



**113<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**  
of the  
New Era Missionary Baptist District Association

**Rev. Gregory Nichols, Moderator**  
July 21, 2021

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Address**  
Woman's Missionary Union President  
**Mrs. Jacqueline Brown**

**2021 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"**  
**Acts 1:14, Acts 2:1-3**

## Virtual Session

### New Era Missionary Baptist District Association Woman's Missionary President's 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Recognizing Moderator Gregory Nichols and the official Cabinet of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association, to the NED WMU Officers/Chairmen, to the State and District WMU President Emeritus, Sis. Ruthy Sanders, to Youth Director Sis. Channel Wood and her Officers and counselors. To my Pastor, Rev. William F. Snorgrass, my State WMU President, Sis. Onita Omorodion, my local WMU President, Sis. Aldine Tolliver, to all NED Officers, all State and National Officers, members of New Era and Christian friends:

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

I am grateful to our heavenly Father for the privilege to have served as the WMU President of the New Era District Association for the past four years. It has been by the power of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that has brought us this far.

#### **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 of the NED WMU Officers, the Chairmen and our very supportive local WMU Presidents and their members, for the wonderful service they demonstrated and their support this year. We thank the Moderator, the Laymen and all of the churches that supported our WMU Programs this year. I thank my husband, Mr. Andy Brown, my family, my sisters (Belinda, Norma), cousin Carolyn, my mother, Mrs. Mae Helen Goolsby, my daughters (Desiree and Deirdre), son-in-law DeAndre Waldrup Sr., my three grandchildren, my Pastor and church family for your love, encouragement and support.

Special thanks those who participated on the WMU program this evening; to our WMU Officers, my State WMU President, Sis. Omorodion, my grandsons (DeAndre Jr and Devin Waldrup) who introduced me and my daughter, Mrs. Deirdre Waldrup and granddaughter, Ms. Deryn Waldrup for their duet.

#### **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***

During the pandemic, the WMU did not want to abandon our work nor Prayer Day Observances, so first we decided to hold our meetings via the conference call. Then with the assistance of Dr. Sandra Jones we were able to meet via google-meet and now we meet via zoom. Thank you, Dr. Sandra Jones.

Although our in-person programs were canceled, we still managed to provide the needed

information to the WMU and mailed in our financial support to the ministries we support.

This evening for my report, I am just presenting a few highlights of our accomplishments from September 2020 – July 2021. The full WMU Year End report can be found on the website.

## **Highlights of the 2020 – 2021 Year.**

### **Events**

#### **NED 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly WMU Virtual Board Meeting**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Opening Session/Youth Meeting was held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 10:00am. The youth reflected on the Ten plagues of Egypt and they discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted their life. The WMU Meeting was on Monday, October 5, 2020 @ 6:30 pm. We had a skit presented by Sis. Karen Bradley, NED WMU 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Program Chairman. Participation for both programs was great.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Opening Session/Youth Meeting began on Saturday, February 6, 2021 @ 10:00am. Over 61 signed onto the Youth Meeting. Our Sunbeam, Red Circle Girl and Jr. Laymen auxiliaries participated on the program centered around love. Thanks to our Youth Director and Youth Counselors. It was blessing to see and hear our youth of New Era. The WMU meeting was on February 8, 2021. We had a very special speaker on motivating ways and places to witness. Sis. Karen Bradley, NED WMU 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Program Chairman.

We completed all of Seasons of Prayer Day Observances and sponsored events. All donations were sent to the designated ministries. We were able to host all of our programs virtually, with the assistance of Dr. Sandra Jones. This included:

**Erma Eason Conference** - No Program. Donations sent for the van. Sis. Mary Burnett, Chair **School of Missions** -Sis. Barbara Spencer, School of Missions and Study Chairman.

**State Prayer Day Observance**- Dr. Sandra Jones, State Prayer Day Chairman.

**World Day of Prayer Observance** -Southside First Baptist was our virtual host.

**Home Mission Prayer Day Observance** -Sis. Karen Perkins, Home Mission Prayer Day Chairman.

**National Day of Prayer Observance** – Sis. Mabel Redmond, Natl Day of Prayer Chairman.

#### **NED Foreign Mission Prayer Day Program**

The 2020 NED Foreign Mission Prayer Day was held via google-meet on Thursday, Dec 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm. It was a very informative and moving program. We were blessed to have Rev. Terrance Griffith, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the NBCUSA, Inc., Rev. François Romelus, Director of LHPB in Pignon, Haiti, and Caleb Lucien in Morne, Haiti to join our virtual meeting which made the program so special. We donated clothing and financial support to four ministries. Also, financial donations were also sent to NBC Foreign Mission Board. Hat's off to Sis. Marva Harper, Foreign Mission Prayer Day Chairman. A very enlightening program.

