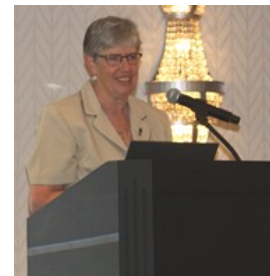


Methodist Women Meet At North America Area Seminar



Dr. Sandra Gadson

EDITH MAYFIELD, the New York City District Representative for the World Federation of Methodist and United Church Women reports on the North America Area Seminar, under the leadership of Dr. Sandra Gadson, North America Area President, held at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook Hotel in Northbrook, Illinois, Thursday, October 3 to Sunday, October 6, 2019. The theme: "Chosen People: Called to Proclaim".



Mrs. Alison Judd

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Welcome and introductions were made by Dr. Sandra Gadson, North America Area President, and Opening Worship was led by Mrs. Lois Hector, Vice President.

Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich (I am rich)
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks
We give thanks to You*

Ecumenical presentations included each unit giving 5-minute presentations of their history. The **evening meditation** was led by the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

"This is My Father's World"

*This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!*

Friday, October 4, 2019

The Methodist women gathered together in worship (led by the AME Church).

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.*

Dr. Jeanette Bouknight, Secretary, introduced the **Bible Study** Leader who happened to be Zion's very own, **Rev. Charlean Mapson**. She engaged the participants in helping her to unpack John 4: 28-30:



Rev. Mapson

1. The Conversation (John 4: 7-15)
2. The Reputation (John 4: 16-18)
3. The Proclamation (John 4: 19-30)
4. The Conclusion

Excellent workshops were conducted. The first one was facilitated by the AME Church on (**SDG 4) Quality Education (Elaine Bailey Johnson, AME Church), followed by another workshop on (**SDG 7) Affordable and Clean Energy, facilitated by Ms. Elena Bettis (Communications Director, Faith in Place). The afternoon continued with a presentation from two of the World Officers, Mrs. Alison Judd, World President, and Dr. Brenda Smith, NGO representative to the United Nations.

Gathering music was our queue to prepare for **Bible Study** continued with Rev. Mapson; our focus was on Luke 5. The evening highlight was evening meditation and prayers.

Saturday, October 5, 2019

The **worship service** was led by the United Methodist Women. The afternoon afforded us another opportunity to study God's word (1 Timothy 1 and Colossians 1:27) through engaging Bible

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Study with Rev. Mapson. The continued workshops were the highlight of the Seminar. **Saturday's workshops** included (**SDG 5) Gender Equality (Dr. Elnora P. Hamb, Workshop Presenter, CME Church) and (**SDG 14) Life Below Water (Dr. Lois Grant-Hector, Methodist Church of the Caribbean Americas). The creative wrap-up represented a culmination of all that was learned and was a great response to the great fellowship that was had by all.

Saturday's evening **meditation and prayers** were led by MCCA (Methodist Church in the Caribbean & the Americas). Afterwards, participants were directed to their varying regions (there are eleven regions in the North America Area) for the purpose of planning Regional Seminars for 2020. Region 1 (North East USA: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York), in particular, included the following *team: Joan Capel, Sara Cherrington, Vanessa E. Clayton, Edith Mayfield (Chairperson), Brenda Smith, and Mattie Taylor.



Mrs. SANDRA CROWDER and Dr. SANDRA GADSON
(Current and Former International Presidents, WH&OM Society)



DR. BRENDA L.G. SMITH
WFMUCW NGO Representative to United Nations



The Seminar concluded with **Worship and Communion led by Reverend Ruby Miles** of the AME Zion Church who preached utilizing the scripture that was based on the theme, 1 Peter 2:9. Splendid hospitality was led by Cynthia L. Revel-Young; every need was met, especially transportation. We thank and praise God for what we experienced amongst other Methodist women.



AME Zion Women (under Tree of Hope Banner) following Worship & Communion Service

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Vice President, Mrs. Lois Hector
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-Mrs. Lois Hector



Alison Judd (on right) World President of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, and **Edith Mayfield**, Affiliate Representative, World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women, New York City District, Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society—AME Zion Church,

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The Tree of Life was planted on each side of the River, producing twelve kinds of fruit, a ripe fruit each month. The leaves of the Tree are for healing the nations. Revelation 22:2

Group Photos from North America Area Seminar



Attendees at North America Seminar



A.M.E. Zion Attendees on Thursday



Zion women waiting for one of several delicious meals: L-R: Dr. Brenda Smith, Mrs. Sandra Crowder, Dr. Sandra Gadson, Rev. Charlean Mapson, Mrs. Shirley McCoy, Mrs. Aurelia Brown, Mrs. Geraldine Walker, Mrs. Lovetta Holmes.



World President, Alison Judd & Husband (L), Joan Capel, Edith Mayfield, Vanessa Clayton (AMEZ Connectional Secretary of Supply), and 2 United Methodist members