezer Rahway, Rev Dr. Ericka Crawford Pastor, Presiding Elder Vernard Leak, PE
- **September 21** – Bethel AME Church, Morristown, Dedication of new kitchen; Rev Sidney Williams, Pastor
- **September 28** – 1st District Annual Fall Luncheon
- **October 5** – New Jersey Conference Annual Mass Meeting and training session. We had greater Bible Study by Rev Laverne McClellan, workshops on preparing for disasters, Affordable Care Act, and Project Possible, and sermon by Lic Zina Tompkins
- **October 11-13** – 1st District YPD Annual Meeting;
- **October 13** – Camden Area WMS Annual Day
- **October 17-18** – NGO Meeting, New York
- **October 18-19** – 1st District Officers Retreat
- **October 20** – St. Matthew AME Church, Orange, New Jersey Annual WMS Day; Rev Lanel Guyton, Pastor
- **October 20** – Emmanuel AME Church, Montclair WMS Annual; Rev Tamioya Buckley, David, Pastor
- **October 26** – Honored by Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc. for leadership
- **November 2** – Camden Area 70 Plus Luncheon
- **November 9** – Mistress of Ceremonies for Eulamae B. Orr WMS of St. James, Newark for a program honoring missionaries Sister Theresa Cavaness, Sister Edna Graves, and Sister Zeraldine Verner
- **November 10** - Worship Leader for St. Paul AME Church Pleasantville WMS Annual Day, Rev Lynda T. Rassmann, Pastor
- **November 14-15** – 1st District Fall Convocation and WMS Executive Board Meeting
- **December 1** – New Jersey Conference **Advent Service** held at Mount Zion AME Church, Revs Eric & Myrna Billips Pastors. Our Supervisor, Rev Jessica Kendall
Ingram was the preacher. We shared $10,000 with the pastors of smaller assignments

- **January 5** – 1st District YPD Executive Board Meeting, Israel Memorial AME Church, Rev. Robert Jackson, Pastor
- **January 5** – Birthday celebration for Sister Roberta Grant, Consultant of the Newark District, St. James AME Church, Rev Ronald Slaughter, Pastor
- **January 10 – 12 2014** – Learning Experience 2014. – The spirit was high from the beginning to end of this Holy Ghost weekend. Thanks to Rev Jessica, Sister Jewel and the LE 2014 Committee for allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them in the planning. 163 women from The New Jersey Conference WMS were registered.
- **January 29 – February 1, 2014** – Connectional Executive Board Meeting. Little Rock, Arkansas. I was happy to attend such an organized, spirit filled, and mission minded meeting. International President Shirley missionary societies.
- **February 6 - 8, 2014** – 1st District Founder’s Day Celebration and 1st District WMS Executive Board Meeting
- **February 20, 2014** – Elizabeth Area WMS Annual Day, North Stelton, AME Church, Rev Kenneth Saunders, Pastor
- **March 5, 2014** - New Jersey Human Development information of the most recent data on HIV/AIDS and how each of us can help spread the word on how HIV/AIDS can be prevented. Thanks to Rev. J. Stanley Justice, CEO, Rev. Lynn T. Rassmann, Director of Programs, Rev. Vernard Leak, the NJHD Corporation Board of Directors and staff members for planning a good day.
- **March 20, 2014** – Delaware Annual Conference WMS Annual Day.
- **March 30, 2014** - Afternoon Speaker at Grant AME Church, Trenton, New Jersey, Rev Vernon R. Byrd, Pastor, for their Annual WMS Day.

This is my report. The work is all Divine!

Blessings,
Patricia Nira Smith, President
New Jersey Conference
Women’s Missionary Society
First Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Young People’s and Children’s Division Report
2013-2014

To: Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram – Presiding Prelate of the 1st Episcopal District, Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram- Supervisor, 1st Episcopal District, Mrs. Jewel D. McAshan-1st Episcopal District WMS President, Ms. L. Lynn Rochester- 1st Episcopal District YPD Director, Mr.Lamone Gibson- 1st Episcopal YPD President, NJC Presiding Elders , Mrs. Patricia Nira Smith-NJ Conference WMS President, Connectional Officers, 1st Episcopal District Officers, NJ Conference WMS Executive Board Members, Area Chairpersons, Area YPD Directors , all Missionaries,YPDers, Consultants, Clergy, Laity and out of conference guests.

I greet you in the name of our awesome God, Jesus the Christ! I am humbled to make my 2nd report as the Director of the NJ Conference Young People’s and Children’s Division of the Women’s Missionary Society.

Looking back on 2013 -2014 Conference year:

The New Jersey Conference YPD Annual Day was held on April 13, 2013 at Mt. Zion AME Church in New Brunswick NJ, where the Rev. Mira and Eric Billups serve as co-pastors and Ms. Shawna Hooper serves as the local director. Our theme for the day was “New Life, New Vision, New Jersey; Say Yes to First Things First”. Our scripture reference was Matthew 6:33. The young people came ready to give God the Glory and it was evident through our praise period and in our worship service. Our day began with praise and worship led by our capable worship director Ms. Briana Simon and the Praise and Worship team. They set the atmosphere for the day. Our Worship service was led by our 1st Vice President Ms. Shanea Harris. The music was rendered by the NJCYPD Choir under the direction of Rev. Samar Biggham and accompanied by Brother William Woods on the keys. The word was bought forth by Rev. Allen Robinson, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Bay Shore New York. His sermon was entitled, “Go Deeper.” Prior to worship, we had our first workshop entitled “Balling on a Budget,” a financial workshop presented by Ms. Jessica Ballew, a financial advisor from Investors Bank. We discussed the value of saving, value of budgeting, understanding & maintaining your credit and how to manage your money through tithing. We ended our Annual Day in a game of F.A.M.E. Feud hosted by Mr. Steve Harvey in the person of our very own president, Brother Brandon Wright. The Battle was on to win a monetary gift for the Area Outreach project. The Newark Area was the winner of F.A.M.E. Feud and St. James Food pantry was the recipient of the money. A great time was had by all! The Conference Mission project for 2013 was toiletries for Tent City. An outside shelter which houses homeless people that was affective by Super Storm Sandy.
Following the NJC YPD Session we were off to support our sister conferences on their Annual Days. I love it when we can come together in unity and in love!

After the Annual Conference Series was over it was time for our Self Denial competition. The 2013 theme was YPDER’S MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT: REALIZING YOUR PURPOSE IN SERVICE”. Along with the Self-Denial Competition, we celebrated our college and high school graduates in conjunction with Young Scholars at our first Self-Denial Benefit Brunch. This affair was held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, NJ. We honored 6 college graduates, 42 high school graduates, and 24 scholars. We had a number of participants in the Self-Denial Competition. Ms. Sylvia Riley from St. James AME Church, Newark Area, and Art work was entered in the Artistic Expression Category. Mr. Marques Williams’, from Mt. Zion AME Church, Trenton Area, poem was entered in the literary Expression Category. Both Sylvia and Marques moved on to represent us on the District level. Sylvia won first place on the 1st Episcopal District level and First place on Connectional Level while Marques placed second on District level. Congratulations to all of our participants and a special thanks to all that helped to prepare our youth with their presentations. Our vision is to start a campus ministry from the information that was obtained from our high school graduates.

