



To: The Right Reverend Darryl B. Starnes, Presiding Bishop; Mrs. Camille Starnes, Missionary Supervisor, Presiding Elders, Ministers, General Officers, Connectional Officers (Past & Present), Conference Officers, District Officers, and Members of the One Hundred Thirty-Third Session of the Grand Ole Western North Carolina Conference 2023.

We thank and praise God for His goodness, faithfulness, His Grace and His Mercy. To God be the Glory for everything He has done for us. He brought us through another Conference Year 2022-2023.

Following the 132ND Session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference our WHOMS Executive Board met to welcome our officers back to begin a new year. We began with an in-person “Day Aside” after two years of being on Zoom. On August 13, 2022, we met at Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, Rev. Dr. Derrick Anderson, Host Pastor and Dr. Yvonne Tracey, Host Local President. Our Spiritual Life Committee led the devotions with Rev. Andrea Polk, Worship Leader, Scripture – John 3:16-17 and Prayer by Rev. Polk. Rev. Dianne Williams gave the meditation with the topic **“What’s Love Got to Do With It”?** Following devotions, our Plenary Session included Dr. Yvonne Tracey, Mission Education Director who spoke on “Agape Love”; Ms. Karlease Smalls – District Sacred Health Ministries Coordinator, shared Health Moments with the topic focusing on **“Hydration”**. Each Department had an opportunity to meet with their local missionaries to share plans for the year. Our District WHOMS calendar was also shared with the body.

We also shared very vital information pertaining to our upcoming 30TH Quadrennial Convention: Registration, Hotel Reservations, and the procedures for each as shared from Rosetta Dunham.

FIRST MASS MEETING & SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

On September 10, 2022 we held our First Mass Meeting at Soldiers Memorial. Rev. Dianne Williams served as our Worship Leader; Mrs. Paula Waiters read the Scripture from John 21:15-17. Rev. Andrea Polk gave the opening prayer. The opening hymn was “O How I Love Jesus”. Rev. Carla Harrison, Pastor of Third Creek presented our speaker, Rev. Valerie Carter, Associate Minister at Third Creek. Rev. Carter spoke on the topic **“Who Do You Love”**, from John 21:15-17, and referenced several other scriptures related to ‘love’. During this time, the BUDS of Promise also held its Promotional Ceremony, with Mrs. Judy Jordan, BUDS Superintendent and Mrs. Charlene Smalls, Youth Secretary. Three BUDS were promoted to the Youth Department. Mrs. Jordan gave them a certificate and Bible.

Our Plenary Session was presented by Mission Education Director --Dr. Yvonne Tracey, who presented information on our theme “Agape Love”. She shared the following about AGAPE LOVE:

Agape Love destroys divorce

Agape love destroys religious division

Agape love destroys loneliness

Agape love does what God says

- ⇒ **Agape love cares about others**
- ⇒ **The lonely**
- ⇒ **The lost**
- ⇒ **The hurting**
- ⇒ **The needy**
- ⇒ **The unlovable**

Ms. Karlease Smalls – Sacred Health Ministries Coordinator

Ms. Smalls shared a Health Moment focusing on: **“Chronic Kidney Disease vs Chronic Kidney Failure”** and gave information on the causes and tips to avoid kidney disease from becoming kidney failure.

We held the **election of our Youth delegate to the Quadrennial Convention**. We were blessed to have three young women submit their information for election. We elected the delegate and the alternate delegate is the second person. Since there were three young women who showed an interest, a benefactor reached out to us and indicated that they will cover the expenses for that young lady to attend the Convention if she is interested in attending. Praise Be to God!

During our Service of Commitment, Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder led the **Litany of Commitment**, following the Litany we sang the hymn “Take My Life and Let It Be”, after which we prayed the **“Prayer of Blessing” (in unison), “Be with us now O, God, for we continue to release control to you. Guide our thoughts, words and deeds throughout each day during this conference year we pray.” Amen.**

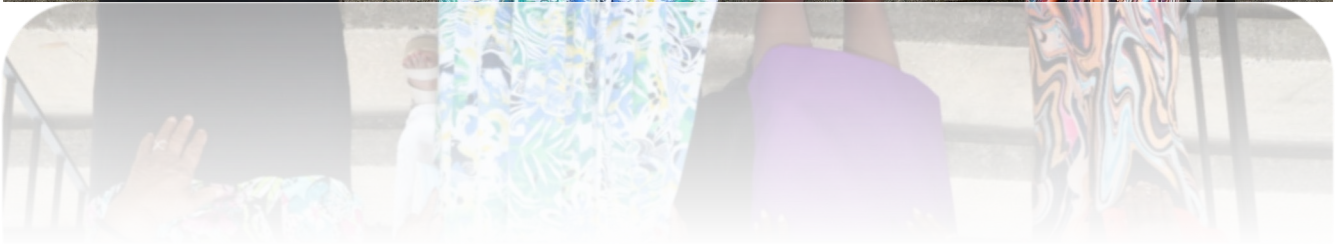
Our Mass Meeting closed with “Lift Him Up” and the Missionary Benediction.

In addition, Sister Charlene Smalls and I were elated to have the opportunity to attend the **HIV/FAITH Ambassadors** orientation program held at Wake Forest University in WinstonSalem on **September 22, 2022**. During this time, we were given an overview of the program and what to expect in sharing this information in our local churches. Other retreat dates were October 20, and January 20, 2023. We looked forward to attending those and learning what was needed in the fight against HIV/AIDS through the faith community.

Church Women United – Chi Chi Ray-Leazer, District Rep.

The Salisbury-Rowan Unit of Church Women United held its Human Rights Celebration on August 12, 2022 at Milford Hills United Methodist Church. Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. We are currently planning for the Regional I Meeting.

Church Women United Salisbury-Rowan Unit Officers



DAY ASIDE – August 13, 2022 Soldiers Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church



Following our First Check-Up meeting on September 24th at Gethsemane AME Zion Church in Charlotte, the local churches, missionaries, pastors and members continue to support the cause of missions through their outreach and in-reach to the communities in which they serve.

- During the month of October, local churches observed and celebrated Anna L. Anderson Day; churches continue to submit their Life Members' dues and are submitting orders for stoles. We are excited about the support we are receiving for the "Hearts for Overseas Missions". Mrs. Jean Kennedy has traveled to several churches to participate in the Life Members Day Stoling Ceremony. She distributed stoles, plaques and Hearts for Overseas Missions at the Second Mass Meeting on November 12.
- On October 15, 2022 we attended the Piedmont WHOMS "Mock Convention" at the Camp in Black Mountain, which was very informative
- Local churches supported Global Missions through their offerings submitted to the Piedmont Episcopal Office for a total of \$ 2211.00.
- Serve as First VP for Salisbury District Lay Council. Supported and participated in the Celebration of Bishop James Varick Memorial Day on the First Sunday in October. The focus of the program was on preserving our local church history. A representative from the local churches gave a brief history of their church
- Attended Connectional Lay Council Evangelistic Retreat held in Norfolk, VA, October 6-9, 2022. Served as Chair of the Luncheon Committee
- Attended Piedmont Leadership Training Institute held in Greensboro on September 27-29 in Greensboro, NC. .
- Attended Assembly meetings of the Salisbury-Rowan CWU, served as Chairman of the Fifty-Fifth CWU Anniversary. Our National President served as the guest speaker from New York. Our Mayor for the City of Salisbury, Mayor Karen Alexander, Mayor Barbara Mallett, Mayor of East Spencer, NC, and others from the community participated on the program and brought greetings. We also had our First induction into the CWU Hall of Fame. Persons recognized were the Late Mrs. Eliza Miller, a former President of CWU, First Black President and member of Soldiers Memorial, inducted into the CWU Hall of Fame, Mrs. Virginia Shuford, former President (Member of White Rock) and the late Rev. Robert "Bob" Freeman, former Presbyterian Minister, who was supportive of CWU for a number of years.
- Served as Chairman of the CWU World Community Day Celebration held on the First Friday in November at Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church. Theme "A Call to Pray".
- Attended virtual Salisbury District Lay Council meetings;
- Serve on the Salisbury Community Development Corporation, Inc., Board of Directors. Attend monthly meetings.
- Second Mass Meeting & YAMS Founders' Day Celebration was held at Marable Memorial AME Zion Church, Rev. Tamica Robinson, Host Pastor. (see report from Ms. Jacqueline Anthony, District YAMS Coordinator). Information was shared regarding our upcoming Convention, District Officers met with their departments.

