

Year Book

1949 - 1950



Women's Missionary Society

of the

Northwestern Conference Branch

of the

African Methodist Episcopal Church

F O R E W O R D



THE PURPOSE of this Book is to give our church a greater vision for Missionary work.

Each department is represented by a monthly program. Included are Topic Studies. Special Days to be observed, Reference, Address of Local and Conference Branch Presidents.

If, by having this Book in your possession, creates and stimulates a greater interest in Christian Missions, then our aim will have been achieved.



Historical Sketch of
NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
BRANCH



After being shifted about under the jurisdiction of Illinois Conference under whom the first of them were organized in 1885 to that of the old Iowa Conference organized in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1883, to that of the Chicago Conference at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1912.

BY AUTHORITY enacted by general Conference in 1920 The A.M.E. Churches of Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Western Canada, were set apart as the Northwestern Conference in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, at ST. PAUL A.M.E. Church, September 19th, 1920.

THE CONFERENCE Branch Missionary Society like an Aster Flower in the snow crept out an untried, untrusted experiment from the Chicago Conference. Starting frail in Strength but strong in Faith the little band of women kept together the first years under the leadership of Mrs. Marie Waters, making their first report at the Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., September, 1921; Bishop L. J. Coppins the Presiding Bishop.

THE FOLLOWING WOMEN
SERVED AS PRESIDENTS



Mrs. Marie Waters	1920-1922
Mrs. Florence Duckett	1922-1925
Mrs. Missouri Slater	1925-1928
Mrs. Ester Stovall	1928-1940
Mrs. Mattie Boyd	1940-1944
Mrs. Goldie Fant	1944-

T H E M E



COOPERATION
FOR A CHRISTIAN NATION

- Missionary Method is GO YE—Matt. 28:1-9
Missionary Might is PRAY YE—Matt. 9:38
Missionary Motive is LOVE YE—John 14:13
Missionary Means is GIVE YE—Luke 9:13

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OCTOBER

SUBJECT: Missionary Women in Action
Text: Matt. 10:5-8, 11:28-30

Suggested Thoughts

Bring an offering and come into His Court.
Psalms 96:1 1st Meeting

May we give unto God our gratitude and
love we feel in our hearts..2nd Meeting

SONG: . . . Teach Me, Lord, How to Pray
Lord, I Thank You

Meditation

“May we achieve the grace of true humility in Thy presence so that we may cease to defeat Thy will for the world, by our own self-will.”

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Silent Prayer for:

1. Our membership
2. Our local community
3. Our world community



NOVEMBER

SUBJECT: Growing in Grace

Text: 95 Psalm

Suggested Thoughts

Let us remember our Master's teachings
about our attitude toward other people
..... 1st Meeting

May we each think about those our lives
touch most intimately ... 2nd Meeting

SONG: . . . "Take Time to Be Holy"
"For You I Am Praying"

Meditation

President: "O Lord open Thou our eyes".

Response: "That we may see the beauty of
goodness".

President: "O Lord, open Thou our ear".

Response: "That we may hear the appeal
of Truth".

President: "O Lord, open Thou our lips".

Response: "And our mouth shall show forth
Thy praise".

SELF-DENIAL DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER

SUBJECT: "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Text: Matt. 2:1-23

Suggested Thoughts

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."—Jesus .. 1st Meeting

Let your light shine before men in order that they may see your holy lives and may give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. Matt. 5:16 .. 2nd Meeting

SONGS: . . . "Joy To The World"

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Meditation

No gift is too great to be given to God

ART DEPARTMENT

JANUARY

SUBJECT: By His Light Shall the Nations Walk.

Text: Rev. 3:20

Suggested Thoughts

"Go labor on! Spend and be spent" . . .
..... 1st Meeting

Thy Joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went.
Should not the servant tread it still?
..... 2nd Meeting

SONGS: . . . "Jesus Calls Us"
"Where He Leads Me"

Meditation

“If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it”. John 14:14

CONFERENCE CONTINGENT

FEBRUARY

SUBJECT: Growth Through Faith

Text: Hebrews 11:32-38

Suggested Thoughts

Let us think together about the necessity for faith in Man—made in the image of God 1st Meeting

Let us think of the power of Christ to restore our spirits and enlarge our vision through faith 2nd Meeting

SONGS . . . “Break Thou The bread of Life”

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Meditation

Saved to serve
Lighted to lighten
Fed to feed.

HANDY SIMMONS DEPARTMENT



MARCH

SUBJECT: “Growth Through Illumination”.

Text: Rev. 21:23

Suggested Thoughts

“I live—yet not I, but Christ liveth in me”
..... 1st Meeting

“Send out thy light and thy Truth”
..... 2nd Meeting

SONGS . . . “Lead Kindly Light”

Meditation

Let us pray, as individuals, for a new vision. May we see, by this new vision, the part we play in God's plan.

QUADRENNIAL CONTINGENT

APRIL

SUBJECT: "Jesus the Example:
The Magnet of Men"

Text: John 12:32—10:10

Suggested Thoughts

A Missionary challenge for the future ..
..... 1st Meeting
Today's church for today's need
..... 2nd Meeting

SONGS: "The Old Rugged Cross"
"In the Cross of Christ I
Glory"

MAY

SUBJECT: All Relationships of Life
Christians

Text: Matt. 12:46-50

Suggested Thoughts

A Christian Home 1st Meeting
Family Relations a test of Christian
Principles 2nd Meeting

SONGS: "Lord, I Want To Be a
Christian"
"Just a Closer Walk With
Thee"

Thought for the Month:

"If the Father does not cut down the hard, heavy forest, the son will not be able to have the lighter trees to work with."

JUNE

SUBJECT: "The World Fellowship of Christians".

Theme: Along Life's Highway
Scripture—Isaiah 38: 1-8

SONG: "There's a Highway to Heaven"

Suggested Thoughts

- (a) Christ the Light and Way of the World
- (b) God Our Strength
- (c) Higher Levels

JULY

SUBJECT: "Mate Selection and Courtship"
Text: Genesis 29:11-20

Suggested Thoughts

Marriage 1st Meeting

SONGS: "Love Lifted Me"
"Bless Be the Ties That Bind"

GUEST DAY

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Thought for the Month:

"When two that are linked in one heavenly tie, with heart never changing and brow never cold, love on through all ills, and love till they die."

AUGUST

SUBJECT: "The Church and Its Out-Reach"

Go ye, therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt. 28: 19-20

SONG: "I do, Don't you"



Missionary Mizpah

In the name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian Missions enter every heart; this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



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