Special thanks to Brother Brandon Wright for writing our first article for the 1st District Reflector, highlighting the Self-Denial Affair and also for submitting a devotional article to the connectional YPD.

The NJC YPD attended the 42nd 1st Episcopal District YPD Meeting, which was held in Stamford Connecticut hosted by the New England Conference YPD. We had 257 people registered for the meeting. The theme for this event was “KEEP CALM AND TRUST GOD”. It was a wonderful weekend, the service was good and the workshops were engaging. Brother Lamone Gibson was elected the new District president. Our very own Brother Marcus Beckett, 2nd Vice president and Sis. Alexis Washington, Assistant Recording Secretary was reelected to their current positions. This was a bitter sweet weekend for us; Brother Keith Coston Jr., a member of our conference, term as president came to an end. We highlighted him as our Spot light honoree and showed our appreciation by presenting him with cards and gifts. Kudos to Keith for the excellent job he did as District President! Once again we won the District competition and were presented two trophies. The District scholarship awards were presented and 2 of our youth were the recipients, Miss. Jean Marie Hamilton Moore and Miss Alyssa – Symone Higgins, both members of the Morristown Area YPD. If there was an award for most in attendance guest what? We would have won! Mission endeavor was house hold supplies for the Ronald McDonald House in Connecticut.

The New Jersey Conference YPD hosted the 1st Episcopal District Executive Board meeting on January 4, 2014 at Israel Memorial AME Church where the Rev. Robert A. Jackson Jr. is the pastor and Mrs. Willita Thomas serves as the local and Morristown Area Director. We were blessed to have our Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, Presiding Elder Howard L. Grant, Conference Branch WMS President Mrs. Patricia Nira Smith, WMS Advisor Mrs. Moniya Jackson, Area Presidents Miss. Nicole Williams and Jamal Gourdine to grace us with their presence and spend the day with us. Special Thanks to the officers and members of Israel Memorial for hosting this meeting. They left no stones unturned even after being snowed in for days and it being
bitter cold. We were greeted with outstanding hospitality, and a nice and warm country breakfast. After taken care of our business they prepared a scrumptious lunch and topped it off with a Chocolate fountain.

Also during the month of January we recognized Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday as a day of service. A few areas and local societies rendered community service.

During the month of February we recognized the number of people that are hungry in the World and in particular in the state of New Jersey. We launched our annual “Fight Against Hunger Campaign”, which is also known as “Souper Bowl of Caring.” Our goal was to raise $2,000.00 to help fund local soup kitchens and food banks of the local church’s choice. I am pleased to announce that we raised $3,762.98. To God Be the Glory!

On February 22, 2014, we held our first NJC TRAINING ACDEMETY. It was hosted by Bethel AME Church in Millville NJ. Where the Rev. Charles Wilkins serves as the pastor and Mrs. Corina Gadson is the local Director. The theme for the day was “First Things First...Equipping our Young People with the Tools and Resources to be Effective Leaders.” Proverbs 22:6 was the scripture reference. Our day started out with praise and worship lead by our gifted worship director Miss Brianna Simons and the praise team. They lead us right into an amazing worship experience. Our preacher the Rev. Natasha Rouse, a former NJC President, spoke from the topic entitled “I’m chosen” taken from 1 Samuel 16: 4-13. What a powerful word that went forth. Following the morning meditation we participated in the following workshops entitled, YPD101- Back to Basics, Equipping the Saints for Kingdom Building, Frontline Preparation: Roles &Responsibilities of Each Office, Keeping your meeting orderly: Parliamentary Procedures, and Making Sense out of Dollars &Cent: Budgeting /Stewardship Initiative. Special thanks to our presenters Mrs. Carla Hinds, Mrs. Patricia Smith, Rev. Natasha Rouse, Mrs. Terri Cohen, Lic. K. Pearl Marsh, and Ms. Susan Butler. Along with the workshops the Area Directors prepared a Directors C. D. which included several scripts on how to run an effective meeting and a 12 month lesson plan for every age group. This endeavor was spearheaded by Area Directors Ms. Cherisse Cephas and Mrs. Willita Thomas.

On March 28 -30 we were able to take a delegation of 36 people to attend the Connectional YPD 2014 Leadership and Training Institute, which was held at the Sheraton City Center, located in Baltimore, MD. The Itinerary for the weekend included a Banquet and a Concert, Hour of Power: Training Session, A trip to Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument in Washington, DC for a peace rally, and Mobile Training Sessions, along with YPD Step Show and worship service which honored our class of 2014 Graduates. We had Ms. Alexis Washington a College Graduate and Ms. Desiree Williams a High school graduate to participate in the Ceremony.

In addition to supporting the conference level initiatives each area has its own mission initiatives and annual events. The following is a brief picture of their yearly activities:

Asbury Area- Hosted 3 major mission projects, Ocean for Action- Restore beach front at the shore, visited nursing homes to render a Christmas service, and Hats for Hope where they donated hats & blankets to help the founder contribute items to the homeless. They also supported Souper Bowl of Caring. Their Annual day was held at St. James AME
Church, Hightstown. Rev. Stephen Bryant serves as the pastor and was the preacher of the hour. Theme was “Think Big” and scripture reference was Romans12:2.

Atlantic City Area- Hosted 3 major mission projects, Relay for Life which $200.00 was raised for cancer research, Hawaiian Luau Party & Food Drive which they collected 230 lbs of food, and they also contributed to Souper Bowl of Caring. Other activities included their Annual day, a Summer Trip to the Lake and 1st District YPD Meeting, and the Self-Denial Brunch which included one high school graduates and two college graduates from the area.

Camden Area- Hosted 2 major mission initiatives, visiting the Nursing Homes during the Holiday Season and rendering Christmas Cheer, Supporting Souper Bowl of Caring, and Partnering with Trenton Area and sponsoring a Lock-in which included worship, workshops, and fun and games.

Elizabeth Area – Hosted 2 major mission projects. Bowl a strike for Hunger and proceeds were given to Elijah Promise, Ronald McDonald House, and Souper Bowl of Caring. Also Annual day was held and District President Lamone Gibson was the speaker, President Brandon rendered a dance and the local churches in the area displayed various talents through the arts of worship.

Gould town Area - Hosted 2 Major mission initiatives. They partnered with Trinity Gould town to prepare and distribute soup to the homeless. Support the souper bowl of caring initiative and partnered with the Atlantic City Area and sponsored the Hawaiian luau.