- I Attended the Virtual Healthy Church 2030 Balm in Gilead Conference November 14 – 17, 2022; Several Persons from the District attended.
- Our Outreach during the month of December was the Christmas Advent Outreach – distribution of food boxes held on December 10th at Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church. Approximately 100 families benefited from these boxes.
- We Participated in the HIV/AIDS Awareness Project/Grant with Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Local churches that participate and promote HIV/AIDS awareness in their church community, have an opportunity to receive \$750.00 to help promote AIDS Awareness.
- Our Annual Program “We Rise, We Stand, We Love” – an intergenerational program was planned for December 11, 2022 at Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church.
- On December 3, 2022, we were thankful to be at the Walls-Battle Conference and Retreat Center to share in the Christmas festivities and fellowship. We are thankful to have been able to make a contribution towards the outreach ministries to the Hendersonville District communities.
- December 10, 2022 – We supported the District Annual Lessons and Carols program which was held at Soldiers Memorial. As a part of the outreach this year, the missionaries held their Christmas Advent Outreach with boxes of food to the communities in which our local churches serve. Our local churches were very supportive in this effort.
- December 11, 2022, we held our Annual Missionary Program at Soldiers Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. Dr. Derrick Anderson, Host Pastor. We focused on celebrating our Youth, Young Adults, Children and Adults through an Intergenerational Program – “We Rise, We Stand, We Love” – Isaiah 60:1; Ezra 10:4. The attendance far exceeded our expectations. The program included poems, creative expressions- The Spoken Word was given by Brother Lee Kennedy of Southern City A.M.E. Zion Church, selections and songs of praise, liturgical presentations, and presentation of the “The Creation”. We also honored “Posthumously” – Miss Koneisha Danielle Smalls, who has been truly missed across the District, with a presentation to the Reverend David Smalls, Mrs. Charlene Smalls and Karlease Smalls. The presentation was made by Mrs. Valerie Gaither.
- January 21, 2023 – Our BUDS Department under the leadership of Mrs. Judy Jordan held it’s Marie Clinton luncheon at Ardis Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. A beautiful program with BUDS from the various churches was presented and a delicious lunch was served.
- February 11, 2023 – we held a virtual Third Mass Meeting and Prayer Breakfast. The speaker for the Prayer Breakfast was Dr. Da’Tarvia Parrish, Professor Livingstone College.
- Our CWU representative, Mrs. Chi-Chi Ray-Leazer has been very active in the various celebrations and CWU Annual Meeting and Annual Retreat. The Annual Retreat was held at Milford Hills United Methodist Church on January 14, 2023; Annual Meeting

along with the presentation of the Valiant Woman Award was held on February 5, 2023 at Jerusalem Baptist Church. We attend monthly meetings.

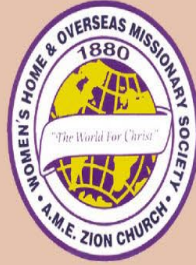
- March 4, 2023 – the CWU Annual Prayer Breakfast was held at Milford Hills United Methodist Church. Ms. Jennifer Kennedy served as Chairman and is a member of Southern City A.M.E. Zion Church. Dr. MJ Simms-Maddox, Ph.D., Renowned Author and Retired Professor from Livingstone College was the guest speaker.
- The District YAMS Department under the leadership of Ms. Jacqueline Anthony continues to meet monthly and are inspired and encouraged in their work in missions. They will have a Shoe Drive in the coming weeks which will serve as a fund-raiser for the District Missionaries. Information on this project is forthcoming.
- Mission Education – under the direction of Dr. Yvonne Tracey has kept us abreast of our Theme “Agape Love” with various presentations at our Mass Meetings.
- Attended the IMLA Virtual Recognition program held in California in February.
- Supported the virtual Church Revitalization Sessions held during the month of March.
- On March 31, 2023, we supported the District Lay Council’s Fortieth Lay Recognition Program via Zoom. At that time, I was inducted into the Lay Council Hall of Fame for Lay Leadership. In addition, Dr. Mary Ponds was also inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- Supported the F.A.C.T. (Families and Communities Together) Blessing of the Children program held at Moore’s Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. The theme was “Black Resistance”.
- Attended and participated in the Quadrennial Luncheon for our Missionary Supervisor held at the Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro, NC
- Supported our District’s Evangelistic Crusade April 3-5, 2023 held at Moore’s Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Eleazer Merriweather, Director of Church Growth and Development;
- Attended the IMLA Legislation Meeting held at Steele Creek AME Zion Church on April 13-14, 2023.
- On April 15, 2023, we attended the second Mock Convention held at Black Mountain, Walls-Battle Retreat Center. Our International President Mrs. Sandra Crowder and Dr. Francis Jackson (Parliamentarian) were our speakers.
- On April 29, 2023 we held our Fourth Mass Meeting for the Conference Year with our Youth Department in charge of the program. “It’s a Love Thing”.
- On April 24-28, 2023 we held a Four-Day Popcorn Fundraiser as an effort to raise funds for our upcoming General Convention.
- On May 5, 2023, Church Women United held its annual May Friendship Day program at Trinity Presbyterian Church. I served as the Chairman for this committee. Attendance exceeded our expectations.
- On May 5, 2023, our 132ND District Conference began and was held at Sills Creek AME Zion Church. The District WHOMS had its Annual Convocation with Dr. Tajuan Kyles as the speaker. District Officers shared briefly about their work during the year. We recognized our deceased members with the reading of our Necrology 2022-2023 and lit a candle for each of the churches that loss loved ones during the year.

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Pictorial Highlights

SALISBURY

Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith
District President



DISTRICT

Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr.
Presiding Elder

Focus:



SECOND MASS MEETING & Y.A.M.S. FOUNDERS DAY

return to **12 November 2022**
IN-PERSON @ 10:00 a.m.

@Marable Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church



Y.A.M.S. Speaker



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Second Mass Meeting & Color Day



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CELEBRATES 55 YEARS



Left to Right: Cathering Rivens, SR-CWU, Dorothy Funderburke, Regional Coordinator, Myra Washington, National Pres.-Speaker,



Mayor Karen Alexander - Presented CWU Resolution

Hall of Fame Inductees Presentations by Betty Jo Hardy



Family of the Late Mrs. Eliza Miller Rev. Shuford, Son of the late Mrs. Virginia Shuford



The Family of the late Rev. Bob Freeman



Dr. Grant Harrison & Rev. Carla Harrison support World Community Day Program



Prayer warriors

**World Community Day Celebration
And Key Woman Awards – November 2022
Theme: “A Call to Pray”**



Key Woman Recipient: Mrs. Dora Correll (absent)
Ms. Mary Marlin accepting award



Key Woman Recipient: Mrs. Jean Kennedy (absent)
Jennifer Kennedy accepting award for her mother.



