New Era Missionary Baptist District Association

First Quarterly report of the Woman’s Missionary Union August 2023 – October 2023

2023 Association Theme: “A District First Seeking the Kingdom of God” Matthew 6:33

WMU Theme: “Christian Women on Mission with God: Seeking First His Kingdom through Faith, Unity, Peace, and Compassion” Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 10:23-25

To Moderator Nichols, other Officers, and members of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Association:

The WMU continues to plan annual activities with focus in the following areas: Recruiting-Luke 10:2, Training-Matthew 28:19-20, Mission Outreach-Matthew 25:35-40, and Evangelizing-Luke 14:23.

Included in this report are activities from August 2023 to October 2023.

EVENTS

WMU Planning Meeting The WMU Executive Bd. Planning Meeting was held on August 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Officers shared their plans for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The NED Youth The Youth are in transition moving from the WMU umbrella to the Nationally initiated Youth and Young Adult Auxiliary (YYA). The WMU continues to give financial and general support to the Youth during this transitional period.

State Mission Prayer and Rededication NED WMU State Prayer Observance was held September 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM with the Theme: “Anchored in the Lord through Prayer” Hebrew 6:19. We were blessed by fervent prayers and song from Sis Helen Hood “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand.” The powerful Message by Rev. Stephen Anderson was entitled “The Power of Being Anchored.” Hebrews 6:19.

Erma Eason Conference Local churches are again asked to donate $50 or more for the NED Van support. Van maintenance includes insurance, taxes, tires, oil changes, and repairs etc. The Van was used to transport district Laymen and WMU women to activities prior to and during the NBCUSA, Inc. which convened here at the KCMO Convention Center during September 4-7, 2023. The committee looks forward to planning an interactive Erma Eason Conference event for 2024.

WMU Mission Action With the NBCUSA, Inc. convening here in KC, the women’s major focus was participation in the National Woman Auxiliary’s annual “Fashion Share” Outreach project “Purses with a Purpose.” We donated new or gently used purses filled with women’s hygiene products for the KC metro area women’s shelters and other not-for-profit agencies to distribute to area homeless and women in-need. We praise God that New Era WMU women were able to donate more than 90 “Purses with a Purpose.”

Senior Saints Birthdays We continue to honor our Senior Saints Birthdays of the month by phone calls to them and showering them with cards.

NED Mission Action Committee The Mission Action Committee held their first meeting in September with the former Chair passing information and methods on to the new committee chair. Plans will be made for the year’s outreach work.

Haiti Orphanage and Missionary Support We will continue to support the Loving Haiti Philadelphia Baptist Orphanage and Church (LHPB) ministry in Pignon, Haiti regularly with packages of needed hygiene items and monetary donations. Rev. Francois Romelus is the Director.

We will continue to support Missionary Bonita Townsend, a missionary in the Philippians helping mothers birth and care for their babies.

Youth (YYA) and WMU Meetings The 1st Quarterly Open Session/Youth (YYA) Meeting was held at Greater Bethel MB Church on Saturday September 30, 2023. The WMU met on Monday October 2, 2023, for its business meeting.

Memorial/Hospitalized/Sick and Shut-In The WMU acknowledges the loss of WMU workers and family members of WMU members, remember hospitalized, sick and shut-in members by sending condolences, cards, love donations, visitations etc. and attending the funerals of members when possible.

We invite and encourage women and youth to join the WMU and Youth (YYA) ministries and grow in their walk with Christ as we glorify Him by serving others!

Respectfully Submitted,

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