

REPORT OF THE HISTORIOGRAPHER- STATISTICIANS

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GOALS AND OBJECTIONS:

- Create and maintain an archival database and repository of the history of the Women's Missionary Society relating to all levels to be housed in the Connectional WMS Headquarters.
- Compile and publish adequate data under the direction of the President and the Executive Board, both written and technologically to be submitted as a report to the Quadrennial Convention. (Power point)
- Promote the importance of record keeping in written or verbal forms on all levels by producing a workbook for all Episcopal Historiographer-Statisticians to use. This workbook will provide a standardized reporting procedure for use in maintaining our WMS legacy for future generations to access.
- Pair Episcopal Historians in five support groups for quarterly collaboration.
- Keep a timely and accurate record of our mission thrust annually.
- Facilitate and work in partnership with the P.M.E. Director, Editor of the Missionary Magazine and Recording Secretary in compiling an accurate history.

Tasks in Progress and Accomplishments:

Outline the framework for Historiographer-Statisticians web-link to the Connectional website

(To be completed, January 2016)

I have consulted with several Episcopal Supervisors, Presidents and Historiographers, who have historical expertise and information to be archived.

Presently we are reading all history and statistical reports available, including the "A History of the WMS 1874-2003 of the African Methodist Episcopal Church" by Edna Wilson McLoyd, Historiographer-Statistician, 2003; and several Episcopal Districts reports up to the dates (2003-2010).

We will showcase and display several Episcopal Districts' history at the WMS Executive Board Meetings and in the WMS magazines.

The Historiographer-Statistician in Action (Bi-monthly Conference Calls)

- Three H-S members will update and monitor the WMS History web-link.
- All H-S will report quarterly the statistics and historical events in their districts. (special feature of WMS Local Societies)
- Use quarterly surveys and evaluations reports as an ongoing process for highlighting membership growth and open communication.
- Compile a booklet of standard forms and procedures for collecting and reporting the history of each district.
- Media and Graphic Arts skills needed
- Compile and produce a final History Book by July 2015 (Final Stages)

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It is CHRIST’s forethought.” Henry van Duke**