

Women's Missionary Society
Episcopal District Report
2016 Executive Board Meeting

Episcopal Supervisor:	Dr. Patricia Ann Morris (PAM) DeVeaux
Episcopal President:	Ms. D. Faye Conley
Total Membership:	6792
New Members February 2013 – December 2015:	757
New Young Adult Members since February 2013:	130
Number Associate Members:	140
Number Conference Branches:	5
Number Local Societies:	338

Objective:

The overall objective of the Second Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society is to expand programs and outreach efforts throughout the communities served by the SEDWMS, using the theme, *Women Maximizing Servanthood*, carrying out 5 strategic initiatives: Education, Economic Development, Health and Wholeness/Wellness, Evangelism and International and Domestic Outreach, while focusing on the UN Millennium Development Goals.

The Connectional and Episcopal District themes mandate that we work to meet the needs of underserved persons, helping to sustain/improve the quality of life in a still struggling economy.

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- **Offering of Letters.** In a quest to end hunger, over 1500 letters were written to congresspersons in collaboration with Bread for the World.
- **Support for local churches.** \$10,000 is provided annually to the 10 Presiding Elder Districts for distribution to local churches for immediate and/or emergency needs.
- **Project Angel Tree.** Over 300 churches continue to participate in Project Angel Tree, providing gifts to thousands of children of incarcerated parents. Some are distributed during annual church Christmas programs or Christmas parties.
- **Taking it to the Streets.** Across the 2nd ED, missionaries and YPDers took it to the streets on the second Saturday in December ministering to thousands of children and delivering gift bags to hundreds of residents of Nursing Homes/Healthcare Centers.
- **AME Empowerment Center.** \$20,000 is provided annually to the AME Empowerment Center (formerly known as the AME Incentive Shelter, the men's shelter), along with monthly meals, toiletries, outerwear, and a commercial freezer purchased in honor of Episcopal Supervisor Pam DeVeaux for her many physical and fiscal contributions to the shelter. February is *Shelter Month* and cold weather

clothing, toiletries, snack packs and monetary donations are brought to the Founders' Day meeting and distributed to the Empowerment Center.

- **Brown Bags for Missions.** In observance of *Hunger and Homelessness Week* (November 15-23, 2015), 1500 lunch-sized brown bags were distributed across the district. Individuals and churches filled the bags, some using larger containers, with toiletries and/or non-perishable food and donated to local church and/or community Food Pantries, shelters and families with needs.

2. **Achieve universal primary education**

- **SEDWMS Scholarship.** Reinstated as a book scholarship, awarding 2 \$500.00 scholarships.
- **Partnership with Unity Christian Fellowship, Inc.** Sponsored 100 young men to attend *Game Changers'* conferences for young men.

3. **Reduce child mortality**

- Foster children are included in *Taking it to the Streets* activities, societies have partnered with agencies to provide services for teen mothers, along with holding workshops on child abuse, foster care and adoption.

A Development Committee was formed to provide income to supplement the annual Fundraiser to assist with Quadrennial expenses and allow for additional outreach projects. Along with selling pantyhose, a Second Episcopal District cookbook has been compiled at the request of our Episcopal Supervisor. The cookbook is being dedicated to honor and thank a powerful lady, a phenomenal lady, a passionate lady who has provided leadership to this *seeking, serving, spirit-filled Second Episcopal district Women's Missionary Society*, who has instilled in us that as women, we must *maximize our service in our Jerusalems, our Judeas, our Samarias, and the uttermost parts of this world...and if we want to impact this world, it is not optional...we must maximize our service to transform lives, we must maximize our service to build communities.*