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Honorifics Have Given,

Thank you all for being here. My first annual address has gotten the best of my nerves, so bear with me.

To our newly promoted sunbeams once again I would like to say congratulations we are all so proud of you.

To the presiding officer and the Red Circle Girl President Ra'Lynn Gardner. Thank you for taking up your position. Thank you for the address. Thank you for your dedication and hardwork in working with us.

I want to say Thank You to all the counselors of the New Era District for their dedication, acceptance of me and your know how. In this era of Zoom I am eternally grateful to those who continue to show up and work with me.

I also want to extend a special Thank You to Sis. Jackie Brown our WMU President. For her kindness and support. As I fretted over today my nerves getting the best of me I texted Ms Jackie whose advice I will always cherish was simply, "Don't be nervous. The only person you have to please is God and you have already done that." Thank You.

I consider myself lucky to work with all of you. So once again I say Thank You.

To the New Era District as a whole Thank You for your trust in me . I look forward to working with our Youth and I look forward to helping you with your spiritual growth.

As I do my best to get over my nerves I ask that you pray with me and for me as I deliver this address and continue to do my best as your Youth Director.

We Are One In Christ!
1st Corinthians 12:12-14

We are living in unprecedented times. As we are still dealing with Covid 19 and all of its effects. As we cannot turn on the TV without hearing about a racially motivated incident. Rather it be a Karen or a cop. As we continue to figure out how we live in today's world Our theme could not mean more or come at a better time. We Are One In Christ. This is what we need to remember and continue to work towards not just in the church but part of our outreach mission as well . We will always have more in common then we will ever have apart, So we must not let the differences turn into giant chasms that we cannot walk over.

In the Corinthians passage where we get our theme from we see that we must work together to accomplish a goal. From the ESV version For just as the body is one and has many members, and all members of the body, though many are one body so it is with Christ.

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New Era we need to let our Youth know that when we come together there is nothing we cannot do. When we stand together are we strong, we are wise, we are doing God's work. As we come together to do God's work we need to realize that together we can.

New Era as we see today we have youth that are here, who are growing who will one day grow to continue take over for us. We are looking at the future. It is our job to prepare help them so they are ready when it is there time. New Era I challenge you to connect with one child, help them find and utilize their spiritual gifts so that we can help ourselves by helping them.

The theme We Are One In Christ shows us that we have to come together to do God's work. Just like Jesus says in Mark 10:14." Let the children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them." Let us never overlook our youth for the are our present and future, for we are all one in Christ.

There are a lot of stories of people coming together to do God's work in our Bible. From the people of Jericho coming together to build a wall, to the 12 Disciples. The 12 Disciples who worked together to write the new testament, do miracles in the name of Jesus, and work in teams of 2 to continue to spread Jesus' words. Now while we're talking about coming together and stories of the bible of course as Youth Director I want to use one that involves of course a kid. Because sometimes I think we overlook children and I want us to stop that. While sometimes we just tell them what to do instead of listening . If our youth are the future, if we are one in Christ then we must treat them as such.

We are one, Let us work as one, let us listen as one, let us help as one. When we come together we are unstoppable.

What I want us to do is to look towards our examples as we continue to grow. I want us to listen to our youth's ideas. I want no need us to help them figure out their spiritual gifts so that we can start helping grow their abilities so they can take us into the future.

While I was packing I came across an old journal from my youth. Though according to my church family I am still young. I was happy to come across the journal. As I leafed through pages and reminisced about that time in my life it held prayers, snippets of sermons I enjoyed old clippings. So today I want to give our young people a journal. Something to write your prayers, ideas and anything you want in it. Something that you can look back on and see that a) you have grown into your faith, b) God is always with you. Something for you to look back on one day and smile.

Sincerely and HeartFelt Given,

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Stewardship Report 2021-2022

2021 August NED Counselor's Meeting Zoom Meeting

2021 September NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom Meeting

2021 October NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom Meeting
NED 1st Quarterly Board Meeting Zoom Meeting

2021 November NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom Meeting

2021 December NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom Meeting
NED Foreign Mission Prayer Day

2022 January NED Christmas Party Zoom
NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom

2022 February NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom Meeting

2022 March NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom
NED Spring School Zoom
NED WMU School of Mission Zoom
NED WMU Mission Prayer Day

2022 April NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom

2022 May NED Youth Counselors Meeting Zoom Meeting

2022 July NED Annual Session New Haven M.B.C.