



# **115th Annual Session**

of the  
**New Era Missionary Baptist District Association**

**Rev. Gregory Nichols, Moderator**

July 19, 2023

6:30pm

## **6th Annual Address**

Woman's Missionary Union  
Thirteenth President  
**Mrs. Jacqueline Brown**

**2022-2023 Association Theme:**

**Parent Body Theme: One District on One Accord**

**Scripture: Acts 2:1-3**

**WMU Theme: "Christian Women Working Together on God's Mission on One Accord"**

**Scripture: Acts 1:14, Acts 2:1-3**

**Held at**  
**United Missionary Baptist Church**  
**2745 Campbell**  
**Kansas City, MO.**  
**Rev. James Jones, Pastor**

**New Era Missionary Baptist District Association  
Woman's Missionary President's  
6th Annual Address**

“I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34:1, 3

Giving all Praises to our heavenly Father, recognizing Moderator Gregory Nichols and his official Staff and all Auxiliary Leaders of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association and their Staff. To the Pastor of this Church, Rev. James Jones, to the New Era District WMU Officers and Chairmen, to the Youth Director, Sis. Shavon Brown, her Staff and counselors and to my State WMU President, Sis. Onita Omorodion. Recognizing my late Pastor of the Progressive MBC, Rev. William F. Snorgrass, to the Chairman of our Deacon Board, Deacon Jeffrey Matthews, to the Ministers of my church, to my WMU President, Sis. Aldine Tolliver, to my church family, to all other State and National Officers, members of New Era District, and Christian friends:

**“To God Be the Glory for The Things He Has Done.”**

We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. Trusting in His Holy Word, He's never failed us--yet. Singin oh, oh, we can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith. I am so grateful that God allowed us, by faith, to be here tonight to support our Youth Mission and to celebrate together 115 years of our Woman's Missionary Ministry. Hebrews 11:6 says, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

**Thank You**

I have so much to thank God for, as well as those who shared in this journey. I truly appreciate and thank all the New Era WMU Officers, the Chairmen and our very supportive local WMU Presidents and their members, for the wonderful service they demonstrated and their support during these past six years. We thank the Moderator, the Laymen and all the churches that supported our WMU programs during my term of office. I thank my family, and my church family for your love, encouragement, and support.

Special thanks to those who participated on the WMU program this evening; to the WMU Officers, State President Sis. Onita Omorodion for that introduction, and my family for sharing their God given talents, and Bro. Mark Anderson for accompanying them on the piano. We must train, and encourage our children to use their talents for the Master while they are young.

**In Memoriam**

In 2022 - 2023, God called many of our dedicated district WMU workers home to their reward. I will recognize the names that we received: Sis. Janice Winston (Southside First MBC), Sis. LaVonne Moore, Sis. Rosalind Ann Bauchum (Morning Star), Sis. Rosetta Harlin (St. Mark), Sis. Lee Kathryn Counts-Pollard(Bethel), Sis. Virginia Polk Williams (Friendship), Sis. Doris Hall (Paradise), Mrs. Clarice Elaine Buford (St. Paul), Sis. Alma Taylor, Sis. Joyce Beasley, Sis. Gloria Snead, Sis. Ruthy Sanders, WMU President Emeritus of the New Era District and MBSC of MO, Sis. Millie Morris, and my Pastor Rev. William F. Snorgrass (Progressive MBC).

## **Our WMU Work**

*“Be ye steadfast and unmovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58*

This evening, I will present a few highlights of our Missionary accomplishments from August 2022 – July 2023. Our full WMU Year End report, my Address and my personal Stewardship will be posted on the district website.

## **Events**

### **Mission Youth Department**

This evening we are delighted to share the evening with our youth for possibly the last time. For the past 115 years, Christian Education of Young People has been part of the WMU Ministry. In March of 2023, at the MBSC of Missouri Mid-Year Board Meeting in, Dr. Linden Bowie gave his permission for the Youth and Young Adult Auxiliary (YYA) to be installed in our State Convention. Our former WMU Youth Director, Sis. Shavon Brown will be working with YYA Auxiliary to help with the installation in New Era District. Congratulations to Sis. Shavon Brown on this new appointment. The WMU will always be willing to support our youth.

### **WMU Mission Activities**

#### **Foreign Mission Support**

We continue to support, Loving Haiti Philadelphia Baptist Orphanage (LHPB) and the Church ministry in, Pignon, Haiti. Rev. Francois Romelus is the Director. So far, this year, we have sent a box of needed items and a financial donation for January – June with plans to send more. We also have plans to support Missionary Benita Townsend, a missionary in the Philippines to assist with her Education.

#### **Honoring our Senior Saints**

We honor our Senior workers by sending cards, financial donations and making phone calls to honor their birthday. For Christmas 2023 twenty-one Senior Saints were honored with handmade Christmas trees by the Mission Action Committee. Some pictures are on the district website.