Morristown Area- Donated food and money every quarter to Interfaith Food Pantry, Cooked and served at the Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen, collected $615 dollars for the Souper Bowl of Caring effort – which is going to Interfaith Food Pantry, Several churches partnered with their missionary society to make Thanksgiving Baskets, Organized an Aids Walk, Evangelist walk through the community, visits the Food Bank in Hillside, Feed the Needy with hot meals at Newark Penn Station, provided toiletries for the displaced and “working women”, provided blankets & hot chocolate on frigid mornings to those on the street. Other Area & church activates includes Voter Registration Drive, Sponsored Blood Drive, Black History Brunch, Several local Annual Days, and Celebrated our first Annual Day in years.

Newark Area- Hosted 4 major mission functions. Purchased toys and gifts for the children of incarcerated parents through the Angel Tree Program, Walked for Breast Cancer, Volunteered time and donated winnings from playing Family Feud at Annual Day to the Community Food Bank, Collected over $1300 to help eliminate hunger by donating money collected on Super Bowl Sunday through the Souper Bowl of Caring to local soup kitchen and food pantry, Purchased and donated household items to the Ronald McDonald House. In December, they held their Annual Day, which was a weekend filled with great fellowship, spiritual and physical renewal and all who attended became more financially fit in our workshop, which was presented by Rev. Ringold. Their annual day weekend also included, Friday Night skating at Branch Brook Roller Rink and a Zumba class after the LOCK IN. In recognition of AIDS awareness month, they received timely information from a group of youth advocates from Planned Parenthood, who were all either HIV Positive or had a loved one that had AIDS.

Trenton Area- Hosted 3 major mission functions. Partnered with Bethel Beverly and purchased and distributed school supplies and back packs to youth in the community, 2
churches in Area contributed a total of $119.00 in support of Souper bowl of caring and also contributed house hold Items to Ronald McDonald house. The Area along with Bethel, Beverly hosted a Back to School BBQ and Gospel concert. They also partnered with the Camden area and had their 3rd YPD Lock-In. They had a Revival Service, dinner, real talk workshop and know your church/bible challenge along with games.

I close this report by expressing my heartfelt of gratitude. To President Patricia Nira Smith, the WMS Executive Board, Area Chairpersons, Life Members, Presiding Elders, Consultants, local Pastors, WMS Advisors, Missionaries, Parents, Van drivers, Cooks, and YPD Advisors thank you for your sacrifices of time, talent, and resources that you give unselfishly to the Young People. We are forever grateful to you!

Much love and gratitude to the 8 wonderful, talented and gifted YPD Directors that have been set aside by God to serve in this season. Brandon Wright, Conference President, NJC YPD Executive Board, and 7 area presidents and staff for these are they that have been elected to carry the torch and set the example to lead our young people. This is the team that makes the dream work!

Last but certainly not least, a special thanks to the Newark District, Morristown Area, my Pastor Rev. Robert A. Jackson, First Lady Moniya Jackson, my local Director Mrs. Willita Thomas, YPDer’s, and my Israel Memorial Church Family for your unselfish support.

Special acknowledgement goes to Mrs. Kathleen Cumming my sound board, riding partner, encourager and great supporter of mission and kids.

Thanks James and Jasmine for loving me for who I am.

Mrs. Laverne Mackey-Merritt
NJC YPD Director
“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” Galatians 6:7-9

TO:  Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate
     Reverend Doctor Jessica Ingram, Episcopal Supervisor
     Presiding Elder Larry E. Dixon
     Sister Patricia Nira Smith, President New Jersey Conference

Branch WMS
     New Jersey Conference Branch Officers
     Missionary Sisters and Brothers in Christ

It is with privilege and honor that I bring you my 2nd annual report on behalf of the fifteen churches in the Atlantic City Area W M S. We know that with God all things are possible. The area had been devastated by the force of Super Storm Sandy and still we rolled up
our sleeves and continued to help others. We were pleased to do God’s work.

The area goal was to be consistent in our outreach ministries. We well represented ourselves at Conferences, Y P D functions, Project Possible training sessions, Christian Education events, the Learning Experience and Annual days.

Each church worked hard and recruitment in our area was up, with one church bringing in eleven new missionaries.

Our Annual Area Luncheon was held at Masso’s and we honored Y P D presidents.

Our Life Members; Sister Margaret Burton, Sister Alma A. Walker, Sister Callie Harper (St. James, Atlantic City), and Sister Naomi Francis of St. Paul, Pleasantville were active in their missionary duties. Sister Burton was the Area’s Reporter and collector of news from the local churches and Sister Walker continued her duties as our Area Financial officer.

Our Area Queen was Sister Monique Robinson. She is a member of St. James, Atlantic City and a member of the Tyree Delaney Women’s Missionary Society.

Each Area Missionary Society did their part to participate:

FRIENDSHIP Browns Mills – Mamie Anderson Society, Sister Ethalene Bodie

has been very busy working, praying, and serving the members and people in the Browns Mills community. Their largest effort was a walk-a-thon for the Alzheimer’s Association. They had over 54 walkers and raised $1,200. The Society collected clothing for the M L K School in Atlantic City. They had a luncheon at McDonalds for Mommy and Me young mothers.

They plan to give out back packs and school supplies, send cookies for our troops, have a holiday party for the homeless and collect outerwear for those in need. They show their caring attitudes and know that missionary work is never done.
GRANT CHESILHURST – Carrie L. Wanzer Society, Sister C. DeAnn Stanton
Continues to support the Women’s Shelter in Camden, NJ, they work with and visit the sick and shut in their area. They supported Ronald McDonald house in Camden. They attended all area and conference meetings Attended Mission Sunday for St. Stephen’s AME. They worked and supported the area Y P D endeavors.

They plan on having a health fair in their community and will lend a hand to those who are in need.

ST. JAMES ATLANTIC CITY – Tyree-Delaney Society, Sister Erika Chapman
Working closely together this Society had a “Passports Around the World theme luncheon, a outerwear drive for their Women’s shelter, partnered with Workout for Hunger Ministry. Attended Mission Sunday for St. Stephen’s AME, volunteered to serve Thanksgiving Dinner, had a community yard sale and visited Assisted Living Health Center in Galloway, they gave out fruit baskets.

They plan on doing a community couponing workshop and exchange program, having a Women’s Empowerment Retreat, American Heart walk, Ocean City, NJ, suicide Prevention event, Passports Around the World lady’s tea.

ST. PAUL, PLEASANTVILLE – Sarah Langhorne Society, Sis. Victoria C. Gandy
They had a blessed year. Attended 5th Sunday Worship Services in support of our mission churches, partnered with the Community Food Bank of Atlantic County, over 500 lbs of dry goods donated, Partnered with Mental Health Association of Atlantic County, donated personal care items, hats and gloves and cash, provided food to Meadowview Nursing Home, Participated in World AIDS day event. They visited the sick and shut in, gave out $50 food gift cards to senior and needy families. This society is proud to say they recruited eleven new members.