### **WMU Mission Action Activities**

Special thanks to Sis. Ella McBride and the Mission Action Committee for their leadership.

#### **NED Food Boxes**

We assisted Moderator Nichols in passing out Food Boxes, protective masks and helped at the first Food Give Away to NED members and the community held at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

### **WMU Donations**

**NED WMU Books for Newborns to Five-Year-old @ Truman Medical Center** , Sis Norma Washam NED WMU Contact to TMC.

**Good Samaritan Shoebox Ministry –Christmas** boxes of love shipped around the world.

**Mother’s Refuge Indep., MO** - Donated paper goods.

**Shelter KC for Easter** - Donated health products to the men and women at Shelter KC.

**Coats to Salvation Army** - NED WMU donated 21 new coats for boys and girls to the Salvation Army for the fire victims at the Waldo Heights Apartment and KCMO homeless children.

### **Financial Donations**

Financial donations were given to Western Bible College, City Union Mission to support their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners; Water for Texas, Warmth and Light to Shelter KC, and the victims of the Waldo Heights fire.

### **Ongoing Support for Loving Haiti Philadelphia Baptist (LHPB) Ministry in Haiti**

We continue to support the LHPB ministry in Pignon, Haiti. Rev. Francois Romelus is the Director. We sent 4 boxes during October—December. The boxes included flip-flops, underwear, pillow case dresses, masks, hair products, and much more. The January—March Birthday gifts were sent with the December packages. In March 2021, we started sending Birthday gifts for the girls at the ministry with a monthly financial donation. Acts 20:35b, says “It is more blessed to give than receive.”

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

In 2020 we started honoring the monthly Birthdays of our Senior WMU workers starting at age 85 Plus. We were able to honor Sis. LeVera Newton for her 105th Birthday in 2020 before her passing in 2021. Some of the others honored were Sis. Lillie Tooke on her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday and Sis. Ruthy Sanders’ 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday. These were our pioneers. Thanks to Sis. Brenda Rucker/ Sis. Tracy Reed.

### **NED Day of Service 2021**

NED Youth Appreciation Day virtual Fellowship /Fun time via zoom and Trunk of Treats on the Greenwood parking lot held on June 26, 2021. Thanks to Sis Grace Crain, Sis. Shevon Brown for sponsoring the virtual Fellowship/fun time. Also, we thank all of the women of NED who donated and help make this event a success. Forty-five youth T-Shirts were sponsored by the WMU. Eight WMU workers representing our NED churches had their Trunks full of wonderful Treats. Thank you, NED WMU, Rev. Carroll, and Greenwood MBC. Sis. Ella McBride, Mission Action Chairman.

### **Support of other Auxiliaries**

NED WMU supported the Laymen Early Services, donations to the Cut Ministries, attended the District Spring School and Congress, State Board Meeting, NBC 140th Annual Session (2020).

### **New WMU’s and new members**

We welcomed Mt. Sinai’s WMU President, Sis. Ava Moore and 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist MBC of Grandview Daughters of Destiny President, Mrs. Barbara Acklin. Sis. Lora Griffin, NED WMU 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President /Enlistment Chairman.

### **Article in National Baptist Women Magazine**

An article highlighting our district WMU 2020-2021 activities was submitted to the NBC Baptist Woman magazine. The article is posted on the NED WMU Web page. Thanks to Sis. Brenda Rucker for her support editing the article.

## **New Era District 2021 Yearbook**

Special thanks to Sis. Karen Bradley, Sis. Patricia Thompson and Sis. Patricia Jones for compiling and producing our NED 2021 Yearbook. It was truly a labor of love.

### **Memorial/Sick and Shut-ins**

The NED WMU acknowledges the homegoing of our fellow laborers and supporters who transitioned during year 2020 -2021. Sis. Cecelia Franklin – Progressive MBC; Sis. Patricia Watkins -Progressive MBC; Sis. Doris Tucker - Paradise Baptist Church; Sis. LeVera Newton – Paseo MBC, Sis. Janoyce Matlock – Southside First MB, Rev Cecil Logan – Friendship MBC, and Deacon Robert Black St. Paul. Please continue to pray for the families who have lost loved ones and for our members who are sick or shut-in. We encourage all women to come join and support the activities of the NED WMU. We pray that God will send more workers to His vineyard.