#### **New Era District WMU Prayer Day Observances**

Our meetings, training and Prayer Day Observances were held via zoom. We had 5 zoom meetings to observe our State Mission, Home Mission, NBC WMU Day of Prayer, World Day of Prayer, and Foreign Mission Prayer Day. The offerings from the Prayer Days were sent to the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., Boards, to support these ministries. The State Mission Prayer Day helps our WMU give support to Western Bible College and the MBSC of MO WMU.

### **WMU Mission Activities**

NED WMU continues to send a variety of cards (Get Well, Cheer, Prayer, Encouragement, Birthday and Sympathy) and make calls to our sick and bereaved families. NED WMU donated 60 purses, full of personal hygiene items for women, to the MBSC of Missouri WMU “Purse with a Purpose” project. For our 2023 NED Day of Service each church visited their chosen Nursing Home and provided items requested by the Nursing Home. The churches also provided a short service. Mission Action Chairman is Sis. Ella McBride.

#### **The Baptist Women Magazine**

Again, the women of the New Era WMU were blessed to have an article in the 2022 Fall Convention Issue and the 2023 Spring/Summer Issue. Other Articles are in the works.

### **Financial Donations**

New Era WMU gave financial donations to City Union Mission to support their Thanksgiving/Christmas dinners, Genesis School, assisted NED in sending the Moderator to the National Congress, donations to Camp New Era and made donations to the CUT Ministry.

### **Sick and Shut-ins**

The New Era District WMU acknowledges the Sick and Shut-Ins in the New Era District. Please continue to pray for the families who have sick and have lost loved ones. The names are listed in our Stewardship Report

### **WMU 2023 Election**

Our WMU Election was held in person today, July 19, 2023, at the Progressive MBC and the names have been turned over to the Parent Body to install the new officers on the Moderator's Night. Thanks to Sis. Irma Johnson for chairing the WMU Nominating Committee and for bringing in the names of our incoming NED WMU Officers and Committee Chairmen.

Today, we elected our Fourteenth New Era District WMU President. God has blessed us to still have our Eleventh President, Sis. Onita Omorodion, our Twelfth President, Sis. Irma Johnson and the Thirteenth President, myself serving this body. As we conclude this current administration, I thank everyone for your hard work, love, and dedication to our ministry for Christ. I also celebrate and encourage the incoming new laborers to continue the ministry that God has called us to.

## Reflections on the Theme

### The 2023 Association Theme is “One District on One Accord” Acts of the Apostles 2:1-3

#### WMU Theme: “Christian Women Working Together on God’s Mission on One Accord” Scripture Acts of the Apostles 1:14; 2:1-3

For the past three years we have focused on the theme of “Christian Women Working Together on God’s Mission on One Accord.” We have explored the scriptures that identifies the women who followed, trained, and financially supported Jesus’ earthly Ministry. These women remained loyal through the crucifixion, visited the tomb on the day of Jesus resurrection to anoint his body, saw the empty tomb, spoke to the angels at the tomb, then told the disciples that Jesus had risen. According to Acts 1:14; 2:1, the disciples and the women were all together in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost. Everyone in the Upper Room received the Holy Spirit. Afterwards these men and the women were empowered by the Holy Spirit as mentioned in Acts 1:8 and were totally committed to serving Jesus and his early church.

Now let us fast forward from the days of the early church to 1908. This was, one hundred and fifteen years ago, when a group of women came together to organize a union that would continue to carry out the Great Commission that Jesus gave to all his disciples. The result of this meeting was the Woman’s Missionary Auxiliary of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association.

The Woman’s Missionary Auxiliary of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association better known as the WMU is a body of dedicated Christian women committed to spreading the Gospel of light and love throughout the world. We strive to carry on the ministry of the women who the Bible records followed Jesus and supported his teachings along with his disciples. We believe that God’s love is at the heart of Missions and our Salvation and is found in John 3:16-17 KJV which says “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

As Christian women, we strive to follow the specific Biblical instructions that Jesus taught his followers about to be His disciple as found in scriptures.

#### **1. Jesus called us to Love God and our neighbors**

Luke 10:27, says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

#### **2. Jesus called His followers to Love one another**

Jesus said, in John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

#### **3. Jesus called us to serve all mankind**

As Missionary women we are united in love for Christ as we work together to help meet the **physical needs** of all mankind. We strive to serve others as recorded in Matthew 25:35–40 which tells us to “feed the hungry, and give them meat; give drink to those that are thirsty; provide for the strangers, and take them in; to cloth the naked, visit the sick and those in prison.”

