

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

FUTURE missionaries it is time to STAND UP!!! We must dedicate our lives to be ready and willing to serve. The willingness to work with a heart of love. We continue to strive for increased membership of young women. There have been numerous meetings conducted with Conference Third Vice Presidents and Members at Large to focus on initiatives and ideas for recruiting members.

We as missionaries must be ready for change, which can be great or excellent. It hurts my heart to hear a conference say we need help to encourage the ladies or another stating that we are not active. Since the conference YAMs are not active, they have to participate in another conference that has activities. This is ridiculous. These are the challenges faced but God is able. He can and always makes a way. The goal is still to encourage each conference.

In January, a committee was formed that included YAM from different conferences discussing ideas for the upcoming year. This was communicated to Supervisor Seawright. She wanted to get a grasp on why there was low participation from the young women. The meeting was very productive with excellent ideas, look for some of them in the upcoming year. Your voices were heard when you asked the question "Will we get Friday back to allow socializing and fellowship with one another at the State meeting as we've done in the past? The previous year we did not participate with daytime activities. In the past the Young Adult Missionaries came together all over the State on the 1st Friday of December during the state meeting which incorporated two days Friday and Saturday. The day began at 12 pm on Friday until late in the night with activities. Your question was answered. Today, we are greeting each other with a full day of activities, speaker, and information sessions.

Also in January, the Connectional Executive Board took place in Louisville, Kentucky. I wanted to be present to represent the 9th District. I had to save my pennies for travel. Missionaries from around the country and across the water came together. This was my first Connectional Executive Board meeting and driving in the snow, lol. The meeting was informative. I learned how to create a blanket without having to actually sew. This was unique, one day we will do this.

We have been a praying group of women. The Young Adult Missionaries have been participating in Warriors on the Wall all conference year. The 3rd Sunday of every month is our designated day. This has been spirit filled and engaging.

In May 2017, we participated District wide in bringing awareness about Lupus. Churches wore purple during their morning worship service across the district. Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body (skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body).

In this same month, I had the honor and pleasure to represent the 9th Episcopal District at the 1st International Young Adult Missionary Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa. Your generosity was incredibly helpful and allowed me to seize the opportunity. You will never know how much it meant to me for your willing support. You blessed me by playing a very important role in making this opportunity happen and I am forever grateful. I truly enjoyed my time in the 19th District and the learning experience has been priceless in South Africa.

During the month of September, the YAM across the district take an opportunity to "Lead in Service." We are focused on building an intergenerational community of caring women

among all levels of the WMS that can work collaboratively and globally which helps to accomplish our purpose.

On October 7, 2017, the YAMs participated again in the Spirit of Luke in the Black Belt City of Clio, Alabama. We answered the call to provide by giving to those in need. We were given the opportunity to bless everyone by providing bread for hotdogs and fish. There was so much storm activity, we did not think that it would take place. This was truly an experience if missed this time go at least once. The YAM came together giving away items such as gently used clothing, toiletries, furniture, and food to people in need. This experience would humble you. Missionaries along with other volunteers, worked together in ONE MISSION.

Also, since October is Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Month, we wanted to bring about awareness. Everyone was asked to wear PINK any Sunday in October.

I would like to say that our mission efforts will continue and we will continue to need your help and service.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve and represent. Thank you to the Women's Missionary Society for all you do and have done. This ends my report.

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STATISTICAL DATA

NORTHWEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NEW MEMBERS	LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED MISSIONARIES
18	33	4	7

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NEW MEMBERS	LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED MISSIONARIES
6	21	1	7

ALABAMA RIVER REGION

NEW MEMBERS	LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED MISSIONARIES
	7	1	6

NORTHEAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NEW MEMBERS	LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED MISSIONARIES
6	14		8

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NEW MEMBERS	LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED LIFE MEMBERS	DECEASED MISSIONARIES
12	13		10