They plan on continuing to serve those in need. They thank God for continuing to make ways out of no way.

ST. MARKS, LINDENWOLD – Jamie Warren Society, Rev. Deborah Horsey
The society has an active ministry. They visited Voorhees Care and Rehab Center. They have a service every second Sunday of the month. They gave out gifts during the Christmas holiday, had a special service during Thanksgiving and Resurrection Sunday.
The society is a strong believer in outreaching to the community and continues to bring prayer and support to those in need.

**ST. STEPHEN, WHITESBORO** – Circle of Friends Society, Christina S. Hatcher
Visited and sent cards to sick and shut-in and bereaved. Monthly visits to Senior Housing project, assisted bereaved families during home-going services, collected can goods, donated to Coalition Against Rape and Abuse, hosted ACAWMS at County Park for 5th Sunday mission service. They gave gift bags for 2 youth members who graduated from high school. They worked with their pastor on outreach projects.

They plan on continuing their outreaching visits, working on their “Souper” Saturday project and collecting food item for Thanksgiving.

**ALLEN, CAPE MAY** – Hattie Harris Society, Sister Barbara Freels
Continues to serve and support the sick and shut in.

**ST. THOMAS, JACKSON** – Johanna Smith Society, Sister Margaret Major
They had their Gospel Fest fund raiser and contacted the sick and shut-in.

**ST JAMES, MAYS LANDING** – Caldwell-Money Society, Sister Bernice Joyce, Continues to serve and support the sick and shut in.

**ASBURY, WILDWOOD** – LP Moultrie Society, Sister Rev. Andrea Davis
Supported their church and community. Continues to show compassion for those in need.

**ST. LUKE, EGG HARBOR** – Mattie Slaughter Society, Sister Roze Nicholson
Supported and did outreaching in their community. Visits the Sick and Shut-in.

**BETHEL, LAKEWOOD** – Lessie George/ Nettie Kearny Society, Sis. Emily Pearson
They had their Annual Day and it was well attended. The Society helped deliver dinners to the Lakewood community that included seniors and
displaced people in Lakewood Tent city. They visited and brought spiritual uplifting songs to community Assisted Living program.

ST. JAMES, OCEAN CITY – Elizabeth Quest Society, Sister Sandra Stokes
Continues to minister to the community and those who are sick and shut-in.

ALLEN, ATLANTIC CITY - Mary Neal’s Society, Rev. Barbara Spence
Supported the sick and shut in, gave support to their community.

WELLS CHAPEL, TOMS RIVER – Fannie Wells, Society, Sis. Samantha Douglass
Supported the sick and shut in, gave support to their community.

AREA Y P D REPORT – Sister Heather Meads, Y P D Director
The Y P D participated in Annual day, fund raisers, partnerships, Etc. Some of their activities were Relay for Life in Manahawkin, summer Trip to the Lake, Atlantic City Area Y P D Annual Day, Hawaiian Luau Party & Food drive, Mission outreach and leadership development activities on local level, NJCYPD and first district events,
Their plans for 2014 conference year are Annual Day 2015, Mr. or Ms. YPD contest, all hands mission projects and continue participation in Conference, District and Area events.

ATLANTIC CITY AREA WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Sister Margaret Burton
Sister Alma A. Walker
Sister Callie Harper
Sister Naomi Francis

Y P D Area Director
Sister Heather Meads

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Treasurer, Life Member Sister Alma A. Walker
P M E Education Director, Sister Lila A. Robinson
Parliamentarian, Dr. Juanita High

Thank you to each of you and God bless you for working in the Vineyard so diligently.

The Area held regular meetings at various churches throughout the year. We started a “Roll Up Your Sleeves” project and offered our services to the mission churches in our area. Cooperation was undoubtedly wonderful and because of the grace of God and hard working missionary sisters; a lot of work was started, completed and is ongoing in some areas.

Thank you for the support of our President, Presiding Elder, Atlantic City Area, Pastors, Local Presidents and all missionaries who saw it not robbery to be a part of an organization that works hard to look pleasing to our Lord eyes.

Humbly Submitted,

Sister Geri Monson
Atlantic City Area Women’s Missionary Society Chairperson

“I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me” Philippians 4:13
To: The Right Reverend Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District, Rev. Dr. Jessica K. Ingram, Supervisor of Missions, First Episcopal District, Sister Jewel McAshan, First Episcopal District WMS President, Sister Patricia N. Smith, President of the New Jersey Conference Women’s Missionary Society, All Connectional, Episcopal, Conference, Area and Local Women’s Missionary Society Officers, Presiding Elders, Pastor’s and Spouses, Area Officers, Local Officers and all my Missionary Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Philippians 4:6-7, Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God, 7 and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I am extremely grateful and proud for the tireless efforts, commitment and support of the Local Presidents and Missionaries of the Gouldtown Area. The Pastors for their support, understanding and encouragement, to allow us to hold meetings, and programs throughout our area. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. Larry T. Dixon, Thank you for supporting our Area at various programs and joining us at our Area meeting.

We are happy to report that our financial obligations to the NJ Conference have been met. We have supported and participated in programs on the District, Conference and other Areas of the New Jersey Conference.

Our Area Annual Day was a wonderful Day. This year the Area Chose Mothers of the Bible. Many interesting facts were brought out by all. Were blessed.
Our Annual Fall Luncheon recognized Phenomenal Workers. These Men and Women have given their time, talent and resources to many. Galatians 6:10 states,” when ever we have the opportunity, we should
do good to everyone, especially our Christian brothers and sisters” To God be the Glory.

Some of our accomplishments:

- Area Annual Day
- Area Annual Luncheon
- Learning Experience
- Area Queen Contest
- NJC Queen’s Contest
- Community Feedings
- Ranch Hope for Boys and Girls
- CFI
- Literacy Programs
- Financial Assistance
- Back to school supplies
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Holiday Fruit Baskets
- Coats, hats and glove distribution

Gouldtown Area Churches and Local Presidents

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In Love of Missions

*Deborah J. Suiter*

Deborah J. Suiter, Gouldtown Area WMS Chairperson
Asbury Area Women’s Missionary Society  
New Brunswick District, New Jersey Annual Conference  
First Episcopal District AME Church

Annual Report 2013-2014

“To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,  
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master’s will”

To Rt. Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District AME Church  
Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram, Supervisor of Missions, First Episcopal District AME Church  
Mrs. Jewel McAshan, President Women’s Missionary Society, First Episcopal District AME Church  
Mrs. Patricia N. Smith, President, Women’s Missionary Society New Jersey Conference  
Mrs. Lavern Merritt, Director New Jersey Conference Young People Department  
Mrs. Sarah Leak, New Brunswick District Consultant  
Presiding Elder Vernard Leak, Presiding Elder, New Brunswick District  
All Connectional, First Episcopal District, Conference Officers, Visitors and Friends

It is with joy that I greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. I thank God for this opportunity to be of service. I am pleased and humble to make this report on behalf of the twelve churches located in the Asbury Area.

