

Council of Bishops and General Board Meeting
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Atlanta, Georgia

June 26 – 27, 2018

President's Report



Mrs. Lula Shaw Cleckley, International President

Connectional Ministers' Spouses, Widows and Widowers Organization
Plus PK'S

President's Report

Bishop McKinley Young, Senior Bishop; Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President of the General Board; Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Host Bishop and President of Bishops Council; Bishop Frank Madison Reid III, Chair of the Commission on Social Action; Bishops of the Church; Episcopal Supervisors; General and Connectional Officers; Mrs. Jackie DuPont Walker, Consultant/Director, Social Action Commission; College Presidents and Deans; Members of the General Board, my Sisters and Brothers in African Methodism:

Greetings.

The Connectional Ministers' Spouses, Widows and Widowers Organization Plus PK's is a network/support system for those families who serve the church in the preaching/pastoral ministry.

The Conn-M-SWAWO Plus PK's team of officers continues to encourage and empower the clergy families globally. We have dedicated ourselves to provide distinctive forums and proficient advice to create an appreciation and understanding of the role of the Minister's spouse. Activities are constantly being planned and coming to fruition to address the needs and concerns of this organization.



Our goals are:

- Continue to build clergy family unity across the connection

The clergy families are reaching across their districts to support and strengthen each other. President Cleckley travel to South Africa in May, 2017, to meet with the clergy spouses from districts 14 – 20th. Thanks to Bishop and Supervisor Kawimbe for providing this opportunity. We had a wonderful informative meeting.

- Provide a strong support ministry for our children

Our PK Advisor has provided opportunities for the preachers' kids to express themselves as well as network with each other from District to District. Two scholarships and book awards were given during the 2017 year.

- Enhance involvement of widows and widowers

Extra efforts are being made to reach out to our widows and widowers. They received cards, visitations as well as invitations to breakfast, lunch or dinners. Our goal is to always be there to offer assistance when needed. They are recognized at the annual luncheons and presented with special gifts of love. A special workshop was planned and executed during our annual Leadership Retreat.

- **Increase membership through creative activities**

Under the leadership of our Membership and Recruitment Chair, our membership has increased tremendously. The membership list is posted on our website and a membership card is distributed to each member.

- **Provide resources and opportunities for clergy life enrichment**

The Connectional Education Chair provides timely webinars on the website (ameconnmswawopk.com). Seminars and workshops on finance, retirement, good health awareness, wills and insurance were offered during this year.

Annual Clergy Family Awards Breakfast

Our Annual Clergy Family Awards Breakfast was held June 20, 2017, at the beginning of the Council of Bishops Meeting in Los Angeles, California. The Scholarship Award was presented to Jeffrey Martin (10th) and the Book Award was presented to Tyran Speights (7th).

Membership Awards were presented to the Eleventh District (1st Place), Seventh District (2nd Place), First District (3rd Place).

Attendance Awards were presented to Sixth District (1st Place), Seventh District (2nd Place) and Tenth District (2nd Place).

First Lady/First Gentlemen Awards:

Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler (5th District), First Lady; Mr. Wilbert Nelson (5th District), First Gentleman; Mrs. Ann Marie Wilson (7th District), Second Place; Dr. Wilda M. Comeaux (6th District), Third Place.

Leadership Planning Retreat

November 30 – December 3, 2017, the Conn-M-SWAWO + PK'S Annual Leadership Planning Retreat was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It was hosted by Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Presiding Prelate, Supervisor Phyllis Green, Lakesha Adams, Episcopal President and the clergy spouses, widows and widowers of the Seventh Episcopal District. They provided great southern hospitality which made everyone feel welcome. Our attendance was fantastic. We received very strong support from our Episcopal Supervisors.

New officers were elected and installed for 2017-2021:

Mrs. Lula Shaw Cleckley, President

Mrs. Anita M. Brannon, 1st V. President

Dr. Cynthia Griffin, 2nd V. President

Mrs. Charmaine Alexander, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Nellie Alexander, Assistant Recording Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Saunders, Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Kinette Cager, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Irene Montague, Treasurer

Mrs. Jennifer Green, Parliamentarian

TBA, Historiographer

Mrs. Mildred Swint, Worship Director

Mrs. Lori Robinson, PK Coordinator

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

That Conn-M-SWAWO Plus P.K.'s be promoted in Districts 1-20 as a viable Support Ministry for Clergy Families.

That the Clergy Family Members be encouraged to join the Organization and that a Membership Chairperson is appointed in each Episcopal District.

That the Annual Preacher's Kid (P.K.) Scholarship Award for graduating High School Seniors be promoted and advertise in each Episcopal District.

That the P.K.'s be allowed to have open discussions and fellowship opportunities and that a P.K. Advisor is appointed in each Episcopal District.

That a Coordinator for the GAP (Grief Assistance Program) is appointed in each Episcopal District and that the names and addresses of the Widows/Widowers of Pastors are included in Episcopal District Directories for continued communications.

That Conn-M-SWAWO Plus P.K.'s partner with organizations and agencies within our Zion who promote, health, wellness preparedness for God's servants.

