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The President Speaks...



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reetings and Peace to all who have assembled for this Annual Winter Board Session, of Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I welcome each of you to this Winter Board session! I am anticipating a glorious time in the name of Him who does all things well! We are profoundly appreciative to our Host; the Kissimmee Valley Association, under the leadership of Moderator Gary McNealy, our host church and pastor; St. John M. B. Church, Reverend William R. Jones, Pastor, and to our meeting site host church and pastor, St. Mark M. B. Church, Reverend Jonathan Ingram, Pastor. We are aware that a tremendous amount of planning, time, and energy has gone into preparations for this session, therefore we, commend you for undertaking such an awesome task!

It is my hope and prayer that during these three days of fellowship and spiritual renewal, we will commit ourselves to the purpose and mission of our great convention as we plan to move forward to another level in the work of the kingdom.

To all of our officers and Ministry Leaders thank you for your continued loyal support and we bid you much success as you meet and plan your work for the upcoming session.

May God richly bless and keep you, is my prayer. Have an enjoyable spirit- filled stay and safe travel back to your homes.

Again, Welcome!

Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President



SENIOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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Greetings to each of you in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! All praises to God for allowing us another opportunity to reflect and come together as one during our Annual Winter Board Session.

We are most grateful to Almighty God for having bestowed upon us much favor as this year swiftly comes to an end! Our schedule over the past months, since our State Session in Jacksonville, has been quite busy. The Lord has smiled upon us mightily in being all that He would have us to be, yet, there is still room for more. Many lives have been touched through evangelism, needs have been met through your spirit of giving, and many prayers shared in love towards one another and others.

The months of June and July were phenomenal, as we fellowshiped and shared with our Youth in our local and State Congresses. There was also a two-week span to share the Word of God, build character, interject talent, and build a greater understanding of abstinence for young people from across the state during our Baptist Youth Camp at Florida Memorial University.

Then, there was August, September and October which gave us the privilege to

come together in a dynamic worship experience with our One-Thousand Women in White Celebration at the Macedonia M.B. Church under the pastorate of Dr. Willie C. Barnes. In addition, our District Congresses were in session as we continued to enhance our knowledge through the study of the Word of God. Just a few days ago, we continued our quest of service as we traveled to Florida Memorial University for our Annual Donation Day! God is so GOOD!

The most exciting spiritual venture, with your support, was a blessed opportunity to share and fellowship at the World Baptist Women's Alliance in Hawaii with women from around the World. Although the women in fellowship from other countries shared specific needs for which they requested prayer, they were none the less different than the challenges we meet each and every day in America. What a Mighty God We Serve!

So, here we are, at this appointed time observing our Winter Board Session. We thank God for another chance to gather in His Name as we worship, praise, fellowship and plan for even greater service over the next few months. God has allowed us to come through dangers seen and

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unseen, sickness, grief and trouble on every side, yet, He, alone, has kept us! There is so much more that we can and must do as Missionaries. So, let us keep the faith, hear the charge and do the will of our Father who has sent us!

We wish for each of you a joyous holiday season as we remember that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season!"

"May God Richly Bless and Keep You Is My Prayer!"

Your Sister and Servant,
Dr. Barbara F. Wright



Deaconess Council

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanders, sober, faithful in all things.
1 Timothy 3:11

Greetings to each of you, my brothers and sisters in the Lord!

It is with great love that I extend warm greetings to each of you that have traveled far and near to the 2010 Winter Board Session. We are looking forward to having each Deaconess come and participate in our Deaconess Class on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

All Deaconess Sister have been asked to bring a minimum of five can goods or a donation of **Five Dollars** for our Mission Project (Holiday Harvest) for the State Deaconess Ministry. We give boxes of food to needy families within the state for the Holidays. Please be generous in your good will of giving.

We give thanks to all Deaconesses that contributed to the success of "*Just a Simple Stay At Home Tea*" in July. Because of your generosity we were able to contribute again this year **Five Hundred Dollars** to Florida Memorial University.

This year in August, it was a wonderful and spiritual fellowship at the Joint Brotherhood Unity Day and the Deaconess Council Summit. It was hosted by Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church where the Rev. Robert Wright is the Pastor in Green Cove Springs, Florida. My prayer is that God will bless all with traveling grace as we journey to the great city of Ft. Pierce, Florida and he grant us a safe return trip home.

Prayerfully,
Deaconess Patricia A. Ball

Annual Report For

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All honor and praise to an Almighty God for the many blessings that He continues to bestow upon us!

The report for the Progressive Missionary and Educational State Convention's Senior Women's Ministry is as follows:

District Association	President	Moderator	Amount
East Florida & Bethany	Sister Carolyn Burney	Dr. Kelly Brown	\$7,099.25
Equal Rights	Sister Lela Groom	Rev. E. Truss	No report
First South Florida	Sister Barbara F. Wright	Dr. C. L. Redding	\$11,944.35
Greater South Florida	Sister Arlene Camel	Rev. Roosevelt Cooper	\$5,100.00
Gulf Coast	Sister Pauline Porter	Rev. Thomas Reid	\$ 300.00
Kissimmee Valley	Sister Annie Ola Parker	Rev. Gary L. McNealy	\$2,000.00
Middle FL & Clay County	Sister Mary Bradley	Rev. Eddie Henry	\$ 640.00
Mount Pilgrim	Sister Aquilla Morgan	Dr. Carl F. Brooks	\$12,210.00
New Central	Sister Joy Leonard	Rev. Robert Lewis	No Report
New Central	Sister Georgia Lovett (Personal)		\$ 100.00
New Gulf Coast	Sister Reva Smith	Rev. Aldridge Young	\$1,239.00
Progressive West FL	Sister Norma J. Hartfield	Dr. Rufus Wood, Jr.	\$2,195.00
Second West	Sister Florida McMillan	Dr. H.G. McCullough	\$2,668.00
South FL Progressive	Sister Mamie Rogers	Dr. C.T. Kirkland	\$820.00
Union Baptist	Sister Lauretha Pittman	Rev. Lloyd Graham	\$1005.00
Union Foreign	Sister Marsha Tarver	Rev. Fleming Tarver	\$3,536.00
State Deaconess Council	Sister Patricia Ball, Ministry President	Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Convention President	\$500.00
Women Intermediate Auxiliary	Sister Bonnie Belford, Ministry President	Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Convention President	\$500.00

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A Blessed Trip To Remember

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Shared By Sister Dorothy S. Jenkins

ALOHA!!!

On July 23, 2010, eight Floridians, led by President Barbara Wright, were blessed by God to take a journey of a lifetime. Neither of us had attended the Baptist World Congress or Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Women's Conference, nor had we visited Hawaii. The ten (10) hour trip via Houston was one of great anticipation.

We arrived on a bright sunny day and because of the **awesomeness of our God** cannot begin to describe the magnificent wonders of His creation, i.e., the mountains, ocean, flowers, blue skies, etc., we saw. Post cards pale in comparison. Although all of this was exciting and breath-taking, the conferences were even more so.

The Sheraton Waikiki was the site of the Women's Conference and our luxurious home for our visit. The theme was **"In Step With The Spirit"** (Galatians 5:25) and was prayerfully planned including participants from the seven (7) Continental Unions of Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, North America and South West Pacific. This diversity was evident throughout the conference beginning with the ALOHA DINNER where each wore their native costumes. (We dressed in our Unity Jackets). If that wasn't enough, we sang "How Great Thou Art" each in her own language. What a glimpse of what the **BODY OF CHRIST** is, diverse but unified in **HIM**.

The Women's Conference, July 24th thru 27th, focused on **Poverty, Abuse and Human Trafficking**. Each Continental Union, including North America, shared what was happening as it relates to these the concerns and the efforts that the **Holy Spirit** led them to establish to address them. We in North America are often deluded into thinking that these are the concerns of other countries, but we were informed that these concerns should be ours also.

Amazingly, although we were over twenty-five hundred (2,500) women representing over one hundred (100) countries and many languages and dialects, the name **JESUS**, a smile and a hug were universal. The warmth of God's love was felt among His women as we worshipped, studied, praised, fellowshiped, prayed and ate together. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

The Women's Conference closed on July 27th with the Installation of New Officers. The officers are President, Sis. Raquel Contreras, Chile; Executive Director, Sis. Patsy Davis and Secretary/Treasurer, Sis. Donna Groover.

We were then free to explore Hawaii and partake of the splendor of God's creation. Sight-seeing, luaus, dinner cruises, shopping, wading in the ocean and much more was on the agenda for rest of the day and the next day.



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The Baptist World Conference, July 28th thru August 1st, was held at the Hawaii Convention Center. Their theme was “**Hear The Spirit**” (Luke 4:18). Unlike the Women’s Conference, this conference accomodated adults, youth and children. It too was prayerfully organized and taught the same message but age appropriately.

Upon entering the Hawaii Convention center we were greeted with a concert by a two hundred (200) voice children choir from South Korea. What a joy to hear them singing praises to God in various languages. Also, it was uplifting to see entire families participating in the conference.

This conference was comprised of four thousand (4,000) people representing one hundred twenty (120) countries. The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) consists as of October, 2009, 160,000 churches with a combined membership of 37,105,001 members. **ALL PRAISES BE UNTO OUR GOD!**

Our morning sessions began with devotion and congregation singing, A Bible Lesson based on the theme was then given (We were given Bible Studies Booklets so we could study prior to the lecture). We then dismissed to Discussion Groups which were led by dynamic, committed men and women of God. The Groups were in a variety of languages.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM was **Mission In Action** time. The various

mission projects included: Stop Hunger Now, Hygiene Kits, Sleeping Bags, Meal Preparation, Clothes Sorting, Painting, Graffiti Painting and Prayer Stations. We chose Stop Hunger Now project. We, as volunteers, packaged a healthy meal (consisting of rice, dried vegetables, vitamins and soy powder) into a bag - each bag holds four meals. The bags were then sealed, packaged, and shipped and distributed through schools where hunger is an issue. We packaged six thousand (6,000) meals during our shift. The volunteers included children and youth.

The evening sessions were sermons, skits, musicals, etc. They always reflected the diversity of the group. Each event was done in more than one language and we were taught to appreciate and embrace our differences.

It was not by chance that the closing session was a Sunday Morning Worship Experience. Rev. Lance Watson, Senior Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, USA. He spoke from Acts 10:37-39, Hear The Spirit: Dedication.

We arrived in Tampa, via Houston, August 2, 2010, a little jet-lagged but so much richer for having been given the opportunity to see the power of our God at work. He allowed us to witness so much, but what will we do with the information given? To whom much is given, much is required....Will we **Hear The Spirit and then Walk In The Spirit? The choice is ours!**

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



REV. DR. BARTHOLOMEW BANKS, SR. & LADY VANESSA BANKS