

# “V-Notes”

March 2015



There's a Convention going on this year,  
Going to Orlando, and the time is near,  
So bring your good times and your laughter too...  
Come on Missionaries... We Celebrate You!

*Celebrate Missionaries - Come On!  
It's a Celebration!*

## Greetings to **YOUth!**

The 28th Quadrennial Convention of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society is fast approaching...we're counting down a fast five months! I'm excited and look forward to greeting and meeting each of you. This will be my first report as your General Secretary! Plans are being made for **YOUth**, to include a "Youth Night Out" and a few "V-Chat & Chew" Night Sessions. I pray you'll take the time to participate in all you can! In this newsletter you'll find some helpful hints to get you through the Convention. This is a time for youth to bump up your knowledge about the Society. This is a time that your voice may be heard. The Convention acts as another stepping stone as to how **YOUth** can make a difference and keep the Society growing with new and innovative ideas. Above all I want you to HAVE FUN! There is a lot of work to be done but you'll also have time to socialize and meet youth from across Zion, make some new friends.

Looking forward to "C-ing" you soon! It's time to Celebrate - Convene and Connect!

## W.H.&O.M. Society 28th Quadrennial Convention "Are **YOUth** Ready?"

### WHEN

July 25-31, 2015

### WHERE

Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel  
9939 Universal Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32819

### YOUTH ACTIVITY FEE - \$20.00

There is a \$20.00 Activity Fee for all youth (Delegates Included!) if you want to participate in:

- \* Youth Night Out - WhirlyDome Orlando  
Tuesday, July 28 (10pm - 1am)  
Whirlyball, Laser Tag and Bowling, Assorted Games & Other Activities, Food & Drinks
- \* "V-Chat & Chew" Youth Gatherings  
Wednesday & Thursday, July 29 & 30 (10pm - 12am)  
Group "V-Chat" Sessions, Games & Activities, Food & Drinks

ALL activities will start following the close of nightly sessions. ETA - Approx. 10pm-12 midnight

See your Y Secretary for a Registration Form and Permission Slip. Make checks payable to the W.H.&O.M. Society and send your registration to the Executive Secretary:

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society  
Youth Activities  
P.O. Box 26846  
Charlotte, NC 28221-6846

Registration DEADLINE: June 30th

\$30.00 Late Registration - On Site **SATURDAY ONLY** (July 25)



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## CONVENTION OUTREACH

The Janie Speaks Hospital in Guyana is the Outreach push for the Society at this Convention.

Each Youth is asked to **DONATE \$5.00**

We're purchasing Digital and Clinical Thermometers.  
GOAL: 100



Funds will be collected at the Convention. Look for your designated Youth Booth!

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DEADLINE: JUNE 30TH

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LATE REGISTRATION  
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JULY 25TH

## What's expected of YOUth?

### Great Expectations and General Guidelines:

PRAY, ask God to help you be such a delegate, that when you return home, you will have a better understanding of the Society and be excited about work in missions.

Be amenable to the Y Secretary or designated Chaperone. Let them know where you are at all times.

Bring/wear the attire as indicated per the daily schedule; dress comfortable but appropriately. Your clothes should reflect that you are attending a Church function. Not too tight but just right! We do not want to see any of the following: very short or excessively short skirts; crop tops; halter tops; very low cut shirts; low riding pants that will show undergarments or body parts. Bedroom shoes, pajamas, robes, scarves and do-rags are only to be worn in your rooms.

**PARTICIPATE**, attend and be on-time for all business, worship, workshop and social sessions/events.

Bring a Bible, pens and notebook with you to each session. Cell phones and other personal electronic devices are only to be used as an enhancement during all workshops, sessions, worship services and other planned activities. In other words, you should not be playing games or passing texts or tweets!

**LISTEN** and **TAKE NOTES** about anything/everything that you see or hear that will help the youth work "back home"; ask questions, get contact information.

Be ready to sit through long Convention sessions if necessary.

**SHARE** what you are doing in your area with anyone you meet that is interested or might benefit; share your contact information.

Be familiar with how to address the Chair, in the event you wish to make a motion or have a request of the Chair.

Read and understand all resolutions presented – **ASK QUESTIONS** of the Missionary Supervisor or other District Delegates if you are unclear about any matter on which you must vote.

Read and understand the budget well enough to vote on it – ask questions if needed.

Inquire as to the suitability of the candidates seeking office and vote accordingly.

Demonstrate sisterly love and patience. Be gracious, respectful and considerate of those who by virtue of age and/or position, carry additional burdens.

Be mindful of your language; conduct yourselves in a Christ-like manner.

Stay until the Convention has officially ended.

Be prepared to give a report on the Convention when you return home; include what you enjoyed the most and what you disliked the most.