THANK YOU

Thanks to our Bishops and Supervisors of the AME Church, officers and members of this organization for all that you do to make us successful. It is because of your efforts this organization continues to be viable and available for the clergy family.

Thanks to Bishop Frank Madison Reid III, Social Action Chair and Supervisor Marlaa Reid for your patience and assistance.

Lots of thanks to my Bishop, Samuel Lawrence Green for his constant support at all times.

A special thanks to my husband, Rev. Robert L. Cleckley (retired) and my children for always being there to assist me when needed.

The Work Is All Divine!

Mrs. Lula S. Cleckley, International President



Conn-M-SWAWO Plus PK's Officers (2017-2021)

Elected Officers

President

Mrs. Lula Shaw Cleckley (7th)

1st Vice President

Mrs. Anita M.E. Brannon (12th)

2nd Vice-President

Dr. Cynthia Griffin (11th)

Recording Secretary

Mrs. Charmaine Alexander (6th)

Assistant Recording Secretary

Mrs. Nellie Alexander (11th)

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Saunders (1st)

Financial Secretary

Mrs. Kinette Cager (5)

Treasurer

Mrs. Irene Montague (2nd)

Parliamentarian

Mrs. Jennifer Green (11th)

Historiographer

TBA

Worship Director

Mrs. Mildred Swint (10th)

Coordinator of P.K.'s

Mrs. Lori Robinson (8th)

Appointed Office

Membership

Budget & Finance

Constitution & By-Laws

Nomination

Evaluation

Memorial

PK Scholarship

GAP Coordinator

Education

Mrs. Karen Luke (6)

Mrs. Debra Speed (7)

Mrs. Deborah Washington (1)

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Mrs. Juanita Duncombe (9)

Mrs. Yuolonda Murray (3)

TBA

Mrs. Julia Witherspoon (7)

Episcopal Presidents
(2017-2018)

Mrs. Rhonda McCall
Mrs. Suzette Williams
Dr. Barbara Thompson
Mrs. Patricia Bauldrick
Mrs. Mary Guyton
Mrs. Dorothy Ridley
Mrs. Lakesha Adams
Mrs. Eloria James
Mrs. Johnnita Bryant
Mrs. Rafaye Nesmith
Dr. Cynthia Griffin
Mrs. Tina Grissom
Mrs. Virgenia Brown
Mrs. Alfreda M. Parker
Mrs. Linda Mtshwelo
Mrs. Sandra Pyke-Anthony
Mrs. Diana Mapoma
Mrs. Nester Ontiretse Moruakgomo
Mrs. Mapatla Grace Setai
Mrs. Droriah Kataka

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Conn-M-SWAWO Plus PK's

“Where the Idea Was Born” - St. Louis, Missouri (December 1-2, 1989) Dr. Dorothy Owens, Founding President – President Emeritus

FOUNDING MEMBERS - (Attendees at 1st Meeting in 1989) - Dr. Dorothy Owens (4th), Mrs. Ida Bailey (4th), Mrs. Vera Boatner (4th), Mrs. Helen Criglar (4th), Mrs. Neva Crymes (4th), Mrs. Mary Daniel (4th), Mrs. Martha Huggins (4th), Mrs. Donna Marie Jackson (4th), Mrs. Jerry Reid (4th), Mrs. Reatha L. Smith (4th), Mrs. Mary Wright (4th), Mrs. Ernestyne Brown (5th), Mrs. Palmer Reed (9th), Mrs. Dorise Griffin (11th), Dr. Leeomia Kelley (11th), Mrs. Nell Booker (13th), Presiding Elder W. C. Davis, Rev. A.C. Wright, Rev. Benjamin Booker, Rev. John Q. Owens, Chair, Social Action Commission (4th), **Supervisors:** Mrs. Theodora Mayo (4th), Mrs. Barbara J. Chappelle (17th), Mrs. Vivienne Anderson, Host (5th).

CHARTER MEMBERS - (District Representatives at the 1990 Self-Image Seminar) - Mrs. Hilda Member (17th), Nelly Alexander (11th), Cleverten Wilson (7th), Rev. Viola Walker* (10th), Mrs. Clara Wilson (4th), Mrs. Ruby Johnson (10th), Mrs. Johnnie Carswell (6th), Mrs. Lilar Shephard (6th), Dr. Henrietta Attles (1st), Mrs. Rhonda J. McCall (1st), Mrs. Jestina Richardson (1st), Mrs. Mattie Tyler (8th), Mrs. Darlene Justice (1st) **Supervisors:** Dr. Dolly Desselle Adams (6th), Mrs. Lucinda Crawford Belin (12th), Dr. M. Joan Cousin (11th), Yvonne Henning Parks, and Ernestine Henning,

Acronym Conn-M-SWAWO Plus P.K.'s is credited to Mrs. Norma Phillips (4th)

Organization's Legislative History - During the General Conference of 2000, passage of the Organization's legislation and its subsequent inclusion into the Book of Discipline was realized. This was accomplished under the leadership of the second President, Mrs. Ora L. Easley.