

The Executive Board Meeting

Convening at
Columbia Marriott Hotel
Columbia, South Carolina
February 3-7, 2017



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OFFICIAL PROGRAM AGENDA

2017 Women's Missionary Council Executive Board Meeting

Theme: Investing in the Future through Education, Outreach and Service

Thursday, February 2

3:00 a.m. Arrival of Administrative Committee, Registration and Kit packing Committees

Arrival of the Staff

Arrival of the Executive Committee

College of Bishops — *Four day - 24 Hour Hold (Feb 3 – 6) -Palmetto II*

4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Administrative Staff Committee Meeting – Diplomat

2:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vendors' set up – Foyer Area

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Diplomat

- *The Plenary/Business Sessions will be held in Carolina Ballroom D-H*
- *All food events will be held in Room Capital II, III, and IV.*

Friday, February 3

Attire: Casual (In recognition of Heart Association Month)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration –Foyer Area

9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. WMC Administrative Staff Meeting – Diplomat

2:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. Devotion..... Mrs. G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary
Spiritual Life and Message Team

2:40 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Welcome..... Mrs. Adrienne Speas
President, Carolina Region

Response..... Mrs. Calandra Hunter
Council Assistant Secretary

2:45 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. So Glad You're Here President Pegues

2:50 p.m.- 2:55 p.m. Announcements.....Ms. Theresa Duhart, Council Secretary

Orientation Committee Meetings

3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Regional Presidents – *Dr. Nellie B. King, President of Presidents*
3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Regional Vice Presidents – *Mrs. Jacqueline I. Scott, Council Vice President*

3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Departmental and Commission Meetings

Division I – Mrs. Deborah L. Dickenson, Leader

Structure: Rossie T. Hollis, Mattie E. Coleman, Phyllis H. Bedford,
Pauline B. Grant Status of Women, and Organization and Promotion

Division II – Mrs. Renee Woodruff, Leader

Program: Literature and Publication, Thelma J. Dudley
Missionary Education, Spiritual Life and Message, Fine Arts

Division III – Mrs. Doris Boyd, Leader

Service and Outreach: Overseas Mission, Hunger and
Meals for Millions, Educational Services

Commissions: Meet with your respective chair:

Health Initiative, Ms. Sonia Brown; History, Dr. Judith E. Grant);

Communication, Ms. Juliet Waddell); Education-Mrs. Jacqueline Scott

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **Committee Meetings – Meet with the Chair**



Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, Nominating, Resolutions, Home and Family Life,
Compilation and Statistics, Credentials, E.W.F. Harris Life Membership, Registration,
Evaluation, Technology, Hostesses.

Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Marian A. Hannah, Chair: American Bible Society,
Church Women United, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting
Church Women, National Council of Negro Women.

Public Relations: Mrs. Pene' Woods

6:30 p.m. Family Dinner -

Saturday, February 4

Attire: Red (Go Red) in recognition of American Heart Association Month

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. WMC Administrative Staff Meeting

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Devotion

Spiritual Life and Message Team
Mrs. G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary

8:15 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. Welcome

Mrs. Adrienne Speas
President, Carolina WMS

Greetings

Mrs. Sandra Chambers
President, New York/Washington Region

8:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Introduction of 2017 Study Course

Ms. Terri Dyer, Secretary
Thelma J. Dudley Missionary Education

11:25 p.m. - 11:35 a.m. Q & A
 11:40 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Announcements..... Ms. Theresa Duhart
 11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Presentation of Visitors.....President Pegues
 11:50 a.m. -12:00 noon Preparation for Luncheon
 12:00 noon - 2:15 p.m. Seventh Episcopal Lunch (by invitation only)

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Town Hall

Moderator: Mrs. Betty Ruth Stephens

- In the Company of My Sisters: Equality for Justice Inside and Outside of the Church
Mrs. Ida Suggs
- Education: The Foundation for Success.....Mrs. Velma Lois Jones
- Holy Spirit – Are you here and/or where are you?Mrs. Adrienne Speas

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Q & A

4:45 p.m.– 4:50 p.m. Announcements.....Ms. Theresa Duhart

4:50 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Presentation of Visitors and Wrap Up.....President Pegues

7:00 p.m.....Holy Communion
Attire: White (Program under separate cover – College of Bishops in charge)-Bishop Walker will preach.

Sunday, February 5

Attire: White

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Prayer BreakfastPhyllis H. Bedford Young Adult Department
Mrs. Deborah Luster Dickenson, Structure Division Leader
Mrs. Deresser Armstrong, Secretary PHB

8:00 a.m. - .5:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study.....Rev. Chanita Thompson, Pastor
Christ CME Church

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. DevotionSpiritual Life and Message Team
Mrs. G Bernice Richardson, Secretary

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Plenary Session

Rules *Dr. Velma Lois Jones, Parliamentarian*

Certification of the Board.....*Ms. Pamela Springfield, Chairperson Credential Committee*

Adoption of the Agenda*Dr. Velma Lois Jones, Parliamentarian*

Minutes.....*Ms. Theresa Duhart Secretary*

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Council Officers' Reports

President	Dr. Princess Pegues
Vice President	Mrs. Jacqueline I. Scott
Treasurer	Mrs. Carol Ferrell
The Editor	Ms. Juliet Waddell

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Devotion	Spiritual Life and Message Team <i>Mrs. G Bernice Richardson, Secretary</i>
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Here I Am Ministry	Region Presidents and Departmental Secretaries <i>"Share and Tell"- It worked for me!</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Overseas Mission Update	Mrs. Sue Alexander Secretary, Overseas Mission Bishop C. James King, Presiding Bishop The Eleventh Episcopal District
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<u>The Commissions' Reports</u> Historical Commission	Dr. Judith Grant, Chairperson
	Health Initiative	Mrs. Sonia Brown, National Coordinator Health Initiative
	Communication	Ms. Juliet Waddell, Chairperson
	Education	Mrs. Jacqueline Scott, Chairperson
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Gift to Columbia	(Leaving the City a little Better than we found it)
11:45 a.m.– 11:50 a.m.	Announcements...	Ms. Theresa Duhart, Secretary
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Presentation of visitors and wrap up	President Pegues
12:00 noon - Lunch and Free Afternoon and Evening	(to visit the Exhibitors and the city)	
7:00 p.m.	Executive Board Banquet.....	Mrs. Jean Moore, Chair
	<i>Speaker: Mrs. Jahana Hayes, 2016 National Teacher of the Year</i> (Attire: After Five) Program under separate cover	

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - **EXECUTIVE BOARD BUSINESS**

8:00:a.m. -8:30a.m.	Devotion and Service of Necrology <i>Mrs. G Bernice Richardson, Secretary</i> Spiritual Life and Message Team
<u>Conclusion of Reports</u>	
Resolutions	Mrs. W. Jean Moore, Chairperson
Registrar's Report	Mrs. Laura Morrow, Chairperson
Finance Report	Mrs. Thelma Henderson
Host of Executive Board in 2018	The First Episcopal District

Bishop and Mrs. Henry Williamson

Invitations to the 2019 Quadrennial Assembly

Rededication Service.....Senior Bishop L. L. Reddick, III

Meditation and Remarks..... Bishop James B. Walker Host and Patron Bishop

Remarks Dr. Princess Pegues, Council President

Opening Session - Friday, February 3, 2017

2:30 p.m.

Dr. Princess Ann Rogers Pegues, the International President of the Women's Missionary Council of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, extended greetings to the Executive Board members, guests, and visitors.

President Pegues introduced Ms. G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary of Spiritual Life and Message, and Worship Leader who conducted the Devotions.

Devotions: [Spiritual Life & Message Team](#)

OPENING SONG: "Missionary Hymn"

Many, many hands are called; to do the Master's will
From all around God's wide, wide world; we answer: "yes we will".

Chorus:

We are missionaries, we are C.M.E's
We are missionaries, Loyal C.M.E.'s.

