

“V-Notes”

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I'm a Mountain Mover, get out of my way...

I am Victorious, get out of my way...

Keep Moving for Missions,

Vicki L. Breaux

Greetings to YOUth!

Just in case you haven't noticed my name changed - I'm a Breaux now! This is a New Year full of new beginnings for me. On January 1st at midnight I married the one God kept for me. William is his name and I'm sure you'll be seeing him around. My new slogan is "Go with Breaux!" I thank God for His continued goodness and faithfulness. He is more than wonderful! Keep us both in your prayers. Here's a few snaps from the wedding.



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What's Up with YOUth around Zion?

Just want to share with you some of the activities going on across Zion with our Youth.

New York City District youth and District Secretary Edith Mayfield collected items and prepared hygiene kits for CWS at their Mass Meeting.



Chicago District youth met at St. Andrew AMEZ Church for their annual Chicago area Veterans Appreciation Luncheon and Toy Drive which culminated at the luncheon. Over 150 Veterans and families were served.

Toys were bagged and distributed at the Chicago Heights Veterans Center. District Secretary, Susan Willis, made plans for youth to be honored in a Recognition Ceremony during the Michigan Annual Conference.



Salisbury District Secretary, Carol Waller presented our "YOUth Make a Difference" t-shirts to youth during their Victoria Richardson Day Program. The youth put together and delivered



Easter baskets to the sick and shut-in.



Let me know what your youth are doing and send pictures, pictures, pictures! Getting ready for my Quadrennial Report and want everyone represented.



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“Ministry on the Move” Missionary Leadership Training Institute

If you missed the Leadership Training Institute in March, you missed a Mountain Moving experience! We prayed, praised, worshipped, studied, learned, met new friends, caught up with old ones and even got “Happy” as the Alabama-Florida ladies invited us to Florida for 2015 Quadrennial Convention! Praise God! I believe everyone was able to bring something down that mountain with them, and it wasn’t the snow and sleet that surprised us our last day there!

Here’s the short and sweet of what happened:

Thursday - YAMS were out in full force! Dawn Walker, our General YAMS Coordinator filled the day with planning sessions and workshops for the single and married. It was a just peachy evening as their celebration ended with a YAMS choir and a powerful sermon by Rev. Lynn Mitchell. The YAMS also reached out with a project for the Children’s Defense Fund to raise \$4,000.

Friday - We heard from our International President, Dr. Sandra L. Gadson, followed by some informative plenary sessions to include Dr. Pernessa Seele, Founder/CEO Balm-In-Gilead; Ruth Stevens, Parliamentary Procedures; and Minister Arthur Wilson with a “GOOD” (Get Out of Debt) Revival. Dr. Gloria Williams our First Vice President facilitated our Walk-A-Mile and Agape Luncheon. Funds raised between the two days were \$8,000.10. WOW - That is going the Second Mile! The luncheon meditation was done by Rev. Anna Maynor. Friday night we came together for an “Issues Facing America” forum to include the “Affordable Care Act” (Obama Care), Dr. Seele; Bread for the World, Rev. Nance Neal; Estate Planning, Larry Melton.

Saturday - opened with a beautiful prayer breakfast facilitated by Sara

Cherrington, General Secretary of Supply. “Them Bells are Calling Us to Pray” was the theme. Throughout the program bells were softly heard ringing in the morning prayers. The meditation speaker was Ruth Stevens. The Rev. Dominique Robinson presented our Bible Study and was also the speaker for our “Ministry on the Move” Luncheon. It was color day! Everyone showed their colors as we moved about to the departmental workshops and gathered information to prepare for the Quadrennial Convention. Candidates were introduced in a Candidates Forum.

The Saturday night closing session was fun and informative as each department did a wrap-up presentation. What a fellowship, the singing and laughter in the Chapel

summed it all up as a weekend well done. Kudos to the Institute Dean and Second Vice President Joyce Reid for a job well done and thanks to the WH&OMS Executive Board for all of their hard work.

Sunday morning, I was one of the ones to get up and out at 4:30 a.m. for my flight home. I missed worship but was told it was a beautiful communion service. Bishop Mildred B. Hines brought hearts and minds together to leave the mountain with spirits full.

It was a true mountain moving experience...get out of our way!

*I'm a Mountain Mover,
get out of my way...
I'm an Over Comer,
get out of my way...
I am a Conqueror,
get out of my way...
I am Victorious,
get out of my way...*

Mountain Movers!



Youth Workshop



“Are We There Yet?”

Melva Polk Wright , Susan Willis
Monica Tate, Carol Waller



Me & Monica



**How we live
our lives IS
the journey .**

Leadership Institute Youth Workshop - March 2014

Following the Institute Focus of "Ministry on the Move", 42+ District Youth Secretaries came together on Saturday, March 29th for a mini "Road Trip: Are We There Yet?" workshop. It was a journey to living the Christian life. We packed-up, tuned-up, filled-up, mapped-up and finally wrapped-up our journey with the information needed to travel life's highways. Asking ourselves along the way, are we there yet? (*Copies of the workshop handouts can be found on the WHOM.org web site.*)

Upon reaching our destination, the next thing on our agenda of course was YOUth! How to get the youth more involved; what to do at meetings; and using multi-media were some of the discussion points. Facebook, Twitter, texting and Snap Chat were suggested as a great way to reach them

and also inviting the youth to bring their I-Pads and I-Phones to meetings to use for Bible lessons and workshops on various topics. I asked for names for possible youth volunteers to maintain a Youth Facebook page and since returning home have contacted and found our first volunteer, **Jenna Wright** from the Philadelphia Eastern Shore District, Mid-Atlantic II Episcopal District. Prayerfully we'll be able to get our Facebook page up and running! The other part of YOUth is YOU! Suggestions for Secretaries was to continue using the WHOMS.org web site, use of conference calls (Thanks Demetrious!) and to continue with the "V-Note Newsletter".

We're on our way to Orlando! The Quadrennial Convention is a year away and plans are in progress. Topics covered the election of youth delegates, Constitution and

possible activities and programming for the youth. I received some great suggestions for literature YOUth will use. More information is coming your way.

Other "V-Notes" included the Dorothy S. Johnson Retreat – 2016, a retreat will be planned for the year following the convention; "YOUth Can Make a Difference" t-shirts are still available and is our official attire through 2015. Orders must be placed in lots of 30 or more, forms can be found on the WHOMS.org web site. Outreach "Victory Project" 2014 is the Heifer International "Gift Ark". Those at the Institute can consider yourselves Mountain MOOers...we collected \$45 for our "Gift Ark" and I have made that donation on our behalf.

Thanks to these ladies for representing us and

participating in the "Are We There Yet" skit during the closing wrap-up presentation on Saturday night. Monica Tate (York District - South Atlantic Episcopal District); Carol Waller (Salisbury District – Piedmont Episcopal District); Susan Willis (Chicago District – Mid-West Episcopal District); Melva Polk Wright (Philadelphia Eastern Shore District, Mid-Atlantic II Episcopal District) You did us proud! You're simply the best!

I appreciate all in attendance for your input. Every time we come together I learn something new and my prayer is that you do too. Please keep asking questions and sharing what YOUth do in your areas. We're helping and strengthening each other and more importantly we're seeking to help our youth become closer to God and the works He has for them to do.

2014 "Victory Project" Heifer International Gift Ark

I'm ready to build an Ark how about YOUth?! My "Victory Project" for 2014 is the donation of a "Gift Ark" Heifer International. This organizations mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. It takes \$5,000 to build an Ark and YOUth can do it! A "Gift Ark" changes the world two by two. The Ark includes two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more. Your donation will:

- Care for entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool
- Provide income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell
- Sustain farming by providing livestock to work the land
- Improve the lives of families for generations by multiplying resources and passing on the gift

I need YOUth to make a donation by purchasing a full and/or share of the animals on my Y Team Wish List. Together we have the power over hunger and poverty. Together, we can change the world. It's time to build an Ark!

We've Collected \$370 - Continue to Give - DEADLINE January 2015.



Me & Ayanna Addison
Faith Youth
Gold Award in "The Arts"



Big Zion Youth
World Hunger PSA



At Home - Down in the Delta!

Youth united for an awesome Roseland District 3rd Annual "Vickie Awards" Celebration. Awards are given to youth for high academic achievements, religious and community involvement. The program also included liturgical dance and public service announcements to promote the Heifer International outreach project to eliminate world hunger. Big Zion's youth evoked tears from our eyes with their public service announcement which ended with placards being held with a plea to the audience to help stop hunger. They marched to the song "Angel" by Sara McLachlin. \$150 was collected for the "Gift Ark" project.

We're off to Orlando in 2015! The 28th WH&OMS Quadrennial Convention will be here before you know it! YOUth will be hearing from me often with updates and preparations as they are being made. Remember the Youth Delegate is to be elected at the 1st Mass Meeting, the year before the convention. Plans are being made for youth to have nightly gatherings for fun and fellowship, a possible Y Night Out and a separate afternoon trip to *Disney World (extra charge). 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! I am requesting that Y Secretaries for our Celebration wear jean skirts and the "YOUth Make a Difference" t-Shirts. Youth Delegates and other youth participants will be notified of their attire once the program is set. I will also be soliciting our youth (ages 13-21) to write short devotions/meditations for their literature. I'm working on the guidelines now. If you have youth that write and want to be published, this is an opportunity for them. We want to make our literature relevant, useful and used! Please take time to review the Youth section in the WH&OMS Constitution for any corrections and/or additions. If you have a resolution to submit, now's the time to get it together and see your Supervisor. I'm excited about my 1st report as your Youth Secretary and looking forward to the year ahead!

Secretaries are you with me...Oh Yeah...Off to Orlando...I'll see you there!



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 February 2015

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" These kits are needed! 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. It's not to Late to Participate!

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

— Barack Obama

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

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YOUth Can Make a Difference T-Shirts

T-shirts are still available! They must be ordered in lots of 30 or more to keep costs down. Order early for your Youth Anniversary in January. \$9 Small-X Large; \$11 XX-Large; \$12 XXX-Large. Remember this t-shirt is for the **entire Quadrennial**. My hope is that you will wear them

(take pictures) during your projects and activities. This will also be the t-shirt worn at the **Convention in 2015**. 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.



Save the Date: 2015 WH&OM Society Quadrennial Convention
July 25-31, 2014
Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, Florida