Ms. Rosalind Lindsay recipient, Catherine Rivens, Pres.(left)
Mrs. Chi Chi Ray-Leazer, Chr. Key Woman Committee (right)

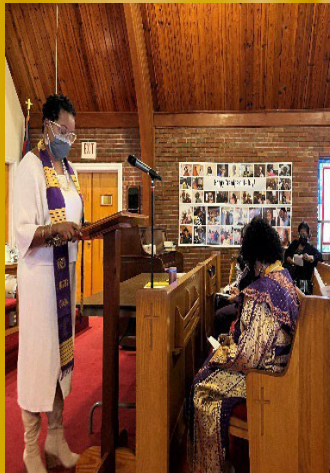
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**YAMS
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*Founders Day
Speaker, Karlese
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Annual Program



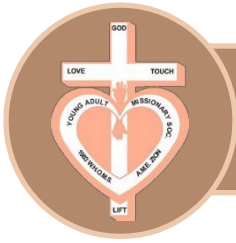


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SALISBURY DISTRICT
YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARY SOCIETY
JACQUELINE L. ANTHONY, DISTRICT YAMS COORDINATOR

2019-2023 Quadrennial Theme

*“The Great Commission - #MissionsMatter Globally committed to: Social Justice, Environmental Stewardship, Transformative Service, and **Agape Love**.”*

To Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Prelate; Sister Camille C. Starnes, Missionary Supervisor; Dr. Joy L. Kennedy, WH&OMS Connectional Coordinator of Y.A.M.S.; Reverend Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder, and First Lady, Reverend Carla Harrison of the Salisbury District; Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, Salisbury District Missionary President and the Executive Board; General Officers (past and present), Connectional Officers (past and present); Conference and District Officers; Clergy; Delegates; Lay Associates; Visitors and Friends of the Sensational Salisbury District; and members of the Wonderful Western North Carolina Conference, I bring you greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

In this my seventh report as a servant leader in the Sensational Salisbury District Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society, it is always a pleasure for me to enjoy any opportunity to serve in God’s vineyard especially for the Young Adult Missionary Society (Y.A.M.S.). Although the global pandemic from COVID-19 has lessened somewhat, the entire District made adjustments, and the Y.A.M.S. Local Coordinators remained undeterred by working their plans utilizing a hybrid platform (virtually and in-person) for the 2022-2023 Conference Year.

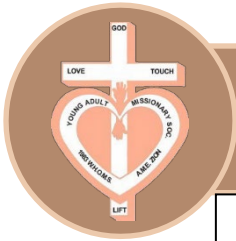
By Zoom and/or other video conferencing platforms, we continued with monthly meetings (*beginning with prayer and Mission Study lessons that focused on Agape Love, followed by business sessions*). Additionally, I attended Executive Board meetings, Fifth Sunday Fellowship Services, all Mass Meetings and Check-Up Meetings, District Evangelistic Crusade, and Lay Council District and Western NC Conference meetings and academies. Of particular note, the District Y.A.M.S. attended and/or successfully participated in or implemented the following:

- 1) Y.A.M.S. Observance of Founders’ Day with Karlease Smalls (Zion Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church) as the Messenger (“*Agape Love*”);
- 2) Christmas Advent Outreach;
- 3) The Balm in Gilead, 9th Annual Healthy Churches 2030 Conference;
- 4) WH&OMS Annual Program, Intergenerational Program “We Rise Together with Love”;
- 5) WH&OMS December Project (*Joined the Parent Body’s Christmas Advent Outreach*);
- 6) Mountaintop Christmas Party and Piedmont Joint Check-Up Meeting;
- 7) Y.A.M.S. AIDS Project to support community-based women’s nonprofit in NOLA;
- 8) attended Gladys Felton Funeral Service in WDC;
- 9) Y.A.M.S. Annual Retreat with our WH&OMS International President, Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder, the speaker and an Agape Love Table Talk Discussion facilitated by Ms. Karlease Smalls (*a WH&OMS 30th Quadrennial candidate for the Connectional Coordinator of Y.A.M.S.; and tje*
- 10) Quadrennial Luncheon, Missionary Supervisor C. C. Starnes.

The Salisbury District Y.A.M.S. ended the 2022-2023 Conference Year inspired to engage in ministry to help those in need for the next conference year. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve with the Y.A.M.S. in His vineyard. With the support of my Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr.; the awesome leadership of my Missionary President, Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, the sisterly love of our Executive Board, and the cooperative Local Y.A.M.S. Coordinators who make things happen, I remain faithful and inspired to lead wherever God directs my path. With your continued support and assistance, the Salisbury District Y.A.M.S. remain steadfast on their journey to do God’s will.

*In His Service for Missions, **Jacqueline L. Anthony**, Salisbury District Y.A.M.S. Coordinator*





SALISBURY DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARY SOCIETY JACQUELINE L. ANTHONY, DISTRICT YAMS COORDINATOR

*YAMS Attended Virtual and
In-Person Activities*



SALISBURY DISTRICT W.H.O.M.S.
ANNUAL PROGRAM
"WE RISE" TOGETHER
WITH LOVE"

FAITH COURAGE STRENGTH HUMILITY
RESPECT
COMMITMENT INSPIRED GOD'S LOVE VICTORY
PEACE ENCOURAGED

"WE FALL, BUT WE GET UP"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 - 3:00 PM
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
305 N. CHURCH STREET
SALISBURY, NC
REVEREND DR. BERRICK ANDERSON, HOST, PASTOR
REVEREND DR. GRANT HARRISON, JR.,
PRESIDING ELDER
SISTER CAMILLE C. STARNES, MISSIONARY SUPERVISOR
BISHOP DARRYL B. STARNES
PRESIDING PRELATE - PIEDMONT EPISCOPAL DISTRICT



SALISBURY DISTRICT
Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith
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Presiding Elder

Focus: agape

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WOMEN'S HOME & OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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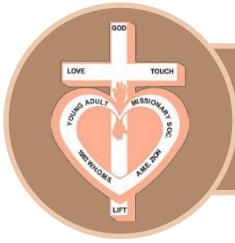
Y.A.M.S.
Virtual Retreat
#MISSIONSMATTER:
GLOBALLY COMMITTED TO AGAPE LOVE

SATURDAY
APRIL 8, 2023
@ 10:00 A.M.

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WITH
MRS. SANDRA B. CROWDER
WH&OMS
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

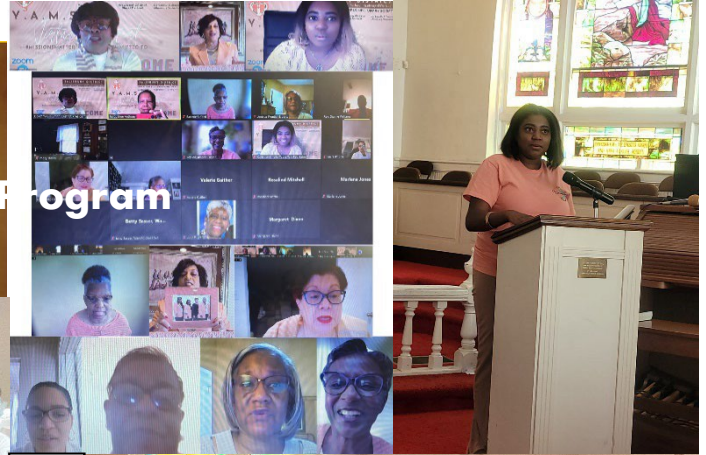




Annual Program

SALISBURY DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARY SOCIETY JACQUELINE L. ANTHONY, DISTRICT YAMS COORDINATOR

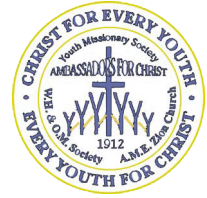
WOMEN'S HOME & OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY
QUADRENNIAL THEME
#MISSIONARYMATTERS
Annual Program
YEAR-4: Agape Love
"Extend the Great Commission toward agape love."



