## AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PITTSBURGH WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Theme: Impacting The World, Changing Lives: A Call To Serve

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT September 16, 2019

TO: Bishop Frank M. Reid, III, Presiding Prelate Third Episcopal District

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart: and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6

It is with a humble spirit and grateful heart that I share this Quadrennial Report of our work and mission outreach for the Pittsburgh West Virginia Conference Women's Missionary Society. I'm so blessed to have this opportunity to do ministry with the sisters of this conference reaching beyond our church walls into the communities, cities and across the world making an IMPACT and CHANGING LIVES. I'm extremely thankful for the support, guidance and caring spirit of our Episcopal Leadership, Presiding Elders, Clergy and missionaries. To the wonderful, loving and talented sisters of the conference; I thank you for all of your prayers, your work, your support and the gift of your love and resources to support our conference and serve God.

In partnership with J.C. Penney, during the end of 2015 through 2016, we donated 673 pairs of shoes to various agencies and schools that helped families, donated over 835 school supplies and 75 back packs filled with snacks were provided to after school programs, over 950 hair care and personal hygiene items were donated to the Wilberforce Student Store, 325 baby diapers were donated to the Catholic Charities in Erie PA, partnered with agencies to provide 20 large laundry baskets filled with kitchen utensils/supplies, household cleaning supplies and bath towels/washcloths for Youth who aged out of foster care and qualify for independent living. We rallied to collect personal care products for 40 persons who were shelter residents in Scranton PA. We provided over 235 Blessing Bags to Manna Meals in Charleston West Virginia.

The Young Adult Missionaries presented a Fresh Fire Worship service and an overnight retreat with a discussion of the movie "War Room". We celebrated with them the goodness and blessings of God as we sported our Red Shoe Roundup to symbolize we were on fire for Jesus. They pinned a WMS, YPD'er and Life Member to thank them for their support.

During this Quadrennial period we were able to award the Margaret Cauley Sara Chappell Education Book Award to 3 college students who matriculated through and are still active in the YPD. This award provides assistance with their college expenses.

We were blessed with 3 first timers who attended the Connectional Executive Board in Baltimore. They were excited to see the WMS on a larger platform and experience new ideas and activities. We had 3 Local Societies that were re-activated and are giving good service with a commitment to mission outreach and growth in their communities.

We provided a monetary gift to assist in the flooding that the 14 Episcopal District experienced. We gave a monetary gift and 4 boxes of children's clothing to assist with the need in Ghana. Provided over 90 gift cards for the Connectional Missionary on the Move (MOM) outreach.

We continue to meet the needs in our communities through activities such as caregivers, sending cards to our sick and shut-ins, prayer partners and mentoring our Young Adult Missionaries and YPD'ers. We continued our support for the march to "Stop Gun Violence" and we supported the wear orange Sunday for "Moms Demand Action" against violence. We were active in "Get Out The Vote" campaign and training workshops.

We were thankful for an opportunity to share in the work of hosting the 19th Quadrennial WMS and YPD Convention in Columbus Ohio through committees, meetings and ground work. There was work for each and everyone from the Terrific Third District and we rose to the occasion with our Leadership Team. We thank Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III who preached a soul stirring sermon and then we shared in the Communion to wash us anew to continue the journey of mission work. We thank our District Leadership Team, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Clergy, Laity and Missionaries for their work and support. We stood as one when our District report called to remembrance our stewardship, outreach and our commitment to serve beyond the walls to Change Lives and Impact the World. To God Be The Glory!

## **Isaiah 58:10**

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness.

It is with great anticipation and joy that we look to our God for his sustaining power and guidance to bless us as we continue the work we have been called to do. Going forth, I pray we will anchor ourselves and our work under the Connectional Theme: God's Commission, Our Mission, Our Calling - Matthew 28: 18-20.

Humbly Submitted,

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## MY STEWARDSHIP September 2018 - August 2019

THE OCCASION	PLACE
Pittsburgh West Virginia Conference YPD Meeting	WV State University, Charleston WV
Pittsburgh West Virginia Conference WMS Meeting	St. Paul AME, Charleston WV
Speaker Sarah Tanner WMS	Brown Chapel AME, Pittsburgh PA
Reflections Fall Rally	New Life AME, Pittsburgh PA
PWVC WMS Executive Board Meeting	St. James AME, Pittsburgh PA
Presenter Church Women United - Pittsburgh Unit	Bethel AME, Pittsburgh PA
Attended City Wide Unity Prayer (Mass Shooting)	Bethel AME, Pittsburgh PA
Third District WMS E-Board Meeting	Renaissance Hotel, Columbus OH
Third District YPD Prayer Breakfast	Renaissance Hotel, Columbus
Allegheny Scranton Planning Meeting	Greater Morris Chapel AME, Farrell PA
Attended President Coleman's YPD Training Workshop	Ebenezer AME, Aliquippa, PA
Reflections Martin Luther King Celebration	St. James AME, Pittsburgh PA
Pittsburgh West Virginia WMS Conference Call Meeting	
Attended Home Going Service Senior Bishop McKinley Young	Wilberforce OH
YPD Workshop Presenter	St. James AME, Pittsburgh PA
Allegheny Scranton District PE Founder's Day Service	St. Mark AME, Pittsburgh PA
Pittsburgh District PE Founder's Day Service	Bethel AME, Pittsburgh PA
Alma Polk WMS Annual Day Worship	Payne Chapel AME, Duquesne PA
Allegheny Scranton Church School Convention	Kennywood Park
Pittsburgh West Virginia WMS Conference Call Meeting	
Harriet B. Wright WMS Annual Celebration	Greater Morris Chapel, Farrell PA
District WMS Quad Committee Meetings	Columbus OH

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YPD & WMS Quadrennial Convention