We're feeding God's hungry children; a loving task we find.
We're clothing God's naked Children; "roun" the world all the time.

Chorus:

We are missionaries, we are C.M.E's
We are missionaries, Loyal C.M.E.'s.

We're helping one another; our young to educate.
Our seniors are the others; From whom more time we make.

Chorus:

PRAYER: G. Bernice Richardson

SCRIPTURE: (Romans 12:1-5) Tanda Meador, 9th Episcopal District, Arizona-New Mexico Region

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: G. Bernice Richardson, 7th Episcopal District, New York-WA Region

"WE NEED EACH OTHER"

Now consider this. We are His Body, each given the measure of faith according to Roman 12:1-3 that takes care of our own personal needs. However, there is more involved here than just our own personal lives. We have a world to win! We need all the help we can get. But thank God, we can get all the help we need! How? By joining together. Ephesians 4:13 says that when we all come together in the unity of faith, we'll have "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." In other words, when the Body of Christ comes together and begins to functioning in the fullness of their callings. We'll begin to see manifestations of the Holy Spirit in full measure and experience the "fullness of God" in our fellowship prayers, worship and praise.

***Today's Thought: "Age makes you old enough to know better,
But God makes you wise enough to do better."***

President Pegues thanked Ms. G. Bernice Richardson and the Spiritual Life & Message team for the Devotion.

President Pegues introduced Mrs. Adrienne Speas, the Carolina Region Missionary President.

Mrs. Adrienne Speas gave the Welcome.

The Response was given by Mrs. Calandra Hunter, Assistant Secretary of the Women's Missionary Council and the Central Georgia Region Missionary President.

President Pegues thanked Mrs. Speas for the warm welcome and Mrs. Hunter for the response.

President Pegues thanked the Executive Committee, the President of Presidents (Dr. Nellie King), her executive secretary, Mrs. Vickie Rogers, executive assistant, Mrs. Evelyn Gosey and all registrants for attending this Executive Board Meeting. Special thanks were given to the College of Bishops and the General Officers for their support.

President Pegues stated that there were 327 registrants for this meeting. President Pegues invited all registered persons to the Family Dinner tonight at 6:30 p.m.

President Pegues introduced the Patron and Host Bishop James B. Walker. Bishop Walker greeted the body and thanked everyone for attending the Executive Board Meeting in Columbia, South Carolina. Bishop Walker lifted up the plight of AIDS and its effect on the South Carolina region.

President Pegues requested for the Recording Secretary, Ms. Theresa Duhart, to announce the Meeting Rooms Locations and announcements.

Recording Secretary Ms. Theresa Duhart read the meeting locations and announcements.

Orientation Meeting Rooms

3:00 – 4:45	Carolina A Carolina B Carolina C (All divisions) <u>COMMISSION</u> Capital 1 Room	Regional Presidents Regional Vice Presidents Division I –Structure Division II –Program Division III –Service & Outreach Christian Social Relations American Bible Society Church Women United National Council of Negro Women WFM&UCW Bread for the World
4:45 -5:45	<u>COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS</u> Carolina A Carolina B Carolina C Capital 1 Private Lounge	Constitution & Bylaws Finance Resolution Nominating Compilation & Statistics Credentials E. W. F. Harris Life Membership History Registration Evaluation Technology Home & Family Life Hostesses Communications Education Health Initiative Centennial Committee

NOTE: *The Bible Study and Plenary Sessions will be held in the Carolina Ballroom.*

Announcements

Basic First Aid assistance is available during the Executive Board between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM by calling assigned persons listed below:

Friday, February 3, 2017

Sonia Brown 301-919-9604

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7 am – 1 pm Sonia Brown 301-919-9604

1 pm-7 pm Annie Pagan 704-737-4719

Sunday, February 5, 2017

7 am – 1 pm Janet Kirkpatrick 704-491-8138

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President Pegues stated that Dr. Sylvia Faulk, our President Emeritus, is excused from the meeting. President Pegues received a telephone call from Dr. Faulk stating that her physician had advised her not to travel to the meeting. President Pegues requested for the Executive Board members to lift Dr. Faulk in prayer.

President Pegues stated that Retired Bishop E. Lynn Brown informed her that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

President Pegues stated that she received a letter from Presiding Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr. of the Third Episcopal District indicating that he would not be able to attend the Executive Board meeting.

President Pegues announced for all Executive Board members to see Treasurer Mrs. Carol Ferrell for a reimbursement form for expenses to the meeting.

Dr. Nellie B. King, the President of Presidents, announced that the Region Presidents would meet in this Ballroom immediately after dismissal of the opening session. The Centennial Committee would meet this evening after the Family Dinner meal.

President Pegues announced the Family Dinner would be held in Capital I-II.

President Pegues announced that she would meet with the staff immediately following this meeting.

President Pegues dismissed the session at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2017

President Pegues called the session to order at 8:20 am and greeted the Executive Board. President Pegues thanked the missionaries for being dressed in red attire today in recognition and support of American Heart Month.

President Pegues introduced Ms. G. Bernice Richardson, the Secretary of Spiritual Life and Message, and requested her to lead the Devotion.

Devotions: Spiritual Life & Message Team

(Note: The Handouts are included in Attachment F)

OPENING SONG: "This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made, I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice, and be glad in it,
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart.....

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.....

PRAYER: Jackie Carter, 6th Episcopal District, Georgia North Region

SCRIPTURE: (Psalm 118:19-24) Shirley Livingston, Southern California Region

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: Nancy Massey, 7th Episcopal District, Carolina Region

“WHAT TIME IS IT?”

The old adage, “Timing is everything is true! Paul’s statement, “When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son.” History reveals that the coming of Christ was at just the right time. It was under Roman rule that the crucifixion took place and conditions were made ready for the spread of the gospel across three continents. The providence of God had put all the pieces in place for the perfect time to send His Son. God’s timing is perfect in everything. While you are waiting, perhaps wondering why God isn’t acting on your behalf, remember that He’s working behind the scenes to prepare His moment of intervention at just the right time! Trust Him. He knows what time it is!

Today’s Thought: “If you spend time praying for people instead of talking About them, you’ll get better results.”

The Welcome was given by Carolina Region President Adrienne Speas and New York-Washington Region President Sandra Chambers.

President Pegues recognized Dr. Elnora P. Hamb, the Immediate Past President of the WMC.

President Pegues introduced the first presenter, Ms. Terri Dyer, Secretary of the Thelma K. Dudley Missionary Education.

Presentation, Introduction of 2017 Study Course

Ms. Terri Dyer, Thelma J. Dudley Missionary Education Secretary, presented the 2017 Course of Study.

(See Attachment C)

2017-2018 Study

Presented by the Thelma J. Dudley Missionary Education Department
Teri J. Dyer, Secretary

Quadrennial Theme: **“Investing in the Future Through Education, Outreach and Service.”**

2017-2018 Study: ***Kingdom Woman*** by Dr. Tony Evans and Crystal Evans Hurst.

D. Pegues thanked Secretary Teri Dyer for her wonderful presentation. President Pegues requested for Ms. Teri Dyer to give her information to Secretary Theresa Duhart to publish on the Web site.

Dr. Pegues acknowledged Dr. Judith Grant, the Past President of the Women’s Missionary Council.

Dr. Pegues thanked the Seventh Episcopal District greeters and Presiding Elder Rev. Cassandra Keys who headed the Transportation Committee.

President Pegues acknowledged the presence of Dr. Louise Baker Brown, the First Lady of the Fourth Episcopal District.

Recording Secretary Ms. Theresa Duhart read the following announcements.

Announcements:

- First Aid assistance is available.

President Pegues introduced Rev. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World's Senior Associate for Pan-African and Orthodox Church Engagement. Rev. Walker-Smith greeted the Conference and provided updates on the Bread for the World event last summer in Washington, D.C. The event dates are listed at www.bread.org/ol

June 12: Free Day for Leaders

June 13 is Annual Lobby Day

President Pegues acknowledged the presence of Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr., the Presiding Prelate of the Fourth Episcopal District. Bishop Brown greeted the Executive Board and acknowledged Bishop Kenneth W. Carter, the Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District.