We are blessed to meet all financial obligations to the New Jersey Conference. We were supportive of all activities on all levels of the Women’s Missionary Society. God continues to bless our missionaries with gifts, talent and resources to serve God’s people. All that we endeavor to do, we do for the joy and love of serving and edifying God.

**June 8, 2013** The Asbury Area WMS Queen’s Contest was held at Trinity, Long Branch. It was once again a lively occasion, Sister Torna Bell, Bethel Freehold was crowned The Asbury Area Queen. We thank the chairpersons, Sis. Nora Steele and Sis. Crystal Parrish for their continued energetic efforts in making this the Area Queen’s Contest a competitive and successful event.

**Sept 22, 2013** Members of the Asbury Area WMS visited St. James, Somerset for our Annual Adopt a Church Project. The Pastor Rev Charles Boyer delivered the morning sermon. The morning worship service was awesome. The members of St. James greeted us with joy and love. We were blessed to give a gift of $875.00.
October 19-20 2013  “Empowerment Weekend:” the Asbury Area Annual Retreat was held at the Renaisances located in Ocean, NJ and October 20, 2013 Missionary Sisters dressed in RED gathered at Fisk Chapel AME Church and were blessed spiritually and financially as we listened to the preached word by Rev. Danielle Hunter, Pastor St. Mark, Cranford, NJ. The Fisk Chapel AME Church Choir rendered the music. At this service members of the local society selected a person or persons they admired and respected for various reasons. These extraordinary women were our honorees and they were presented with a long stem red rose and a certificate. This weekend we donated NJ large boxes and bags of personal and food items to the “Center for Aids” Asbury Park.

December 7, 2013, the Asbury Area Christmas Giving Meeting was held at Quinn Chapel, Atlantic Highlands. We are grateful to the members of the Lucy Bryant WMS and Pastor Theresa Smith for their continued hospitality. Each local society donated an abundance of gifts and toys which was given to the St. Clare’s Home for Aid Babies and the Madonna House, Neptune.

The Mission Minded Missionaries of the Asbury Area continue to let their light shine through the work of missions:

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesian 2:10

- Nursing Home visitation
- Donations of staples and personal items to The Center, Asbury Park, NJ
- Gift of socks and scarves to Nursing Homes and Seniors
- Preparing and delivering meals to seniors, sick and shut ins
- Soup kitchens
- Food pantry clients
- Clothes closets and clothes giveaway
- Christmas toys and gifts to the Madonna House, Neptune, NJ
- Christmas toys and gifts St. Clair Home for Aids Babies, Neptune, NJ
- Support to the Women Infant and Children’s Program
- Support to Narcotics Anonymous

Special thanks to the tireless, committed and supportive Local Presidents and Missionaries of the Asbury Area. Thanks to the Pastors and Spouses for your understanding, encouragement and support.

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| Alice Moore WMS, Mrs. Betty Corbin, President |                      |                                  |                                  |
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Annual Adopt a Church Fellowship

Auburn Area WMS and Auburn Area YPO at St. James, Somerset -Rev. Charles Boyce, Pastor

Allen Chapel Nursing Home Christmas Visit

St. James First Milestone BackPack

Auburn Area Retreat 2013

Bethel Thursday Missionaries Day & Outreach Project

Sr. Sister Acting Chairwoman
New Jersey Conference Women’s Missionary Society of the African
Methodist Episcopal Church

Sister Patricia Nira Smith, President

New Brunswick District  – Rev. Vernard R. Leak, Presiding Elder and
Mrs. Sarah Leak, Consultant

April 1, 2014

To: The Right Reverend Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate of the
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of the NJ Conference Women’s Missionary Society

All Connectional, Episcopalian, Conference, Area, and Local Women’s
Missionary Society Officers All Clergy, Members, Friends, and Family of
the NJ Conference Women’s Missionary Society

When God’s people are in need, be ready to help
them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.
Romans 12:13 NLT

To God be the Glory for ALL of the great things HE has done!

It is with great humility that I submit the 2013-2014 annual report on
behalf of the ten dynamic societies that make up the Elizabeth Area
Women’s Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal
Church. The Elizabeth Area proudly serves the counties of Camden,
Hudson, Middlesex, Somerset and Union allowing us to bring service
and witness across the great state of New Jersey.

During this conference year the Elizabeth Area began the initial steps
to sponsor a room for battered women and their children seeking
emergency shelter at the YWCA - Union County (Elizabeth). We are
looking forward to expanding our support to additional emergency
shelters and soup kitchen for women and their children due to homelessness or domestic abuse. Our partnership will also include Women Aware (New Brunswick), YMCA (Plainfield) IRIS House (Plainfield), Elijah’s Promise (New Brunswick) and Hope House (Jersey City).

We will continue our partnership with The Ronald McDonald House (New Brunswick) providing meals and support to families in need of affordable housing while their children are hospitalized

In conjunction with the local societies, members, clergy and friends of the Elizabeth Area we:

- Walked and raised money to bring awareness to the community with the Alliance for Lupus and Sister Network of Central NJ (breast cancer)
- Donated Blood to benefit children with Sickle Cell Anemia and others through our partnership with the American Red Cross

- Partnered with Elijah’s Promise in the ‘Jeans for Jesus’ and ‘Fresh is Best’ programs
- Provided school supplies to the 6th grade class of Von E. Mauger Middle School (Middlesex)
- Cooked and cleaned for members in the community who have been displaced and are living in various shelters and Tent Cities
- Participated in The Point-in-Time Count a one-day, statistically reliable, unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families in Hudson county
- Continued to support Angel Tree Christmas for children of incarcerated parents
- Provided support and supplies to Tent Cities in Camden
Goals for the 2014-2015 Conference Year include but are not limited to supporting Dress for Success, raising awareness of domestic and dating violence and financial empowerment training for women.

To the Officers, Members, YPD, and Clergy of the Elizabeth Area we can’t thank you enough for all that you have done and will continue to do for missions. Your continued support, prayers, love, and kindness allow us to work together in missions no matter how big or small the project.

