

REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION
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*“God is glorified when we use the mind He made
to learn of Him, His ways, His Word, and His World.”*

~Donald Whitney

With sincere conviction and a spirit of thanksgiving, we, the members of the Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation, acknowledge the opportunities for service and witness that have been afforded to us by God’s grace. By His power, we strive to equip others with a strong Biblical and spiritual foundation, a heightened awareness of the world around them, and the fervent desire to be used in God’s service, both individually and collectively.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Four key components—all interwoven, interdependent and complementary— comprise the work of The Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation:

- Education
- Empowerment~Faith-Building
- Enrichment~Visibility & Awareness
- Expression

Our focus, as a whole, will continue to be directed toward addressing all of our Commission responsibilities outlined per the *WMS Constitution and Bylaws*; however, the goals listed below are among those of the highest priority:

- Maintain a system to enable information flow and the exchange of ideas with parallel Commissions on Mission Education and Interpretation on the Local, Conference, and Episcopal levels.
- Evaluate and assess alternative delivery methods of communication, particularly in support of on-going efforts to “go green.”
- Develop a multi-tiered communication strategy to articulate mission study through various channels (e.g., website, email, Promotion and Missionary Education Curriculum, *The Missionary Magazine*, etc.).
- Formulate a model to quantify and assess the impacts and outcomes of mission activities.
- Investigate and identify potential sources for scholarships.
- Encourage expression of our faith.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coordinated workshop topics and presenters for Executive Board Meetings.
- Christian Social Action Commission monthly observance topics have been incorporated in both *The Missionary Magazine* and the Promotion and Missionary Education Curriculum.

- Second Vice Presidents, on all levels, are raising visibility and awareness of the Women’s Missionary Society through the submission of articles to *The Missionary Magazine* and by serving as liaisons to the International Editor.
- Increased utilization of emails, conference calls and Facebook.
- Offered a workshop to examine the decision-making process of mission project selection (who, what, why, when and where) and how to determine the effectiveness of its results.
- WMS e-MAG, an electronic downloadable version of *The Missionary Magazine*, is planned.
- The WMS Legacy Scholarship Program has been established.

Our mission journey is a shared one—it requires collaboration and teamwork. We express heartfelt gratitude to our International President, Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed, for her visionary guidance and inspiration. Sincere love and appreciation is extended to our fellow Commission member, Mrs. Corinne Thomas, in recognition of her hard work, devotion and commitment to excellence as Promotion and Missionary Education Director for eight years. Her legacy of “Expanding, Equipping, Educating” Missionaries for service has made a lasting difference throughout the world.

In closing, I declare God’s faithfulness in abundantly blessing me with the opportunity to share in this mission experience with the members of the Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation, and for the sustaining prayers, guidance and encouragement provided by my beloved Episcopal Leadership Team, Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath and Supervisor Susan Jones Leath, M.D., of the Thirteenth Episcopal District.