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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDRENS DIVISION**

***QUADRENNIAL 2015-2019 CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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How can I express my gratitude for the things he has done. First giving honor and praise to GOD who serves as my personal savior. I am grateful for the opportunity to give my fourth report as president of the "Proud & Wonderful" Pittsburgh-West Virginia Conference YPD. These past four years have been the best four years in my life as I worked to establish a space for young people in the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Conference branch of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. There were wonderful highlights each year I served.

2015-2016 At the time our conferences were separate. I was elected and installed as the Pittsburgh Conference YPD President. During my first year in office, I started my work of unifying the body. I always believe if we want the body to work as one then the head needs to work as one. I established a group text for the Conference officers and local presidents. This was a way we could all stay connected. Information would be shared on a level in which the youth could access it. Second I worked to reach out to our local YPDers. Traveling to different local churches and fellowshipped with them.

2016-2017 At the 50th Session of the General Conference 2016 it was decided that the Pittsburgh Conference and West Virginia Conference be combined to create the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Conference. That year both conferences met together at the annual meeting. By everyone placing their gifts together we were able to have an enlightening and powerful annual meeting. Starting off with praise and worship with Worship Director, organist, pianist and two drummers. I was able to witness with my own eyes the unity among the young people from both areas of Western Pennsylvania and the state of West Virginia. There have been many friendships formed and a spirit of love that helps us draw closer to the great commission of God the father. These friendships helped to get more young people active in doing the work of God the father. Our Annual Meeting 2017 was held at Greater St. Paul AME Church-Morgantown, West Virginia. We reached one of our highest attendance of 100+. At that meeting the young people participated in raising cleaning products for students at Wilberforce University. That year I was able to design our current conference logo and revamp our facebook page.

2017-2018 Growth and Development year. 2017-2018 was a growth and development year. I was proud to see us reactivate a couple of YPD divisions. The beginning of 2018 I traveled to St. John-Wayman AME Church- Bridgewater, PA for a training. I was proud to announce the re-activation of their YPD. Also during that year a few members of the Conference YPD and I traveled to Port-Au-Price Haiti for the Episcopal District YPD Mission Trip. We worked hard to plant trees for the citizens. We also fellowshiped with their young people. Our Annual Meeting that year was held at West Virginia State University. This was a very historic site to have our meeting because West Virginia State is where black historian Katherine Johnson attended. We had the great opportunity as young people in the conference to take a picture with her statue on the campus. Our mission project was entitled Bags of Love in which we raised toiletries for a local Men's shelter.

2018-2019 Quadrennial-Quadrennial-Quadrennial. The biggest meeting of the Connectional WMS and YPD was approaching us. All hands were on deck because our Episcopal District was hosting. It was such a joy to see during this conference year the excitement in the eyes of our young people for this convention that most of them never attend before. The YPDers were active in every inch of the Quadrennial Convention. Bianca Morris (St. James A.M.E. Church- Pittsburgh, PA) was active on the Connectional YPD Nominating Committee. Johniece Sylvia (St. Paul AME Church- Charleston, WV) was a soloist at the opening service to the song "*I Am What God Says I Am*". Later during the week Cameron Rainey (Bethel AME Church- Pittsburgh, PA) & Lemiah Cross (St. James AME Church-Pittsburgh, PA) participated in the Social Justice panel discussion.

It is with a sad heart to share that this is my last report as president of the "Proud & Wonderful" Pittsburgh-West Virginia Conference YPD. These past for years have been so rewarding to work with such talented young people. We definitely have a bright future ahead of us. I pray that I was able to be an asset to this awesome group of YPDers the past four years. To my Young People, I'm not saying goodbye, but I am saying see you later. I will always be around for you. I love you all from the bottom of my heart. May God continue to bless the next generation of YPDers

Humbly Submitted,

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