Special thanks:

- To the Elizabeth Area Life Members-Sisters Bernadette Guyton, Lois E. Mitchell and Melvin S. Wynn for your continued guidance and wisdom

- To the Members of the Elizabeth Area WMS thank you for your continued participation and dedication

- To Presiding Elder and Mrs. Leak for your continued love and support of the Elizabeth Area

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Ebenezer; Rahway
Deborah WMS
Sister Angelica Garay

St. Mark; Cranford
Sarah Allen WMS
Sister Bertha McPhaul

St. Paul; South Bound Brook
Sarah Allen WMS
Sister Bernice Dillings

Freedom Temple; Gibbsboro
Sarah Allen WMS
Sister Cynthia Thomas

In Love of Missions

LaTonya Blue

Chairperson, Elizabeth Area Women’s Missionary Society
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

NEWARK AREA WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
Sister Yvonne Turnbull, Area Chairperson
Sister Sharon Tucker-Chatman, Area YPD Director
Sister Roberta Grant, Consultant
Rev. Howard L. Grant, Presiding Elder

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To: Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, 1st Episcopal District
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Sister Patricia Nira Smith, President, New Jersey Conference Branch WMS
All Connectional, District, Conference, and Area Officers, Local Presidents,
Clergy,
Members, Visitors and Friends of the New Jersey Conference

We greet you in the name of our awesome God and his son our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ. I am humbled to make this report on behalf of the members of the
Newark Area. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephes. 2:10

The Missionaries of the Newark Area continues to support all programs of the
Women’s Missionary Society on all levels:

- Mass Meeting
- Queen Contest
- Learning Institute
- District Luncheon
- Learning Experience
- Conference Luncheon
- Executive Board

All Societies have met their financial obligations to the Area and Conference.
Support and encouragement is given to our YPDers.

May the work we have done in our communities be a testimony of our commitment
to the work of Missions.
Bethel, Passaic – Carrie E. Proctor WMS – Sister Linda Watson-Martin

- Provided families with Thanksgiving “Love Baskets” complete with turkey and trimmings
- Donated toiletries and personal hygiene items to a family shelter for women and children
- Missionaries and YPDers partnered with local Community Food Bank for community outreach project
- Missionaries in conjunction with church choir visited nursing homes to sing Christmas carols
- 25 young people were recipients of toys and Barnes and Noble gift cards as part of the holiday toy drive
- Missionaries partnered with the YPD to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to youth within the church and in the community

St. James, Newark – Eulamae B. Orr WMS – Sister Mary Ince

- Participated in Fall Breast Cancer Walk
- Provided adopted children with food, clothing and other necessities
- Collected and donated toiletries to Sierra House for Women
- Assist YPD with Serving our Seniors project.
- Donated pampers and baby wipes to St. Claire's Resource Center (HIV Aids facility)
- Partnered with the Network of Christian Men in hosting Community Wellness Health Fair
- Honored three (3) senior missionaries for outstanding service
- Partnered with St. James’ Social Services to distribute clothing, food and toys to approximately 500 persons during Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Provide support assistance to the ministerial staff in visits to sick and shut-in members and providing them with tapes and CDs of services

Bethel, Paterson – Thema Smith WMS – Sister Gussie Joseph

- Provides weekly community meals to women and children
- Distributed 252 winter coats to homeless and community
- Turkeys and gift cards were distributed during Holiday season
- In partnership with a member of the police force donated a $200 gift card to needy family
- Partners with resource centers in community to provide shelter, job opportunities and meals

Union Chapal, Newark – Mary B. Austin WMS – Sister Janice Jones
• Provides hot meals every 2nd Saturday through its Feed One-Bless One project
• Conducted Orientation Workshop at which three (3) persons joined WMS
• Toys were donated to the Children's Ward at Newark Beth Israel Hospital under the Sydney Toy Drive project
• Every 4th Sunday service is taken to the residents of the Roseville Assisted Living Facility in Newark
• Thanksgiving Dinner was prepared and served to the community. In addition, dinner was delivered to sick and shut-in members as well as those in nursing homes
• Conducted Clothing and Coat drive

St. Luke, Newark – Sarah Allen WMS – Sister Diane Welles-Medy

• For Domestic Violence month we collected laundry detergent and bleach for women at the battered women home mission. Monthly donations of food and toiletries are also supplied to the center
• Our Annual Day speaker was Sis. Carla Hinds, 1st Vice President, 1st Episcopal District. In attendance also was the US Naval Academy Choir
• Annual Coat Drive
• Members attended Mass Meeting and Learning Experience
• Conducts Food and Clothing Ministry every 2nd Saturday
• Honored four Mission-Minded Men
• Distributed Annual Dot Hill Food Basket complete with turkey and trimmings

Allen, Newark – Mary Lou Cowart – Sister Carolyn Harris

• Brown Bag Prayer Lunch
• Provide support to the YPD at their monthly Family Night that includes bible study, movies, snacks and fellowship
• Held “Allen Night Out” providing family comedy by E. Denise Peoples
• Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Program
• Allen Holiday Open House for siblings of incarcerated parents

St. Mark, East Orange – Bessie Allen WMS – Sister Yvonne Turnbull

• Partnered with NJ Autism Association for Autism Awareness Program.
• Donated toiletries and personal hygiene items to Domestic Violence Shelter as part of 5th Sunday project
• Winter clothing, shoes and toys were provided to a family consisting of a mother and three girls
Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Annual Fall Luncheon honored Missionaries and non-missionaries who made a difference in the life of the church
In partnership with Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and clothing were donated
Heart Health Month was observed by wearing Red and distributing Heart Health information
Continues to visit sick and shut-in at home as well as those in the hospital and nursing homes
Cards are sent to the sick and shut-in as birthday greetings by the Card Ministry
Continue to provide assistance to our Adopt-a-Family members
Continues our partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network to provide shelter, food and clothing to displaced families
Baby wipes and pampers were donated to local women shelter for young girls with babies.

Goals for 2014-15

- Increase YWI membership
- Establish hands-on projects
- Provide training for officers
- Increase participation in District and Conference programs

I would like to thank Almighty God for this opportunity to be His hands, His feet, His eyes and His ears in His vineyard. Heartfelt thanks to our Conference Branch President, Sister Patricia Nira Smith for her leadership, support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you also to my Presiding Elder Howard L. Grant, Consultant Sister Roberta Grant, our Partners in Mission, Advisors, Officers of the Newark Area Executive Board, and to the dedicated, hard-working local presidents for your support and encouragement. Last, but not least, my church family for your love, guidance and support.

In His Service,

Ymtturnbull
Newark Area Chairperson
MORRISTOWN AREA WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT
REV. GEORGE ANN ALSTON, AREA CHAIRPERSON

TO Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District, Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram, Supervisor of Missions, Sister Jewel McAshan, First Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society President, Sister Patricia N. Smith, President NJ Conference Branch WMS; All Connectional, District, Conference and Area Officers, Local Presidents, Clergy, Members, Visitors and Friends of the New Jersey Conference

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever,” Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

I am privileged and honored to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with great joy that I submit my second report on behalf of the twelve (12) Women’s Missionary Societies of the Morristown Area. I am pleased to report that the Morristown Area continues to do mission work with joy and compassion. On Thursday March 6, 2014 we gathered together at Bethel, Morristown where Rev Sidney Williams is the pastor and Sister Teresa Williams, Advisor and Sister Marcia Gibson is the President of the Letsie Clemons WMS for an Evening of Service at the Table of Hope. We assisted the staff in serving individuals who drop in Monday thru Friday from 5:30-7:30 for a hot meal, fellowship, and clothing.

