

Report of the First Vice President

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To: The Bishops, Supervisors, and General Officers
International WMS President Shirley Cason-Reed and Connectional Leadership
Episcopal District Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents on all levels, and Christian Social Action
Commissioners
The Delegation, Ecumenical Partners and Guests of the 18th Quadrennial Convention of the
Women's Missionary Society, AME Church

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.

A myriad of social issues face the world today. World Hunger and Poverty, Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation, The Black Lives Matter Movement, Human Trafficking, Bring Back Our Girls Initiative, Nepal, Domestic Violence, Climate Change, Gun Control, Immigration Injustices, Gender Inequalities, Police Brutality, Ebola Outbreak, Health Disparities, Economic Injustices, Bullying in Schools, Children's Rights, Wars and Rumors of Wars. The Bible says in Psalm 82:3-4:

"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

The primary goal of the Commission on Christian Social Action is to: IMPACT, INFLUENCE and INSPIRE social change and action through innovative programs and initiatives!

This report reflects **"the work and witness"** of this Commission for the 2011-2015 Quadrennium.

1. Developed and distributed yearly Christian Social Action guide to increase the effectiveness of TEAM FIRST leaders (1st Vice Presidents) on all levels and to ensure social change and action.
2. Heightened awareness and strengthened and empowered women through informational articles
3. (Jan. – Dec.) that were communicated to all districts, as well as through Connectional email blasts.
4. Planned and executed (in consultation with President Reed) innovative programs for Executive Board Meetings in Birmingham, AL (2012), Dallas, TX (2013) and Little Rock, AR (2014).
5. Presented as a panelist at the 55th National Convention of the National Council of Negro Women, May 23-26, 2012, the Gaylord National Hotel, National Harbor, MD.
6. Attended the National Affiliates Assembly for the National Council of Negro Women in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 31-June 2, 2013.
7. Participated in "Bread for the World's National Gathering", June 8-11, 2013, 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.
8. Under the partnership of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, presented one of four workshops (Millennium Goal 4: Reducing Child Mortality) in Chicago, IL.
 9. Assisted MOM Commissioner Lenette Williams-King in the planning and execution of the MOM initiatives during Connectional Executive Board Meetings.
 10. 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.
 11. Collaborated with CSA Commissioner, **Bertha Pitts**, to 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.
 12. Partnered with Bread for the World and CSA Commissioner **Patricia Bradley**, by supporting the 2012, 2013, 2014 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.
 13. Launched Connectional WMS’ AARP Membership Drive, encouraging District leadership to join or renew AARP participation.
 14. Disseminated Christian Social Action informational flyers to promote initiatives, raise awareness and to ensure social change and action.
 15. Participated in Voter Round – ups and “Get Out to Vote” Campaigns – Volunteered at Democratic Headquarters, Austin, TX.
 16. Championed the Chibok “BRING BACK OUR GIRLS” letter writing initiative with NGO Commissioner Jackie Robinson Mitchell and her team.
 17. Attended and actively participated in the transforming NGO Conventions in New York, NY.
 18. Sojourned with International **President Shirley Cason-Reed**, Connectional Historiographer **Frances Cofield**, 10th District President **Judith Redd** and others, to Port Au Prince, Haiti in May, 2014 to distribute baby essentials to “new mothers” at the AME SADA Clinic.
 19. Sojourned with **Bishop John R. Bryant**, **Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant**, Connectional NGO Commissioner **Jackie Mitchell Robinson**, 4th District NGO Commissioner **Loy Brown** and others on January 20-28, 2015, to Hyderabad, India to participate in a Prayer and Healing Convocation and to take essential medical supplies and Bibles to the delegation.
 20. Promoted Special Advocacy Days (not on CSA Calendar): Black Lives Matter Sunday (Dec 14, 2014), National Blue Sunday (April 26, 2015), Equal Pay Day (April 14, 2015), AME SADA Sunday (May 17, 2015)
 21. Planned (in consultation with President Reed) the activities and programs for the 18th Quadrennial Convention of the WMS - AMEC.

*Thank you Episcopal Supervisors and Episcopal 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 allowing me to serve as
Your Chosen vessel!*

*The Work is All Divine!!!
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