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Salisbury District Youth Missionary Society
Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society
Piedmont Episcopal District
Annual Report - Conference Year 2022-2023
Charlene Smalls, District Youth Secretary



To: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Prelate; Mrs. Camille Starnes, Missionary Supervisor, Ms. Melva Polk-Wright, Connectional Secretary of Youth, Conference Officers, Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, District Missionary President, Local Youth Secretaries, District Officers, Clergy, Delegates and Members of the Western North Carolina Conference

I humbly submit the following report as District Y Secretary.

I met with the Local Y Secretaries in person at the District's Day Aside on August 13, 2022 to set goals and plan activities for the youth this year. We do realize the challenge of getting our Youth back involved in church activities. Participating in the Connectional Final Project, the District donated 50 tee shirts for Teens to Rowan Helping Ministries. I received 2 BUDS during promotion service into the Youth Missionary Society at the First Missionary Mass meeting. We also elected the Youth Delegate for the 30th Quadrennial Convention that will be held July 22-28, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the First Mass meeting on September 10, 2022. Our Youth Delegate is Ms. Christan McRae and the Alternate Youth Delegate is Ms. Miracle Shavers. I did attend Mrs. Starnes' mock conventions held on October 15, 2022 and April 15, 2023 at Camp Dorothy Walls Retreat Center in Black Mountain.

I was able to attend most of the Youth Truth meetings that were conducted by Ms. Melva Polk-Wright, our Connectional Youth Secretary. I was in attendance at the virtual Saturday Night Live: The Remix for the Victory Weekend celebration focusing on "It's A LOVE Thing" on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Our churches did observe Victoria Richardson Day.

The Youth took part in the Fourth Missionary Mass Meeting on April 29, 2023. The presentation this year was about having self love. A person must love them self before trying to display love to others.

I am grateful to the Local Y Secretaries for the support they give the Youth as well as the assistance given to me. The Society prays for continued strength of our Secretary, Mrs. Valerie Gaither, who has experienced health challenges but has not wavered in her responsibilities. We are excited to prepare to attend the 30th Quadrennial Convention.

The Youth Society has assisted other Departments on the District with their efforts. I must say thanks to my Presiding Elder, Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr. and Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, my District Missionary President for their leadership and support of the Youth.

We salute and say farewell to Ms. Jennifer Kennedy, a local secretary, who the Lord called home to be with Him. She served faithfully in the work of missions until her death on March 26, 2023. The District will continue to let her light shine so that everyone will know that she was "An Ambassador for Christ". She will be deeply missed. This report is being submitted in her memory.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Smalls

Salisbury District Youth Secretary

THE SALISBURY DISTRICT BUDS OF PROMISE

Judy R. Jordan, District Superintendent



To: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Prelate; Sister Camille Starnes, Missionary Supervisor; Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District & Rev. Carla Harrison; Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, WHOM District President; District Officers; Clergy; Delegates, members and friends of the 132nd Session of the Salisbury District Conference:

Greetings! I am so thankful for the journey that God has guided me through in this 2022-23 conference year as the Salisbury District Superintendent of the Buds of Promise. I was not alone on this journey but blessed with co-laborers: the Local Buds of Promise Superintendents, my Super Sisters and my friends. They are: Linda McCombs, Soldiers Memorial; Sara Jordan, Moores Chapel; Tawanda Smith, Southern City; Andrea Black, Marable Memorial; Maggie Propst, Sandy Ridge; Sonya Clyburn, Sills Creek; Valerie Gaither, New Hope; Charlene Smalls, Zion Wesley; Margaret Ellis, Cedar Grove; Stephanie Mitchell, Ardis Chapel; Sherece Culbertson, Liberty; Margaret Lawson, Millers Chapel; and Linda Cowan-Jackson, Providence.

Our year began on Saturday, August 13, 2022 for the annual **District Day Aside**, at Soldiers Memorial Church where each department set goals for the new year. This meeting, led by our super sister, Linda McCombs, began with an overview of highlights from our last year in order to celebrate our accomplishments and set the tone for setting new goals.

Buds of Promise Promotion Service: On Saturday, September 10th, we gathered together with members of the sensational Salisbury District for our first Missionary Mass meeting and Service of Commitment service, at Soldiers Memorial Church. This meeting, as in previous years, also included the Buds of Promise Promotion service. Senior Buds are always excited to know that they are “moving on up” to the Youth Department, as were Knowledge Lawson, Millers Chapel, Margaret Lawson, Superintendent; and Sedrick Wallace, Southern City, Tawanda Smith, Superintendent. Their fellow Buds and new Youth friends were present to read the Promotion Litany. They were received with much delight by Charlene Smalls, Youth Secretary. I had the privilege of presenting them with framed Certificates of Achievement acknowledging the completion of their Bud journey. They also received a bible as a gift of love from Ms. Judy.

MY BUDDY Subscriptions: A reminder was given to renew *My Buddy* subscriptions and to remind others who have purchased subscriptions. Also, to continue to encourage parents and others to subscribe to *My Buddy* for their children or any child, with emphasis placed on the fact that *My Buddy* is not only for children but filled with articles written by Buds. The request was to make every effort to get at least 2 new subscriptions. **MY BUDDY submissions** also continued as a goal.

Buds of Promise participation in the Parent Body Annual Project “And Still I Rise” an awesome program! Bud participants included Kennedi Cornelius, Sills Creek; God’s Little Angels: Rylee Jones, Zuri Jones, Ava Jones, Kennedy Cade, Zoe Coletraine, ZaNiah Ellis, and Catriona Hovis, Cedar Grove; Selena Royce and Cohen Heilig, New Hope; JaNyla Sade McCullough, Ardis Chapel; Brilliant TaDarius Miller, South Iredell; Gerrianna Propst, Sandy Ridge; Joy Shavers and C J Shavers, Soldiers Memorial; also, the Welcome by Judy Jordan.

Marie Clinton Anniversary Tea Party: My Super Sisters and I, along with our beautiful and talented Buds welcomed more than 75 guests to our “*Feel the Love*” Tea Party, hosted by our sister, Stephanie Mitchell and her Pastor, Rev. Martha Green at the Ardis Chapel Church fellowship hall. It was our first live Tea Party; however, we had invited just as many guests to celebrate Marie Clinton Day with us at a Stay-At-Home Tea in 2020, 2021,

and 2022. This year, we continued with our tradition of entertaining our guests, along with a delicious full-course meal, without their need to purchase a ticket. We have always shared our love and taught our Buds to do the same. We only asked that our guests find ways to share their love with others. Romans 12:10 ICV was quoted as saying: *Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give your brothers and sisters more honor than you want for yourselves.* Our message was - love can change the world. This love was shown in the program that showcased the amazing Bud talent. Their participation included praying the invocation, extending the welcome, singing solos, reciting/reading poems and even an art portfolio exhibit presentation. Door prizes were also given. We were thankful for the presence of our district pastors, church and family members, and friends, who came in support of their Buds. Remarks were given by our District WHOM president Dorothy Gill-Smith, and our Presiding Elder, Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr. They both challenged the Buds to always let their lights shine and to continue to use the talents that God has given them. We were happy and honored that our guests could *Feel the Love.*