## **Reflections on the Theme**

**The 2021 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”**

**Acts of the Apostles 1:14; 2:1-3**

As we look at our 2021 WMU Theme “Christian Women, Working Together, on God’s Mission, on One Accord”, we acknowledge that to be on one accord means to be doing things together in agreement and likeness of mind. As we look to the scriptures, we find the same purpose and the likeness of mind exemplified in the lives of the 12 men who Jesus chose to be his disciples and the women that the Bible records, followed Jesus and supported His ministry. As we reflect on our theme, let’s breakdown each component to learn more about these amazing women in the Bible who followed Jesus’ ministry on one accord.

### **Christian Women**

Luke 8:1-3, records the names and status of the women who followed Jesus with likeness of mind. Most of the women had followed and supported Jesus from the beginning of his Ministry. Many times, they followed along with the disciples. Jesus had healed some of the women, some were financially able to support Jesus’ ministry and they all believed he was the Son of God.

These women followed Jesus to his crucifixion and watched with his Mother Mary until his body was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb. *Mark 15:40-41, records, “Some women were watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the less and Joses, and Salome.*

### **Working Together**

These women joined together to go to the tomb on the first day of the week to anoint Jesus’ body which was the Jewish tradition. They were working together to support and lift each other up during this extremely sorrowful time. Luke 24:1, records, “*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.*”

These women saw and heard the angels who were sitting in the tomb after Jesus' resurrection. Luke 24:4b-6a records, *"suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"*

Also, these same women were the first to see Jesus after His resurrection and the first to speak to the Risen Savior. John 20:16 records, *"Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher")."*

### **On God's Mission**

These women were told by the two angels to go tell Jesus' disciples to meet him in Galilee, this made them the first to proclaim to the disciples that, "Jesus has risen as He said." Matthew 28:7 records, *"And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him:"*. Mary Magdalene ran to tell the disciples.

### **On One Accord**

In the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1, Luke records these same women gathered in the Upper Room with the eleven disciples to pray after Jesus ascended into heaven. Acts 1:14 records, *"they all continued with one accord in prayer, and supplication or earnestly asking as they were waiting on the Holy Spirit to empower them for the work, Jesus left for them to carry out in the Great Commission.*

Acts 2: 3-4 records, *"When the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Those who were gathered said, "we hear them declaring the **wonders and message of God** in our own tongues!"* The power of the Holy Spirit caused all gathered, to hear the same message, at the same time, in the same place, in their own language.

Once the disciples of Jesus Christ received the power of the Holy Spirit, they were ready to go do the work Jesus commissioned them to do. After the Holy Spirit came:

They had the power to be witnesses - Acts 1:8; *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

They had the power to fulfil the Great Commission recorded in Matt. 28:19-20 as, *"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." Amen.*

They had the power to carry out the ministry of love to help meet the physical needs of their fellowmen as record in Matt. 25:35-40, *"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."*

Just as the disciples and the women who followed Jesus, we too have been empowered and equipped for His Mission. We are like the 12 disciples and the women who followed Jesus, because he has called us, too. We are his disciples and we his work must do.

- We are **Christian Women**, because we believe in Jesus Christ as our redeemer and the only way to the Father;
- We are **Working Together**, because we have aligned ourselves in our NED WMU to share our resources, time, money, talents, and continuous prayers to promote and complete God's Mission. We are to Go, teach and plant the word of God in the hearts of all mankind to make more disciples.
- We are **on God's Mission** to redeem the world and restore all mankind back to the Father. We must tell all men, women, boys and girls the Gospel Message that, Jesus is the only way to Salvation. Jesus tells us in John 14:6, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"
- We are on **One Accord**, because we have the same likeness of mind to work together with the power that the Holy Spirit has given us for the good of our churches, and this District. We must be supportive of each ministry and happy to be about the work of kingdom building for the Savior.

If we are to meet the spiritual and physical needs of all mankind, we must be on one accord, praying, with supplication. No big I and little you. Just fellow believers who are willing to reach and evangelize the masses by lifting up the name of Jesus. In John 12:32, Jesus said, "*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*"

In a world and time where there is so little likeness of mind, so little love and concern for each other we need to Lift Up Jesus, so we can have His peace on earth. The peace that was meant to be. Jesus has given us the power through the Holy Spirit to Go, witness and lift up his name and he promised that he would do the drawing. There is an old familiar Gospel Hymn written by Johnson Oatman Jr., which tells about the role of the church in making known the message of our Savior who was lifted up from the earth to draw all men unto Him. The words say,

- 1) How to reach the masses, men of every birth, For an answer, Jesus gave the key: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."
- 2) Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see; Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said, "I'll draw all men unto Me."
- 3) Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see; Then men will gladly follow Him Who once taught, "I'll draw all men unto me."

