Also, during the 9<sup>th</sup> District's Convention, we provided ten \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards, underwear and socks valued at \$300 for a domestic center in Huntsville, Alabama. And, we carried ten \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards to Kentucky for the Connectional Compassionate Care Project for a domestic violence center. We provided Christmas gifts for 26 families for the Angel Tree, held a Rural Mission day to support our mission churches in the amount of \$1,905.58, and had 172 members to join the WMS Foundation at a fee of \$860.

Our Local Societies maintain clothes closets, food banks, tutoring for school children (making Read Across America and Adopt-a-School an ongoing project), nursing home ministries, and provides food baskets during holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter). We welcomed six new Life Members, two transfers, and ten new members. Furthermore, we launched our WMS Website. SE supported the District's Legends in White with a donation of \$2,423.26 and Sip N Pray with a donation of \$200.

Women's Missionary Society, 9th Episcopal District President, Susie Bonner, states, "Historically and statistically it has been a huge disparity in the areas of literacy and healthcare in the underserved communities. The primary focusses this year are to Achieve Universal Primary Education, eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, and develop Global Partnerships. We need every hand to deliver God's supply to His people. Our mission work in the year to come will be a greater challenge because of the insecurities of this world's economy and racial climate. God's word teaches us in 2nd Corinthians 8 "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." We stand together in commitment to "Transform lives, Build Communities and Impact the World" by "Bridging the Gap, Community, Literacy, and Healthcare Disparities." We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world."

As the 9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District's Liaison representative I remain humble and grateful to make this report on behalf of the 9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society. As we continue as a team working with you the NGO team to better serve our Father which is in heaven and those still in need of our services daily we continue moving forward together.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Supervisor, Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright states, "The 9th District's WMS enjoyed a prosperous year. As reflected by our reports, missions are a high priority. The local societies (backbone) demonstrated a sincere commitment to helping others. Beginning with our Conference Institutes, missionaries proudly reported their work. Local, Conference and District societies participated in: joining Bread for the World in writing letters to Congress on behalf of the hungry and poor; tutoring and donating supplies for schools and childcare agencies; donating pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House; providing AMEC hymnals to congregations; hosting workshops on domestic violence and mental and physical health; and volunteering at local food banks. Project 'Angel Tree' remains a staple in the 9<sup>th</sup>. Although this does not include all the WMS projects, the 9<sup>th</sup> District's WMS remains faithful in supporting the Connectional WMS initiatives. "Thank you" to Bishop Harry L. Seawright and all who support missions in the 9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. Serving as Supervisor of the 9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District blesses me!"

The Northwest Conference President Patricia R. Smith, report projects to assist those in need. Angel Tree Ministry, Domestic Violence Shelter, Donations and Workshops. Summer Feeding program (TGIF) serviced over 400 daycare students, Pathways Transition House Donation, donated to Presiding Elders District towards Rural Mission, supported Matthew 25 Ministry (medicine bottles), Toiletry bags and Lunches prepared for homeless at Kelly Ingram Park. Food basket, donations for families of patients in local hospitals ICU/CCU, provided food baskets for over 100 families in need, and provided items and time to Center of Hope. Fistula donations for 2016 - \$288.00/2017 - \$575.00.

The Alabama River Region Conference President, Joyce O'Neal, report projects to better serve those in need: Adopt-a-School, Valiant Cross Academy, a School for boys in downtown Montgomery for whom we purchased white polo shirts. Pill Bottles for Haiti- collected pill bottles for the second year and mailed them to Haiti. Scholarships for College Students- scholarships in the amounts of \$500.00, 300.00 and 200.00 were awarded to three students at Annual Conference. Gift cards for Mental Health- Collected \$25.00 gift cards at the Annual Institute. Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote Campaigns. We paid \$500.00 for Fistula and Bread for the World.

The Southwest Alabama Conference President Betty Davis, report projects were completed to better serve those in need: Participated in Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign by submitting letters to Congress, asking them to make a difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty. Volunteered at Feeding the Gulf Coast and inspected over 2,115 pounds of nonperishable food which will help provide nearly 1,760 meals to our neighbors. Donated over 1,000 pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House. Purchased uniforms for elementary school students. Conducted Reading is Fundamental sessions in several Head Start locations. Contributed to Fistula and Maama Kits. This is the amount that has been paid for Fistula - \$800.00, Maama Kits - \$350.00, school uniforms - \$500.00.

The Northeast Alabama Conference President Stephanie Bender, report the following projects we have done to better serve those in need. Heath Polk Rural Mission, The Angel Tree Project, Blanket Project, Mama Project, Relay for Life "Pink Ribbon" Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, Diabetes Awareness, Alzheimer's Awareness and Autism Awareness, Step in The Name Of Childhood Obesity Awareness Workshop Domestic Violence and Hurricane Irma. We paid \$200.00 for the Fistula program.

The Southeast Alabama Conference President Dorothy Sconiers-**Bevel**, report through the grace of God, the Southeast (SE) Conference had a wonderful year. During our Annual WMS Institute, we concentrated on Domestic Violence and provided monetary and physical gifts valued at \$300 each to the House of Ruth of Dothan, Alabama and to the Christian Mission of Enterprise, Alabama as our Compassionate Care Projects. During our Annual WMS Day, we focused on Adopt-a-School and provided school supplies valued at \$300 each to the Barbour County Primary School and to the Eufaula Day Care Center. Furthermore, we donated five Bibles and five AMEC Hymnals to ten of our mission churches within the SE (each church received five of each) valued at \$600. Additionally, we provided more than 300 pillow case dresses and a \$300 monetary gift to the 20<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District as an Adopt-a-School Compassionate Care project. Also, during the 9<sup>th</sup> District's Convention, we provided ten \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards, underwear and socks valued at \$300 for a domestic center in Huntsville, Pg. 3 Alabama.

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