We were faced with some challenges of not being able to proceed in a full-forward motion this conference year as I had hoped because of the lingering question of should we or should due to the aftermath of Covid and the present issues of the economy. However, my love, thanks, and gratitude is extended to each of my Super Sisters for their support in our efforts as we worked together as a district and strived to be reverent to God, useful to man, and doing God's will, which strengthened our faith through prayer; and also guided us individually to make sure that our Buds were *Blooming All For Jesus.* Personally, I have attended all mass meetings, and various local and district meetings/activities in person and/or virtual, including conference check-up meetings, and leadership trainings. I attended the Testimonial Luncheon for our Missionary Supervisor, Sister Camille Starnes; what a blessing. To God be the Glory! I was present for the two Piedmont Mock Conventions held in Black Mountain in preparation for the 30th Quadrennial Convention. *Yes! We are going to New Orleans, ready and prepared.*

My love and gratitude are extended to Dorothy Gill-Smith, District Missionary President, and to my missionary sisters on the Executive Board for their love and untiring support; also, to Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder, for his trust and support of my role as Buds of Promise Superintendent for the sensational Salisbury District. Many thanks to Bishop Darryl Starnes and Sister Camille Starnes, Missionary President, for their noble leadership, loving supervision, and most of all their prayers.

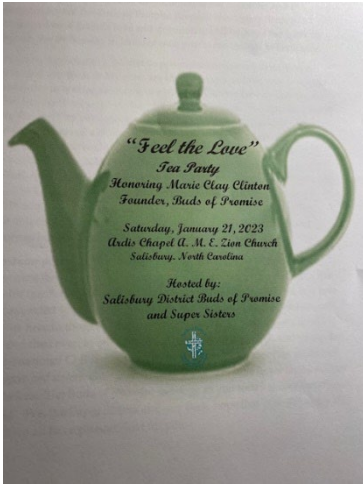
Humbly submitted with love,

Judy R. Jordan

And Still I Rise



Feel the Love



~ ~ ~ 2019 *Salisbury District* 2023 ~ ~ ~
Piedmont Episcopal District
Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society
District Supply Secretary – Mary S. Ponds



~~ Quadrennial Theme ~~
The Great Commission: #Missions Matter
Globally Committed to Social Justice,
Environmental Stewardship, Transformative Service,
and **Agape Love**.

To: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Prelate and Missionary Supervisor, Sister Camille C. Starnes; Mrs. Jo-Ann Monroe, Connectional Secretary, Bureau of Supply; Presiding Elder, Reverend Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Presiding Elder and Reverend Carla C. Harrison, First Lady of the Sensational Salisbury District; Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, Salisbury District Missionary President; Connectional Officer, Ms. Jacqueline Anthony, Director of Communications of the WH&OM Society; Conference and District Officers; Clergy; Delegates; Lay Associates; Visitors and Friends of The Sensational Salisbury District; as well as members of the Magnificent Western North Carolina Conference, Greetings! I greet you with Agape Love in the name of our Gracious Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

When I think of the awesomeness of Jesus and all He has done and allowed me to do, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a servant of His people. It is with much joy, a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that I render an account of the activities of love expressed during the year of The Sensational Salisbury District. The continuous decline and urgency of COVID-19 this year has afforded the District the option to meet virtually as well as face-to-face in an effort to fulfill our mission of service to others.

The conference year began with much excitement and enthusiasm as we assembled face-to-face in an atmosphere of joy, Agape Love, and renewed appreciation of the opportunity to meet in a common space. Day Aside allowed us the opportunity to meet, plan and execute, once again,

projects and activities throughout our individual churches as well as the community and our District. We have accomplished much at this conference year, with a renewed attitude of appreciation by giving to others. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of those who continue to be servants in the vineyard of God. The following is an overview of activities, endeavors, ministries, and projects of the Supply Department.

A. Local and District Projects

- a) Rowan Helping Ministries
- b) Card, telephone/contact ministry (individual churches)
- c) Food baskets and giveaways beyond Thanksgiving and Christmas
- d) Stuff a Purse (homeless women)
- e) School supplies and book bags
- f) Adopt-a-Kid (church and/or community) mentorship
- g) Toiletries and pantry supplies
- h) Adopt a Senior Citizen
- i) Women's Crisis Center (continuous)
- j) Care packages

B. Annual Observances – District and Conference Responsibilities

- a) Florence Randolph Day (Local Churches)
- b) World Hunger Day (Local Churches)
- c) Annual Prayer Breakfast/Go Red (District)
- d) Mass Meetings (Virtual and In-Person)
- e) Day Aside
- f) Conference calls, zoom meetings, email, etc.
- g) District Conference, meetings, celebrations, projects, and activities
- h) Check-up Meetings
- i) Annual Conference, workshops
- j) Walls-Battle Conference and Retreat Center
 - i. Mountaintop Christmas Party
 - ii. Mock Convention (2)
 - iii. Joint Check-Up Meeting
- k) Leadership Training Institute
- l) Fifth Sunday Fellowship
- m) Connectional Supply Department Zoom Meetings, Mrs. JoAnn O. Monroe, Secretary
- n) Quadrennial Conference

As the conference year rapidly comes to an end, I am once again blessed and grateful to serve with the dedicated, committed Ladies of the Supply Department of the Sensational Salisbury District. They continue to be representative in their local church as well as the District and Conference. Thank you!! The year presented some challenges and altered procedures along with

many successes and accomplishments. Our Prayer Breakfast/Go Red Observance continues to be a highlight of great magnitude in that it allows us to share, participate, and celebrate as we spotlight the gifts of someone on the District or Conference as they share with us. This year, Dr. Da'Tarvia Parris, a member of our District and a Livingstone College Professor of History/Political Science, was the guest speaker. She delivered a message not only applicable for the time but the age as well. This virtual gathering also gave us the opportunity to share in memory of one we lost, Ms. Paulette Byers of Sandy Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church – a faithful and very supportive member who will remain in the hearts of Supply Secretaries throughout the District.

The Sensational Salisbury District is truly a blessing to me, and I am honored to be a team member. I am continuously encouraged and supported as I serve as Secretary of Supply in an environment of Agape Love, guidance, leadership, and excellence. Thank you, Salisbury District, – you make me look good!!! Many thanks and accolades to my Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., and his lovely wife, Rev. Carla Harrison; my Missionary President, Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, and Missionary Sisters; my Pastor, Rev. Thomas Lee, and White Rock A.M.E. Zion Church family; Pastors and Clergy of the District; my missionary Roady, Jacqueline “Jackie” Anthony, and the entire membership of our great Sensational Salisbury District.

Coming to the crossroads of another year, we look forward to the beginning of what lies ahead as we anxiously await the opportunities of a new Conference Year. I am ready for the journey God has prepared for me and am blessed and grateful for the privilege to be a willing servant of His people. To God be the glory for the many great things He has, is and continues to do for me each day – “What an Awesome God we serve!!!”

By His Grace,
Mary S. Ponds
Secretary of Supply

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Service

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Western North Carolina Conference

Salisbury District

Annual Report for the Salisbury District

Life Members Council



The 2022-2023 Conference year was a very challenging one for the Salisbury District. Covid really left such a powerful imprint on our district that some of our churches have been unable to recover. The report below is an overview of our actions for this year.

Reports were received from 11 of our 17 churches. Totals include the following: Contributions to the annual Founder's Celebration, Scholarship Funds, Hearts for Overseas Missions, and the yearly dues.

Stoles ordered included those listed below:

Life Members-4

Matrons-4

Honorary Life Members-4

Hearts for Overseas Missions-9

Rev. Carla Harrison-3

Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith-3

Ms. Karlease Smalls-3

Salisbury District Life Members

Chairman-Jean B. Kennedy

**Salisbury District
Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society
Mission Education Annual Report - Conference Year 2022-2023
Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey, Director**



To: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Prelate, Sis. Camille C. Starnes, Missionary Supervisor, Presiding Elder Grant Harrison, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, District President, District Officers, Pastors, Delegates, Members and Friends of the Salisbury District Conference.

*May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus the Lord.
2nd Peter 1:2*

The role of Mission Education this conference year was to promote the cause of missions through educational resources, programs and activities; to provide assistance to District Officers and local societies upon request to promote growth and sustain mission focused endeavors.

**THEME: “The Great Commission – #MissionMatters
Globally Committed to Social Justice,
Environmental Stewardship, Transformative Service, and Agape Love”**

Goals:

1. To enhance support for district and local WH&OMS officers.
2. To support the District President to build and strengthen local WH&OMS programs.
3. To promote use of incremental resources that educate, inspire, and provide technical assistance for mission-minded projects.

Accomplishments:

1. Developed a presentation on the **THEME: “The Great Commission – #MissionMatters Globally Committed to Social Justice, Environmental Stewardship, Transformative Service, and Agape Love”** for the Day Aside.
2. Provided support for district and local WH&OMS officers.
 - a. Effectively communicated assistance for local projects.
 - b. Encouraged and engaged local Education Directors to support the work.
2. The Great Commission-A Global Outreach: **Agape Love**–Interactive use of lessons from the *WH&OMS Study Guide*.
3. Encouraged the purchase of WH&OMS literature, subscriptions for My Buddy and the Missionary Seer.

Provided Mission Education “teaching moments” at all mass meetings to highlight the Quadrennial theme “**Agape Love**” and departmental anniversary observances.

To God be the glory, for the things He has done!

Submitted with love and commitment for the cause of missions,

Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey

April 28, 2023



World Federation
of Methodist and
Uniting Church Women

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

Salisbury District

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society

Annual Report - Conference Year 2021-2022

Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey, Representative

To: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sis. Camille C. Starnes, Missionary Supervisor, Presiding Elder Grant Harrison, Jr., & Rev. Carla Harrison, First Lady of the District, Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, District President, District Officers, Pastors, Delegates, Members and Friends of the Salisbury District Conference.

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The world assembly theme draws on John 15:16 and is a call to spirituality, productivity and sustainability. There will be Workshops, Bible Studies, action plans and Inspirational speakers, so get the dates in your diary and look out for booking opening in May

The planning continues and steering group members are grateful for your prayers as they prepare for this exciting event.

Major Spring Celebrations:

Holy Week Message: God Gave His Son

March – International Women's Day

April – Against Child Abuse

April – Earth Day

Meanwhile please pray about these events that it will bring glory to God.

Dr. Sandra Gadson is the President of the North American Area.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey, District Representative

Salisbury District - Church Women United Report 2022-2023



As the Salisbury District Rowan-County Unit Representative: I have attended Salisbury-Rowan Unit Church Women United (CWU) Assembly conference calls, in person assembly meetings, Zoom meetings and programs.

Salisbury A.M.E. Zion members holding CWU Officer positions 2022-2023 :

- 0President: Catherine Rivens
- 1Treasurer: Tonya Cornelius
- 2Chaplain: Rev. Andrea Polk

Ecumenical Celebrations: Dorothy Gill-Smith

Prayer Breakfast : The Late Jennifer Kennedy (outstanding job in coordinating the program).

May Friendship Day: Dorothy Gill-Smith

World Community Day : Dorothy Gill-Smith

Key-Woman : Chi-Chi Ray-Leazer

Telephone Chair : Penny Nicholson-Knox

Young Church Women United : Tonya Cornelius

A.M.E. Zion churches participating in CWU:

Ardis Chapel	Cedar Grove	Moore's Chapel
New Hope	Sandy Ridge	Southern City Tabernacle
Sills Creek	Soldiers Memorial	
Third Creek	White Rock	

Salisbury A.M.E. Zion members of CWU participated in the following events:

- 3*Participates on the Ecumenical Actions Committee : Donations of gifts and monetary gifts to the Good Shepherd Clinic, Family Crisis Council of Rowan County and Rowan Helping Ministries, Communities Schools and the Terri Hess House Child Advocacy Center.
- 4*Belk Charity Days :May 5-May 7.
*May Friendship Day Celebration May 5, 2023
- 5*Prayer Breakfast Saturday, March 4, 2023
- 6*Salisbury – Rowan Unit of CWU Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5, 2023
- 7*Participates on the CWU Audit Committee January 2023
- 8*Salisbury-Rowan Unit CWU 55th CWU Anniversary Celebration 1967-2022
- 9held September 25, 2022.
- 10*Served as the guest Speaker for Area 1 Meeting : topic: “How Stewardship Applies to Climate and Environmental Justice.”- Chi-Chi Ray-Leazer 10/1/2022.
- 11World Community Day : November 4, 2021.
- 12*Human Rights Celebration: August 19, 2022 : Obtained the speaker : Dr. Mercedes Quesada-Embid
- 13Key Women Award : Awards went to Dora Correll of Ardis Chapel; Rosalind Lindsay of Marable and Barbara A. Mallett of Southern City.
- 14Participates on the Telephone Committee
- 15

A Word of Thanks: To the Elder and the great people of the Sensational Salisbury District, I'm grateful and thankful to you for having given me the opportunity to serve over the past 3 years as your Salisbury District Church Women United Representative. It gives me great joy at this time to allow someone else to represent Salisbury District in Church Women United, taking the lead in this great mission, great purpose and a great team in the upcoming annual conference year.

Respectively Submitted :Chi-Chi Ray-Leazer

Local



Church

Reports



**The 2022-2023 Conference Year Report
The Parent Body/Local Missionary Society**



**Soldiers Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
Salisbury, North Carolina
The Reverend Dr. Derrick R. Anderson, Pastor**

Appointed Departmental Officers:

Local Y.A.M.S. Coordinator	Rev. Margaret R. Anderson
Local Secretary of the Youth Department	Mrs. Carol Waller
Local Superintendent of Buds	Ms. Linda McCombs
Local Chairman of the Life Members Council	Mrs. Sarah Norman
Local Secretary of the Bureau of Supply	Mrs. Edna Gillispie
Church Women United Representative	Ms. Penny Knox
World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women	Rev. Margaret Anderson
National Council of Negro Women	Mrs. Phyllis Mahmud

Elected Officers:

President/Parent Body	Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey
Vice President	Mrs. Edna Gillispie
Recording & Assist. Secretary	Mrs. Carol Waller; & Ms. Robin Richardson
Treasurer	Mrs. Miriam Y. Rush

The Soldiers Missionaries have elected/appointed officers for the 2021-2022 Conference Year.
The Parent body President meets with the pastor for approval of all programs & activities.

Report by Departments

Parent Body

Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey

Sponsored Advent Luminaries to support the Annual WHOMS District Project supported by the six departments.

Local Y.A.M.S. Coordinator

Rev. Margaret R. Anderson

Celebrated YAMS Anniversary in November 2022. It was a ministry well done.

Local Secretary of the Youth Department

Mrs. Carol Waller

Youth Missionary Society celebrated their Anniversary in January.

The Youth Missionary Society participated in the sponsored at the connectional level. Ms. Miracle Shavers was elected alternate delegate to the July 2023 Convention in New Orleans.

Local Superintendent of Buds

Ms. Linda McCombs

The Superintendent, Ms. McCombs, ordered *My Buddy Magazines* for each Bud. The Buds dressed the Sanctuary Christmas tree with Chrismons. The Superintendent supported the FACT project delivering warm coats, stuffed toys and other items to ZHA residents residing in the #50 apartments. The Buds of Promise, Marie L. Clinton Day was celebrated 4th Sunday in January.

Local Chairman of the Life Members Council **Mrs. Sarah Norman**

Life Members celebration was held on the 4th Sunday in Oct. Mrs. Sarah Norman. One Life members was upgraded and three new Life Members were identified. **Collecting dues and promoting "Each one, Reach one"**.

Local Secretary of the Bureau of Supply

Mrs. Edna Gillispie

Supported district requests. Collected cancer & food supplies for district projects.

Necrology Report – Report for Soldiers Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church 2022 – 2023
Mrs. Charlotte McMahan, Mr. Albert Neely, Mr. James Donaldson & Mrs. Allie Gilmore

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Yvonne A. Tracey, Parent Body President April 28, 2023

MISSIONARY REPORT 2023
MOORE'S CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH
PASTOR, REV. ROBERT N. KELLEY, JR.
PARENT BODY PRESIDENT, MS. BETTY SASSER



The following are outreach projects and activities I have participated in during this conference year.

1. Missionary Advent Food Donations (donated 12 boxes)
2. YAMS Founders Day Observance
3. YAMS Monthly Meetings via ZOOM
4. YAMS Retreat-via ZOOM
5. YAMS Outreach Ministry Project Funds2org (Shoe Drive, ongoing)
6. District Fundraiser-Intergenerational Program
7. Parent Body Meetings via ZOOM
8. District Mass Meetings via ZOOM
9. Home Missions Project Fundraiser-Sunday Brunch-(May 21, 2023)
10. Lay Council Hall of Fame Event
11. District Lay Academy
12. District Prayer Breakfast
13. Outreach Ministry in support of the Check-up Meeting (Aids Project donation)
14. Church has paid all Assessments for this Conference Year
15. Lessons and Carols-Made assorted desserts to fill 100 individual boxes
16. Global Missions Sunday

BUDS of Promise Superintendent- Mrs. Sarah Jordan: Senior Luncheon

SUPPLY Dept-Ms. Marsha Pruitt-No report

YOUTH SECRETARY-No report

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Sasser

Betty Sasser

Parent Body President

April 28, 2023

Sills Creek A.M.E. Zion Church

Rev. Raymondo Brady, Pastor



We thank God for another blessed year of mission work. The department organized in August. We had several meetings. We had one fundraiser. We have supported functions on the District and have paid our asking district & conference. We have continued our food pantry blessing those indeed of food. We blessed some individuals at Rowan Helping ministry with suitcases filled with a blanket, pillow & personal hygiene items. We thank God for Little Miss Kennedy Cornelius for representing us for the District Project. To God be the Glory for all the great things he continues to do through his servants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernestine Cornelius, President

**Third Creek A.M.E. Zion Church
Annual Missionary Report**



To our Presiding Elder, Rev., Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., our 1st Lady of the Salisbury District, Rev. Carla Harrison, Mrs. Dorothy Gill Smith, our Missionary President for the Salisbury District, and members of the 132nd Salisbury District Conference of the AME Zion Church.

The Missionaries of Third Creek AME Zion Church meet on the 1st Mondays of the month by telephone conference. We started our conference year with Mission Sunday Speaker, Rev. Andrea C.E. Polk as our speaker.

During the winter months we collected can goods for Rowan Helping Ministries and we donated over 275 lbs of food. During the Christmas Holiday we collected “Throw’s” and gave them to the patients of the Laurel’s. We also held our annual fundraiser during the Cleveland Christmas Parade.

We won the Phenomenal Woman’s Contest with our contestant Ms. Lisa Roach.

Deaths in our church this year were Mr. Bernon Terry Rivers and Mr. Arthur William Hunt.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sandra H. Hunt**

**South Iredell A. M. E. Zion Church
201 Winford Road
Troutman, North Carolina 28166**



Reverend Bobbie R. Samuels, Pastor

704-528-5222

Missionary Annual Report

Conference Year 2022-2023

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Gill-Smith, District President, Pastors, Delegates and Missionaries.

The Missionaries of South Iredell A. M. E. Zion Church give the following report for the Conference year 2022-2023:

- **Participated in Missionary Mass meetings via Zoom (Missionary Day Aside, YAMS Founder Day, Annual Prayer Breakfast)**
- **Global Mission Sunday**
- **YAM'S Founder's Day service**
- **Missionary Annual Program – Category C Winner Brilliant Miller represented South Iredell**
- **Christmas Advent Outreach**
- **Reported Annual dues for Life Members**
- **All assessment have been paid**
- **Continue to be an outreach to the community to help those in need: monetary and food donations.**

Necrology:

William Miller

Julia Allison

Alberta Allison

Missionary President – South Iredell A. M. E. Zion Church

Kassandra Westmoreland

Southern City Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

940 South Long Street
Post Office Box 547
East Spencer, North Carolina 28039

April 27, 2023



Annual Report of the W.H&O.M Society for Southern City Tabernacle
AME Zion Church East Spencer, North Carolina.

Greetings to the Reverend Dr. Grant Harrison Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, Missionary Supervisor of the Salisbury District Officers, Pastors, and Lay Members, I, Marva McCain, wish to submit my report for the 2022-2023 conference year.

- Attended Missionary Mass Meetings.
- Donated Monetary Gift to Mississippi water drive.
- Contributed to the Christmas Advent Outreach Project.

● Ms. Nicole Walker French & Jasmine French represented the church during the annual program WE Rise Together with Love.

- Observed Global Missions Sunday. The speaker was Rev. Alberta McLaughlin.
- Young Adult Missionary observed Victoria Richardson Day the speaker was Karlease Smalls.
- Buds of Promise observed Marie Clinton Day with a tea luncheon.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

- Attended conference meetings via zoom.
- Sent sympathy cards to members.
- Visited homes of the sick and shut-in as well as members who loss loved ones.
- Took food to seniors and disabled in the community.

LIFE MEMBERS

- Stole two members during the conference year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marva McCain, President

New Hope A.M.E. Zion Church

Missionary Report for conference year 2022 -2023



- September 2022
- HIV & Faith Ambassadors
- Global Mission Sunday
- Back to School Supplies
- October 2022
- Life Members
- November 2022
- Women's Day
- December 2022
- Christmas Advent Lessons and Carols
- Donated boxes for Christmas to needy families

Submitted by,
Vivian Norman

Sandy Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church Missionary Parent Body

2022-2023 Summary Report



Quadrennial Theme: “The Great Commission: #Mission Matter Globally Committed to Social Justice, Environment Stewardship Transformative Service and Agape Love”

As President of the Missionary Parent Body of Sandy Ridge A.M.E.Z Church, I will say this year is still challenging in many ways. Covid is still very present although the mask mandate has been lifted in many areas. We still respect the CDC, following their guidelines, and staying safe. We are reaching out to our members via phone, mail, email, and occasionally knocking on doors. This conference year theme, “Agape Love” is exactly what we need to express and show more of because of our cruel world. We pray and continue to ask for prayer for our pastor.

The following is a recap summary of the individual departments that are a part of the WH&OMS Missionary Parent Body:

Buds of Promise (Mrs. Maggie Propst)

- Our Buds were few this year, while Mrs. Propst is still assisting her mother as caretaker. Please continue to lift her family up with prayer.
- Ms. Gerrianna Propst along with her mother, Maggie Propst represented our church in the Intergenerational Annual Program: We Rise, We Stand, We Love
- Participated in Buds Tea held at Ardis Chapel AME Zion Church

Youth (Ms. Vanessa Harris):

- Provided meals for the sick & shut-in
- Cooked & served food to Rowan Helping Ministries
- Donated can goods to Rowan Helping Ministries
- Bought & donated school supplies for CIS
- Donated Bible puzzle books for a local rehabilitation center
- Prepared & delivered “June’s Joyful Jars of Love” for people experiencing health challenges.
- Salisbury District Outreach Project: Advent for the needy
- Participated in Salisbury District “Lesson & Carols”
- Prepared and delivered “Wellness Kits” for hospitalized & cancer patients
- Initiated a new fundraiser entitled Egg-cel-lent Easter Donation
- Hosted annual “Palm Sunday Bake Sale”

YAMS (Ms. Aftin Murdock):

- Held monthly meetings
- Paid assessments
- Participated in Yams retreat in April

Supply Department (Ms. Paulette Byers):

- This conference year has been very challenging for our supply department. Ms. Paulette Byers was very ill for the last couple of years but continued to prepare and do her best to support our organization. This conference year Ms. Paulette Byers went to be with our Lord and Savior. She will be missed.



Parent Body (Mrs. Dan Ellerbe):

- Observed Women's' Day
- Observed Mission Sunday, with Mrs. Judy Jordan as speaker
- Observed Agape Sunday. Second Mile Anniversary program Ms. Adrian Scott as Worship Leader.
- Presented Mission Offering and 2nd Mile offering to district. This year was sensitive because our Supply Secretary, Ms. Paulette Byers passed away. We lit a candle in her honor during morning service
- Frequent phone calls to sick and shut-in members of the church.
- Contributed and donated to all district and conference levels assessments and outreach projects.
- Supported and donated water and monetary gifts to support Jackson, Mississippi's water crisis
- Received goods and services from Food Lion to support those in need
- Donated personal hygiene and clothing to the homeless community.
- Contributed to our local church's finances
- Attended all Mass Meetings in the district.
- Supported in District Annual Program Intergenerational "We Rise, We Stand, We Love"
- Participated in Annual Program with Gerrianna Propst and Maggie Propst
- Preparing for Annual Yard Sale to end conference year

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve as Parent Body President for 2022-2023 year at Sandy Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church.

Respectfully,

Dan Ellerbe

MARABLE MEMORIAL A.M.E ZION CHURCH WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2022-2023 CONFERENCE YEAR REPORT



Marable's WH&OM Society organized August 6, 2022, for the 2022-2023 conference year. Mission projects and our mission education were centered on our Quadrennial theme "The Great Commission: #Missions Matter Globally Committed to Social Justice, Environmental Stewardship **Transformative Service and Agape Love.**"

We observed our department's annual anniversaries and observances. We also attended and participated in Mass Meetings and contributed to the Salisbury District WH&OM Society mission projects.

Marable's local and mission projects included the following:

Partnered with Centerview Community to provide back to school supplies to children in the community

- Partnered with Cabarrus County Department of Social Service to provide Thanksgiving meals to 7 families
- Sponsored Angel Tree at Christmas to provide toys to children in Cabarrus County
- Partnered with Cabarrus County Department of Social Service to provide Christmas gifts to families in Concord and Kannapolis
- Visited sick and shut-in members
- Educated members of health issues as they relate to African Americans
- Participated in the HIV & Faith Ambassadors Program
- Provided financial donations to our members during bereavement
- Donated nonperishable food items to Cabarrus County Cooperative Ministry
- Donated coats to Cabarrus County Salvation Army
- Provided financial assistance and prom dresses to AL Brown High School students for the prom

With God's help and guidance, we to continue to serve the community in which we live.

This Annual Report is humbly submitted by the Executive

Committee, Officers, and Members of Marable Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church WH&OM Society.

Parent Body

Mrs. Andrea Black, President
Mrs. Paula Robinson, Vice President

YAMS

Mrs. Grace Lowery, Coordinator

Youth Missionary

Ms. Joan Smith, Youth Secretary

Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society

Ms. Janice Massey, Superintendent

Life Members

Ms. Cynthia Wilkerson, Chairman

Bureau of Supply

Mrs. Alma Massey, Secretary

Balm in Gilead

Mrs. Paula Robinson



Necrology 2022-2023



Salisbury District

Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church

Mrs. Charlotte McMahan
Mr. James Donaldson
Mrs. Allie Gilmore
Mr. Reginald Moss

New Hope AME Zion Church

Mrs. Gail Cureton Williams
Mr. John Graham
Mr. William Clingding
Mrs. Theresa Dukes
Ms. Charity Gladden

Sandy Ridge AME Zion Church

Mrs. Geraldine Patterson
Mr. Harold Broadway
Mr. Dolan Allison
Ms. Paulette Byers
Ms. Shyron Holtzclaw
Mrs. Jacqueline Hester

St. John AME Zion Church

No Deaths in the Church Family

Providence AME Zion Church

No Deaths in the Church Family

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church

No Deaths in the Church Family

White Rock AME Zion Church

Ms. Cassandra Wilkerson
Mr. Willie Gene Alston
Mrs. Ruth Wylie Morrow

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Mr. William Miller
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Ms. Bettye Lou Fortune
Mr. Carl Willie Harper, Jr.

Marable Memorial AME Zion Church

Ms. Ida Long
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Mr. Robert Curry
Ms. Iris Jones Wright
Ms. Annie Jones
Mrs. Mary Stancil
Ms. Cora Cunningham

Zion Wesley AME Zion Church

Mrs. Bernice Feimster

Ardis Chapel AME Zion Church

Mrs. Barbara Dianne Taylor

Sills Creek AME Zion Church

Ms. Elisha Avery
Mr. Connie Miller
Ms. Martha Carter

Third Creek AME Zion Church

Mr. Arthur William Hunt
Mr. Bernon Terry Rivers

Miller's Chapel AME Zion Church

No Deaths in the Church Family

Southern City AME Zion

Ms. Jennifer Kennedy
Ms. Doris Luther
Ms. Yvonne Renee Ellis
Mr. Kenneth Fox



Conclusion



Thank you Bishop Darryl B. Starnes and Sister Camille Starnes for all you have done for the Piedmont Episcopal District, in support of the missionary work. We continue to lift up Bishop George E. Battle, Jr. and Mrs. Iris M. Battle in our prayers. We are always grateful to them for their faithful service to the Piedmont Episcopal District and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. To God be the Glory!

We also thank our Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr., and First Lady Reverend Carla Harrison for their continuous prayers, contributions and faithful support of the W.H. & O.M. Society in all that we have done in continuing the work of missions and in preparing for the Quadrennial Convention in July, 2023. We are thankful to the District Officers who serve on the Executive Board, our Pastors and local missionary workers across the Salisbury District for their support and prayers throughout this Conference Year.

As this Conference Year comes to an end, we pray for the Connectional WHOMS and the Executive Board as they plan, make preparations, and for the delegation of all those traveling from our overseas conferences and around the world to be in attendance at this 30TH Quadrennial Convention. We are so thankful to have had the opportunity to be servants who are willing vessels to serve God's people. God be Praised!!

Respectfully Submitted in the Cause of Missions,

Dorothy Gill-Smith, District President
Salisbury District WHOMS



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