**Chorus:** Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still, He speaks from eternity:  
And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

Now, more than ever, it is our time to continue to carry out the Great Commission and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the world. The Women's Missionary Union of New Era Baptist District Association are committed to lifting up the name of Jesus, everywhere we go and in everything that we do, until Jesus returns to take us to God our Father.

We are united with the same likeness of mind, as the women who served and followed Jesus to the completion of his earthly Mission. We have heard of the Master's men, well, we are the Master's women. We are **Christian Women Working Together on God's Mission on One Accord.**

**“Lord , Let There Be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with You and Me.”  
“To God Be the Glory for The Things He Has Done”**

Humbly Submitted,

Mrs. Jacqueline Brown, NED WMU President  
Rev. Gregory Nichols, Moderator NED

**New Era District Woman's Missionary Union  
President's Stewardship August 2020– July 2021**

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**Events**

- 08/09/20 NED WMU Executive Meeting via google-meet  
08/31/20 Church Administration I - Western Baptist Bible College  
09/12/20 NED State Prayer Day Observance via google-meet  
09/14/20 – 09/15/20 NBC 140<sup>th</sup> Virtual Annual Session  
09/20/20 NED Installation Program in person at Friendship Baptist  
  
10/04/20 NED 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Youth Meeting via google-meet  
10/05/20 NED 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly WMU Meeting via google-meet  
10/06 /20 NED 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Parent Body Meeting via zoom  
10/07 /21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
10/14/20 – 10/18/20 Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri in KCMO virtual meeting.  
10/24/20 NED Auxiliary Leaders Meeting Oct 24, 2020 09:00 AM via zoom  
10/30/20 Rev. Cecil Logan Virtual Funeral @ Friendship MBC  
  
11/04/20 BWA World Day of Prayer via zoom  
  
12/05/20 MBSC 2020 Winter Planning/Evaluation Session via Team  
12/13/20 NED WMU Foreign Mission Prayer Day via google-meet  
12/22/20 Shipped Christmas Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti  
12/25/21 NBC USA, Inc Virtual Midwinter Meeting Session  
  
01/07 /21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
01/18/21 Church Administration II Western Baptist Bible College  
01/14/21 NED Laymen Early Morning Service  
01/16/21 NED WMU Executive Meeting via google-meet



02/04/21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
02/06/21 Services for Sis. Doris Tucker, Paradise MBC Condolence sent  
02/06/21 NED Second Quarterly Board Meeting Youth Session zoom  
02/08/21 NED Second Quarterly Board WMU Meeting Auxiliary Session google-meet  
02/09/21 NED Second Quarterly Board Parent Body Meeting Auxiliary Session zoom  
02/19/21 NED Laymen Early Morning Service via zoom  
02/20/21 NED Food Drive, Mt Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

03/04/21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
03/09/21 Shipped April – June Love and Care to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti  
03/11/21 Home Mission Prayer Day Observance google-meet  
03/15/21 MBSC of MO Spring Board Meeting virtual  
03/19/21 NED Laymen Early Morning Service virtual  
03/26/21 Mission Action Meeting @ 7:00 via google-meet  
03/27/21 NED 2021 Yearbooks available  
03/31/21 Easter Care Packages to KC Shelter for Easter

04/01/21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
04/06/21 NED WMU School of Missions Conference virtual  
04/10/21 MBSC of MO State Youth All Area Meeting Conference virtual  
04/23/21 NED Laymen Early Morning Service @ 7:00

05/06/21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
05/10/21 National Baptist Day of Prayer Conference via zoom  
05/13/21 Mission Action Meeting via google-meet  
05/24/21 Moderator's Executive Meeting via zoom 6:30pm

06/02/21 Funeral Services for Sis. Levera Newton and Sis. Janoyce Matlock  
06/03/21 NED Circle Chairman via conference call  
06/07/21 NED Congress of Christian Education Synoptic Gospels COPP II  
06/17/21 NED WMU Year End Executive Meeting zoom  
06/14/21 Shipped July – Sept Love and Care Package to Orphanage in Pignon, Haiti  
06/26/21 NED WMU Day of Service Appreciation for the Youth of NED

07/01/21 Funeral Services for Sis. Emma Rayford virtual@ PMBC  
07/10/21 Funeral Service for Deacon Robert Black, Morning Star MBC  
07/17/21 Delivered Food Boxes from the Moderator