Bishop Kenneth W. Carter greeted the Executive Board. Bishop Carter stated that 62 Haitian children had a special Christmas gift because of the Women's Missionary Council!

President Pegues stated that the Seventh Episcopal District will host a luncheon from Noon-2:00 pm in the Capitol 1 and 2 Ballrooms (by invitation only). We will return to the Town Hall session at 2:30 pm in the Ballroom.

President Pegues dismissed the session at 11:00 a.m.

WMC Executive Board Afternoon Session
Saturday, February 4, 2017

President Dr. Princess Pegues called the session to order at 2:30 p.m.

Town Hall Sessions

(See Attachment F)

President Pegues introduced the first presenter, Mrs. Ida P. Suggs. Mrs. Suggs topic was, In ***the Company of My Sisters: Equality for Justice Inside and Outside of the Church.***” President Pegues thanked Mrs. Suggs for the very informative presentation.

President Pegues introduced the second presenter, Dr. Velma Lois Jones. Dr. Jones topic was, ***“Education: The Foundation for Success.”*** President Pegues thanked Dr. Jones for the very well-prepared presentation.

President Pegues introduced the third presenter, Mrs. Adrienne Speas. Her presentation was, ***Holy Spirit – Are you here and /or Where Are You?*** President Pegues thanked Mrs. Speas for the thoughtful spirit-filled presentation.

President Pegues thanked everyone for the informative topics!

Ms. Theresa Duhart read the following announcements:

- The Communion Service is tonight at 7:00 pm. The attire is white.
- Please turn in your Reimbursement Form to Treasurer, Carol Ferrell.
- Please Submit an Electronic Copy of Your Reports and Presentations to Recording Secretary Theresa Duhart
- Missionary stoles are available at a cost each of \$35. Please visit the Organization and Promotion table.
- Our Gift to the City will be given to Oliver Gospel Mission Toby’s Place for Women and Children and received by Kari Heffren, Director of Toby’s Place; Donna Martin, Director of Stewardship Service; Wayne Fields President/CEO. They will arrive on Monday at 11:15 am.
- June 12: Free Day for Leaders. June 13 is Annual Lobby Day Additional information is at www.bread.org/ol
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President Pegues dismissed the session at 5:00 p.m.

The Service of Holy Communion

Saturday, February 4, 2017 ~ 7:00 PM

The Prelude	Reverend Lisa Clayton
The Processional <i>“All Hail The Power” (Diadem)</i>	CME Hymnal #523
The Call to Worship	Bishop Marvin F. Thomas, Sr.
The Hymn of Praise <i>“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”</i>	CME Hymnal #17
The Affirmation of Faith	Bishop Thomas
The Prayer	Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr.
The Choral Response	<i>“He Is Lord”</i>
Song of Rejoicing <i>“I Won’t Let You Fall”</i>	Seventh Episcopal District Choir
The Old Testament Lesson (Isaiah 53:1-5)	Bishop Paul A.G. Stewart, Sr.
The Gloria Patri	
The New Testament Lesson (1 st Corinthians 11:1-3)	Bishop C. James King, Jr.
The Confession	
Song of Rejoicing <i>“Your Grace and Mercy”</i>	California Region Choir
The Offering	Bishop Kenneth W. Carter
The Announcements	Dr. Princess A. Pegues Bishop Teresa E. Snorton
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acknowledgements: Dr. Princess Pegues, Executive Committee, General Officers, Connectional Officers, Retired Bishops, Presiding Bishops, Senior Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick Sr.Guest Bishop Jonathan Holston, The United Methodist Church	
The Presentation of the Preacher	Bishop Bobby R. Best
The Hymn of Preparation <i>“The Solid Rock”</i>	CME Hymnal #223

The Sermon
"Holding On To Dreams"

Bishop James B. Walker
Presiding Prelate
Seventh Episcopal District and Patron Bishop

The Invitation To Christian Discipleship
Hymn: *"Oh, It is Jesus"*

Presiding Elder J. Ronzell Maness

The Hymn *"There Is Power In the Blood"*

CME Hymnal #137

The Service of the Table

Bishop L. L. Reddick III, Presiding

Presenting the Gifts (Uncovering of the elements)

Great Thanksgiving

The Preface

The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking Of Bread

Sharing of the Bread And The Cup

The Prayer

The Closing Hymn *"There Is A Fountain"*

CME Hymnal #84

The Benediction

Bishop James B. Walker

The Recessional

Dismissal at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Prayer Breakfast

7:00-9:00 A.M.

Women's Missionary Council

Executive Board 2017

Theme: "Prayer Can Fix It for You"

Worship Leader: Ms. Deborah L. Dickenson

Division Leader of Structure

Call to Worship Ms. Deborah L. Dickenson

Opening Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Morning Prayer Mrs. Paulette O'Neill
WMC Secretary, Pauline B. Grant Status of Women

Scripture Reading Ms. Dereeser Amstrong
WMC Secretary, Phyllis H. Bedford Young Adults

Welcome Mrs. Leona Lee James
President, Charleston – Columbia District WMS

Praise Dance Miss Anniya Mays
"I Look to You" Young Laymen Temple CME Church, Greenville, SC

Litany Miss D'Leijah James
Sidney Park CME Church, Columbia, SC

Grace Miss Autumn Edmond
Sidney Park CME Church, Columbia, SC

Breakfast is Served

Song Reverend Carolyn Cleveland
"Prayer Can Fix It For You"

Prayers From the Hearts of Our Young Adults
Prayer Can & Will Fix It For You

Black Lives Matter Mr. Tavis Bethel
(Lord, fix it for our young black males)

Fulfilling God's Will Ms. D'Leijah James
(Lord, fix it for our young women)

Family Miss Autumn Edmond

(Lord, fix it for the CME Church)

Remarks

Dr. Princess Pegues
Bishop James B. Walker

Closing Remarks/Benediction

Senior Bishop Lawrence Reddick

Bible Study

Sunday, February 5, 2017 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Dr. Princess Pegues, International President of the Women's Missionary Council, greeted the Executive Board. President Pegues thanked Ms. Debra Dickinson and the Division of Structure for planning a great Prayer Breakfast.

President Pegues introduced the Bible Study instructor, Rev. Chanita Clayton Thompson, pastor of Christ CME Church.

9:00-10:00 AM Bible Study
Rev. Chanita Clayton Thompson, Bible Instructor
Scripture: Exodus 20

President Pegues thanked Rev. Thompson for the fervent bible study presentation.

President Pegues called on the Spiritual Life and Message Team, Ms. G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary to lead Devotion.

Devotions: [Spiritual Life & Message Team](#) All Devotion are available in Attachment F

G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary Spiritual Life and Message, Devotion Leader

OPENING SONG: "Every Praise is to Our God"

Every Praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord.
Every Praise, every Praise is to our God.

Sing Hallelujah to our God,
Glory Hallelujah is due our God,
Every Praise, every Praise is to our God.

God my Savior, God my Healer, God my Deliverer,
Yes He is, Yes He is. (Repeat)
Every Praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord

Every Praise, every Praise is to our God.

PRAYER: Jacqueline Marshall, 7th Episcopal District, Carolina Region

SCRIPTURE: (Psalm 67:1-7) Edith Coleman, 5th Episcopal District, South East Alabama Region

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: Clyde Coppins, 6th Episcopal District, Georgia North Region

“EVERY PRAISE IS TO OUR GOD”

Faith and Praise go together. Put them together in your life. When you run into a challenge, don't just hold on to your faith. Raise your hands high and praise! Start thanking God in the midst of what's happening around you. Keep thanking Him for the answer until it comes. Instead of just standing on the Word, let the joy of the Lord enable you to dance around on it a little. It will get you where you're going a whole lot faster.....you and God both will have a much better time on the way! Thank God for another blessed Executive Board and praise Him in advance for greater blessings in the coming year for the ***100 Year Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Council.***

Today's Thought: God has wonderful plans for your life. Lord, for just a moment I will stop talking and listen to what You have to say to me.

