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COMMUNITY A. M. E. ZION CHURCH
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VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON 98661
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THEME: "PERFECTING OUR WITNESS"
JOHN 15:1-8

THE REVEREND MARVA J. EDWARDS, Host Pastor

THE REVEREND ROBERT F. KEMP, Presiding Elder

THE REVEREND DR. L. J. THOMPSON, Presiding Elder, Emeritus

MRS. D. DIANE PROCTOR
Missionary Supervisor
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THE RIGHT REVEREND DENNIS V. PROCTOR, SR.
Presiding Bishop
Western Episcopal District
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January 21, 2010

To Presiding Elder Rev. Robert F. Kemp, Presiding Elder Emeritus Rev. Dr. L.J. Thompson, Host Pastor Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Ministers, Members and Friends of the 54th Annual Session of the Cascade District Conference, hosted by New Life A.M.E. Zion Church Convening at Community A.M.E. Zion Church, Vancouver, WA.

I, Henrietta Williams, duly elected delegate for Ebenezer AME Zion, submit the following report of my labors:

The Sunday school department is organized and functioning very well. We have four Sunday school classes; Men, Women, Young adult, and Children. The average attendance is twenty five.

The Missionary department has been busy doing work as led by the Holy Spirit, serving breakfast each Sunday morning to our “friends without homes “under the leadership of our new president, Sis. Valerie Wilson. The missionary department gives out can goods, nonperishable foods, gloves, and socks, to the community and shelters every.

The Men of Zion of Ebenezer are very active in their outreach with the help of God. Brown bag lunches are prepared each Saturday and distributed among the homeless community. During the winter months they serve a hot lunch.

Our Youth takes an active role in the worship service every fourth Sunday. Our children’s church has expanded to include pre-school children. The S.P.O.T., The Saviors Place of Triumph, is a contemporary worship experience designed by our young adults for young adults at Ebenezer.

The music department is going strong and is getting better and better. We have four musicians, a gospel choir, children’s choir, and men’s chorus. The men’s chorus provide the music every second Sunday. Our Music department is headed by Dana Jackson, with assistance from Jenell Mullin. This department has truly been uplifting to the congregation every Sunday.

To express appreciation to our Pastor, we celebrated his 5th anniversary/appreciation this past April. Saturday was a fun night with testimonies. On Sunday we closed out with a banquet in our Pastors honor. We love our pastor and we all thank God for him. He is truly a good Shepherd. He is caring, he visits the sick, counsels the lost, and win souls for Christ. He is always there when we need him. It is a blessing to the congregation at Ebenezer A.M.E. Zion church to be under the leadership of Pastor Meadows.

Humbly submitted

Henrietta Williams
Delegate Report

To the Presiding Elder, Rev. Robert F. Kemp, Presiding Elder Emeritus, Rev. Dr. L. J. Thompson, Host Pastor, Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Pastors, Ministers, Delegates, District Officers, Members and friends of the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Cascade District Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. I bid you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I, Edna-Alice White, the delegate of Pauline Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, make the following report.

Pauline Memorial continues to move forward under the leadership of Christ Jesus and Pastor Antoinette Rochell.

We were blessed to receive two new computers to assist in the administrative work of the church.

Also, the church is still seeking ways to be a blessing to the community. Pauline is in the process of being certified as a C.A.N. (Church As Neighbors) Center.

Funding as a C.A.N. Center would allow Pauline to determine what help is most needed in the area (food, clothing, educational and/or parental support, etc.) and then assist with appropriate supportive services.

**Food Bank:** The church’s award winning Oregon Food Bank Distribution Center has been able to move out of the church storage closet, where it served as many as 3000 people a year, to a larger area in the church modular building.

Despite being closed for a period of time during the transition 7 faithful volunteers, who open the food bank each Tuesday, were able to serve almost 700 families and over 2000 individuals during the past year.
**Christian Education:** Participation continues to increase. The 7 members who teach adult, children and youth Sunday Church School have been faithful.

Pauline’s modular building has been a blessing in accommodating the needs of the children and youth. There is now plenty of room for all the children and Sunday school teaching materials. Also, it is an excellent place for the children’s liturgical dance team and children’s choir to practice. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by the children in Sunday service as they worship through song and dance.

**Evangelism:** The evangelism team continues to hold intercessory prayer each Friday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. where all are welcomed.

The church motto is: “A Church On The Move, Winning Souls For Christ” (Acts 1:8) Pauline’s monthly prayer breakfasts, church service in the park, Fall revival and ongoing support of the homeless have all provided opportunities for the church to reach out with love and plenty of food.

Pauline Memorial continues to be blessed with an ethnically diverse congregation representative of the area it serves. We pray that God will continue to use us to his glory as we grow together in faith and service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edna-Alice White
Delegate

I, Candace N. Riggs, Delegate of Community A.M.E. Zion Church cheerfully report the following:

- **The Evangelism Board** has been hard @ work this year. We have distributed blankets, hats, jackets, food and personal hygiene products to the homeless in NW Portland. We have also started distributing Cd's of the Sunday sermons to the family, friends and neighbors in the community to spread the Word of God.

- **Brothers in Christ** have grown in numbers. They had a nice turn out for a program this year, followed by a dinner they provided for the people. They are now in charge of the 5th Sunday's of the year with Rev. Levi Harris preaching and Brother Jack Smith Sr. as the Director of Brothers in Christ.

- **The Board of Christian Education Department** has been on the move. We had a successful Vacation Bible School which was suited to fit all ages. Our VBS theme this year was "On the Move". We had a great turn out and are already planning for 2010's VBS in great anticipation.

- Lay Counsel Sis. Gale Thomas attended a conference this year as a Lay Counsel Delegate in July; it was held in VA. We have an ongoing prayer breakfasts the 1st Saturday of each month. We support the Bishop Leake Scholarship Fund and support the clothing closet.

- **The Music Department** has had many commitments this year. We have visited several churches. Our choir is growing and we have added additions to the music department such as a new drum player and harmonica player.

- **The Angelic Voices of Praise (Youth Choir)** The children are really active in our church and are growing in so many ways. We are happy to report they now sing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. They've also been hard @ work in learning our Apostles Creed, Our Affirmation of Faith and how to conduct themselves in the church. We had a great Christmas Program performed by the children with liturgical dance and the choir sang. The kids are on the move! They have future programs starting in January 2010 as well as a new Choir Director Sis. Candace Riggs who will be working with Sis. Latice Harris.

- **The Prayer Warriors** have Prayer on Friday's @ 6:30 pm.

- **The Buds Department** is constantly growing. The children have had sleep overs, movie nights, pancake breakfast and are looking forward to a trip to be planned later this year.

- **The Stewart Board** hosted the Christmas Party this year. They're working on Employment resources for those who need help finding jobs, resources or counsel coming in the new year of 2010.

- **YAMS/YACM** are working hard on new ministries, outreach for needy families and we are getting ready to start working on new study material “Purpose Driven Life” with Exhorter Sylvia Harris. We meet every 4th Sunday directly following church.