**HAVE FUN!** There is a lot of work to be done but you'll also have time to socialize and meet youth from across Zion, make some new friends.

Project a positive image of the Society, the A.M.E. Zion Church and Christianity to all those with whom you come in contact -- be on your "best behavior". You are **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST** and are expected to carry yourselves accordingly.

### Walk This Way!

#### Vilma D. Leake Walk-A-Mile

Looking for Youth to participate in Walk-A-Mile for Second Mile to solicit funds for missions and to promote good health. Here are the assigned walking dates for the Episcopal Districts. I will be walking on Monday morning. You can pick and choose. I'm not an early bird so I know it's hard but YOUth can do it! (At least once!) Don't forget to take pictures and send them my way!

#### Monday

Piedmont, Western West Africa, Western, Southwestern Delta

#### Tuesday

North Eastern, Alabama-Florida, South Atlantic, Eastern West Africa

#### Wednesday

Eastern North Carolina, Mid-Atlantic I, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic II

## Youth Convention Attire - What to Wear?

### Saturday:

Evening (Expo) After 5, Dressy Church, T-Length

### Sunday:

Morning Worship - White

Evening (Life Members) - White with LM Stole

### Monday:

Teen Dressy Casual All Day

### Tuesday:

Teen Dressy Casual All Day

Evening (Youth) - Blue Jeans & "YOUth Make a Difference" T-Shirt

### Wednesday:

Color Day - Wear your Blue & Gold!

Evening (Banquet) - Formal

### Thursday:

Prayer Breakfast & Memorial Service - White

Black (Thursdays in Black - A World Without Rape & Violence)

### Friday:

On-the-Road Again Casual (Traveling Clothes)

### \*\*NOTE\*\*

Keep in mind you may not have time to change outfits during the day. Be comfortable and appropriate you won't go wrong. Sessions are usually cold - don't forget to bring a sweater, jacket or wrap!

**WANTED!**

Photo's of our youth in action to include in my Quadrennial report. Please send photos from Conference, District and Local Church youth missionary activities. Include Mass Meetings, outreach projects, church programs and even youth that you highlighted and/or awarded these past four years. Make sure to include with photo name of activity or person, brief description of what's going on and of course your District information. You can send by e-mail or snail mail (cannot guarantee return)

**DEADLINE EXTENDED  
March 31, 2015**

**Youth Can Make a Difference T-Shirts**

The **LAST** T-shirt order before the Convention will be placed in **JUNE 1st**. These T-shirts will only be available for pick-up on-site at the Convention. Prices have gone up \$1 per shirt. Cost for t-shirts \$10 (Small -X Large); \$12 (2X-Large); \$13 (3X-Large) . **WE WILL** be wearing our t-shirts on

Tuesday night during my report and the Youth Celebration. An order form can be found on our web site. Get the word out and place your orders A.S.A.P.! All money is payable to the WH&OM Society.

**LAST ORDER  
DEADLINE JUNE 1st.**



**Youth Celebration—Tuesday, July 28th.** I will be looking for volunteers to participate at different levels on the program. You will be getting information by snail mail, e-mail and YouTube! Get ready to practice at home so when we come together - we'll be together! Listen for announcements upon arrival at the convention for on-site practices. Come ready to practice and perform! I am requesting that Y Secretaries for our Celebration wear jean skirts and Youth to wear blue jeans with the "YOUth Make a Difference" t-Shirts.

Become familiar with the following songs "Victorious" by Donnie McClurkin and Tye Tribbett; "I Give Myself Away" by William McDowell; What's Going On" All Star Tribute - Various Artists and "Glory" by John Legend and Common. Some of our youth have already volunteered to lead in our opening praise dance and the mime dance for the outreach portion of the program. Be ready if you want to participate. The routines will be worked out and you'll have time to get it all together on-site. I will also need volunteers for the social awareness portion of the program. No singing or dancing is required for that. I'm excited as this will be my 1st report as your Youth Secretary and I'm looking forward to showing up and showing out!

There's one more SURPRISE element I would like all Youth Secretary's and our Youth to become involved in that I'm working on the details for. Will send that information under separate cover SOON!

**Vicki's "Victory Projects"**

- \* 2012 - "Jeans for Teens" collect new and slightly worn jeans and donate them to a local teen home or shelter
- \* 2013 - "Church World Service (CWS) Hygiene Kits" See <http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/kits/hygiene-kits.html>

to get more information. Don't forget to send photo's of your youth at work!  
\* 2014 - "Gift Ark" We're partnering together with Heifer International to build an Ark!

If your Conference, District or Local Church has participated in any of these "Victory Projects" let me know. These projects will be highlighted at the Convention.  
**DEADLINE: March 31st.**  
*It's not to Late to Participate!*

**I'm just a phone call or e-mail away!**

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