President Pegues thanked the Spiritual Life and Message Team and Ms. G. Bernice Richardson for the wonderful devotional service.

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Plenary Session

Dr. Princess Pegues called the Plenary Session to order at 10:05 a.m.

President Pegues informed the Executive Board that the Executive Board Governing Rules appeared on the inside cover of the Report Book (reports from the Region Presidents, Division Leaders, Secretaries, Chairpersons and Correspondents).

President Pegues requested for Parliamentarian Dr. Velma Lois Jones to review the Executive Board Governing Rules. Dr. Velma Lois Jones reviewed the Executive Board Governing Rules.

Action: It was moved by Paulette O'Neill (7th Episcopal District) to accept the Executive Board Governing Rules read by Dr. Velma Lois Jones, and seconded by W. Jean Moore (4th Episcopal District). The motion carried.

Credentials Committee Report
(See Attachment D)

The Report of the Credentials Committee is listed on page 98 of The Report Book.

Ms. Pamela Springfield, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, called the Roll of Executive Board members.

Roll Call:

Number of Members Present: 63

Number of Members Absent: 9

Notes: Calandra Hunter serves as Assistant Secretary and a Region President. Deborah Dickerson is the Division I Leader for Structure and serves as Vice President of the Florida Region (in absence of Region President Brenda Buie). Both persons are counted once in the roll call.

	Name	Position	
1	Dr. Princess A. Pegues	International President	P
2	Jacqueline I. Scott	Vice-President	P
3	Theresa Duhart	Recording Secretary	P
4	Calandra Hunter	Assistant Secretary	P
5	Carol Ferrell	Treasurer	P
6	Juliet Waddell	Editor - <i>The Missionary Messenger</i>	P
7	Dr. Elnora P. Hamb	Immediate Past President	P
8	Dr. Judith E. Grant	Past President	P
9	Dr. Sylvia M. Faulk Note: Excused	President Emeritus	A
10	Bishop James B. Walker	Patron Bishop	P
	Division I - Structure		
11	Deborah L. Dickerson	Leader - Division I, Structure	P
12	Frances Barnett Evins	Secretary, Rossie T. Hollis	A

13	Wanda McNeal	Secretary, Mattie E. Coleman	A
14	Deresser Armstrong	Secretary, Phyllis H. Bedford	P
15	Rosetta Edwards	Secretary, Organization & Promotion	P
16	Paulette Grant O'Neill	Secretary, Pauline B. Grant Status of Women	P
	Division II - Program		
17	Renee Woodruff	Leader -Division II - Program	P
18	Hilda M. Buie	Secretary, Literature & Publication	A
19	Terri Dyer	Secretary, Thelma J. Dudley, Missionary Education	P
20	G. Bernice Richardson	Secretary, Spiritual Life & Message	P
21	Laura Anderson-Holloway	Secretary, Fine Arts	P
	Division III, Service & Outreach		
22	Doris F. Boyd	Leader-Division III, Service & Outreach	P
23	Sue Alexander	Secretary, Overseas Mission	P
24	Donna M. Mayes	Secretary, Hunger & Meals for Millions	P
	Committees		
25	Attorney Shirley Byer	Chairperson, Constitution & Bylaws	P
26	Thelma Henderson	Chairperson, Finance	P
27	Gladys Brown	Chairperson, Nominations	P
28	W. Jean Moore	Chairperson, Resolutions	P
29	Vicki Johnson	Chairperson, Home & Family Life	A

	Special Committees		
30	Evelyn Gosey	Chairperson, Compilation & Statistics	P
31	Pamela Springfield	Chairperson, Credentials	P
32	Virginia Marshall	Chairperson, E.W.F. Harris Life Membership	P
33	Marian Hannah	Chairperson, Commission on Christian Social Relations	P
34	Dr. Sonia P. Brown	Chairperson, Commission on Health Initiative, National Health Coordinator	P
35	Velma Lois Jones	Parliamentarian	P
36	Pene G. Woods	Chairperson, Public Relations	P
37	Dr. Nellie B. King	President of Presidents	P
	Dr. Judith Grant	Chairperson, History Commission	
	Jacqueline Scott	Chairperson, Education Commission	
	Juliet Waddell	Chairperson, Communication Commission	
	Region Presidents		
38	Virgie G. Phillips	Arkansas Region	P
39	Virginia J. Boyd	East Tennessee Region	P
40	Sheila Holman	West Tennessee Region	P
41	Vicki Rogers	Kentucky Region	P
42	Phyllis A. Tyler	Ohio-Central Indiana Region	P
43	Liz Bishop	Kansas/Missouri Region	P
44	Terry Alexander	Michigan/Indiana Region	P

45	Marguerite Guy (<i>absent</i>) Frankie Loving-Vice-President	SE/ Missouri/Illinois/Wisconsin	P
46	Jackie T. Wagner	Louisiana Region	P
47	Rose Locksey	South Louisiana Region	P
48	Ardelia Briggs	North East Mississippi Region	P
49	Terisa McQueen	Mississippi South Region	P
50	Mary Thompson	Birmingham Region	P
51	Emogene Crittenden	Southeast Alabama Region	P
52	Isola Lark	North Central Alabama Region	P
	Brenda Buie (<i>absent</i>) Deborah Dickerson (<i>Vice-President</i>)	Florida Region	-----
53	Betty Christian	Georgia North Region	P
	Calandra Hunter	Central Georgia Region	-----
54	Gloria Cook	South Georgia Region	P
55	Linda Bowens	West Georgia Region	P
56	Monelius Bonzil	Haiti Region	A
57	Adrienne Speas	Carolina Region	P
58	Sandra R. Chambers	New York/Washington Region	P
59	Debra Wickware	Central Texas Region	P
60	Dorothy L. Johnson	Dallas - Fort Worth Region	P
61	Isis Wiley	North West Texas Region	A
62	Crystal D. Lewis	East Texas Region	P
63	Linda Woolage	South East Texas Region	P
64	Stephanie Dedmond	Alaska-Pacific Region	P
65	Tanda Meadors	Arizona - New Mexico Region	P

66	Elretha Scott (<i>absent</i>) Verna McCalister <i>Vice President</i>	Northern California Region	P
67	Wanda Thomas	Southern California Region	P
68	Emma Reagor	Oklahoma Region	P
69	Dorrett Logan	Jamaica	A
70	Uwak Robert Ekiko	10th Episcopal District	A
71	Elizabeth Ogutu-Omondi	11th Episcopal District	P
72	Georgetha Nkundwa	11th Episcopal District	P
	Total Members		72
	Total Members Absent		9
	Total Members Present		63

The President of Presidents Dr. Nellie P. King reported that Dr. Elretha Scott has been sick since October 2016. The Vice President of the Northern California Region, Mrs. Verna McCallister, is present. Mrs. McCallister was seated with the Executive Board members.

[Adoption of the Agenda](#)

It was moved by Dr. Nellie King (7th Episcopal District) that the agenda with modifications be approved, and seconded by Mrs. Emogene Crittenden (5th Episcopal District). The motion carried.

[Minutes of the 2016 Executive Board](#)

Ms. Theresa Duhart, Recording Secretary, indicated that she prepared the Minutes of the 2016 Executive Board and they were sent twice to Executive Board members prior to this meeting.

The Minutes of the 2016 Executive Board were accepted by common consensus.

Council Officers' Reports

(The Reports are included in Attachment A)

President's Report

(For the full report, see Attachment A)

Mrs. Jacqueline Scott introduced the International President of the Women's Missionary Council, Dr. Princess A. Rogers Pegues.

President Pegues provided her report.

Mrs. Jacqueline I. Scott thanked Dr. Pegues for the excellent report.

