

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 FROM GHANA UNIT PRESIDENT: GEORGINA NSIAH DONKOR.**

**INTRODUCTION:** This report is about activities in Ghana which are; Worship, Relationships and Social Actions based on the 2016 – 2021 Theme which is 'CHOSEN PEOPLE: CALLED TO PROCLAIM.' (1pet 2: 9)

**WORSHIP:** The Unit President always shared the monthly call to prayer and the Tree of Life to the members received from the West Africa Area President.

We also had our annual capacity Building workshop in Koforidua on 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017, with the theme: EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NEED FOR EVERY METHODIST CHILD TO HAVE A BASIC EDUCATION.

**FEDERATION DAY CELEBRATION:** In Ghana Methodist, every second Sunday in March is observed as Women's Work Sunday and this is done in every society for women to exhibit their God given talent through worship. Synod or women's rally is also observed by women, floating through the principal streets of where the synod will take place to create awareness to the residents, not forgetting the Federation day celebration. The Federation day celebration is also done in societal levels by using the Federation day study material. We pray for the World officers, Area presidents, unit presidents and the Helen Kim scholars on that day.

**MOTHERS AND FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION:** Mothers and Fathers days were also marked in a grand style in societal levels. In some societies, men presented gifts to the women and vice versa while in other societies children presented to their parents.

**SKILL TRAINING:** We also learnt soya bean kebab making during the connexional workshop.

## **RELATIONSHIPS:**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** All council of churches met in regional level to pray on the day for World Peace using the theme: "AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU?" likewise the African Union Day, we prayed for the world and Africa Peace especially for women in war torn Countries.

**MARRIAGE SEMINARS:** Marriage seminars were also organized in various Dioceses for those in and those who are yet to enter marriage. Faith to Action Women's Conference was also held in Abokobi – Accra on 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017. It is an International Interfaith Women's network which brings women from different faith together to seek peace and stability for women, our youth and all. The theme for the Conference was: WOMEN, FAITH AND NATION BUILDING.

**SOCIAL ACTIONS:** According to the theme for the quinquennium, we also proclaim through the social services by donating books to schools, food items and toiletries to Rafiki satellite village in Winneba which is a Methodist orphanage, also Women's fellowship and Susana Wesley mission auxiliary donated food items, toiletries and first aid to Nsawam medium and Sunyani prisons respectively. We also gathered some widows and less privileged ones to have a party during the Christmas and gave them hampers bringing all to a total of \$2,500 dollars.

In conclusion, I am grateful to God almighty who called us to work in His vineyard.

## **UNIT REPORT : LIBERIA**

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#### **Worship**

It has been a joy to serve and fulfil our mandate as “Chosen People: Called to Proclaim” during 2017. Our report will relate to the three headings put forth at the assembly.

Proclamation through worship- We gathered daily for a time of teaching and praying and teaching the word. Women faithfully grew in their faith, prayer life and as committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

A special prayer time worship and prayer was held for the victims of the mud slide in Sierra Leone. We were joined by Sierra Leoneans in the area for a time before the Lord.

It has been a joy to see the spiritual growth and Christian fellowship that worship has engendered.

#### **Relationships**

This year, our relationships were enriched as we attended the Women Conference of the United Methodist Church. It was a gathering of women from across Sierra Leone. Despite the diversity, the Lord bonded the attendees and the fellowship was sweet. This opportunity was a learning experience for best methods, networking, encouragement, and the establishment of life time relationships.

We were also privileged to attend the United Methodist Women gathering in Maputo, Mozambique. This gathering of the leadership of women organizations brought together two hundred women from twenty one African countries. It was wonderful time of refreshment, an awareness of the challenges of ministry, encouragement for faithfulness to the task, and building new relationships of sisters in Christ.

#### **Proclaiming through Social Action**

Our primary focus for social action this year was to address the immediate needs of girls and young women. The primary concern was to address Christ’s call for life in all its fullness. This calls for enabling spiritual growth, education for empowerment, and addressing the consequences of gender inequality. This is demonstrated in encouraging families to offer all their children the same opportunities regardless of their sex. This also has mandated the increase in the provision of additional scholarships for girls. We continue to meet with women who influence gender policy nationally and within the church so that tradition does not overcome the scriptures.

To God be the glory as we continue to worship, and proclaim through relationships and social action.