#### 4. **Jesus called His followers to teach, train and proclaim the Good News**

As mission minded women we strive to point the way to God through Jesus that is found in John 14:6 where Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father, but by me." We also follow the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:19 -20, which says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

#### 5. **Jesus has given His followers the power and path for Kingdom building**

Acts 1:8, reveals to all believers that our power comes from God through the Holy Spirit. This power gives us what we need to witness and serve others where ever the Holy Spirit leads us. Each believer has a ministry that the Holy Spirit has given to us. Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 3:6-8, that there is work for everyone. He said, "Some of us my plant the seed, some of us may water the seed, but we must wait on God to give the increase."

Now, more than ever, Christ needs men, women, boys, and girls to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only answer to this world's problem. Jesus wants us to love and help each other. Our time on earth is limited, so **we who are saved must spend our time making more disciples for Jesus Christ.** We need to be more concerned about obtaining abundant life which is life eternal with God rather than abundant living here on earth which is temporary. Each day we see less compassion, concern, and love for others. Things like laws that promote gun violence, police violence, book bans, and laws that promote fear of our earthly brothers and sisters who may look different than us, and the list goes on and on. We who have been saved by Christ must strive to lead others to Him.

Ladies, we are stronger when we all work together. Jesus needs more committed workers to go and carry out his commission. He tells his disciples, in Matt 9:37-38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

We must keep praying and be willing to be the laborers that the Lord needs. We must ask ourselves "Can Jesus count on me to be the salt and light of the world? Can we let the light and love of Jesus shine so that the world can see Jesus in our good works and glorify God our Father? Jesus is still calling for laborers. There is no age limit and being saved is the only requirement. As laborers we must be willing to work and serve as the Holy Spirit leads until the day the Lord calls us home.

We must be the eyes, voices, hands, legs, and feet to go for Jesus to help redeem all humanity for the Kingdom of God. My sisters as we go to meet the physical needs of others, we must also share the message of salvation found only in Jesus Christ. It is a message of hope and love. Jesus died on the cross to pay our sin debt. No more blood sacrifices are required because Jesus' blood paid the price for everyone. All that is required for everyone to receive the gift of eternal life is to believe that Jesus is God's son, that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and that He arose from the dead with all power of heaven and earth in his hands. All who believe this message shall be saved.

This evening, as I leave this office, I want to remind the women that just as Jesus told Mary Magdalene to Go tell the men that he has risen, we are also called to Go and tell the world that there is eternal life in Jesus Christ. We are to let our light shine in love as we serve and lead others to our Savior. We must teach and train others to surrender all for Christ just as He did for us.

To live for and to follow Jesus is to surrender ourselves to serve others. So, ladies, let us go tell somebody that Jesus has arisen and that He is the only way to eternal life with God our Father. As Christian Women, let's continue to work together, on One Accord and in unity as we live the words of this old hymn entitled, "Others."

Lord, let me live from day to day, In such a self-forgetful way,  
That even when I kneel to pray, My pray'r shall be for OTHERS.

"Help me in all the work I do, To ever be sincere and true,  
And know that all I'd do for You, Must needs be done for others.

Yes, others, Lord, yes, others, Let this my motto be;  
Lord help me live for others, That I might live like thee."

My sisters, Let's Go Tell the world about Jesus as we show His love to others.

Humbly Submitted,  
Mrs. Jacqueline Brown, New Era District WMU President  
Rev. Gregory Nichols, New Era District Moderator

## **New Era District Woman's Missionary Union President's Stewardship August 2022– July 2023**

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### **Events**

- 07/26 22 Sorted shoes for the Sole for Soles" Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, at Southside First Baptist
- 07/28 /22 Shipped "Sole for Soles" Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti
  
- 08/01/22 NED Senior Saints August Birthday Recognitions
- 08/09/22 NED WMU Executive Meeting via zoom
- 08/06/22 Funeral services of Sis. Henrietta Blocker attended funeral and sent condolence
- 08/16/22 Funeral services of Sis. Odessa Moore sent condolence
- 08/20/22 Funeral services of Sis. Carolyn Johnson attended wake and sent condolence
- 08/27/22 Funeral services of Sis. Iona Carr attended funeral and sent condolence
- 08/30/22 Funeral service of Mr. Kenneth Washam attended funeral and sent condolence
  
- 09/01/22 NED Senior Saints September Birthday Recognitions
- 09/02/22 Shipped September Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti
- 09/16/22 NED State Prayer Day Observance via zoom Rev. James Jones speaker
- 09/16/22 Funeral service of Bro. Bill H. Edwards attended funeral and sent condolence
- 09/19/22 NED 2022 Year Book WMU Planning
- 09/24/22 NED 19<sup>th</sup> Erma Eason Conference -Financial Support for the van only
- 09/24/22 Funeral service of Ms. Kinnua Moleeta Penson attended funeral and sent condolence
- 09/27/22 Funeral services of Sis. Gloria Alexander attended funeral and sent condolence
  