- **Adult Missionaries** we have been visiting the sick and shut-ins. We have made blankets for the elderly and hosted the Christmas bazaar. The crafts we provided were items such as blankets, jewelry, aprons etc. We raised money for the church with the items sold. We also run the Clothes Closet 2 days a week. It helps people get clothing to look for work and clothing for children who are in need. We have sent flyers out to Worksource, Goodwill and Salvation Army.

- **Usher Board(s)** all is well with the Usher Boards there is nothing new to report @ this time.
Church Publicity we partnered with a prison fellowship ministry Angel Tree Program this year. We serviced 19 children and held an open house for the families. Sis. Eloise Thompson started a Newsletter this year at our church called Community AME Zion News and it is doing well.

Van Ministry has been providing transportation to and from Community for church services and will soon be providing services to the people for Wednesday night Bible Study.

Community AME Zion Church is "Raising the level of Expectation." We have a loving, spirit filled church that is committed to grow and strive in God's will and not our own. We love sharing the "Good News" for all that will hear.

We ask that you keep us in prayers as we continue to grow in our church and in our work for the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Candace N. Riggs

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The Rev. Robert F. Kemp  Mrs. D. Diana Proctor  The Rt. Rev. Dennis Proctor  
Presiding Elder  Missionary Supervisor  Presiding Bishop  
Cascade District  Western Episcopal District  Western Episcopal District
December 31, 2009


Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the delegate from New Life A.M.E Zion Church, Vancouver, WA, I am honored to make the following report:

As a new Zion works for the body of Christ, we continue to meet each Sunday at the Phoenix Inn Suites “Joining hands and moving forward together under the leadership of Christ Jesus”. Our desire is to provide a safe place for spiritual growth and peace.

We thank God for our Pastor’s inspiration and leadership. She has taught us what Christian Fellowship is all about. Recently, she was selected as one of the 2010 Women of Achievement sponsored by the Vancouver YWCA and Clark Community College.

Recently, we were blessed by two young people who joined the church because they want to work for Jesus Christ.

Laity (including children) participates in morning worship service as door keepers and ushers. We had a great turnout for our Connectional Lay Sunday Service and this provided an opportunity for all to participate. Members and visitors participated in the special appeal for Bishop Leake’s Scholarship Fund. Our collection was forwarded to Lay Council Headquarters.

The Children’s Director organized a “Children’s Choir” and they performed beautifully during Advent Season and for our Christmas Program. We look forward to seeing and hearing them each Sunday.

The focus for church growth is our Church School, which is a foundation for all Christians. Occasionally, members are called during the week to remind them of Church School. Also, each Sunday we publish the scripture(s) for the following Sunday. This ensures that members always know what the Sunday School Lesson is all about and can join in the discussion if their Sunday School Book is unavailable.

We ask that you continue to pray for us as we work for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Sister Dorothy Stennis, Delegate
Section 2

Pastor's Reports
To Presiding Elder Robert F. Kemp, Pastors, Officers and members of the Oregon Washington Conference

We are excited about the renewed interest in the life of First Church by the youth department. We have been working hard to present studies as well as venues that will appeal to all age groups in our congregation. Re-organization of classes has netted a response in all departments. The results have realized a net increase in worship service and actives throughout the week at the physical plant. Leadership and organization of cell group activities such as the women’s bible study group meeting on Friday evening has our 20 to 40 age group to be on the scene and involved. The Buds have been active in their own way learning to serve in ways that they find meaningful and of real service to all. High Spirited Ushers Acolyte as well as hospitality activities.

The sense in the air is include all in worship and service to God and each other. We have passed through a very successful Christmas with Christmas pot luck. The music department has taken a turn toward contemporary and new mixes on some of the standards of yesterday bringing alone with it younger members in the choir and some older additions as well that are delighted to add their gifts to the glory of God.

Wednesday night bible study has had new faces in attendance from members and none members alike that are desiring to share and hear relevant teaching to the times. The local preachers and traveling minister of this congregation have done outstanding work in support.

The father’s community network is operating and supporting men in the issues of the day. The Fireside room has taking on a new look as a result of the young college aged that were looking for a place to share there faith with their friends and meet with others for study and prayer.

The education department continues to refine and prepare study materials to compliment and assist students that are making efforts to keep up as well as those who desire to get a head.

The administrator has been working hard behind the scenes to assist in working and refining ways to capture all the members and past members that require services from this body. This is by far the most challenging part of ministry.

This has been a time of learning on everyone’s part. Learning to hang in there when it feels that it isn’t going your way sometimes is the key. Taking responsibility for the part you play and being faithful wins the day.

I know that God is doing a great work here at First Church and in 2010 the Lord being our helper we will answer the call to unify all he has given us.

We have had an addition of six new members that are not just on the role but active in service and membership. We have six other new members that we are caring for that though they are on the role have been struggling with the cares of this life, work schedules and the like but they still are included through the weekly meetings at there home to keep them encouraged during this time.
Our shut ins are a focus of ministry and we look to serve them better as opportunities of service open to us.

We currently have 120 on the roll.

In His Service

Pastor Robert N. Probasco Sr
January 21, 2010

To Presiding Elder Rev. Robert F. Kemp, Presiding Elder Emeritus Rev. Dr. L.J. Thompson, Host Pastor Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Ministers, Members and Friends of the 54th Annual Session of the Cascade District Conference, hosted by New Life A.M.E. Zion Church Convening at Community A.M.E. Zion Church, Vancouver, WA.

I, **Rev. Alphonso H. Meadows, Jr.**, submit the following report of my labors as Pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E. Zion Church:

- Presented our Bishop’s Quadrennial theme “Raising Our Level of Expectation” *Ephesians 3:20* “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”.

- Introduced Ebenezer conference year theme, “Increasing Our Capacity to Respond to God” *Isaiah 6:8* “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me”. The premise of this theme is God’s power is ready and available to blow our minds with what he wants to do at Ebenezer. Therefore, the issue is positioning ourselves to allow His power to flow in us and through us.

- Preached 44 Sermons

- Regularly visited and ministered to sick and shut-in members

- **Documentary filming at Ebenezer** – On August 13, Ebenezer opened its doors to local Seattle filmmaker, Liz Latham, who joined with Hollywood film director, Rich Thorne, to complete the filming of her documentary entitled “Remember His Name”. This film will depict the tragic murder of James Byrd, Jr. in Jasper, Texas on June 7, 1998. As a result Ebenezer’s name was presented anew to the community in a press release announcing the film.

- **Community Barbecue in the Church Parking Lot** – August 29 we held a community wide free barbecue with karaoke singing and a youth contest for the best Michael Jackson imitation. Ebenezer handed out flyers, put up signs and closed off the church parking lot. This was an opportunity to introduce and re-introduce Ebenezer. An estimated 200 members and visitors came to the community barbecue.

- **African Children Choir at Ebenezer** – September 20th the African Children’s Choir participated in our morning worship service. The African Children’s Choir communications arm sent a press
release to all of the radio and major newspapers in the Seattle area. The members of Ebenezer put flyers out throughout the community.

- 2nd Annual Night of Elegance – October 17th CED Midwinter Meeting community-wide fundraiser and “night out”. Sponsored by the young Adults.

- Community partnership with the Total Experience Gospel Choir - October 25th @ 3:30 Ebenezer opened our doors to the Total Experience Gospel Choir, who celebrated their 36th Anniversary at Ebenezer. This choir is renown throughout Seattle WA, and parts of the state of WA.

- Poetry Night – October 30th Launched a monthly Family “Friday Poetry Night.

- The Savior’s Place Of Triumph – SPOT Night Fall Festival - November 7th. SPOT night is a contemporary worship service designed by young adult for young adults. The guest speakers will be Ministers Alphonso and Tiaralynn Meadows from New Mercies Christian Church Atlanta GA, one of the fastest growing churches in GA with over 7,500 members. Advisements for this event will be spread throughout Seattle and surrounding areas.

- Laminated Business Cards available for all members – Business Cards with the Church Information on the front and an “A Personal Invitation” printed on the back.

- Prayer team comes together and prays every Sunday morning @ 9:00 and weekdays @ 9:00am

- Harvest Celebration (Halloween alternative), was held October 31st, and was opened to Ebenezer and the Community.

- Class leaders implemented a process to contact all of their members who are absent on any given Sunday to inquire if all is well by. Tuesday of every week; a report is sent to the leader of class leader who then submits a consolidated report to the Pastor.

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. Alphonso H. Meadows, Jr., Pastor
To the Presiding Elder, the Reverend Robert F. Kemp; to the Presiding Elder Emeritus, the Reverend Dr. L. J. Thompson, to the host pastor of New Life A. M. E. Zion Church, the Reverend Marva J. Edwards; to all the pastors; clergy; ministers, local preachers, exhorters; district officers; delegates; members, friends and visitors of the 54th Session of the Cascade District Conference

Greetings in the name who is above every name by which men, women, boys and girls may be saved, Jesus called the Christ.

I, Reverend Antoinette A. Rochell, wish to make a report of my labors for the 2009 Conference year.

The past year I have been challenged to really raise my level of expectation by perfecting my witness to God’s grace, mercy, and love. I find that God in His infinite wisdom and grace appointed me to be the third pastor of Pauline Memorial A. M. E. Zion in Salem, Oregon. This church is “a church on the move” to win souls for the Kingdom of God (Acts 1: 8). Yes, there are challenges and issues but I am learning to turn all things-big and small- over to God and not to rely on my own understanding but in all my ways to acknowledge Him and He will direct my path. What a mighty God we serve.

I am humbled and so honored to be appointed to this church as a first-time pastor. It is on-the-job-training, as the pastors know. Not one of them came in knowing all the challenges that would have to be faced; but what all pastors know is that we had to learn to trust in God and lean of Jesus. Being a pastor is a matter of faith, especially in the O.O.P.S—opposition, obstacles, people and situations- in the life of the church.
Pauline has thirty-nine (40) members and one new member. We have one local preacher, Brother Frank Thompson and 1 exhorter, Brother Robert Barnett. I am thankful to their faithful service to God and others.

Our Women’s Ministry holds a Prayer Breakfast every third Saturday of the month in which other Women’s Ministries is invited. We have one of our own to present on matters that relate to women’s issues.

The Men of Pauline continue to very active in all aspects of the Pauline’s ministry. They hold their prayer breakfasts on the 1st Saturday of every month.

We have 11am Worship service every Sunday.

We now have Children’s Church every Sunday under the direction of Sister Maria Padilla, with Sis Marlene White, as her able and faithful assistant. Also under Sister Padilla’s direction, Pauline is proud to announce the formation of Pauline Children Liturgical Dance Team. They were presented for the first time December 20, 2009 at the 11am Sunday worship service. What a joy to watch how proudly they danced before the Lord to worship Him. Also, there are three young children who love to sing praises to the honor and glory of God. They have been encouraged to sing 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Sunday school is still thriving and the teachers study to show they are approved to rightly divide the Word of Truth. The Sunday school classes are thought-provoking and lively, where all who attend participate.

We will be an official CaN (Churches as Neighbors) Center February 2010 where Pauline will provide a much needed service to the community.

I am very active in the SalemNet for pastors in the Salem/Keizer area.

We had a very successful Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration that was held January 17, 2010. Twelve scholarships were awarded from the Nellie B. Thompson/Dorothy Patch Scholarship Fund to students of color who are, indeed, the Keepers of the Dream.

Our Oregon Food Bank Distribution Center, that originated as a food pantry, with Rev Nellie & Odell Thompson, the founders of Pauline, continues to feed many families in the Salem area. Seven of Pauline’s members faithfully volunteer in this endeavor weekly. Approximately 337 families and 1,160 individuals have been served. Thank you, Pauline volunteers, for feeding the hungry.

Pauline now has two computers to help us with administrative tasks. What a difference it has made.
We have rented the modular to a Hispanic church. The relationship between the two churches is beneficial for both the churches. We praise God for the relationship.

Sermon Preached @ Community A. M. E. Zion Church January to June, 2009: 07; Assisted Funerals: 02 (Sister Thompson, Brother Keel), Baptisms: 00 Weddings: 00;

Sermons Preached @ Pauline Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church: 21 No baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

I served as Associate Pastor @ Community A. M. E. Zion Church from June 2004 – June 2009 & Family Life Pastor @ CAMEZ from July 2008- June, 2009.

I preached at District Conference January 16, 2009 & preached the 4th Word of the Seven Last Words April 2009 @ Allen Temple C.M. E. Church, Portland, Oregon.

I attended the Leadership Institute in San Jose, Ca May 13-16, 2009.

I want to thank Pauline Church family for all their support and love that we share with each other. Also, my heartfelt thanks to all the pastors for their kind and considerate support they have given to Pauline the past few months.

To my own family, thank you for supporting me, even when I could not attend many of the family gatherings, I love you and thank you. To my Sister Janice Johnson, you have encouraged me, not so much by words, but by your walk, strength, courage and faith. You are so loved and admired by me.

I want to thank Bishop Dennis V. Proctor for trusting me to be Pastor of Pauline Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church.

Presiding Elder Rev. Robert F. Kemp, I want to thank you for your full support, financially, words of encouragement and Godly wisdom. Thank you for being my father in the ministry. What a teacher –pastor you are!

Also, to the Presiding elder Emeritus, Rev. Dr. L. J. Thompson a special “thank you” for imparting nuggets of Godly wisdom over the years. I am grateful.

To all of you in the Cascade District of the Oregon/Washington Annual Conference, who have given encouragement and prayers throughout my life at Community and Pauline: TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

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To the Presiding Elder Rev. Robert F. Kemp, Host Pastor Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Pastors,
Ministers, Members and Friends to the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Oregon-Washington
District Conference.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God is greatly to be praised! For He is good. I will bless the Lord at all
times His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I wish to make the following report for my labors as pastor of Community
AME Zion Church in Vancouver, Washington this Fifty-Fourth District
Conference since my appointment on June 28th, 2009.

What a mighty God we serve! The Lord is blessing us at Community AME
Zion Church. The church on the hill for the world to see. As the song writer
says… “You ain’t seen nothing yet”. The church is increasing numerically
and members are returning home. The Youth has been doing a wonderful
job inviting, working in the church and attending Wednesday night Bible
Study.
Church Anniversary in August generated people from all over and Family
and Friends Day we had 181 people in attendance.
Vacation Bible School was well attended in August and the youth was responsible for preparing and serving the meals each evening and some taught classes.

Bible Study, Sunday school and New Members class have been increasing with enthusiasm.

Many improvements have been done on the interior and exterior, with future plans coming.

Fall Revival with Rev. Stephen Pogue pastor of Greater Cooper AME Zion Church in Oakland, California was successful with 3 joining church and many rededications to Christ.

The Men of Community AME Zion Church, Brothers in Christ celebrated their annual Men’s Day and over 25 men were outfitted in new green shirts and carried the program and fed the guests afterward. We are so thankful for the Men they are active in all the departments of the church.

The Missionaries had a Christmas Bazaar and sold some wonderful homemade articles and Bake goods. They are visiting the sick and the shut-in and volunteering at the Clothes Closet. Also gave lap blankets to seniors in the church & Food Baskets at Thanksgiving totaled 23.

The City of Vancouver police Sgt. Ray Reynolds through an organization gave the church 35 chickens and 10 food boxes for Christmas.

The Evangelism Board At Christmas time were busy extending a helping hand in the community by assisting Santa’s Posse in wrapping gifts for families in need in Clark County. Assisted the 2009 Annual Adopt a Family Event by visiting 3 families in need delivered food and gifts and prayed over their homes and the families.

The Christian Education Board presented a Christmas Program with all departments represented and gave out Fruit and Candy to the kids.
Eleven members from Community AME Zion Church attended the Mid-Winter Meeting in Dallas, Texas which included (2) 10 year olds that are in training for future meetings.

We celebrated all denominational days and held special worship services on Thanksgiving and Watch Night service on New Years Eve.

The Following statistics regarding my labors for 2009 are provided for information:

Since I was appointed to Community AME Zion Church on June 28, 2009

- Number of Sermons Preached: 17
- Number of Weddings Performed: 2
- Number of Funerals Conducted: 1
- Number of Baptism: 5
- Number of Visitations: 24
- Number of Members: 161

All praises to the Father for the help He has provided for our faithful ministerial staff. In addition to the pastor, we currently have Rev. Levi Harris as Associate, Rev. Rosemary Morgan-Harris, Local Preacher, and two Exhorters Sis. Sylvia Harris & Sis. Virginia Horvath. Eight Class Leaders and one Baptized Children’s Leaders.

Pray for us as we continue to work the work of ministry.

Humbly submitted,

Rev. Joyce M. Smith
December 31, 2009


New Life A.M.E. Zion Church is a place where “Everybody is Somebody in Jesus Christ” for we have joined hands and are moving forward together under the leadership of Jesus Christ. As Pastor, I thank God for the opportunity to serve His people; because I know God can use whomever He chooses.

We are approaching our 3rd Church Anniversary with thanks to God. We are on the District calendar for February 7, 2009 (a Saturday), but that date has been moved to February 15, 2009 (a Sunday). We are not having a formal service; we will be celebrating as a church and anyone who wishes may come and fellowship with us. (There will be food of course)

Most of the members are faithful in their service to God. We have regular Sunday service at 12 noon, Sunday school, Bible study, and observe Christian Education, Evangelism, Missionary, and Lay Council Days.

I have preached 45 sermons

No baptisms or weddings 1 funeral

We have 43 members

Adults 22 Youth 10 Children 11

Christian Education
We now have Sunday school every Sunday. We use A. M. E. Zion Sunday school books, Christian Herald Journal and the Bible. The Local Christian Education Director is Sister Dorothy Stennis and the Sunday Superintendent is Brother Earl Ford. We have 4 Sunday school teachers: Sisters Gerri Hart and Bernice Cuffee and Brothers Earl Ford and Chuck Smith. Our Children’s Choir sang during Advent Season and for the Christmas Program. The Youth of the church are the ushers.

Lay Council
Our Lay Council director is Sister Dorothy Stennis. We have observed Lay Council Sunday and have many lay council members. Our Lay Council Program included the members of the church and the visitors.
Evangelism
The Gospel is presented every Sunday; results 5 new members. God continues to bless New Life AMEZ church.

Missionary Department
Our Local Missionary President is Sister Margo Bryant. We have observed the missionary days and participated in District meetings.

The Preachers Steward, Stewards, Class Leaders (2), Trustees, Treasurer, Deaconess, Christian Education Department, Missionary Society, Evangelism Department, Poor Steward, and Lay Council Department have been a blessing to me and the church. I thank God for all of the members for they are committed faithful servants of God.

Community Outreach
Clark County Jail/Skill center, NAACP, YWCA Hate Incidents/Hate Crimes, Key note speaker in Milwaukee, WI on Cancer Awareness Art Benefit. I was recently chosen by the YWCA 2010 Women of Achievement to be an honoree.

We are still looking for a permanent home, and we know that God will provide one at the right time. I ask that you continue to pray our strength in the Lord as we walk on with God through Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Marva J. Edwards, Pastor
Section 3

Conference Minister's & Local Preacher's Reports
Minister’s Report
Rev. William H. Dudley
Cascade District Conference

Fifty-Fourth Annual Session
New Life A. M. E. Zion, Host Church
The Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Host Pastor
held at Community A. M. E. Zion Church
Vancouver, WA.

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Number of Sermons preached. 9
Number of Marriages solemnized. 0
Number of Baptisms performed. 0
Other Labors performed.

- Since our last District Conference I have made 7 church visits in the district, served as Celebrant on 2 occasions and led 3 people to the Lord. Thirty-five have accepted the call to Focus on Jesus Christ. I assisted one family in their preparations for funeral.
- I’ve served as Annual Conference secretary, District Conference secretary and Conference Director of Evangelism.
- I visited the Western Episcopal District’s Leadership Training Institute in San Jose, California. The Bureau of Evangelism’s 2009 Quadrennial Evangelistic Congress in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina and making plans to attend the 2010 Evangelic Congress also being held in Lake Junaluska. Attended the Asheville District Conference in Asheville, North Carolina where I was invited to preach. I visit New Life AME Zion Church in Vancouver, Washington as often as I can in support of their ministry. I also was able to attend the Southwest Rocky Mountain/Arizona Annual Conference.
- I continuing to Developing my Internet Ministry. I have set up and act as webmaster for several web sites. The web sites are for the Bureau of Evangelism (www.beamezion.org), the Western Episcopal District (www.westernamezion.org), the Cascade District (www.cascadedistrictamezion.org) and act as an advisor for Ebenezer AME Zion Church (www.ebenezeramezion.org) web site. I developing a Video & Audio Ministry and blog as part of things I do.

I serve as Associate Pastor of Ebenezer and attempt to help Pastor Meadows anyway I can in growing the church and supporting him, serving the membership and try to help with matters that comes before us. I have done work at the church to do such thing as created personal business cards for Ebenezer Men’s of Zion and flyers for events.
Minister’s Report
Rev. William H. Dudley
Cascade District Conference

I want to thank this conference all the presiding elders, ministers, pastors and every
loving lay person for all the prayers, all the care and all the love you each have shown me
during this time of my illness. To God be the glory for the wonderful things He has done
for me.

Humbly submitted,

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Rev. William H. Dudley
Greetings in the Magnificent Name of the True and Living God: Jesus called the Christ

It gives me great pleasure to make the following report.

Number of Sermons delivered                                Year to Date
3                                                                 5

Number of Prayer Meetings Held
12                                                                22

Number of Times Attended Sunday School
12                                                                24

Number of Class Meetings Attended
1                                                                 2

What studies is He pursuing

1. The Holy Bible.                                           21. Strategies for the Dir. of Christian
2. ComeBack Churches                                         Ed. in the Africa American Church
4. Life Cycle: Psychological and Theological                 22. Beyond the Classroom
5. The Story of Christianity
6. A Guide for Youth Ministry
7. True To Our Native Land
8. Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction
9. Just a Sister Away: Understanding the Timeless Connection
10. Journeying by Grace to Christ-Likeness
11. A.M.E.Z. Book of Discipline
12. Thinking for a Change
13. Creative Leadership Series
14. Christian Education in the African American Church
15. One Hundred Years of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
Activities and accomplishments

I have supported my pastor at various engagements at other churches. Currently I teach the adult Sunday School class. I have taught mid-week Bible Study when the pastor has been out of town.

I am continuing to grow in Christ and I am thankful everyday for the grace and mercy of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know that it is He who has kept me through many danger toils and snares.

As the Local Director of Christian Education I continue to strive to provide a comprehensive and relevant program for all age groups in the church. Christian Education must be viewed holistically, not as a separate entity. Every aspect of a church’s ministry involves educational implications. Christian education is one of the greatest needs of the church and the world. Christian education may be defined as all education that takes place in the Christian congregation. It is that education supplied by Christians, who in turn are responsible for directing, preparing, cultivating, and motivating, illuminating, and convicting students to have a better relationship with God.

I serve as the Associate Pastors and the Youth Pastor. Youth need models to follow and some independence and freedom to do so. They need meaningful relationships with parents and peers, yet the privacy to work out problems they can handle. Youth need to come to decisions about values and beliefs as they discover that they are beings created by God for the purpose of being servants of God in service that pleases God and edifies humankind. I was blessed to be given the opportunity to travel to Pauline Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church to preach in the pastor’s absence due to sickness.

I attended the winter meeting for Christian education in Dallas Texas. It was time well spent in my continuing quest to prepare myself to better serve the Kingdom of God and equip the saints of God. I am serious about my call to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for like the apostle Paul I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

Respectfully Submitted

Levi Harris
Reverend Levi Harris
1/4/2010
Ministers Report

January 21, 2010

To Presiding Elder Rev. Robert F. Kemp, Presiding Elder Emeritus Rev. Dr. L.J. Thompson, Host Pastor Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Ministers, Members and Friends of the 54th Annual Session of the Cascade District Conference, hosted by New Life A.M.E. Zion Church Convening at Community A.M.E. Zion Church, Vancouver, WA.

I, Rev. David Eddines, submit the following report of my labors:

Number of Sermons preached 1
Number of prayer meetings or Bible Studies attended 20
Number of times attended Sunday school 26

What Studies am I pursuing
  o Traveling Minister and Local Preacher First year studies
  o Trinity Lutheran Theological College

Others Labors:
  o Assist the Pastor in the Sunday morning services
  o Sunday Morning worship leader when appointed
  o Assist with Men Sunday School Classes

Respectfully submitted, Rev David L. Eddines

Rev. David L. Eddines, Associate Pastor
Ministers Report

January 21, 2010

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I, **Sis Phyllis Carter**, submit the following report of my labors:

During the conference year of I have labored to increase my capacity for service. As outlined by the Pastor in our conference year theme “Increasing Our Capacity to Respond to God” *Isaiah 6:8*.

I preached four sermons, one of which was at our sister church Pauline Memorial A.M.E.Zion. Deaconess Program.

I faithfully attended bible study without missing one class all year. I also substitute teach when the Pastor is absent.

Regularly attended Sunday school

The studies I am currently pursuing are Christian Faith and Practice Certificate at Lake Washington University in Kirkland Washington, and my first year and second studies as traveling minister.

Other Labors include:
- Assist the leader of the children’s church with the planning for youth Sunday
- Sunday morning worship leader
- Assist with teaching new members class
- Leader of the Class Leaders
- Member of the Prayer team

Respectfully submitted,

Minister Phyllis Carter
Traveling Minister Report

To Presiding Elder Kemp, Pastors, Ministers, Exhorters, Officers and Members of The Forty-Fourth Session of The Cascade District Conference; Oregon-Washington Annual Conference. African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Convening at Community AME Zion Church hosted by New Life AME Zion Church

1. Number of Sermons preached. 8
2. Number of Prayer Meetings held. 0
3. Number of Class meeting held. 0
4. Number of times attended Sunday School 46
5. Number of Funeral conducted 0
6. What service she has rendered to Pastor.
   Worship Leader on Sunday morning and whatever Pastor request of me.
   Assisted Rev. Edward at New Life AME Zion Church in Sunday morning services.
7. What service she has rendered Presiding Elder. 0
8. What studies she is pursuing.
   Traveling Minister, Second Year
   Foster, Charles R. Educating Congregations: The Future of Christian Education.
   Evans, James H. Jr. We Have Been Believers: An African American Systematic Theology.
   Taylor, Charles. The Skilled Pastor.
   Kornsfield, Margaret. Cultivating Wholeness.
   Thomas, Frank A. They Like to Never Quit Praisin’ God: The Role of Celebration in Preaching.
   Barrett, C.K. Paul: An Introduction to His Thoughts.
   The Holy Bible

Miscellaneous Items:
How to Prepare Sermons: William Evans
Morning Devotion; Our Daily Bread.
What The Bible Says to The Minister
President Nation Council of Negro Women
President: Church Women United of Portland.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Eddie M. Jolly-Bryant, Traveling Minister
Greetings in the Name of Jesus the Christ I make the following report.

Number of Sermons delivered
4
Number of Prayer Meetings Attended
18
Number of Times Attended Sunday School
22
Number of Class Meetings Attended
2
What studies is she pursuing

1. The Holy Bible
2. Reality of the Black Church
3. Taking The Bible Seriously
4. The Elements of Preaching
5. The Dynamics of Preaching
6. The Discipline
7. AME Zion Hymnal
8. The Case For Faith
9. The Case For Christ
10. Celebration & Experience in Preaching
11. What’s So Amazing About Grace
12. Church Administration in the Black Perspective
13. On the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons
14. African American Worship Experience
15. Ethics in Ministry
16. The Case for the Creator
17. The History of the Early Church
18. Outstanding Black Sermons
19. God in an Age of Scarcity
20. Discipline of the Spirit
21. Introduction to Christian Worship
22. The Story of Christianity
Activities and Accomplishments

We have held six prayer breakfast this year
Supported Pastor and Elder at engagements at other churches
Studying God’s Word makes me stronger.
I have preached 2 sermons at the eleven O’clock service
I was the Chairperson of our 34th church anniversary.
The Evangelist have been busy delivering food, Socks, Toiletries to the homeless, Delivering Pastries to different agencies that feed, the homeless, juveniles, women in shelters etc. I attended the 2009 Winter Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Currently I am the Local Director of Evangelism. I teach the Intermediate Sunday school class. I am the assistant Sunday School Superintendent. I attend monthly meetings with Rev. Smith and the other Ministerial Staff. I am also a Class Leader with 15 members.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

Rosemary Morgan-Harris
1/21/10
Section 4

Exhorter's Reports
Fifty-Fourth Annual Session
of the
Cascade District Conference
Oregon-Washington Annual Conference
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
January 21, 2010

To Rev. Robert F. Kemp, Presiding Elder, Rev. Marva J. Edwards, Host Pastor, and to the officers and members of the District Conference of the Cascade District of the Oregon-Washington Annual Conference, being duly authorized and licensed as an Exhorter, renewed June 1, 2009 in the A. M. E. Zion Church, I make the following report:

NUMBER of DISCOURSES DELIVERED: 5
NUMBER of SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDED: 47
NUMBER of BIBLE STUDIES/PRAYER MEETINGS ATTENDED: 45
NUMBER OF CLASS MEETINGS ATTENDED: 11
MISCELLANEOUS: _______

BOOKS USED for STUDIES:
1. The Holy Bible
2. The Doctrines and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
3. The Elements of Preaching, Warren Wiersbe
4. The Dynamics of Preaching, Warren Wiersbe
5. The Story of Christianity, Justo L. González
6. The Reality of the Black Church, Bishop William J. Walls
7. Joining Jesus, Reverend Dr. Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr.
8. God in an Age of Scarcity, Bishop Ruben L. Speaks
9. Be Faithful, Warren Wiersbe
10. Comeback Churches, Ed Stetzer, Mike Dodson

Currently, I am the Assistant Secretary of the church. I am the Director of the Video Sound Ministry, one of the instructors for the Missionary Parent Body bible study, and an assistant Class Leader. I am a member of the Christian Education Board. Also, I help with the Food Ministry and help prepare bulletins every week. I attend a monthly, soon to be weekly, study meeting with Rev. Joyce Smith and Exhorter Virginia Horvath. I also attend monthly Ministerial Staff meetings.

Humbly submitted,

Sister Sylvia M. Harris
Exhorter
Community A. M. E. Zion Church
Greetings in The Name above all names: Christ Jesus, our Lord.

What an exciting time we are sharing here at Community AME Zion. The Spirit is MOVING! And, by the Grace of God, we are too.

Our new Pastor has already begun guiding the staff toward more effective ministries. Our classes have been intense and our mentor is not slow to test her students, praise God.

Discourses delivered 3.

- “DO YOU LOVE ME?” Text: John 21 (04.19.09)
- THIS IS WAR!!! Text: Isaiah 59: 14 – 19 & Eph 6: 10 – 9

Studies Pursued: Books read as assigned & additional study materials

- Christianity 101 [Gilbert Bilezikian]
- The Elements of Preaching [Warren & David Wiersbe]
- The Dynamics of Preaching [Warren Wiersbe]
- The Story of Christianity [Justo L Gonzalez]
- Those Preaching Daughters of Zion [Lula G Williams]
- Those Preaching Women [Ella Pearson Mitchell, editor]
- The Road to Reality [K. P. Yohannan]

Presently reading: The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church: The Reality of the Black Church
By: Bishop William J. Walls.

Miscellaneous: Study of outside resources.

Other Activities: Assist with worship music as needed. Help distribute food items to those in need. Read The Scriptures, lead in prayer, lead responsive reading as called upon to do so.

I continue to strive to be of more use to God, to my Brothers and Sisters in Jesus and to those in my everyday world.

Respectfully Submitted: in The Name of Jesus.

Exhorter Virginia M. Horvath
Section 5

Missionary Department Reports

Greetings in the Precious Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As president of the WHOM Society I am truly thankful to God for the privilege to submit this chapter of our stewardship.

The WHOMS Society has continued to focus on the themes third component “Praise and Worship” through devotion, studying from our Missionary study book, and worship services. We have also continued with our outreach ministries by giving to the shelters for the homeless, delivering meals to the household seniors in the community, passing out clothing and food to people in need, making throw blankets for the Seniors and Nursing Homes. Our Outreach ministry has been a blessing in the past. We will bless our African sisters again this year with a gift of $250.00.

We have five WHOMS Societies in the Conference all are active in Missionary Work. Our membership consists of: 127 Parent Body; 43 Young Adults; 38 Youth; 71 Buds; 17 Supply Members; 126 Life Members.

The Executive Board met on August 3, 2009. All District Officers were in attendance. Many ideas were discussed and we plan to implement the following for this conference year.

1. Publish a Ore/Wa Conference Missionary Cook Book
2. Sponsor a Spring Musical
3. District Officers will visit all churches during the conference year.
4. The Missionary will sponsor a Women’s Retreat in May

On September 12, 2009 the first and second Missionary Meeting was held at Ebenezer AME Zion Church in Seattle, Washington. Sister Phyllis Carter, Local Preacher preached the Communion Meditation on our theme, ‘Praise and Worship. It was an inspiring message. When the service concluded our business session began. District Officers met with all Local Missionary Presidents, Officers and members that were present.
The Parent Body session consisted of information from the desk of the Missionary Supervisor and Information Packets were given to Local Presidents.

The YAMS discussed planning a retreat, date to be announced later. They organized, planned and participated in events on the local level that’s been quiet successful including attending the Winter Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

The Youth discussed being active in Praise and Worship services on Sunday morning, mentors to the Buds, assisting with Children’s Church. They are busy doing all of the above plus some of the Youth attended the MID Winter Meeting.

The Supply Captain shared with the Local Supply Captains their duties and she also thanked the Local Captain for the gift cards and money orders for the students at Livingstone College to help them with personal items.

The Life Members Chairman informed the local officers that funds raised from the purchasing of stoles go to help the AME Zion College for students grants & stipends for Field Workers. The confusion of purchasing of stoles was cleared up.

Finances Disbursed to Executive Secretary General Budget (paid in full) 2009-2010.

General Budget Assessment $ 210.00
General Supply $18.00
Centralized Office $42.00
Total $ 270.00
Also sent in:
Purchased 2 Stoles $60.00
Council Dues $215.00
Florence Randolph $364.00
Postage $10.00
Total $ 649.00
Total amount sent in: $919.00

We give Praise to God for His Goodness and Mercy as He has allowed us to give this report and to all of you. Thank for your support and prayers.

Humbly submitted,

Wilhelmena Stone & District Officers
REPORT FOR YOUTH

“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it” Proverbs 22:6 NASB


I Sister Pamela J. Etheridge, wish to make the following report for the Department of YOUTH for the Oregon-Washington District being held January 21-23, 2010.

Our youth of the Cascade District have been busy this past year as this report will indicate.

**PAULINE MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH:** The youth of this congregation have regular meetings twice a month. Bible study has been added to their meetings and they have welcomed the study and enjoyed discussing and debating. They had 1 (one) youth attend the winter meeting and they have 2 (two) youth that help in the food bank.

**COMMUNITY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH:** The youth of this church sent 4 (four) youth to the VCYC convention in December, 2009 in Dallas, TX and 2 (two) youth to Leadership Training Institute in San Jose, California in May, 2009. They participated in the Clark County Youth Achievement Program this year where 4 youth received awards for different categories. They attend Wednesday night Bible Study with the adults and have an average attendance of 2-4.

**NEW LIFE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH:** The youth at our newest church in the district are busy learning the laws and doctrine of AME Zion Church. The participate in Sunday morning worship by reading scripture, responsive reading and learning to be the doorkeepers of the church. They participate in Sunday School and are here at the District Conference acting in the capacity of hosts and ushering. They hold meetings twice monthly.

**EBENEZER A.M.E. ZION CHURCH:** These young people are busy, busy, busy. They
participate in services and have assisted in developing a contemporary type of worship service that caters to youth.

**FIRST A.M.E. ZION CHURCH:** These youth are dynamic. They always step up to the plate when duty calls. They conduct the 5th Sunday morning worship service. They serve in the capacity of ushering and children’s church and have been mentors to the BUDS coming along. Two youth attended the Mid-Winter Meeting and we had one youth graduate from high school. Three of the youth have joined the choir. The youth of First Church are conducting our Sunday morning praise and worship patterned after “Out of the Box Ministries” and have really stepped up to the plate witnessing for Christ. They have Friday night Bible study and are working on refurbishing the Fireside Room at the church.

Special days were observed.

I say to all the youth of the district, “To God Be The Glory” for the things you have done, are doing, and I know you will continue to do. God Bless you all.

Humbly submitted,

Pamela J. Etheridge  
District Coordinator, YOUTH

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Section 6

Christian Education Department Reports
I, Ophelia Randall Ealy, District Director of the Oregon-Washington Cascade District Conference, wish to welcome all who attend this meeting of January 2009 thru January 2010 Annual District Conference.

I am very pleased that you are here and I am especially excited to see our new Directors and those of you who have not attended or have not had the opportunity to attend our District Conference before.

I would like to wish all of you a happy new year and to thank the Presiding Elders Conference Director, District Directors, Pastors, Ministers and Local Church Directors for your support this conference year. We never could have made it without you.

Putting God first in my life, asking for guidance and direction, and knowing God will always be my Shepard. He will walk with me and he will talk with me and he we will never leave me alone.

I attend my church, Ebenezer AME Zion Church, and church activities regularly. I also attend and support District Conference, Regional and Connectional meetings, and support the churches in the District whenever needed or asked.

- I serve as Deaconess in my local church, Ebenezer AMEZ Church
- I am a life card carrying member of the Connectional Christian Education Department. (I encourage pastors, ministers, exhorters, district directors, local church directors, Superintendents of church schools, and members to support the department of Christian Education. The current membership expires December 31, 2009. Life membership dues are $300 and annual membership dues are $15.00 per year).
- I am a card carrying member of the Lay Council and serve on the Social Political Concerns Committee of the Connectional Lay Council
- I am a card carrying member of the NAACP and Urban League.
• I am also chairperson of the Michael Randall Ealy Social Justice Foundation (an organization to fight police brutality and profiling).

• I continue to study the bible and articles of religion and I also research other available books in the AMEZ Bookstore and other resources. I am happy to share books and materials that I have gained throughout the years of study and participation in the AMEZ Church.

Person
Local Church Activities

I received two District Director’s reports from the Adult Department, Sis. Geri Hart and Children’s Department, Sis. Dorthy Poole (see the attached reports). We do not have a VCYC District Director at this time, I submitted a very capable persons name to the Conference Director to be considered. However, the churches in the Oregon-Washington Annual conference from last report are continuing to “Raise Our Level of Enthusiasm” with,

- Continuing Church Growth
- Church School Worship and Church programs
- Church school for children and youth
- Weekly bible study
- Classes for men, women, and youth
- Praise Teams
- Food Banks
- Observing annual events in the AMEZ Church as well as observing other annual events
- Visiting the sick and bereaved
- Community Outreach such as food banks, breakfast and lunch feeding programs, and clothing for the needy.

The youth and adults raised money to attend the Christian Education Mid-Winter Meeting in Dallas, Texas - December 26-30, 2009. We had wonderful representation from the Oregon-Washington Conference to attend the Winter Meeting. I am hoping we will hear the VCYC president’s report and others who would like to talk about their experience.

District Director’s Recommendations

As District Director, I hope and pray that we can improve some things in the following areas:
Communication and working together because we know that working together works
Making sure information is shared and distributed (we know that hands that touch built unity)
We are planning a spring retreat for Christian Education Directors. It would be helpful if the District Directors could be notified of the new local church Christian Education appointees immediately after annual conference.
We are asking for a treasurer’s report from the District Treasurer of Christian Education.

Please continue your prayers that in 2009-2010 we will be able to do more and work together for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And we will know we are Christians by spreading God’s Word, working side by side.

**Upcoming Preparations**

Finally,

- The Annual Conference will be here very soon. Please prepare some of our young people to run for the Offices of VCYC for the Annual Conference.
- Also we are in need of people to run for Regional VCYC and YACM President (see Sis. Ealy or Sis. Kathy Parish for more information).
- We are also asking for our churches to prepare our young people to participate in our next Quadrennial Convention exercising their talent. There will be three runoffs for the local church, Annual Conference, and Regional; the final run-off will be at the 22nd Quadrennial General Convention on Christian Education, Raleigh, North Carolina. July 16-21, 2010.

Sis Kathy Parish and I encourage you to continue studying our Quadrennial Theme: “Kingdom Building 2 The Next Level: Shaping Disciples, Strengthening Families, Sharing Resources, and Sharpening Skills, with emphasis on Sharing Resources

We are asking for your prayers for the strength and courage to motivate, develop, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to dwell with all of us, in everything we do, In Jesus Holy Name.

Thank you for prayers and have a blessed year in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ophelia Randall Ealy
District Director of the 2009-2010 Oregon-Washington Conference
To Presiding Elder Robert F. Kemp, Presiding Elder Emeritus Reverend Dr. L. J. Thompson, Pastors, Ministers, Exhorters, District Officers and members of the 54th Session of the Cascade District Conference held at Community A.M.E. Zion Church, Vancouver, WA, January 21-23, 2010;

I, Sister Geraldine Hart submit the following report of work done as a District officer of Christian Education, a local officer in my church, and a Christian in my Community,

REPORTS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES
All churches conduct Church School each Sunday, Bible Study, special adult, youth and children’s group services and activities. I have received no detailed reports from local directors but my ear is constantly to the ground!

ACTIVITIES and VISITS IN THE DISTRICT
1. Participated in the Church School Convention on October 10, 2009 at Community A.M.E. Zion Church. Had a workshop ready entitled “Expect more from Sunday School – Make it Happen” but did not get a chance to facilitate same. I plan to do the workshop at this District Conference if time permits.

2. I initiated the Stay at Home Tea sponsored by the Adult Department of Christian Education in this District. In this report I am suggesting this be made either an annual or ongoing event for the Adult Department and that funds raised be used strictly to award scholarships to students. As a student and former recipient of a Jennie T. Kemp Scholarship, I know any amount a student receives is greatly appreciated. Books are expensive and tuition continually climbs!

3. Dropped in at the SPOT (The Savior’s Place of Triumph) at Ebenezer A.M.E. Zion the Friday before Bishop Proctor’s 2nd check up meeting in November.

4. Attended Pauline Memorial Church Anniversary in November

FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES
1. Will attend 3rd check up meeting in March.

2. Plan to attend Leadership Training Institute in May.

WORK IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
1. Consecrated Deaconess
2. Member of Steward Board
3. Teach Church School every 4th Sunday
OTHER ACTIVITIES
I have enrolled for Winter Term at North Portland Bible College where I will be studying Ministry to Urban Families and possibly Paul’s Epistle to the Romans. At the end of the Spring term 2010, I will receive my Certificate of Christian Teaching which is designed to give basic skills in learning and teaching the Scriptures. After completing this certificate, I will be asking God to direct my path as to how He wants me to continue my Christian Education journey.

AFFILIATIONS
1. Church Women United.

God has truly blessed me in 2009. I find that I have grown tremendously in speaking out about God and encouraging others to come to Christ. I know more than ever we are in a battle against Satan. He enters our homes, our churches, our jobs, our communities. He knows his time is fast coming to an end and he’s out to conquer as many souls as he can. I, as a soldier for Christ, have declared that I have put on the “whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:10) and intend to fight the good fight for as long as I can. If I can lead souls to Christ, I feel just a small part of the battle is being won. I look forward to bigger and better things in 2010 because I know that God will be by my side. Right here I will borrow something that Reverend Stephen Pogue ends each of his daily inspirations with and say; I know 2010 will be “my year to get my thing from God!”

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Geraldine (Gerri) Hart
District Director Adults
Oregon-Washington Department of Christian Education
Children’s Dept. Report

This is a report on the children's activities from the different churches in the district.

The children are involved as follows:
- Singing in the choirs
- Lighting the candles on the altar
- Attending Sunday school
- Participating in morning services
- Attending church activities at our sister churches
- Participating in children’s church
- Having youth nights involving rap sessions and games
- Attending weekly or monthly meetings (choir, buds, baptized children)
- Learning the Word of God
- Learning the traditions and rituals of the AMEZ Church
- Lighting the Advent Candles
- Attending Mass Meetings
- Going on fun outings
- Two children from CAMEZ attended the Mid-Winter Meeting (held in Dallas, Texas in Dec. 09)

I visited Ebenezer Church in July of 2009 and observed several children present and involved in service.

Some of the children from First Church and Community participated in the Sunday school Convocation held at Community in September. The children from First Church helped with praise and worship.

I visited First Church and New Life the beginning of October and observed the children participating as ushers and participating in praise and worship service.

Community’s children sing each 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and are branching out into Liturgical dancing. The group traveled with Rev. Joyce to Salem, in October, where the pastor had to preach and they danced during that service. They represented very well.

I attended Pauline’s anniversary in Nov. of “09” and the children’s worker informed me that the children are participating in the morning praise and worship service and sing in the choir.

All of our children’s departments are very busy and the children are very much involved.

As the District Director of Children, I want everyone involved with the children, (ages 12 and under), to call or e-mail me anytime they need. I would like to help them with the children in any way that I can. I am always looking for suggestions on activities for the children and am willing to offer whatever I can to help.

dypoole@yahoo.com
(360)-909-2470

Yours in Christ;
Sis. Dorothy Poole
District Director of Children
Section 7

Evangelism Report
Greetings in the Magnificent Name of the True and Living God: Jesus called the Christ.

I make the following report of my service during the year.

**Mission statement**

To participate effectively in the ministry of evangelism, to appreciate its significance, understand its meaning, realize its principle, master its message and implement the disciple making process.

**Annual Goals/Objectives**

To be purposeful in evangelizing the neighborhood and the city with a Christ centered gospel. To initiate converts into a Christ centered church. To teach believers to obey Christ’s commands to train disciples to make disciples.

**Activities and Accomplishments**

I have conducted four training seminars on Evangelism during the conference year. I have been in contact with the local Directors of Evangelism in each of the churches in the district to discuss what their duties are as local Directors of Evangelism and to inquire as to what they are doing in the area of evangelism and offer assistance and encouragement. I have continued to teach that we must take a proactive approach to inviting and sharing our faith with everyone we come into contact with. As I go out into the community I am constantly amazed at the number of people I come into contact with that do not know the Lord and do not have a church home. That is when I take the opportunity to share my Faith with the unsaved and invite them to come and worship with us.

Our Annual Revival and Evangelistic Campaign was conducted during the period of October 21-23, 2009 with the Rev. Stephen Pogue Pastor of Greater Cooper A.M.E. Zion Church Oakland, Ca. as the evangelist. The theme was” The Victory is in the Vision”, Acts 26: 12-16.
Church Out Reach Activities

1. Vacation Bible School: On the Move God’s Grace from Place to Place
2. Church Carnival and Crusade
3. Family and Friends Day
4. We gave Pastry and bread to the shelters and other churches.
5. We went out three times this year to give food, clothes and blankets to the homeless.
6. The Brothers In Christ went out and did yard work and cleaned off the roofs and did some home repairs for members and non –members.
7. Angle Tree program for children of prisoners.

I am committed to becoming more effective in the area of evangelism. I attended the Mid Winter Meeting held in Dallas, Texas. I attended an Evangelism Training workshop “Constant Contact Disciple-Making and Teaching” this was an outstanding workshop.

Districts Visits

I visited New Life A.M.E. Zion Church and preached an Evangelistic sermon. I also visited Pauline A.M.E. Zion Church and First A.M.E. Zion Church and conducted Evangelism Training with the Conference Director of Evangelism Rev. Wm H. Dudley.

Evangelism remains fundamental to the mission of the church. We must love the lost and find ways of reaching them where they are and bring them into the house. Too many of God’s children have been left outside the gates of the Kingdom. We must see the harvest, love them, pray for them and go and get them.
We must relinquish: giving up sins and negative attitudes and be ready to share our faith.
We must rely: Trust God and never rely on our own strength.
We must radiate: shine in the corner where we are.
We must build relationships with sinners and with our community.
We must reinforce: engage, embrace, enable and empower.
We must rejoice: congratulate them, cheer them and celebrate them.
When we employ these steps of Evangelism we will win them.

Respectfully Submitted

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