Dr. Elnora P. Hamb (3rd Episcopal District and Immediate Past President) moved to accept and receive this dynamic, innovative report with the highest commendations, and the recommendations be referred to the appropriate committee, seconded by Dr. Judith E. Grant (7th Episcopal District, Past President), and Mrs. W. Jean Moore and Mrs. Jackie Wagner. The motion carried.

Parliamentarian Dr. Velma L. Jones stated that although the Vice President serves in the absence of the President, the WMC Executive Board Governing Rules and Handbook does not address the Vice President acting on actions. Our guide will be the Robert Rules of Orders.

President Pegues stated that the Vice President's report would be presented in the afternoon session due to the lateness of the hour and our next event, the Presidents' Luncheon.

President Pegues requested Editor Ms. Juliet Waddell to present her report.

EDITOR OF THE MISSIONARY MESSENGER

(For the full report, see Attachment A)

Ms. Juliet Waddell, Editor of the Missionary Messenger, gave her report. Additional handouts were provided. (See Attachment B).

Virgie Phillips (1st Episcopal District) moved to accept the report of the Editor of the Missionary Messenger and the recommendations be referred to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Sheila Holman (1st Episcopal District). The motion carried.

Dr. Pegues thanked Editor Waddell for her excellent report and for bringing the Missionary Messenger publications up to date.

President Pegues dismissed the session at 11:45 am followed by the Presidents' Luncheon.

Presidents' Luncheon

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Theme: ***“Celebrating Service and Outreach Presidents”***

Dr. Nellie B. King, President of Presidents

Dr. Princess Pegues, International WMC President

Celebration Leader Terry Alexander
President, Michigan-Indiana Region

Musical Prelude Pene Woods

Greetings Adrienne Speas
President, Carolina Region

Call to Worship
Celebrating Service and Outreach Presidents Linda Woolage
President, Southeast Texas Region

Solo, *“I Come to Praise the Lord”* Adrienne Speas

Old Testament Scripture Psalms 37-1-7 Emma Reagor
President, Oklahoma Region

New Testament Scripture John 15:1-10 Ardelia Briggs
President, Northeast Mississippi Region

Solo, *“I Know I’ve Been Changed”* Adrienne Speas

Grace Stephanie L. Dedmond
Alaska-Pacific Region

Luncheon Served

Musical Selections: “His Eye is on the Sparrow” Southern California Missionaries
“One More Day”

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Rosetta Edwards

Keynote Speaker **Dr. Jessica Edwards**
English Professor, University of Delaware Newark, Delaware

Special Presidents Service & Outreach Awards Dr. Nellie B. King
President of Presidents

Closing Remarks Dr. Princess Pegues, International President

**Sunday, February 5, 2017
Afternoon Session
2:38 pm**

President Pegues called the session to order at 2:38 pm.

President Pegues called for the report of the Vice President.

Council Officers' Reports (Continued)

Vice President's Report

(For the full report, see Attachment A)

Mrs. Jacqueline I. Scott., the Vice President, gave her report.

Changes reported:

282 Scholarships

Birmingham: Mary Thomas

Geraldine Odom

2nd Episcopal District:

HBC (Helena B. Cobb) \$1500

3rd Episcopal District

PAP SOS (Princess A. Pegues: Save Our Sons): \$1176

Total: \$5,848.50

Ninth Episcopal District

\$55.00 HBC (Alaska-Pacific Region)

55.00 Overseas Mission (Alaska-Pacific Region)

\$110.00 Total (Alaska-Pacific Region)

HBC: \$655

SOS: \$355

Total: \$1,010

6th Episcopal District

HBC: \$3,000.

Georgia North: \$3000

New totals

HBC: \$63,833

SOS 21,926.75
Total: \$85,759.75

Golden Apple Awards

It was moved by Sheila Holman (1st Episcopal District) to receive the Vice President's informative, statistical report with high commendations and the recommendations be referred to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Virginia Boyd (1st Episcopal District). The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report **(For the full report, see Attachment A)**

Mrs. Carol Ferrell, Treasurer, gave her report.

Dorothy Johnson (8th Episcopal District) moved that that magnificent Treasurer's report be accepted with the highest accommodations, and seconded by Crystal Lewis (8th Episcopal District) and Sue Alexander (8th Episcopal District). The motion carried.

Dr. Pegues thanked Carol Ferrell for her excellent report.

Dr. Pegues stated that the Report Book did not have funds listed of \$12,248.25 on behalf of the 11th Episcopal District.

Dr. Hamb thanked everyone for sending funds to the HOPE Project Elnora P. Hamb Initiative. She indicated that no individual has been appointed to serve as leader or coordinator of the Initiative.

Dr. Nellie P. King stated that the Presidents are reporting funds for the HOPE Project.

D. Hamb stated that perhaps a Resolution should be written to provide a coordinator.

Ms. G. Bernice Richardson stated that perhaps the Elnora P. Hamb HOPE Initiative come under the umbrella of Overseas Missions.

Dr. Pegues stated that we would review this matter later.

Discussion on The Missionary Messenger Subscription Fee

Editor Juliet Waddell stated that one of the recommendations for the Missionary Messenger would be to increase the Messenger fee. Editor Waddell would like for the \$25 fee for the magazine changed from a subscription fee to membership to reduce the publication charges.

Editor Waddell stated that the change to a membership fee is a cost-savings strategy for the Women's Missionary Council and represents a reduction in publication costs from 32 cents to 16 cents per magazine. The United States Post Office and a local printer recommended the change to Juliet Waddell.

It was moved by Juliet Waddell to change the subscription fee to membership fee, and seconded by Doris Boyd.

Unreadiness:

Dr. Nellie King stated that the recommendation of changing the subscription fee to a membership fee was a By Law change that should be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The issue was referred to the Parliamentarian.

Dr. Velma Lois Jones, Parliamentarian, stated that that the Executive Board supersedes any Committee of the Board. This recommendation has been before the Executive Committee.

The motion was withdrawn.

Attorney Shirley Byers, Chairperson of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, stated that she did not receive any information last year about this matter concerning the recommended subscription fee change to a membership fee. Any Bylaws change should be referred to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

Patron Bishop James B. Walker requested to make a statement regarding this issue. Bishop Walker stated we should move forward if something is for the betterment for the Council, and to withdraw the motion.

Sue Alexander (8th Episcopal District) inquired about next steps for this resolution.

President Pegues stated that the recommendation was that the Executive Committee would handle the resolution. President Pegues clarified that the Executive Committee would address this resolution.

President acknowledged Deresser Armstrong, the Secretary of Phyllis H. Bedford Young Adults. Secretary Armstrong stated has to leave to get on the road to return to a funeral in Mississippi.

Announcements read by Recording Secretary Theresa Duhart

- Please see Thelma J. Dudley Missionary Education Secretary Terri Dyer requested for missionaries to make sure their name is on the list if they did not received materials.
- Status of Women Secretary Paulette O'Neil would like to meet for 5 minutes with Region Presidents.
- Please turn in your Reimbursement Form to Treasurer, Carol Ferrell.
- Please submit an electronic copy of Your Reports and Presentations to Recording Secretary Theresa Duhart
- Missionary stoles are available at a cost each of \$35. Please visit the Organization and Promotion table.
- Our Gift to the City will be given to Oliver Gospel Mission Toby's Place for Women and Children and received by Kari Heffren, Director of Toby's Place; Donna Martin, Director of Stewardship Service; Wayne Fields President/CEO. They will arrive on Monday at 11:15 am.
- June 12: Free Day for Leaders. June 13 is Annual Lobby Day Additional information is at www.bread.org/ol
- Basic First Aid assistance is available during the Executive Board between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM by calling assigned persons listed below:

- **Monday, February 6, 2017**

- 7 am – 1 pm Annie Pagan 704-737-4719

- 1 pm - 7 pm Janet Kirkpatrick 704-491-8138

- **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

- 7 am – 1 pm Anita McQueen 704-258-4191

If you are having the following signs, you should dial 911.

- Stroke warning signs: Facial drooping, arm weakness, slurred speech
- Heart attack warning signs: Chest pain (pressure, squeezing, burning, aching), Jaw pain, pain that travels to arm, SOB, excessive fatigue, back pain, nausea, anxiety.

Dr. Pegues dismissed the session at 4:17 pm.

Monday, February 6, 2017

Bible Study
8:00 a.m.

President Pegues greeted the Executive Board. President Pegues introduced the bible instructor, Rev. Chanita Clayton Thompson.

Rev. Chanita Clayton Thompson
"Hope in Troubling Times"
(See Attachment F)

President Pegues thanked Rev. Clayton Thompson for the Bible Study presentation.

President Pegues called the session to order at 9:20 a.m.

President Pegues requested for Ms. G. Bernice Richardson and the Spiritual Life & Message Department to lead the Devotion.

Devotions: Spiritual Life & Message Team

G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary Spiritual Life and Message, Devotion Leader

OPENING SONG: "Standing on the Promises"

Standing on the promises of Christ my King.
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening to the moment to the Spirit's calls
Resting in my Savior as my all and all.
Standing on the promises of God.

PRAYER: Geneva Highley, 7th Episcopal District, Carolina Region

SCRIPTURE: (1 Peter 5:5-11) Dianne Bell, 6th Episcopal District, Georgia North Region

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: Cherianne Duncan, 6th Episcopal District, Georgia North Region

“IT’S NOT OVER TILL IT’S OVER”

No matter how long you’ve been living by faith, there are some circumstances that just don’t turn out the way you expected them to. When that happens, remember this. Those setbacks are just temporary. David could have just given up when his usual confessions of faith and ways of praying didn’t drive out that famine. Instead, he used his temporary setback to seek more knowledge from God. Follow his example! You may have lost the battle, but you’re not going to lose the war! Overcome the habit of quitting because of temporary setbacks. Refuse to let them knock you out of the game. After all, this thing’s not over till it’s over. And the Bible says when it’s all over, you’ll have won. So just be steadfast in your faith. In the end our victory is guaranteed! We Win!

Today’s Thought: For every difficulty we face, there is an opportunity. Lord, let me

Remember that You give me no more than I can handle

President Pegues thanked G. Bernice Richardson and the Spiritual Life and Message team for the thought-provoking devotion.

Division Leaders Reports

(See Attachment C)

Division I – Structure

The Report of Division I Structure is available in The Report Book (pages 61-72). Mrs. Deborah L. Dickerson, Division I Structure Leader reported the work of the Division I Structure.

Departments and Secretaries:

Rossie T. Hollis

Mattie E. Coleman

Phyllis H. Bedford

Organization & Promotion

Pauline B. Grant Status of Women

Frances B. Evins

Wanda McNeil

Deresser Armstrong

Rosetta Edwards

Paulette O’Neill

Mrs. Dickenson thanked the Executive Board and Executive Committee for making the songs available in print.

Ms. Dickenson thanked the missionaries who met on Friday to discuss promotion and suggestions to promote children, youth and young adults. Ms. Dickenson thanked Editor Waddell for sharing her vision for The Missionary Messenger and to showcase young adults at the meeting.

Ms. Dickenson requested missionaries to stop by the Promotional and Outreach table to purchase items for sale.

Ms. Dickenson read the Recommendations from (Page 63):

1. In an effort to increase communication and facilitate sharing of ideas, gather contact information for all Rossie T. Hollis Children, Mattie E. Coleman Youth and Phyllis H. Bedford Young Adult Department Secretaries and share with respective Council Secretaries.
2. Assemble a committee to revise the Rossie T. Hollis, Mattie E. Coleman and Phyllis H. Bedford Multi-Departmental Handbook to be used as a training resource for our younger members.

Ms. Dickenson read the third recommendation on page 72:

3. Recognizing the generational gap within our churches and redirecting the focus to accomplish more purposeful and practical expectations.

It was moved by Mrs. W. Jean Moore (4th Episcopal District) for the report to be received with high commendations and the recommendations to go to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Mrs. Paulette O'Neill (7th Episcopal District). The motion carried

Mrs. W. Jean Moore stated that Mrs. Anita Dudley of the Fourth Episcopal District arranged the songs on page 34 and 35 in the Program Schedule, *We Are Missionaries* and the *Mattie E. Coleman Missionary Song*.

President Pegues thanked Ms. Dickinson for her report.

President Pegues recognized Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton who greeted the Executive Board. Bishop Jefferson-Snorton introduced her spouse, Rev. Lawrence Jefferson-Snorton.

President Pegues introduced Dr. Clifford L. Harris, the General Secretary of Lay Ministry. Dr. Harris greeted the Executive Board and expressed his appreciation for the Women's Missionary Council ministry, mission, and our energy. Dr. Harris invited everyone to attend the 18th Quadrennial Session of the Connectional Lay Institute in Atlanta, August 19-21, 2017, which precedes the Sixth CME Unity Summit held August 21-24.

President Pegues introduced Dr. Leo Pinkett, the General Secretary of the Department of Ministry to Men. Dr. Pinkett greeted the Executive Board and thanked the Women's Missionary Council for their ministry. Dr. Pinkett requested missionaries to connect their husbands with the Department of Ministry to Men to guarantee a 85% ministry turnaround.

President Pegues called for the Division II Program report.

Division II Program

The Report of Division II Program is available in The Report Book (pages 73-82).

Division Leader Renee Woodruff introduced the Division II Program Secretaries and thanked them for their hard work.

Mrs. G. Bernice Richardson: Spiritual Life & Message

Mrs. Laura A. Holloway: Secretary, Fine Arts

Ms. Teri Dyer: Secretary, Thelma J. Dudley Education Department

Mrs. Renee Woodruff read the Recommendations from page 74.

1. Each Episcopal District and/or Region should appoint a person to work with the Spiritual Life and Message Secretary to assist in developing monthly meditation.
2. Each Region should contribute devotions to the WMC Centennial Devotional Book.
3. Incorporate plays, pageants, arts and other aspects of fine arts into Council programs.
4. Encourage local missionary societies to place emphasis on involving children, youth, adults and older adults in art and fine arts project and programs focusing on our rich religious heritage.
5. Use technology and social media to expand participation in missionary education on all levels.
6. Identify new literature that will help promote the work of the Council.

Division Leader Renee Woodruff moved for acceptance of report and recommendations referred to the appropriate Committee, and seconded by Ms. Teri Dyer. The motion carried.

President Pegues thanked the Division of Program for their wonderful report.

President Pegues called for the report of the Service and Outreach Division.

Division III – Service and Outreach

The Report of Division III Service and Outreach is available in The Report Book (page 83-92).

Division Leader: Mrs. Doris Boyd

Departments

Educational Services

Overseas Mission

Secretaries

Mrs. Jacqueline I. Scott

Mrs. Sue Alexander

Division Leader Doris Boyd thanked the Secretaries for their hard work and service-ministry leadership and reported the following funds collected by the departments.

Overseas Missions: \$32,646.25

HOPE: \$12,248.25

Total: \$44,894.50

Hunger: \$24,345.70

Grand Total: \$129,211.25

Division Leader Doris Boyd acknowledged the opening of two additional schools in the Eleventh Episcopal District– **Dr. Princess Pegues and Dr. Nellie P. King Elementary School.**

Division Leader Doris Boyd reported that the WMC donated to the Fourth Episcopal District to provide relief for the recent tornadoes.

Division Leader Doris Boyd stated that it is proper protocol to inform your Region President and Council President Pegues when requesting assistance and going on mission trips.

Division Leader Doris Boyd stated that the missionaries needed to help with clothing and helping our young people through the One Church One School program.

Division Leader Doris Boyd admonished us to “do all you can when you can.”

It was moved by Mrs. Doris Boyd to refer the recommendations to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Mrs. Doris Mayes. The motion carried.

President Pegues recognized her Region President, Mrs. Jackie Wagner, the members of the Fourth Episcopal District, and Bishop Thomas L. Brown and Dr. Louise Brown.

President Pegues requested for the Centennial Committee to make their report. Dr. Nellie P. King chairs the Centennial Committee.

[The Centennial Committee:](#) See Attachment H

1918-2018

Chaired by Dr. Nellie P. King

W. Jean Moore

Theresa Duhart

Pene Woods

Doris Boyd

Deborah Luster Dickenson

Calandra Hunter

G. Bernice Richardson

Arkalo Stein

Adrienne Speas

The Centennial Committee provided presentations on the 100th celebration of the Women's Missionary Council scheduled at the 2018 Executive Board Meeting.

Update on Sweater Sets:

Renee Woodruff stated that 300 orders were needed for the sweaters. The sweater sets are quite expensive (\$65). She is in contact with the vendor to negotiate a lower amount. Currently we have 90 orders.

Rev. Twila White stated that there are missionaries who have been waiting for three years. Some would like their money refunded.

Renee Woodruff stated that she understood the challenges.

President Pegues stated that Carol Ferrell has the list of persons who purchased the sweaters and this matter would be handled.

[E.W.F. Life Membership:](#) Mrs. Virginia Marshall, Chairperson

It was moved by Virginia Marshall to receive the report and refer the recommendations to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Stephanie Dedmond (9th Episcopal District). The motion carried.

Dr. Pegues stated that the reports should be in the Report Book. She stated that perhaps next year only persons submitting reports in the book should report out to the Executive Board.

[Compilation & Statistics:](#) Mrs. Evelyn Gosey

Recommendations read from page 105.

1. Please do not submit report in PDF format. Most reports have to be edited for printed and page numbered.

2. All reports be done in Microsoft Word with margins allowing for printing.
3. Please adhere to deadline for submitting reports.

Additionally, Mrs. Evelyn Gosey requested persons to submit photos. The left margin setting should be 1 inch.

It was moved by Evelyn Gosey to refer recommendations to the appropriate committee and seconded by Stephanie Dedmond (9th Episcopal District). The motion carried.

[Report from the Eleventh Episcopal District](#)

For the complete report of the Eleventh Episcopal District from Bishop C. James King, **(See Attachment G)**

Presiding Bishop C. James King, Jr. of the Eleventh Episcopal District greeted the Executive Board. Bishop King thanked Patron Bishop Walker, President Pegues and the missionaries for all of their hard work and support.

Bishop King reported on the work in the Eleventh Episcopal District and the two new schools in Rwanda: Dr. Princess A. Pegues School and the Dr. Nellie B. King School.

Bishop King reported 25 persons in attendance for the dedication of the Bishop Teresa E. Snorton Cathedral!

President Pegues thanked Bishop C. James King, Jr. for his excellent work in the Episcopal District and for being so kind and naming two schools after herself and Dr. Nellie P. King.

[Report of Affiliate Organizations](#)

(See Attachment E)

The Reports of the Affiliate Organizations are available in The Report Book on pages 115-121.

[Church Women United](#)

Correspondent Mrs. Willie Tabb was not present. The report of Church Women United is available beginning on page 119 in The Report Book.

[World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women](#)

Mrs. Mary Stallings

The report from the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women is available in The Report Book on page 115.

Mrs. Mary K. Stallings presented a report and pictorial of the 13th World Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women that was held last August in Houston, Texas.

Ms. Stallings presented an album of the 13th World Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women to President Pegues.

By common consensus, the report was accepted.

Thomasena Folsom presented a gift was given to Mrs. Mary K. Stallings for her awesome work representing the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

[Christian Social Relations](#)

Mrs. Marian A. Hannah, Chairperson

The Christian Social Relations Report is available on page 107 in The Report Book.

Mrs. Hannah read a Congratulatory Statement to Dr. Pegues on being elected President of the North America World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

Recommendations:

- Continue to promote fellowship with members of affiliate organizations through attendance at meetings and sharing in love.
- Encourage missionaries to become members of affiliate organizations and actively participate in activities with affiliate organizations.
- Adhere to program of emphasis as outlined by the WMC.

Mrs. Hannah stated that the 2018 Mid-Term Elections would be held next year and for missionaries to actively vote.

Mrs. Hannah moved to accept report and refer the recommendations to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Ida Suggs. The motion carried.

[National Council of Negro Women](#)

Ms. Sandra Chambers, Chairperson

Report: Page 117

The Recommendations:

- That membership drives be held at our local churches and all District and Region meetings. Membership drive in all Regions on January 15, 2017.
- Each local society sponsor and youth and college membership.
- I would like to encourage NCNW Regional Representatives become active with their State Sections of NCNW.

President Pegues announced a donation amount of \$2,820 collected for the Eleventh Episcopal District, Presiding Bishop C. James King, Jr.

President Pegues recognized Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District. Bishop Williamson will host the Centennial Celebration of the Women's Missionary Council in 2018.

Bishop Williamson greeted the Executive Board and stated that he was excited and prepared to host the Centennial Celebration! Bishop Williamson announced that he would like to meet with members of the First Episcopal District today at Noon.

President Pegues acknowledged the presence of Bishop Bobby R. Best, the Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District. Bishop Best greeted the Executive Board and thanked the missionaries for their support throughout the years.

Dr. Pegues stated that this year's gift to the city would be given to the Oliver Gospel Mission Toby's Place for Women and Children. Victoria Justice introduced Wayne Fields, President/CEO who thanked the Women's Missionary Council for their work and gift to Toby Place.

Overseas Mission Update

Reported by Sue Alexander : **See Attachment D**

Mrs. Alexander provided a slide show of Overseas Missions and handouts on the upcoming Jamaica mission trip in June.

Mrs. Alexander read the Recommendations (from page 87).

1. Regions strive to become consistent in contributing a yearly increase to overseas missions.
2. Region Presidents send a copy of funds reported for Overseas Missions and Hope to Council Overseas Mission Secretary.
3. Overseas Missions Secretaries organize a committee to assist with soliciting contributions.

Sue Alexander moved to accept report and refer recommendations to the appropriate committee, and seconded by W. Jean Moore. The motion carried.

Historical Commission

Reported by Dr. Judith E. Grant

Dr. Judith E. Grant reported that the Women's Missionary Council is ready to embark on a new journey as we prepare to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. Please send to Dr. Grant your Region's historical information.

Recommendation:

1. We hear from each Region's Secretary to submit articles of historical importance.

By common consensus, the report was received.

[Elnora P. Hamb Health Initiative](#)

Reported by Dr. Sonia P. Brown

Dr. Brown thanked the Bishops for recommending Regional Elnora P. Hamb Health Initiative Coordinators and read the recommendations on page 109.

Recommendations:

1. Each local society participate in the following health elated observations:
 - a. National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, March 5-11, 201
 - b. Memory Sunday, June 11, 2017 – brings awareness to the plight of Alzheimer's in the African American Community.
2. Local societies utilize the Sunday Morning Health Corner information located at www.healthchurches2020.org to educate congregations and the community about health issues and concerns affecting African Americans.
3. I would like to encourage participation in the American Heart Association's Empowered to Serve program which aids in improving health in communities. www.empoweredtoserve.org
4. Encourage each member of the society to learn Hand-only CP and then teach it to someone else. Cardiac arrest kills 1 person every 2 minutes and Hand-Only CP could help save a life.
5. Encourage participation and attendance at the Healthy Church 2020 conference.

Dr. Sonia P. Brown moved to refer recommendations two through five to the appropriate committee. The motion carried.

The following action on recommendation # 1 was taken.

It was moved to accept Recommendation #1 by G. Bernice Richardson, and seconded by Sue Alexander. The motion carried.

Patron Bishop James B. Walker recognized the presence of Bishop and Mrs. William H. Graves, and Bishop Paul A.J. Stewart, Sr. Bishop Walker recognized Presiding Elders and pastors.

Michael Dent greeted the Executive Board. Mr. Dent was the recipient of the Helena B. Cobb 4-year scholarship in 2009 and attends Mt. Olive CME Church.

President Pegues presented Bishop C. James King an amount of \$2,820 in funds collected today from the Women's Missionary Council.

President Pegues dismissed the session at 12:55 pm.

Executive Board Banquet

Monday, February 6, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Theme: ***“Our Missionaries: The Wind Beneath Our Wings”***

Toast Master & Mistress: Reverend Wayne Williams & Mrs. Mathilda Martin

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Pene Woods
Call to Celebrate	Toasters
Musical Selection, <i>“Wind Beneath My Wings”</i>	Mrs. Pene Woods
Occasion/Theme	Mrs. Adrienne Speas Host President
Invocation	Mrs. Renee Woodruff
Scripture/Grace	Ms. Sandra Chambers President, New York-Washington Region Missionary Society
Dinner	
Musical Selection	
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Nellie P. King, President of Presidents
Keynote Address	Dr. Jahana Hayes, 2016 Educator of the Year
Musical Selection <i>“Climb Every Mountain”</i>	Mrs. Saralee Thompson
Special Presentations	Dr. Princess A. Pegues, International President Mrs. Maxine Day, Committee Member
Recognition of Special Guests	Mrs. Jacqueline Scott, Secretary WMC
Announcements	Ms. Theresa Duhart, Secretary, WMC
Expressions of Gratitude	Mrs. W. Jean Moore
Remarks	Dr. Princess A. Pegues Bishop James B. Walker, Host Bishop and Episcopal Patron
Benediction	Bishop Walker

Tuesday, February 07, 2017

President Pegues called the session to order. She greeted the body and asked if everyone enjoyed the Executive Board Banquet. The body gave a resounding positive response.

President Pegues called on G. Bernice Richardson, Secretary, Spiritual Life and Message, to lead the Service of Necrology.

Service of Necrology

(See Attachment F)

President Pegues thanked Ms. Richardson and the Spiritual Life and Message team for the Necrology Service.

Executive Board Business & Conclusion of Reports

President Pegues called the session to order.

President Pegues called for the report of the Resolutions Committee

Resolutions Committee

Mrs. W. Jean Moore, Chairperson

Report: Page 100

Minutes received from the Resolution Committee - **See Attachment D**

Mrs. W. Jean Moore read the recommendation on page 101. Recommendation:

- That missionaries ban together from the local level to the Council level to offer resolutions that will strengthen this important department of our Great Zion!

It was moved by Naomi G. Beverly that the report coming from the Resolution Committee be accepted and the recommendations be referred to the appropriate committee, and seconded by Mrs. W. Jean Moore. The motion carried.

President Pegues called for the report of the Registration Committee.

Registrar's Report: by Mrs. Laura Morrow

The Report of the Registration Committee is available.

(See Attachment D)

Total Pre-Registrants for the Executive Board 2017:	327
On-Site Registrants:	29
Total Registrants	356

It was moved by Jacqueline Robinson that the report be accepted, and seconded by Donna Kirkland. The motion carried.

Laura Morrow announced that registration bags may be picked up for persons who registered in your Region and did not attend the Executive Board. Also, snacks are available in the back.

[Finance Committee](#): reported by Thelma Henderson

The Report of the Finance Committee is available on page 95 of the Report Book.

(See Attachment D)

WMC EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017

Money Received On-site - Columbia, South Carolina

Organization and Promotion		
	2/4/2017	\$1,280.00
	2/5/2017	\$469.00
	2/6/2017	\$1,572.75
Total		\$3,281.75
 Special Project-Stoles		
	2/4/2017	\$2,330.00
	2/5/2017	\$885.00
	2/6/2017	\$435.00
TOTAL		\$3,650.00
 FINE ARTS		
	2/6/2017	\$218.00
 COMMUNION OFFERING		
	2/5/2017	\$7,449.00

VENDORS

2/6/2017 \$1,800.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

2/6/2017 \$ 700.00

REGISTRATION

2/6/2017 \$2,975.00

LEAVE A CITY BETTER

2/6/2017 \$2,700.00

11th Episcopal District

2/6/2017 \$755.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$23,528.75

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Thelma Henderson-Chair

Carol Ferrell

Dr. Nellie B. King

W. Jean Moore

Ida P. Suggs

Edna Cooper

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET FOR JANUARY
1- DECEMBER 31, 2017

SOURCE OF INCOME	
General Church Allocation	\$ 48,000.00
Status of Women	\$ 175.00
Communion Offering	\$ 11,150.00
Scholarship	\$ 116,463.00
Organization & Promotions/Pledges	\$ 6,008.00
Literature & Publications	\$ 4,625.00
Fine Arts	\$ 3,230.00
World Federation of Women United Churches	\$ 5,187.00
Life Membership	\$ 700.00
Missionary Messenger	\$ 37,144.00
Hunger Meals for Millions	\$ 23,996.00
Overseas Mission	\$ 32,201.00
HOPE Project	\$ 12,248.00
Vendors	\$ 1,200.00
Special Projects: Stoles	\$ 14,270.00
Executive Board	\$ 130,000.00
Bank Refunds	\$ 7,260.00
Other Income	\$ 1,194.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 455,051.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Thelma Henderson Carol Ferrell Dr. Nellie B. King W. Jean Moore Ida P. Suggs Edna Cooper	

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL CHRISTIAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET FOR JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

DISBURSEMENT ALLOCATIONS	
Salaries	
President Secretary	\$ 6,700.00
Vice President	\$ 3,600.00
Treasurer	\$ 6,600.00
Editor	\$ 7,000.00
President's Office Expense	\$ 7,000.00
Vice President Expense	\$ 1,200.00
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 1,200.00
Editor's Expense	\$ 1,200.00
Professional Service Legal Fee	\$ 5,500.00
Audit	\$ 2,400.00
WMC Disbursements	
Executive Board	\$ 115,983.00
Transportation Expense	\$ 4,500.00
Presidents Travel	\$ 25,000.00
Committee Meetings	\$ 3,500.00
WMCStorage	\$ 600.00
Postage-Officers & Chairpersons	\$ 2,000.00
Special Representation	\$ 4,000.00
Affiliate Registration & Representation	\$ 4,000.00
Retirement Gift Funds	\$ 14,400.00
Missionary Messenger	\$ 45,407.00
Save Our Sons Scholarship	\$ 12,000.00
Helena B. Cobb Scholarship	\$ 27,000.00
HBC Scholarship Grants (\$200 per student)	\$ 55,000.00
Phillips School of Theology Book Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00
Overseas Mission	\$ 50,000.00
toles	\$ 7,671.00
Promotional Items	\$ 4,900.00
TOTAL	\$ 423,361.00
General Contingency Fund	\$ 31,690.00

It was moved by Dr. Nellie B. King that the report of the Finance Committee and projected operating budget is approved, and seconded by Thelma Henderson. The motion carried.

[Women's Missionary Council Centennial Celebration and 2018 Executive Board Meeting](#)

President Dr. Pegues announced that our Centennial Celebration and Executive Board Meeting for 2018, will be in Kingsport, TN. Next year, our hotel room rates will be \$99. Shuttle transportation would be provided by the shuttle at cost of \$10 round trip.

[2019 Women's Missionary Council Quadrennial Assembly](#)

President Pegues announced that the 2019 Women's Missionary Council Quadrennial Assembly would be held in the Fourth Episcopal District.

President Pegues recognized Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr. and Dr. Louise Brown. Bishop Brown and Dr. Louise Brown greeted the Conference and exclaimed that they were happy to host the 2019 Quadrennial Assembly.

President Pegues recognized Patron Bishop Walker for his leadership, service and hospitality and presented him with a gift.

Patron Bishop Walker thanked the Women's Missionary Council.

Dr. Pegues announced the offering of \$160 for the Eleventh Episcopal District. President Pegues announced an amount of \$243 was collected given to Elizabeth Umondi

Patron Bishop Walker with Bishop King led the Rededication Service.

Patron Bishop Walker gave the Benediction at 9:32 am.

President Pegues closed the 2017 Executive Board meeting at 9:33 a.m.