The missionaries of the Morristown Area continue to support all programs of the Connectional Church, Episcopal, Conference, Area, Local and Newark District.

- Spring Luncheon
- Mass Meeting
- Queens’s Contest Local, Conference and District
- Missionary Institute
- First District Luncheon
- Advent Service
- Learning Experience

As we are blessed, we tried to be a blessing to our church and community. Listed below are highlights of the activities and projects of the local societies over the past year.

St Matthew, Orange-Angenetta S. Jackson WMS- Sister Tamika Robinson

- Manna From Heaven Food Pantry
- Essex County Prison Ministry
- Oakwood Avenue Elementary School Mentoring Program College/ Career Day, Dr, Seuss Day
- Senior Appreciation Weekend Adopt- a-Senior, “Senior Prom” “Bring a Senior to Church “ Sunday
- YWI (Young Women's Initiative)
- Lillian’s Closet, clothing give away for infants and toddlers
• IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) supported host church Bethel Morristown by donating meals for 4 adults and 4 children.
• Organized, prepared and served dinner for the week of Vacation Bible School
• Celebrated Annual Day, Supervisor Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram, guest speaker. Nine (9) new members added.
• Provided 36 college student “cram bags”
• Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner,
• Supported church initiative. Provided over 300 meals to the immediate and surrounding communities.
• Assisted at Boy scouts Senior Appreciation Luncheon.
• Provided sick and shut-in with Christmas cards and spiritual bookmarks
• Partnered with Sierra House, 11 South Maple Ave., E. Orange, a transitional home for young women, provided Christmas gifts and participated in holiday activities.
• Provided Competitive Scholarships for 3 college freshmen.
• Organized Soul Food Luncheon for Black History Month.

Israel Memorial, Newark-Rosa Wells WMS- Sister Nicole Eddy
• Sponsored soup kitchen every fourth Saturday Rosa’s Kitchen
• Karaoke Night joint effort with YPD
• Annual Day NJCB President, Patricia Smith speaker
• Helped to organize clothing drive and distributed summer clothes and shoes to surrounding community
• Distributed one hundred forty- two Thanksgiving Baskets to local community and families in need
• Annual Senior’s Dinner
• Learning Experience
• Hosted Everybody’s Birthday Party

St. Paul, East Orange- Madeline Choice WMS- Sister Carla Hinds
• Continues to support Sierra House, a home for teen Moms
• Thanksgiving Baskets
• Christmas gifts to local families
• Support community activities in conjunction with East Orange Education Association

Bethel, Vauxhall-Elsie Mills WMS-Sister Dorothy Herriott
• Bereavement monetary donations
• Monetary donations and cards for sick& shut-in members every first Sunday
• Cards and monetary donations to members in hospital
Packed and sent out forty (40) Christmas Child Boxes
Distributed Thanksgiving gift cards
Adopted a homeless family of eight (8). Provided clothing, school supplies, Thanksgiving food basket, food and gift cards on a regular basis and Christmas cards and gift cards
Annual Day twelve (12) new members eight (8) YWI

Bethel, Boonton – Elizabeth Lewis WMS – Sister Janice Anthony
• Merry Heart Nursing Home visits monthly
• Visit the sick & shut-in
• Annual Day Pastor Begon and Rev Tamoya Buckley, Emmanuel Montclair speakers

Mt. Pisgah, Washington- Emma Groves WMS- Sister Ina Walls
• Filled backpacks for weekend meals for students in Phillipsburg School District
• Gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas
• Sing and Worship at Genesis Senior Care Center in Phillipsburg, NJ
• Partnered with Presbyterian Church of Belvidere making quilts for Veterans’ Homes and the Sierra House
• Prepared dinner for displaced families with Family Promise of Oxford NJ
• Helped needy families financially

St. Thomas, Newark- Evelyn Boyer WMS- Sister Ramona Thomas
• Community Outreach Breakfast
• Food and clothing giveaway
• Annual Day
  Goals for 2014-2015

  Continue to lift the name of Jesus and put Him first in all of our endeavors

Several Days and Evenings of Service

Increase membership by 3%

I would like to thank almighty God for the opportunity to serve in His vineyard. I express a heartfelt thanks to President Patricia N. Smith for her leadership and support. Also, thanks to Elder Howard Grant, Presiding Elder of the Newark District, Sister Roberta Grant, Consultant Newark District, all the pastors and advisors, and all the hard working supportive Local Presidents, Missionaries and friends
Yours in His service,

Morristown Area Executive Board
1st Vice President, Teresa Williams
Recording Secretary, Jackie Alexander
Corresponding Secretary, Brenda Alexander
PME Director, Lynn Stradford
Worship Leader, Elizabeth Trent
YPD Director, Willita Thomas

Rev. George Ann Alston,
Morristown Area Chairperson
THE CAMDEN AREA WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

To: The Rt. Reverend Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram, Presiding Bishop
First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendal Ingram, Supervisor of Missions First Episcopal
District
Sister Jewel D. McAshan, First Episcopal District President, Women’s Missionary
Society
Sister Patricia N. Smith, First Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society
President
All New Jersey Conference Branch Officers
Presiding Elders and Spouses, Pastor’s and Spouses, Ministers, Area Officers,
Local Officers and All My Missionary Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The Camden Area Women’s
Missionary Society’s have been quite busy since our last Conference Year.

Our Mission Work that demonstrates why the Women in the Camden
Area Love to be Missionaries. The Camden Area Churches don’t just say they
are doing, they put their words and works into action because of the love for
God, mankind and their love for their local churches.

Here is just a portion of our “Helping Hands/Helping Others” during
2013 and 2014.

- Developed the, “Helping Hands/Helping Others Project” helping
  within our Camden Area Churches
- Bread Pantries (on going ministry giving out bread to help those in
  need)
- Food Pantry (ongoing ministry provided to the residents of Camden
  and Burlington Counties)
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets
- Helping Hands/Helping Others - Camden Area Missionaries gave out
  three (3) Turkeys to each church for their Thanksgiving distribution
- Christmas Party to children who are placed in the DYFS System
- Christmas Donations of Toys to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of
  Burlington County
- Nursing Home/Sick & Shut-In Visitations
- YPD Christmas Caroling at Sterling Nursing Home
- Ronald McDonald House (ongoing)
- Donations of clothing to Purple Heart, Goodwill, and Greyhound
  Rescue Mission
- YPD Coat Drive
- Driving Senior Citizens to appointments/shopping
- T.I.M.E. Mentor Program K-6th grades (In school mentor program)
- Eye Glass Drive
- 70 Plus Luncheon – honoring our seniors in our various churches
- Love Luncheon – 2014 we honored the oldest Missionary or oldest member in the various churches
- Day of Service – giving of our time cleaning on Martin Luther Day
- Giving out Hand Warmers to school crossing guards in our various towns
- Increase in societies
- Pick-up and drive members to church
- And our Mission work goes beyond what is listed, for this we say, “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow.”

Our Future Activities include Sickle Cell Blood Drive, continue the increase of YPD as well as the Missionary societies in each of our Area Churches, have a Chick-Fil-A night, YPD Activity once a month where we have a teaching component of the AME Church, then take them on an outing of their choice.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve the NJ Conference Branch Women’s Missionary Society as well as the Camden Area. I also Praise and thank God for the Women of the Camden Area, they are a terrific group of Christian Women. Without “HIM” and without the Camden Area, this report would not be possible. God bless the women of the Camden Area for letting their lights shine as well as representing Area.

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Penelope D. Berringer, Camden Area

Chairperson

**CAMDEN AREA CHURCHES & LOCAL MISSIONARY PRESIDENTS**

Bethel, Camden - Sister Brenda Wilbon
Bethel, Paulsboro - Sister Gwen Tucker
Bethel, Pennsauken - Sister Patricia Lee
Bethel, Woodbury - Sister Donna Searles
Campbell, Woodbury - Sister Ruthie Paynter
Greater Mt. Pisgah, Haddonfield – Sister Cherie Rassmann
Hosanna, Camden - Sister Mabel Farmer (Life Member)
Jacob’s Chapel, Mt. Laurel - Sister Leslie Groce
Macedonia, Camden - Sister Marie Downes-McDonald
Mt. Pisgah, Lawnside - Sister Wilma Farmer
Mt. Zion, Voorhees - Sister Celeste Robinson
St. James, Thorofare - Sister Flossie Bagby
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New Jersey Annual Conference of the
African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Sister Charisse Cephas, Area YPD Director
Sister Prudence H. Wade, Consultant
Reverend Dr. Robert C. Wade, Presiding Elder

To: Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate; Reverend Dr. Jessica K. Ingram, Episcopal Supervisor; Sister Jewel McAshan, Episcopal WMS President; Sister L. Lyn Rochester, Episcopal YPD Director; Brother Lamone Gibson, Episcopal YPD President; Presiding Elder Dr. Robert C. Wade and Mrs. Prudence H. Wade; Presiding Elder Howard L. Grant and Mrs. Roberta Grant; Presiding Elder Vernard R. Leak and Mrs. Sarah Leak; Presiding Elder Larry E. Dixon; Sister Patricia N. Smith, NJ Conference WMS President; Sister Laverne Mackey-Merritt, NJ Conference YPD Director; Brother Brandon Wright, NJ Conference YPD President; All Pastors of the Camden-Trenton District; Pastors of the NJ Annual Conference; Area WMS Chairpersons; Area YPD Directors, Local WMS Presidents; Local YPD Directors; Sisters in Missions and Friends:

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12) We are 12 churches in one location.

We greet you the joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We the members of the Trenton Area submit our report of Stewardship during this conference year.

We began this year with a ‘Queens Tea’ in June. Four Queens of the Bible were presented by missionaries from 4 our churches, Queen of Sheba, Candance, Vashti and Esther. We cannot thank the Pastor Carl Wade, Sister Carolyn Wade, Sister Aurthurine Ames and the members of Union, Allentown for hosting a delightful afternoon. We congratulate Sister Karen Lewis of Greater Mt. Zion for representing the Area at the NJC Queen’s contest.

In December we held our Annual Day services with a Christmas Candlelight Service at Mt. Zion, Bordentown. Our outreach ministry was a lap blanket ministry to be distributed to members or friends in local nursing homes. We want to thank the missionaries for their labor of love in making blankets and a special thank you to the Willingboro Senior Citizens Quilting Guild who made and donated 10 quilts to our ministry. We thank Rev. Jameel Morrison for bringing us the message of the day along with Rev. Pearl Patillo and the members of Mt. Zion for hosting us this year. Highlights of the ministries from our local churches are:

Myra Ashley WMS-Greater Mt. Zion, Trenton -
Hosted a 'Missions Weekend' where missionaries throughout the city were recognized for the works and the homeless were fed through their soup kitchen. Also, presented lap blankets to the Area blanket ministry.

**Mary C. Muse WMS-Bethel A.M.E. Church, Moorestown**
- Distributed Thanksgiving food baskets to families in the community and gift certificates to the elderly and community at Christmas.

**Sarah E. Currington WMS-Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Bordentown**
- They distributed Thanksgiving food baskets to families in the Bordentown and surrounding communities, presented gift baskets at Christmas for their homebound members and distributed blankets in their town.

**Geda WMS-Bethlehem A.M.E. Church, Burlington**
- Held a Pre-Thanksgiving Community Dinner for the homeless, distributed coats and clothes to the homeless shelters and to those in need and also presented blankets to Area outreach.

**Christina Smith WMS-Union A.M.E. Church, Allentown**
- The Society partners with the community of Allentown in several outreach ministries, the largest being the annual CROP Walk for hunger.

**Ethel Hudson WMS-Grant Chapel, Trenton**
- Adopted the Hamilton Grove Nursing Home, donated approximately 100 personal gift items for the home and also donated a number of toys for the residents to give their grandchildren at Christmas. Made monetary donations to several agencies, volunteered services by delivering Meals-on-Wheels and provided lunch and hosted Toys for Tots for the Trenton Community. Also donated blankets to the Area Blanket Ministry.

**Mary Brown Henry WMS-Bethel A.M.E. Church, Beverly**
- Provided assistance to those in need of food and clothing throughout the year; distributed Mother’s Day and Father’s Day gift bags to our sick and shut-in; donated quilts to the Area Blanket Ministry; cooked 8 turkeys for the homeless shelter at the Christian Caring Center.

**Mary Farrell WMS-Trinity, Cinnaminson**
- They have started a food pantry and bread basket ministry that is distributed to families throughout the Cinnaminson community on a weekly basis.

We wish to thank our Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Robert C. Wade and our Consultant, Sister Prudence H. Wade, the Pastors of the Trenton Area, Local Presidents and the Missionaries of the Trenton Area for the support given to our efforts during this past year. We look forward to a bigger and better year in 2014-2015 in which we hope to grow our ‘blanket ministry’ to local dialysis and chemo centers located in Burlington and Mercer County.

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In the Spirit of Missions,

**Linda D. Burroughs**

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Area Chairperson