

**Report of the First Vice President
Commission on Christian Social Action
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**“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by ACTION, is dead!”
James 2:17 (NIV)**

To the Bishops, Supervisors, General Officers, International President Shirley Cason-Reed , Christian Social Action Commissioners and members of the Women’s Missionary Society. I am indeed honored and privileged to serve as your First Vice President, as well as Coordinator of the Commission on Christian Social Action. And, I give God all the honor, glory and praise for the opportunity to serve.

This report reflects **“the Work and Witness”** of this Commission since Executive Board Meeting and Service Day, 2013.

The Goals of the First Vice President/CSA Coordinator are:

- 1). Recharge our vision through responsive and responsible 21st century initiatives.
- 2). Raise awareness and respond to the concerns of women, globally.
- 3). Encourage and embrace the creative uniqueness of the District 1st Vice Presidents at the District, Conference and Local levels, globally.
- 4). Partner and network with affiliated organizations and ecumenical teams who share our goals to: eradicate poverty, domestic violence, injustices, inequalities and hunger.
- 5). Heighten awareness of critical family, housing and health needs through innovative initiatives, at all levels.
- 6). Plan and execute global initiatives and opportunities to improve the conditions of those in dire need, globally.
- 7). Raise the visibility and reputation of the Women’s Missionary Society, as a powerful advocate for social justice and change.

**“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what
you become by achieving your goals!” Zig Ziglar”**

The Objectives

- 1). Increase affiliate memberships and viable ecumenical partnerships: (Targeted affiliates: National Council of Negro Women, Church Women United, Black Women’s Agenda, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women and other selected organizations)
- 2). Support, Bread for the World, NGO Initiatives, Missionary on the Move, AARP Partnership and the WMS Foundation Board of Trustees.
- 3). Promote the Black Women’s Health Summit, the Denominational Leadership Health Project, First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” Initiative and other health initiatives that are designed to improve lives and result in global impacts.
- 4). Enhance communication through teleconferencing, email blasts and other methods to ensure successful implementation of Commission goals and expectations.
- 5). Develop leadership training modules specifically designed to equip and empower First Vice Presidents and other CSA Commissioners as powerful witnesses for social justice and change.

- 6). Accelerate VOTER registration by generating educational opportunities and strategies to ensure the THOUSANDS of voices in this organization are heard.
- 7). Produce initiatives that are aligned with the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals. Strong Focus on: Combating HIV/AIDS and Eradicating Domestic Violence
- 8). Report membership and outcomes with statistical data to record the global strengths of our organization and the impact of our works for Kingdom Building.

Accomplishments

- 1). Developed a 2013 Christian Social Action guide to increase the effectiveness of TEAM FIRST leaders (1st Vice Presidents) on all levels.
- 2). Heighten awareness and strengthen and empowered women through informational articles (January - December) that were communicated to all districts, as well as through Connectional email blasts.
- 3). Assisted in the planning and execution of the MOM projects, EBM 2013. Dallas, TX. High commendations and special thanks to **Rene Arnold** (Former MOM Commissioner) for her dedication and commitment to this commission for eight years!.
- 4). February 28, 2013 – Participated in the “Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act” (VAWA) strategy conference call, urging Congress to vote NO on the House substitute bill and YES on the bipartisan Senate version of S.47 bill, to protect all domestic violence victims.
- 5). Under the leadership of CSA Commissioner, **Bertha Pitts**, help spearhead a “Mother’s Day Campaign to End Fistula.” This “Love-A-Sister” initiative was designed to raise awareness and funds to aid those affected by fistula.
- 6). Partnered with Bread for the World and CSA Commissioner **Patricia Bradley**, by supporting the 2013 Offering of Letters Campaign.... “A Place at the Table” and distributing the 1,000 Conversations Kits. This was a “Circle of Protection” and an aggressive effort to urge national leaders and legislators to end hunger and poverty, globally.
- 7). Launched Connectional WMS’ AARP Membership Drive, encouraging District leadership to join or renew participation.
- 8). May 31-June 2, 2013 – Attended .. “The National Affiliates Assembly for the National Council of Negro Women” in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 9). June 8-11, 2013 – Participated in “Bread for the World’s National Gathering” in Washington, DC. As “Women of Faith” representatives, we discussed strategies and legislation to end hunger. During this assembly, we also visited our congressmen and senators, asking them to protect anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs such as, SNAP, WIC and PFDA.
- 10). Disseminated Christian Social Action informational flyers to promote initiatives, raise awareness and to ensure social change and action.

***Thank you Supervisors and District Presidents for your commitment to this organization ...
thank you First Vice Presidents and CSA Commissioners for making a difference in the life of
this Commission... and thank you Godfor this calling!***

The Work is All Divine!!!

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