- 10/01/22 NED Senior Saints October Birthday Recognitions
- 10/01/22 NED 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Youth Meeting in person at Mt. Sinai MBC



10/03/22 NED 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly WMU Meeting via zoom  
 10/04/22 NED 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Parent Body Meeting in person at Mt. Sinai MBC  
 10/07/22 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
 10/15/22 Funeral Service of Ms. Lisa Renee Ramsey— Condolence sent  
 10/15/22 Funeral Services of Sis. Gloria Snead attended funeral and sent condolence  
 10/17/22 Funeral Services of Sis. Ruthy Sanders attended funeral and sent condolence  
 10/18/22 NED Youth Counselors Meeting via zoom  
 10/20/22 NED WMU Prayer Retreat via zoom  
 10/21/22 NED WMU Mission Action in person Meeting @ Southside First MBC  
 10/22/22 NED Congress Planning Meeting in person @ Bruce Watkins  
 10/24 /22 Shipped October Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti

11/01/22 NED Senior Saints November Birthday Recognitions  
 11/04/22 BWA World Day of Prayer reviewed the information on line  
 11/05/22 Funeral Services of Mr. Reginald Mosby attended and sent condolence  
 11/18/22 Donations to Support to Good Samaritan Shoebox Ministry  
 11/19/22 Funeral Services of Sis. Rosalind Ann Bauchum attended funeral, and sent condolence  
 11/25/22 Funeral Services of Sis. Rosetta Harlin attended funeral, and sent condolence  
 11/28/22 Shipped Christmas Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti  
 11/29/22 Western Baptist Bible College Dr. Carolyn Ealy Lecture Series –Gave a presentation regarding the life of Dr. Carolyn Ealy.  
 11/29/22 Donation to MissionGo for Missionary Benita Townsend’s Tuition

12/03/22 Funeral services of Sis. Kathy Counts-Pollard attended funeral, assisted with repasse  
 12/08/22 NED WMU Foreign Mission Prayer Day via zoom  
 12/12 /22 NED Christmas Recognition for our Senior Saints  
 12/17/22 NED/Midwest Video Taping at Mt. Sinai (11:00am) and Mt Tabor (1:30pm)  
 12/28/22 NBC USA INC Midwest Region YYA virtual Conference 6:00pm – 8:30pm

01/01/23 NED Senior Saints January Birthday Recognitions  
 01/12/23 NED WMU Executive Meeting via zoom  
 01/17/23 NED Director and Youth Counselors Meeting via zoom  
 01/23/23 NED Youth Christmas after Christmas Fellowship  
 01/24/23 NED Director and Youth Counselors Meeting via zoom  
 01/31/23 NED Director and Youth Counselors Meeting via zoom  
 01/31/23 Shipped January Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti

02/01/23 NED Senior Saints February Birthday Recognitions  
 02/04/23 NED Second Quarterly Board Meeting Youth Session 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Indep  
 02/06/23 NED Second Quarterly Board WMU Meeting Auxiliary Session zoom  
 02/07/23 NED Second Quarterly Board Parent Body Meeting Auxiliary Session  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Indep

03/01/23 NED Senior Saints March Birthday Recognitions  
 03/01/23 Shipped March & April Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti  
 03/02/23 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
 03/09/23 Home Mission Prayer Day Observance zoom  
 03/13 /23 – 03/15/23 Attended MOBSC Winter Board Meeting Springfield, MO  
 03/18/23 Speaker at Friendship MBC 106<sup>th</sup> WMU Fellowship  
 03/26/23 Mission Action Meeting @ 7:00 via zoom

04/01/23 NED Senior Saints April Birthday Recognitions  
 04/04/23 NED WMU School of Missions Conference virtual



04/06/23 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
04/08/23 Funeral services of Rev. William F. Snorgrass attended services @ Morning Star  
04/28/23 Shipped May/June Love and Care Package to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti

05/01/23 NED Senior Saints May Birthday Recognitions  
05/04/23 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
05/05/23 Attended LEC Meeting via zoom  
05/13/23 NED Day of Service Observance Deaconess Nursing Home  
05/15/23 National Baptist Day of Prayer Conference via zoom  
05/26/23 Attended LEC Meeting via zoom

06/01/23 NED Senior Saints June Birthday Recognitions  
06/05/23 – 06/09/2023 NED Congress of Christian Education virtual.  
I attended **#9008- Public Speaking**  
06/15/23 NED WMU Year End Executive Meeting zoom  
06/29/23 Attended LEC Meeting in person

07/01/23 NED Senior Saints July Birthday Recognition  
07/01/23 District Officers meeting @ 7:00pm with the Moderator  
07/10/23 – 07/14/23 Joint Convention/Congress Session, Palestine MBC  
07/17/23 – 07/20/23 NED Annual Session @ United MBC  
07/20/23 Shipped July/August Love and Care Package to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti