



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF COTE D'IVOIRE (UF-EMUCI)



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Report of 2017 Activities

INTRODUCTION

“Blessed is the man who is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, and whose leaf does not wither....” Ps 1: 3

It is with this biblical verse that the National Office of the Women's Fellowship of the United Methodist Church of Côte d'Ivoire (UF-EMUCI) would like to greet you in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This report is centered around four (4) points:

- I) Activities carried out by the National Office
- II) Activities of the Districts
- III) Difficulties and joys
- IV) Prospects

CONCLUSION

- I) Activities carried out by the National Office

1) Spiritual and moral activities

- Spiritual Retreat: Saturday 24 /06/2017 at the headquarters of the UFEMUCI at the Plateau, whose theme is, “The Secrets of Success” from Luke 5: 13
- Bible Study: The Book of Daniel has been proposed and adopted
- World Day of Prayer (JMP) celebrated on 6 March 2017 under the theme: ‘Am I Being Unfair to You?’ Matt 20:1-16. The official ceremony was held at the Holy Spirit Chapel at Blockauss (a village in the south of the Cote d'Ivoire) in the presence of Bishop Benjamin Boni. The Catholic sisters and members of the National Committee of the JMP were present.
- Elective General Assembly of the National UF-EMUCI: It took place on 11 March 2017 and saw the election of the new President, in the person of Mrs. Marcelline BEDA.

- National Day of Methodist Women: theme, "What she has done will also be told, in memory of her" Mt 26: 13.
The official celebration of this day, was held on Sunday 13 August 2017 at Attinguié, District of Abobo.
The successful celebrations were held in all districts on Sunday 27 August 2017.
- Rally of Methodist Women
The 4th national convention of Methodist Women was held from 2 to 5/11/2017 at DOMOLON in the District of Grand-Bassam. It had a central theme: "Go therefore for a successful support in the fight against poverty", and for sub-theme: "What is the contribution of the Methodist woman for a successful support in the fight against poverty **in her home, the Church, and in the nation**", **Luke 13: 6-9**. Number of participants: 1,053.
- Relations with the Districts
The National Executive organized three periodic meetings with the districts: on the 13/05/2017, 30/09/2017 and 16/12/2017 at the Methodist Secondary School at the Plateau. On the agenda of these meetings: Discussions on the life of the movement in the districts, presentation of the program of activities of the National Executive Office, receipt of the annual contributions of the Districts to the National Executive Office and prospects. This allowed us to do the monitoring and evaluation of our members in a more concrete manner.
In addition, the National Executive visited the districts of:
 - DABOU from 29 to 30/04/2017,
 - ABIDJAN South on Saturday 1/07/2017 at the chapel at ABIA ABETY for discussions and remobilization.
 The National Office visited the following local Churches:
 - AKEIKOI-Extension on 19/07/2017
 - CANAAN of ANGRE during the dedication of the recording of the choir of the Women's Fellowship on 30/07/2017
 - And the sector of KOFFIKRO during the 2nd regional Women's Rally, from 8 to 9/8/2017

2) Social Activities

- Support to the Sunday School (ECODIM) in terms of hardware (printer, cloth UF-EMUCI, chalk) for the organization of the 2017 Rally.
- Financial support to the UF-EMUCI District of DABOU for the construction of the BRAWA-OBROU Prayer Centre.

- Support to the workers of the Church and to the sisters during the happy (thanksgiving service, marriage) and sad (death) events.
- Donation of a safe and financial assistance to women in the sector of KOFFIKRO for the start of their Village Savings and Credit Association referred to as AVEC.
- Financial contribution to women of DOMOLON for the same cause.
- In partnership with the ARSIP (Alliance of Churches for the Total Health and Promotion of the Human Person), and within the framework of the fight against poverty, the UF-EMUCI organized on 16/07/2017 at the Jerusalem chapel of 220 Logements a day of sensitization on the promotion of the rights of the Child and the Essential Family Practices (PFE) to the benefit of mothers and persons with children aged 0 to 5 years.
- Visit and financial support to the youth of the District of Agboville on November 25, 2017 during their activity called “BERE”

3) Economic activities

- The sale of the cloth, essential source of income of the UF-EMUCI enabled us to finance our activities.
- Training of women in the sector of KOFFIKRO and the Executive National Office (BEN) on the mobilization of savings in order to create income-generating activities. As such, we have created some AVEC/GEC.

4) Activities at the international level

- Participation of the UF-EMUCI at the International Meeting of the World Day of Prayer (JMP) in Brazil from 20 to 27 August 2017
- Participation of the UF-EMUCI in the international seminar on Christian Leadership of Women in Maputo (Mozambique) from 16 to 22 October 2017
- In union of prayer with the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Women, the UF-EMUCI organized a day of prayer ***in favor of the countries victims of natural disasters on 29/09/2017*** at the Jubilee Chapel of Cocody

II) Activities of the Districts

The activities at the level of the Districts focused on the organization of:

1) Spiritual retreats

- Abidjan South: 18/03/2017 and 24/06/2017 at Emmanuel Chapel at Port-Bouet on the theme: I will never leave you nor forsake you (Joshua 1: 5); United in difference for the same purpose (Acts 15:36-41)
- Bouaké: from 14 to 17 September: Women sober and persevering in the midst of hardship (2Thim 4:1-5)
- Divo: 23/09/2017; Theme: The sovereignty of God
- San Pedro: from 14 to 15 /07/2017 at San Pedro, on the theme: Lord, awaken our intelligence

2) Assembly

- Abengourou: from 2 to 3 June 2017 at Abengourou
- Agboville: from 25 to 27/08/2017 at Aboudé Mandéké on the theme: Like Tabitha, let us have our eyes fixed on the God of Daniel, the God of impossible situations (Acts 9:36 and Daniel 6:22)
- Yamoussokro: from 9 to 11 June 2017 on the theme: What type of Methodist woman for the 2017-2020 quadrennial, at Didiévi
- Abidjan South: 22/04/2017 to Gonzaqueville and 1/07/2017 at ABIA ABETY. This 2nd assembly coincided with the scheduled visit of Mrs Marcelline Beda, National President of UF-EMUCI who took part in this great meeting.

3) Visits of the Presidents of the districts to the local Churches

- Abengourou: 28/05/2017 at Apoisso
- Korhogo: 8/12/2017 in Korhogo followed a prayer vigil
- Abidjan North: Several visits were organized

4) Other activities:

- Abidjan South: 29/07/2017: presentation of gifts to one hundred and fifty (150) widows and orphans at Emmanuel Chapel in Port-Bouet
- San Pedro: from 22 to 28 /5/2017: Women's Day on the occasion of the celebration of Mother's Day on the theme: Happy mothers make happy families
From 21 to 27/08/2017: Methodist Women's Week on the theme: What she has done will also be told, in memory of her (Mat 26:13)
- Adzopé: from 16 to 17/06/2017: Training seminar on the Book of Daniel 1 and 2

- Abidjan North: 17 /06/2107 in Williamsville, and the 2 /9/2017 at the EMU Source of Salvation on the theme: Women and breast and cervical cancer, divine healing: myth or reality.

III) Difficulties and joys

1) Difficulties

- Difficulties in compliance with the schedule of visits to the districts for reasons of unavailability of leaders of the districts.
- Lack of means of transport (vehicle)

2) Joys

- Mobilization and enthusiasm of the women in the districts and communities visited
- Remarkable celebration of the Methodist Women's Day
- Mobilization and enthusiasm of the women at the Rally 2017 at DOMOLON
- Creation of AVEC/GEC

IV) Prospects

- Establishment of women's choirs in the large local churches of EMUCI
- Launching of operation "Construction of the House of the Methodist Woman" in 2018
- Census of women through membership cards
- Continue the creation of AVEC/GEC

CONCLUSION

We bless the Lord who has enabled us to implement our program of activities without major difficulties. To Him only be the glory. Amen!

The National President

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