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WELCOME
TO THE ADVENT CHRISTIAN
11TH NATIONAL WHFMS TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 8, 2023

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12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Conference Registration
1:30 p.m. Reception

11th National WHFMS Triennial Business Session

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Call to Order *Karen Hall, National President*
Opening Prayer *Cheryl Harris, National Vice President*
Announcement of Committees
Reports from the National WHFMS Board
Bread of Life Update *Karen Hall*
Human Trafficking Awareness *Beth Larkin, Coord. of Women's Ministries*
Report of Credential Committee *Emily Hewitt, Piedmont Conf. Pres.*
Business and Resolutions *Ethelene Hughes, Southern Region Pres.*
Report of Nominating Committee/Election of Officers *Pam Buchanan,
Appalachian Region President*
Dedication of New Officers *Pat Havener, National Spiritual Life Chairman*
Memorial Service *Palma Neal*

3:30 p.m.

Program

Welcome *Karen Hall*
Greetings *Steve Lawson, Executive Director ACGC*
Music Leader: Marlene Dunn
Pianist: Lisa Russell
Soloist: Schad Russell
Greetings and Introduction of Guest Speaker *Jeff Walsh,
Director of International Missions*
Speaker *Rowena Cabrizos, Leader, Worldwide Agape House Ministry*
Closing Prayer *Karen Hall*

Closing of the 11th WHFMS Triennial Conference

**Report of the
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

What an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your national WHFMS president for the past nine years. During this time, I have learned so much about who we are as an organization and how we have been able to serve our Lord through doing the work he is calling us to do. I have also had the joy of meeting many of you and count you among my friends, what a blessing to be able to work alongside such loving, creative, hard-working women who love the Lord and desire to see others come to know Jesus as well.

The years since the last Triennial have been productive, even through COVID and its devastation. This report will address many of the things we have been able to do as a group and some of my responsibilities as your president.

Bread of Life

Since the Bread of Life Project started in 2016, we have raised over \$87,000 to provide funds to our poorest mission field areas. As of December 31, 2022, \$84,824.37 had been donated. As of the writing of this report in March 2023, you had given nearly \$2,000 since January 1, 2023. Our goal for 2023 increased to \$12,000 and we added two more areas to receive funds.

We will announce at our Triennial meeting the total at that time, and will be able to celebrate the what the Lord has allowed us to for the people on our mission fields whom he loves so dearly.

Each time we talk about Bread of Life I like to figure out how many meals have been provided. By the last of March 2023, \$87,000 will have fed approximately 124,000 meals. Take a moment to think about that number and thank God for the opportunity to have given food to those in need, while they were learning about Jesus, the true Bread of Life.

Human Trafficking Awareness Project

A few years ago, we added human trafficking awareness to our national projects. We have shared in the WHFMS Updates and through other means about this evil that is so prevalent in every part of our world. We have appreciated the research and efforts of Beth Larkin who has developed the Human Trafficking Awareness Resource Guide and has kept the webpage up-to-date on educational opportunities, trusted agencies and ideas for promoting awareness. Many of our locals have supported agencies and are providing education in their churches and communities.

Program Kit

Serving as a member of the program kit committee is an important part of my role as president. The 2023 kit, Rock-Solid, written by the women of the Appalachian Region has been a blessing and we appreciate the work they did developing this material. The kit for 2024 is being written primarily by the National WHFMS Board and is a study of the parable of the Good Samaritan. The title of this kit is "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself (Won't You Be My Neighbor)" and is a different approach to our kits. We pray you will be blessed as you use it next year. I appreciate Cheryl Harris, vice president, so much as she leads the program kit committee every year.

WHFMS Update

One of the responsibilities of the president that is both my joy and a continual weight is the WHFMS Update. We began the Update in February 2016 and have successfully sent it out each month since then. The Update has evolved as the needs and requests of the women have become more evident. I am grateful to the people who have written lead articles for it. I also appreciate the people who have sent in pictures, news articles and ideas. Currently, we have over 425 people getting the Update and it continues to have a high open-rate. I appreciate Justin Nash and the work he puts into sending this out for us.

If you have news, suggestions, etc. for the Update send them to the new national president. The Update goes out the last Saturday of the month, so it is completed and sent to Justin by the middle of the month. Be sure to give the president time to incorporate your material in the Update.

Entrusted with the Rock-Solid Gospel

Much of my time this year has been in preparing for this year's Triennial. There is much behind the scenes work that must be completed months in advance. We are so fortunate to have had in place the funds to bring Rowena Cabrizos, Agape House leader, in to speak to our group. Thank you for your generous donations so that we could make this happen.

Miscellaneous

I had the privilege of writing an article on Bread of Life for the "Bulletin" at the end of 2022. Recently I wrote an article for "The Witness" magazine on the history of WHFMS. What an interesting assignment that was. Our history is so rich in ministry. We are blessed to be a part of this organization.

I attended the Southern Region meeting in 2022 and the Florida Conference meeting in 2023. Additionally, I have participated in numerous Zoom meetings and responded to several requests from locals. In this booklet you will find information from the Annual Reports including our giving.

Conclusion

When I began serving as your president, I shared with you a quote from the Rev Billy Graham. It speaks to me now as much as it did when I first heard it decades ago. "Some say there are many closed doors around the world. I am not concerned about the closed doors; God has the power to open them in his timing. I am concerned about the ones that are open that we do not enter." For over 100 years, our WHFMS locals have entered many of these doors. Let us continue to walk through the doors God opens for us. Our work is vital, and we are not finished.

I love our organization and each of you. Thank you for your support over the past nine years. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside each of you.

Sincerely,

Karen Hall
National WHFMS President

**Report of the
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

Advent Christian General Conference's Triennial theme "Entrusted with the Gospel" makes me so glad that God has not entrusted the gospel to me alone. Sharing the gospel is not and has never been just a solo mission. We are called as God's people to work together in fulfilling that calling. This missional unity lives out in our nations, our conferences, our regions, our churches, and our local WH&FMS groups. We need to share Christ's gospel both locally and worldwide. But, I know you all agree with that. It's right in our name! :)

What have we enjoyed for programs during this triennial period? In **2021**, the Western and Eastern Regions' program kit committee gave us the program kit "**Learn, Live, and Level Up.**" The video game concepts were an interesting perspective on how we grow in Christ. Our theme verse of 2 Timothy 3:16 inspired us to choose what we felt were crucial Scriptures to share with the next generation of believers. Not only did we study the basic truths of God's Word, but we also discussed and shared classic hymns based on those ideas. Finally, we went on to explore "higher level" applications. We learned that to "level up," or move to a higher level, we need to learn how to live out the truth we know AND how to share this truth with others.

And 2022? "**In Christ**" taught us how to live IN CHRIST, and our writers did an even more amazing job than I had imagined was possible. Not only were the theme verses, Romans 8:38-39, favorites of my Papa Winslow Hall, but I also loved the concept. "In Christ," we are many things that we fail to be in our own strength. For example, without Christ, we are INactive, or dead, according to Scripture. In Christ, we can be active, making an eternal difference! "In Christ," absolutely nothing in all of creation can separate us from God's love.

This year's "**Rock Solid**" program kit was driven by the theme verse 1 Samuel 2:2b, "There is no Rock like our God." We still have a few more ways to study how God is our Rock, so I won't add details. However, I will comment that the ladies from Appalachia know their rocks AND THEIR GOD!

I say this every Triennial, but I really enjoy this role of serving you in coordinating the preparation of our annual program kits. Normally, I share with you stories about the fun of preparing this upcoming program kit. While I was trying to write this report, my husband asked if he could help. Unfortunately, this last year and a half I haven't been up to snuff. I have been suffering from long COVID and several complications for which I am still begging God to reveal answers to my doctors. My husband reminded me that with every trial, God brings a blessing. My blessing this year has been our beautiful president, Mrs. Karen Hall. Karen has had to check on me, remind me of due dates and even help me finish up this kit. Karen, you have truly been God's blessing to me, this year more than ever before.

As your vice president, I am delighted to share **2024's** coming program kit — "**Love Your Neighbor as Yourself (Won't You Be My Neighbor?)**." We will be studying Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan next year. I can hear you thinking, "All year long?" Just you wait until you see how! In today's modern world, the new motto seems to be: "Take care of number one." Jesus' teaching to "love your neighbor as yourself," is not followed by many today. However, Jesus did not teach only the answer to the lawyer's question in this parable. We have all fallen into one or more of the roles in the story (Hurt traveler,

Robbers, Priest, Pharisee, Samaritan, Lawyer) and we all have different lessons to learn and apply from our Lord at different times in our lives. I apologize in advance for any Holy Spirit conviction you face, but I also beg you to please listen and learn from your fellow women.

Please email me at WHACH@cheerfulcom if any ideas come to your attention for program themes or ways to improve our program kits. We want them to be as useful and relevant as possible.

Praying God's blessing upon you as we declare the Rock Solid gospel,

Cheryl Harris

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TRIENNIAL NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOME & FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETIES MEETING

APRIL 2021

The 10th National Advent Christian WHFMS Triennial Conference was held via Zoom on April 24, 2021. Karen Hall, National WHFMS President welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 (EDT). Rev. Paul Dean, immediate Past President of the Advent Christian General Conference opened the meeting with prayer. Karen Hall thanked Rev. Dean for his service and support of WHFMS. She announced that Rev. John Gallagher was just elected the President of ACGC during the denominational Triennial.

Rev. Steve Lawson, Executive Director of ACGC brought greetings to the group. He stated he was glad to be with us and was thankful for the ability to have meetings virtually. He said the recently held denominational Triennial meetings were fantastic. He encouraged everyone to view the videos of the Triennial by logging on to acgc.us. He stated that there is also a Triennial Booklet with all the reports available. Rev. Lawson said our denomination has been blessed even through the pandemic as God is always at work. However, he expressed concerns for the churches and leaders during this difficult time. He stated that financially ACGC has done well, with most budgets met in 2020. He expressed thanks to everyone for their support.

Rev. Lawson shared the following:

- The Council will work of the strategic plans to broaden our outreach.
- MTI is growing and now has 32 students, with 5 international students and is working with Berkshire. There is now one MTI student serving as a pastor.
- Rev. Justin Nash is working with several churches using Natural Church Development as they work on improving their church health.
- All of our International Missions have suffered during the pandemic. There are financial issues as well as physical and spiritual needs.
- The Communications Department has worked to keep everyone informed during this time.
- He stated that the local Pastors have worked diligently to serve their congregations- through Facebook, You Tube, parking lot services etc.

Rev. Lawson thanked the WHFMS groups for all their support.

Rev. Matt Larkin, Coordinator of Leadership Development, brought greetings to the group. He reported that 70% of AC Pastors are within a decade or less of retirement age. He said that we have few new candidates. The Leadership Development division works to provide education and mentoring to assist ACGC in preparing pastors primarily through the Ministry Training Institute. The MTI Field Offices are set up across the nation to reach those interested. He shared encouraging numbers of people becoming involved. He expressed appreciation to all partners, both for prayer and financial support. He thanked the WHFMS for support and asked us to share this information with others who may be interested.

Beth Larkin, Coordinator of Women's Ministries, shared her report. Beth stated that she has begun taking courses through MTI and encouraged others to look into the offerings. Beth said she had been encouraged by the work the WHFMS groups were able to accomplish even though we were not able to meet during most of 2020. Beth shared information regarding the Women's Ministries section of the ACGC website. She stated that this page contains information regarding leadership development, videos, book recommendations and current training. She asked for ideas for the Women's Ministries page. Beth also referenced the Financial Report found in the WHFMS Triennial Booklet. She said she is always available to help and may be reached at blarkin@acgc.us.

Rev. Jeff Walsh, Director of International Missions, brought greetings to the group. He shared that the past year has been particularly difficult. The Pandemic has been hard on all of our mission fields. Travel has been stopped so we are not able to visit the fields and provide support. Recently, Immanuel, the ministry leader in India, died of COVID. He was a strong leader, the financial contact for the banks in India, a loving pastor and a dear friend. Rev. Walsh said he will be missed in so many areas of ministry in India and asked for prayers as they are working to find people to take these vital roles. Rev. Walsh shared the vision to minister to “Unreached People Groups”. These are people who have little to no contact with Christians. They have not been reached because there is no one to share with them the Gospel. He shared about one group of people who live in very remote areas and who have no written language. ACGC was able to purchase solar MP3 players with the Book of Mark recorded in their language on them. Some of our missionaries took these players to these remote areas and share these with these people. Rev. Walsh shared that there is much work going on in all of our mission fields and requested prayer for each of them. He expressed his appreciation to the WHFMS groups support for Penny Crusade, and especially for the mid-year support in 2020. Without Penny Crusade we have no means to support the mission work. He was also appreciative of the Christmas in October funds which had a record-breaking year last fall. Rev. Walsh then introduced our new missionary to Thailand, Russell Yoon.

Russel Yoon shared his testimony with the group. He and his wife and daughter hope to go to Thailand within a year’s time to begin working with CMN there. He shared with us the severe needs for Christian missionaries in this area.

Rev. Walsh then introduced the devotional speaker, Rhonda Walsh. Mrs. Walsh was a former missionary in the Philippines. Her talk, “Who Are Missionaries” was inspiring. She shared stories about her time in the Philippines and how the Lord led throughout. Mrs. Walsh closed the devotional with prayer.

The Business Meeting was called to order by Karen Hall, President, at 2:58 pm (EDT).

Karen shared that this meeting will not be as formal as others have been. She expressed appreciation to the WHFMS locals and to the National Board for their work since the last Triennial. She referenced the reports from the officers in the Triennial Booklet. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports. The motion carried.

Karen announced the results of the election that had been held via mail. Karen Hall, President, Cheryl Harris, Vice- President and Mary Barber, Clerk were re-elected.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted by the delegate body.

1. Whereas our national WHFMS officers – president - Karen Hall, vice president - Cheryl Harris, and clerk - Mary K Barber have willingly and faithfully served our organization since our last 2017 Triennial, be it resolved that we express our appreciation with a commitment to pray for their continued health and well-being. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
2. Whereas we have been blessed and encouraged through the program presented today by Rhonda Walsh, be it resolved that we show our appreciation with continued prayer for her and her family. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
3. Whereas Beth Larkin has served faithfully and tirelessly as Coordinator of Advent Christian General Conference Women’s Ministry and helped our National WHFMS Board with several Zoom meetings, be it resolved that we commit to express our gratitude to Beth through social media communication along with cards and calls as well as with prayers for her continued service in Women’s Ministry. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.
4. Whereas our “Bread of Life” National WHFMS Project for the past several years has been providing much needed and appreciated physical food to many on our mission fields around the world, and

whereas this project has been an avenue of presenting the gospel of the love of Jesus to so many, be it resolved that as a national organization, we continue to support this project with our financial resources and our prayers. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

5. Whereas our WHFMS organization has benefited from helpful resources such as our annual Program Kit, our monthly WHFMS Update and the annual Prayer Guide, be it resolved that we promote these ministry tools in our local churches and societies. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

6. Whereas the staff at Advent Christian General Conference have always served with diligence and consistent quality but especially during the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020, and have 28 navigated a huge “learning curve” in terms of the use of technology in ministry with patience and grace, be it resolved that we appreciate their outstanding servant leadership by becoming familiar with and supportive of the entire work of the Advent Christian General Conference through our prayers and financial giving. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

7. Whereas the faithfulness exhibited through the generous giving of our churches, local societies and individual donors in 2020 for of our Advent Christian General Conference Ministries all exceeded budget and surpassed 2019 totals, be it resolved that we express our thankfulness with a commitment to continue our giving in 2021. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

8. Whereas the local WHFMS groups and our churches rallied to exceed the travel funds needed to bring Rowena Cabrizos to our WHFMS Triennial for 2020 but could not happen because of the pandemic restrictions, be it resolved that those funds be applied to our 2023 WHFMS Triennial at which time Rowena has agreed to be our speaker. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

9. Whereas our Advent Christian General Conference family has experienced the loss of the following missionary servants and leaders to death since the 2017 Triennial including Timothy Fox, Lee Welkley, Earl Wright, Martha Wright, Beverly Teshera, Leslie Mark, Bessie Smith, Austin Warriner, Clio Thomas, and Luree Wooton, be it resolved that we ask our National Clerk, Mary K Barber to send a copy of this resolution to each of these families along with our continued prayers for them in their grief. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

10. Whereas the leaders of our country are faced with difficult decisions daily and many people are suffering as the result of the pandemic crisis of 2020, be it resolved that we pray for God’s wisdom for our leaders, frontline workers and our spiritual leaders along with seeking the Lord’s protection on their behalf. Madam President, the Business Committee recommends the adoption of these resolutions.

Karen Hall encouraged the group to use the 2021 Prayer Guide published by the International Missions Department.

Pam Buchanan presented the Memorial Service remembering those members who fell asleep in death since the last Triennial. She shared the poem, “A Life Well Lived” and the scripture found in I Thess 4: 16-18, “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.” She then closed the Memorial Service with prayer.

Karen Hall announced that there was no further business, she thanked Beth Larkin, the Nominating Committee, the National WHFMS Board, and Justin Nash for all their work to support the Triennial Meeting. She closed the meeting with the prayer found in Colossians 1: 9-11. “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with

all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.”

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm (EDT).

**Report of the
APPALACHIAN REGION
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

Serving for the past three years as Appalachian Regional WHFMS president has been a privilege. It is a delight to interact with these dedicated groups of women who are committed to missional kingdom work – first, in their own communities, and also at the conference, regional and national levels. Many of these women have served throughout much of their adult lives. and it is a delight to honor and to represent this ministry.

The Appalachian Regional WHFMS includes circles reporting from four conferences: Piedmont, Pocahontas, Virginia and West Virginia. From the annual reports submitted for our Region in the past three years, we are reporting the following:

- In 2020, we had 16 circles, 160 members and \$27,223.00 in total giving.
- In 2021, we had 19 circles, 177 members, and \$60,941.00 in total giving.
- In 2022, we had 16 circles, 140 members, and \$59,560.00 in total giving.

The various denominational programs represented in this giving amount included United Ministries, Christmas-In-October, Bread of Life, Penny Crusade, national dues, World Hunger/Feed the Hungry and First Responders as well as giving to our own regional/conference camps and many other local community charities. I am so very proud of their sacrificial giving, as well as their passion for “loving God and loving others.” I am happy and honored to be part of this “team.”

The activities that I have been involved in over the past three years have included participation in our regional annual meetings at the Blowing Rock Campground each summer. We did not meet face-to-face during the pandemic year of 2020, but in 2021, our program was presented by a local Women's Shelter, and for our service project, we provided “Intake Bags” of needed items for this ministry. In 2022, part of our program was presented by Nancy Lee concerning her recent trip to the land of Israel. Along with that program, we also had Human Trafficking Awareness training presented by Vice President Chrissy Bylerly, and for our service project, we collected Walmart gift cards (that equaled over \$800.00) to be given to a local ministry that helps victims of human trafficking.

The WHFMS locals of the Appalachian Region have given generously to our National Bread of Life project over the past three years, and they also participate faithfully in our annual regional project. Over the past three years, we have purchased a new keyboard for our regional campground chapel, purchased nine round tables for our campground convenience center meeting room, and also contributed toward updates in the campground kitchen with a new sink and ice maker. At the present, we are hoping to help with the “finishing touches” of the campground's new cabin project.

Besides our own regional WHFMS meetings and events, I have also been active in representing these women at the Appalachian Regional board meetings, the various WHFMS conference meetings in our region, and the national WHFMS board meetings. I have had the opportunity to speak at local churches on occasion, and participated in our regional women's fall retreat.

Our 2023 WHFMS Program Theme titled “Rock Solid,” was written by our own ladies from the Appalachian Region. Thank you for the opportunity to report and to serve. As we journey on, I desire to be faithful and fruitful in God's Kingdom work.

Submitted by: Pamela L. Buchanan, Appalachian Regional President

**Report of the
EASTERN REGION
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

The Eastern Region WH&FMS ceased operation a few years ago. All other conferences within the region disbanded. As the WH&FMS began in Friendship, Maine, we gathered there to discuss our future as a conference. It was voted to continue, and David Davis, Pat Towne and Ruth Smith were asked to make plans for our future endeavors. We have been hampered by the COVID pandemic and thus have not had any statewide meetings for WH&FMS. Our intention is to promote AC missions and the work of our missionaries with all churches in the Maine State Conference encouraging them to support the International Missions of ACGC.

We have four reporting mission groups. They are Ashland, Eliot, and Goodwins Mills in Maine and Middle Simonds in New Brunswick, Canada. You will receive statistical reports of these groups at the national meeting. Recently, Pastor Ernest Carle of the Sunrise Church in Big Lake Township has expressed interest in a mission's group and has been in contact with our national president Karen Hall.

We at Goodwins Mills have men and women attending our monthly group. We send dues to the national office. Our group and the Seacoast group, with which I have had the privilege of joining have had many speakers on ZOOM providing us mission updates. We have enjoyed hearing reports and seeing pictures of those involved in our outreaches around the world. We especially have enjoyed following the work in Tanzania and their sharing of the gospel with the Hadzabe. Goodwins Mills sent money to help buy Treasures so the people could hear Scripture in their own language. This year the Penny Crusade material focused on this new work. Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to set up a meeting for our Maine Conference churches.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Eastern Region liaison. I have enjoyed and been blessed by attending via ZOOM the advisory board meetings for WH&FMS. Thank you to Beth Larkin as she works with us as the Coordinator of Women's Ministries. I give thanks to God for our national WH&FMS leaders and regional representatives. I am especially grateful for our president Karen Hall who has provided exceptional leadership to us. I appreciate her leading the board meetings and providing the monthly WH&FMS update.

Thank you for the opportunity to report. Although we are not technically a part of the Maine State Conference, we are serving a purpose of providing ACGC international missions information and we are also supporting prayerfully and financially to the work. God bless us all as we advance the gospel in these last days.

In His Service,
Ruth Smith
Eastern Region Liaison

**Report of the
SOUTHERN REGION
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
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We are praising God that we had better years in 2021 and 2022 than we had in 2020. We are so thankful that our denomination was blessed to generate more than a substantial amount for 2021 to support Penny Crusade, Bread of Life and Christmas in October. Our Bread of Life total was \$14,987.75, the highest ever. This amount would serve 21,411 meals, which was exciting for our ladies since so many were not meeting at all in 2021, but they were doing all they could. We are thankful that the Southern Region WHFMS was responsible for writing the WHFMS 2022 program kit. With the help of Cheryl Harris, our national WHFMS vice president, Karen Hall, our national WHFMS president and nine of our faithful Southern Region WHFMS members, we were able to put together the program "In Christ." The Scripture verse theme was Romans 8:38-39, "I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love, not life or death, nor angels or spirits, not the present or the future and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord." What a powerful program!

The national WHFMS board had their national (Zoom meeting) board meeting on July 12, 2021 with six members present. By this time, we were getting pretty good with our Zoom meetings with the help of Beth Larkin and our president Karen Hall. Mrs. Jeanette Johnson, acting clerk, was also present at the request of Mrs. Mary Barber who had to miss the meeting because of surgical complications. Ruth Smith, representing the Eastern Regional WHFMS groups and Steve Lawson from ACGC were also present.

The Georgia WHFMS locals were severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic during 2020 and 2021. However, the five locals blessed by the Lord, served as the state mandates would allow. The five locals reported a total of 32 members. Because of Covid-19, Georgia WHFMS were forced to cancel their March conference meetings for 2020 and 2021. They were finally able to meet as a state on March 19, 2022 and were hosted by Iron Hill AC Church in Dearing, Georgia.



The new officers for Georgia W.H.F.M.S. are: President- Marihelen Newman

Vice President- Delaine McReynolds

Secretary- Allison Adams

Treasurer- Sam Huett

Spiritual Chm. - Sam Huett



They were thankful that four of the five locals were in attendance for the Georgia Annual Conference Meeting for 2022. The Georgia WHFMS Conference also met in 2023 at Minton Chapel to re-installed their same officers and their new spiritual Chair, Sonya Durden. The Georgia WHFMS Conference are back meeting and made plans for their next meeting to be March 18, 2024 at Holton Chapel. We were thankful to have three of their group at attend our Southern Region WHFMS meeting on April 28, 2023. This was their first trip to Camp Dixie and North Carolina for a regional meeting.

The Eastern North Carolina annual WHFMS conference meeting was held February 12, 2022, at Banner Chapel Church with Suzanna Rodriquez, director of SAFE (Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies) speaking to the group on human trafficking. This introduction was so helpful to our ladies because this is an

urgent concern in our community and local county. They were thankful to have 27 delegates attending. They were also thankful to have a 2023 ENC annual meeting with 31 delegates attending. They had a guest speaker, Lisa O'Quinn, speaking on Community Hospice.

"The WHFMS is an organization to encourage, equip and empower women for personal and group development and effective service in ministries and missions at home and abroad," is our mission statement. As a special interest, the national WHFMS has chosen to become more aware of human trafficking in our own communities and to learn about and reach out to organizations that need support. Traffickers don't fit just one stereotype and aren't necessarily strangers to their victims. These exploiters have been found to be family members, peers, romantic partners, educators, employers, community leaders and clergy. Support material on this can be found on the ACGC website under women's ministries. Beth Larkin has posted books and information for us to use.



ENC Delegates to So. Region WHFMS 2022 ENC WHFMS Conference Meeting 2022 Suzanna Rodriguez

Florida Conference WHFMS met [March 2022](#) in a delegate's meeting and executive board. They were able to distribute money to various needs with the approval of the executive board at the delegate meeting. They are in the process of working on the constitution revision so that they can have a quorum. They have not had a quorum since 2019 at their delegate meetings. They finally had a gathering/retreat in September 2022 at Camp Suwannee and succeeded in revising their constitution. At Dowling Park meeting on May 2022, the Florida WHFMS ladies did a great job hosting the Southern Region WHFMS Annual Meeting under the leadership of their presidents Barbara Phipps and Becky Mahler. They fed the out-of-town delegates, supported the music at our meeting and organized a social hour of fun and games along with refreshments following the Thursday night meeting. They made everyone feel at home.

The South Carolina WHFMS Conference: (Copied from Debra Shaw's report for Southern Region WHFMS Report 2022) The annual meeting of the South Carolina Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society was held via phone in March of 2021 with Debra Shaw as host. Instead of trying to do everything we normally do on the agenda, we did the three main items that were required for operations of the chapter to continue. We elected officers, voted on and approved the budget and selected a specific missionary for each chapter to support during the year.

The Hickory Grove Church from Saluda, South Carolina is planning a Women's Sunday for May 8, 2022, with a program on human trafficking. Guest speaker is Heather Pagan who is someone that escaped and is now sharing about it. Debra plans to send information in to Beth and Karen when the event is over.

Alabama WHFMS was represented at our Southern Region WHFMS 2022 meeting at Dowling Park by Mrs. Nell Lassetter and her daughter Pam Buchanan, former Director of Women's Ministry at ACGC. They were special guests at our board meeting and attended our weekend meetings. Mrs. Lassetter is a member of Valley AC Church, which is one of the two churches in Alabama. They do not have a conference organization, but they do support our Advent Christian Conference in an amazing way. We were so thankful to have them with us.

Southern Region WHFMS, Dowling Park, Fla., May 12-13, 2022

The Southern Region WHFMS had their first “in person” annual meeting since 2019 on May 12-13, 2022 in Dowling Park, Florida. Our Thursday afternoon started with a tour of the Village for all first-timers to enjoy. Following, the Southern Region WHFMS board members assembled at the newly renovated conference meeting room at the Village Lodge. The Bixler WHFMS two societies served the board and all out of town delegates dinner. This was a special treat to see the ladies in action. Their hospitality was so appreciated. At our Thursday evening program, we were blessed to have Dr. Cynthia Lee as our special guest speaker, and she shared about her trip to the Philippines in 2019. She is leaving for a trip to Kenya on June 11-20, 2022. I am sure we will be blessed to hear about this trip at a later date. Cynthia has had an opportunity to visit the Florida Conference at their September 2022 retreat and also Seffner Church, Millville AC Church and West Bay AC Church and share about her Kenya trip.

(Please see pictures below of our entire special guest at our 2022 Southern Region WHFMS Meeting at Dowling Park.)



Bixler Chapel



Dr. Cynthia Lee
Guest Speaker



Dr. Cynthia Lee & Pat Havener
Sr. Maria Ann, OSF



Charlene Reas
Music Leader

Following the evening service, the two Bixler WHFMS Societies hosted a “Meet and Greet Session” with games and refreshments. A first-time attendee, Ms. Kim Allen from Banner Chapel Church, met Mrs. Eleanor Verrill from the Village and they claimed to become “Best Friends for Life.” That is a beautiful story to follow and watch their friendship grow. (See picture below)

We had six of our retired missionaries sharing with us for our devotion on Friday morning. Each one had a story to share with everyone and was enjoyed by all.



Bruce Arnold
Philippines



Lorraine Casey
India



Jan Hendrickson
Philippines



Laura Putnam
Philippines



David Vignali
India



Barbara White
India

Support for Business Session:



Eleanor Verrill
Kim Allen
"Best Friends
for Life"



Virginia Miller
Charlene Reas
Florida Conference



Marihelen Newman
Praying
Georgia Conference



So. Reg. Officers 2022
Charlene Reas- Secretary
Ethelene Hughes – President
Debbie Barbour- Vice President
Bonnie Dunn, Treasurer (Not pictured)



Sandra Blackmon
Memorial Service

Our Credentials committee, Karen Hall and Dell Martin reported 25 delegates and 13 visitors present with us. We made plans for our 2023 meeting to be held at Camp Dixie on April 27-28, 2023.

I reported to the SACA for our Southern Region WHFMS Ladies, to let them know what we had done in 2021 and 2022. Our reports for 2021 showed our membership of 253 members and 27 locals. I reported locals for 2022 at 17 with 202 members. God has blessed our Southern WHFMS Region to have so many determined, mission-minded servants working for the Lord even though our numbers have decreased. Our prayer is to continue working hard and be a shining light in our church and communities and support our denominational ministries. "There is no rock like our God" 1 Samuel 2:2b. We are excited for our program kit for 2023, "Rock Solid" written by the Ladies of the Appalachian Region WHFMS.

95th Southern Region Annual WHFMS Meeting April 27-28, 2023, Camp Dixie, N.C.

Our weekend started with our board coming together in the Camp Dixie dining hall. All officers were present along with Allison Adams, GA designee for Marihelen Newman, GA conference president. ENC conference president, Dr. Cynthia Lee was also present. She opened with prayer and gave our devotion by reading Galatians 5:22-23 from The Message "But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard – things like affection for others, exuberance about life and serenity. We develop willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people."

President Ethelene Hughes led the group through appointment of committees for our meeting. We had no old business and we voted on our new business for our meeting. Our next meeting will be with the SACA Triennial. No location has been set as of 4/30/23. The National WHFMS Triennial will meet August 8, 2023 in conjunction with the National ACGC Triennial at Ridgecrest, N.C. Rowena Cabrizos from the Philippines will be speaking. Following the adjournment of the board meeting, the group enjoyed a Subway meal. Our out-of-town guest were invited to join us also.

Thursday Evening Meeting: Our special guest for the evening was Dr. Cynthia Lee. She blessed us with a power point presentation on "Role of the WHFMS in Foreign Missions." It included challenges of how we can do more in all the many different areas of the WHFMS Missions. She has seen the "Bread of Life" project in action in the Philippines and in Africa. What a great mission project for us to do and to continue.

(On the next page meet our guest speakers for our 95th annual WHFMS meeting)



Dr. Cynthia Lee, our Thursday Night Speaker



**Ashley Dixon
CFM Case Management Director
Friday Morning Speaker**



Attendees at the 95th So. Reg. WHFMS Meeting

95th Southern Region WHFMS Delegates Meeting - April 28th 2023, Camp Dixie, N.C.

This was our first meeting at Camp Dixie since 2017, because the pandemic had forced us to cancel in 2020. Dr. Cynthia Lee welcomed everyone and Mary Barber thanked ENC for hosting the meeting. Vickie Allen led our opening courses, "I Will Serve Thee" and "Gentle Shepherd."

Rev. Joe Brown, newly elected Camp Dixie Director, welcomed everyone. He shared his appreciation of having a newly renovated swimming pool. Outside HVAC equipment was vandalized at the cost of \$28,000.00. Insurance paid for some of the damage. We hope to receive stocks and donations are welcome. A new gym is needed because the existing one was built when camp was first established. We would like to develop a couples' retreat facility with more hotel-type rooms. Camp Dixie is a kingdom building ministry.

Charlene Reas gave the report of AC Village. President Craig Carter's report from the Village Guilders Guild and Perpetual Builders Guild states that the Southern Region WHFMS is listed as Life Members for our donations. Charlene gets to attend the fall banquet in our honor each year.

As you can see above, a group picture was taken at the break following the devotion given by Ashley Dixon, Cry Freedom Missions Director of Case Management. She began with a video of Rebecca Bender, a survivor of human trafficking. She defined human trafficking as the unlawful act of transporting or coercing people (men, women and children) in order to benefit from their work or service. It is typically in the form of forced labor or sexual exploitation. How can we help? Their safe house has many needs, such as toiletries items, paper towels, wipes and cleaning supplies. The safe house also needs women's undergarments and monetary donations are always welcomed. Go to Polaris project.org to learn more. Contact information for Ashley Dixon is ashleyd@cryfreedommission.com.



So. Reg. WHFMS Officers



**"Rock Solid Altar"
President Presides**



**Rev. Joe Brown
Gives the Welcome**



**Allison Adams- GA
Michelle Adams- NC
1st Time Attendees**



**Sandra Blackmon
Memorial Service
"Amazing Grace"**

The credential report was given by Chairman, Sandra Blackmon. Delegates were (10) ENC, (3) FL, (3) GA, (4) officers total voting strength of (20) and (1) visitor. Motion made to seat the delegates, seconded and carried.

There was no old business.

Debbie Barbour, Chairman of the business committee, recommended the following items and they were approved:

To give Dr. Cynthia Lee \$500.00 as a love gift as guest speaker today.

To give Ashley Dixon \$500.00 as a love gift for her Cry Freedom Missions.

To give Bread of Life \$1,000.00 as a donation.

To give Camp Dixie \$500.00 a donation and do it in honor of Mr. JD and Mrs. Ethelene Hughes, the nominated king and queen of Banner Chapel AC Church for the annual Fall Harvest Day Fund Raising event in October at Camp Dixie.

President Ethelene Hughes discussed details of the Triennial National WHFMS convention to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The theme is "Entrusted with the Rock-Solid Gospel." Instructions were read for registration and "walk up" attendees to purchase a pass for \$25.00 to Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C. plus pay a registration fee of \$15.00 to ACGC. Papers were available for registration and credentials. See www.acgc.us for more information. Everyone was encouraged to make a special effort to attend the WHFMS Triennial. It was announced that Cynthia Lee would be driving the Banner Church Van to the WHFMS Triennial for the day.

Memorial Service was conducted by Sandra Blackmon. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). Names were read and the video of hymn, "Amazing Grace" by Jason Boyette was shown. We have the blessed hope in Jesus Christ and the resurrection of our loved ones at Jesus' return. Sandra closed in prayer.

Installation of Officers: Duties were read and Jeanette Johnson prayed a blessings prayer upon the officers.

Announcements - Gifts of the Spirit rocks to be picked up as you leave. Simply pick up without looking.

We had a table displayed with children dresses, two faced dolls and instructions and materials for "Days for Girls" pads. Materials/fabric was displayed. Triennial Information was available. Human trafficking awareness brochures were available. For more information contact Ethelene Hughes, ethelenehughes642@gmail.com Cynthia Lee cyndleefnp18@gmail.com.

Cynthia Lee closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was served by the Camp Dixie Staff in the dining hall. Many of our guests took time to tour the camp and see the new swimming pool that has just been replaced. That was a big project that was just completed in time for camp for 2023. The hotel rooms had new mattresses and our guest enjoyed them for their one night stay. Everyone was excited to visit Camp Dixie and see how beautiful it was.

In Christian Love,

Ethelene Hughes
Southern Region WHFMS President
Ethelenehughes642@gmail.com
919-279-7278

**Report of the
WESTERN REGION
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

Nooksack church ladies do a wonderful job of ministering to their community. Last year, they had a flood in their community. Food was prepared for victims, free laundry was provided and the ladies were there to pray and encourage many.

This Mother's Day, they hosted a tea for the surrounding Advent churches. Each church hosted their own table(s) to decorate.

Throughout the last few years, Nooksack has had many events that the ladies were involved in, from Bible studies to hands-on ministry.

When our area had a flood both this year and a few years ago, Nooksack ladies made up meals for many who had lost their homes. They also did many loads of laundry for those who were flooded. Sumas also helped flood victims with financial aid, ministering to many.

Sumas has had a clothes closet for many years. The women manage it, it is open to the public and all of the clothes are free. It is fantastic that it has been open so long.

Sumas also had a Christmas cup exchange party this year. All the churches were invited. It was a blessing as each cup gift was also a commitment by the giver to pray and send cards for the year.

Bellingham church has a ladies' Bible study each week. On the third week, they have a luncheon. They have a wonderful communication to women who are shut-ins.

They participated in Penny Crusade these last few months and raised \$4,000.00.
PTL! They had an old fashioned ice cream party this last Sunday to thank all who gave.

Sadly, I don't have any updates on the other churches.

Verna Qualls
Western Region Liaison

**Report of the
SPIRITUAL LIFE CHAIRMAN
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment” (2 Timothy 1:7, CSB).

This has not been the best of years, but God has been in control through it all. Nine months ago, I received a call from my twin sister (she is blind and has memory issues) that her garage/car shop had burned. Her husband barely had time to get her out of the house before the flames started to melt the carport. I took the five-hour trip to Waycross to be with her so her husband could take care of the post-fire issues. She developed Covid while I was there, and promptly gave it to me. So much for August.

Gary and I took our vacation to New England to see family over Labor Day week. We returned home, and the next week, while at the WHFMS retreat at Dowling Park, my daughter called. Her husband (Jeff, age 45) had dropped dead of a clot in his heart at the YMCA. With the help of dear friends, I boarded a plane to Boston with the clothes on my back to be with my daughter and her children. Despite the worst-case situation, God provided comfort and care.

Jeff was the beginning of several events. We lost my mentor and dearest friend Pastor Ray Marco in January, Gary's father passed at the beginning of March, my twin sister is now in a nursing home, and my older sister Kathi gained victory over cancer at the end of April. I can rejoice that they are believers.

Through it all, after having to call Children's Heart three times to back out of trips, I have retired from flying the children, to commit more time with family and the local church. Gary was able to be with his father when he died, and I was able to be with my sister. I have accompanied more than 50 children for the Children's Heart Program and still hold them very near to my heart.

I was able to go to Honduras at the end of January. It was the day of Pastor Ray's funeral. I had discussed it with Pastor Ray a few days before he died, and he said to please go. I am so glad I went. I was able to grieve with those who loved him, pray with them and encourage them. And they encouraged me.

I continue to work with the children at the church, leading the children's church during the church hour. These are children who mostly have not been raised in the church, but are so eager to hear and learn about Jesus. We are looking forward to VBS, which will be held in July this year. We have several new teachers, willing and eager to share their stories about Jesus.

I also continue to work with the people of Honduras and Uganda, currently finding placements for children needing open heart surgeries and connecting them with appropriate groups. I also support a small children's home in Uganda.

For the past several years, I have been sending weekly Sunday school materials to people in Honduras, the US, and Uganda. The churches have been able to use the materials to teach about Jesus. Most have cell phones and can copy the materials to distribute.

I continue to thank God for his faithfulness, and I humbly ask us all to continue to pray for one another,

especially for those that don't know Jesus. May they come across our paths, as God gives us the boldness to share him through our actions and words.

Waiting for the next adventure!

His Servant,
Pat Havener

**Report of the
COORDINATOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023**

The past three years, as we all came out of COVID and worked through what our 'new normal' would look like, seemed to go by fairly quickly for me. It has been a whirlwind of adjustments as my daughter, Mallory, started preschool then PreK through the University of Maine's child development training program and is looking forward to beginning kindergarten in the fall. I also went back to school at ACGC's Ministry Training Institute and will be completing the three-and-a-half year Leadership in Ministry Certificate at the end of this year. My husband, Matt, has been working through the Transformational Leadership doctoral program through Bethel University and graduated this spring. All of this has happened in addition to keeping up with our day-to-day life, work and ministry. I'm sure all of you have many stories to tell about your past three years too and I hope you get a chance to do that as we all gather together this year to meet and carry on the business of the WHFMS. It will be so good to see all of you in person.

The ongoing efforts of the WHFMS in the areas of home and foreign missions has been very impactful in many ways over the past three years. Your reports have reflected this impact with the number of opportunities you have taken advantage of by offering assistance financially or in-person.

One of the most exciting things to happen was the launch of the Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative. I have been incredibly thankful for the support and encouragement from the WHFMS through this endeavor. So many of you grabbed onto this and brought it to your churches. It is my hope that this will be a way we can reach out in our local areas and make connections with agencies we can partner with to create a larger impact as we all work together. I've already heard so many amazing stories how the Lord has already been working through this and look forward to hearing many more while we are together at our meeting. Let's continue to share our ideas and encourage each other to take part in this important work.

Pastors' wives have a unique role in ministry and it brings many joys, but can also bring many struggles. I am in the midst of developing a strategy through the office of women's ministry to offer more support for these ladies. My primary goal is to assist in creating connections for them and to offer them resources for support and encouragement when they find themselves feeling isolated or alone. I have coordinated a gathering for pastors' wives during the ACGC Triennial Convention and look forward to seeing many of them there. I would encourage your WHFMS group to consider ways you might make a special effort to reach out to your pastor's wife in an effort to let her know you care, and see how you could best support her in whatever season of life she finds herself in.

I want to remind you of the women's ministry page of ACGC's website. It is continually updated with many resources including recommendations on pertinent websites, conferences, education, books and studies, all of which are geared toward women. On here, you can also find general information about the Women's Home & Foreign Mission Society, the Bread of Life flyer, WHFMS Program Kits, the WHFMS Brochure, Human Trafficking Resource Guide and the online reporting links. I encourage you to check it out and let the women in your church know about it.

I want to thank the National WHFMS President, Karen Hall for the leadership she has provided, especially during the difficult times coming out of the pandemic and figuring out the best way to minister post-COVID. Through her wisdom and inspiration, the work of the WHFMS has continued to move

forward. The perseverance of the rest of the national WHFMS board members has also been inspiring. I am so thankful for all of them and the work they do in each of their areas. I know that all of you have benefitted from their efforts. I also want to thank each of you for your love and support of me personally and in my ministry. I am incredibly grateful.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth A. Larkin". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Beth A. Larkin
Coordinator of Women's Ministries

2022 NATIONAL STATISTICS REPORT

Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society

August 2023

	WHFMS		United Ministries	CIO	National Dues	Bread of Life	Other Giv. ACGC	Grand Total
	Locals	Members						
Appalachian Region								
Piedmont	9	100	3,462.50	4,222.00	84.00	668.00	3,040.00	11,420.50
Pocahontas	3	19	464.00	1,777.65	19.00	575.75	76.00	2,912.40
Virginia	1	13	393.00	605.00	30.00		1,700.00	2,728.00
W Virginia	2	12	2,350.00	300.00	5.00	1,250.00	910.00	4,815.00
TOTAL	15	144	\$6,669.50	\$6,904.65	\$138.00	\$3,105.75	\$5,726.00	\$22,543.90
Central Region								
Missouri Valley	1	3			3.00	252.00	475.00	728.00
North Central	1	8	350.00	470.00	8.00	100.00	404.01	1,332.01
Ohio	2	15		1,808.07	7.00		200.00	2,015.07
Prairie States	3	27	1,671.00	2,638.43	45.00		6,760.10	11,114.53
Texas	0	0				70.00		70.00
TOTAL	7	53	\$2,021.00	\$4,916.50	\$63.00	\$672.00	\$7,839.11	\$15,511.61
Eastern Region								
Maine	4	33		2,601.38	10.00	11,848.57		14,459.95
New Life	0	0		537.00	10.00	70.00	1,286.00	1,903.00
TOTAL	4	33	\$0.00	\$3,138.38	\$20.00	\$11,918.57	\$1,286.00	\$16,362.95
Southern Region								
ENC	8	136	426.50	1,987.60	68.00	1,000.00	5,177.49	8,359.59
Florida	6	76		18.00		700.00	5,601.00	6,619.00
Georgia	2	13	322.55	1,806.00	28.00	120.00	828.50	3,105.05
S Carolina	1	5	183.70	962.60	197.00	300.00	673.70	2,317.00
TOTAL	17	230	\$932.75	\$4,774.20	\$293.00	\$3,120.00	\$12,280.69	\$21,400.64
Western Region								
S California	0	0			16.00		100.00	116.00
W Wash/BC	2	26						-
TOTAL	2	26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$116.00
GRAND TOTALS	45	486	\$9,623.25	\$19,733.73	\$530.00	\$18,816.32	\$27,231.80	\$75,935.10

This report is based on funds from WHFMS groups received by ACGC postmarked in 2022.

2022 Regional & Conference Giving (as reported): \$10,491.70. 2022 Penny Crusade Giving (thru church treasurer): \$30,382.35

6/27/2023

OTHER SUPPORTED MINISTRIES
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023

In addition to their giving to ACGC ministries and programs, the WHFMS groups of the Advent Christian churches have reported supporting the following areas of ministry by serving and/or financial giving adding up to a total of \$64,780.84 in 2022.

AC Camps	Love Offerings
AC Publications	Mati Orphanage
AC Village	Memorial Gifts
Airmen Ministry	Missionaries
Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives	New Missionary Fund
Benevolent Donations	Nursing Homes
Bible Camps	Operation Christmas Child
Cemetery Funds	Pastor Appreciation
Christian Radio/TV	Pregnancy Care Center
Christmas Gifts & Food	Retreats
Church Projects	Robin's Nest
College Student Gifts	Salvation Army
Community Projects	Samaritan's Purse
Cristo Salva	Scholarship Funds
CRU	School Supplies
Feed the Hungry	Shelters
Flood Relief	St. Joseph Indian School
Flowers/Love Gifts	Vacation Bible School
Food Banks/Pantries	Vernon Homes
Hospice Care	World Day of Prayer
International Missions Projects	World Vision
Kid's Ministry	Wycliffe
Local Outreach	Youth Ministry
Local Schools	

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP

Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society

August 2023

Beverly Ann Teshera - b. Oct 1, 1929, d. May 25, 2020 (Philippines, 1963-1979)

Immanuel - b. Sept 24, 1948, d. April 18, 2021 (India Mission Manager, 2009-2021)

Floyd W. Powers - b. Oct 8, 1927, d. Sept 15, 2021 (Japan, 1950-2002)

Harold R. Patterson - b. 1935, d. June 3, 2022 (Director of World Missions for ACGC, 20 years)

Beryl Joyce (Hollis) Ching - b. Dec 16, 1927, d. Sept 12, 2022 (India, 1954-1996)

Margaret Phillips Helms - b. Sept 18, 1935, d. Sept 30, 2022 (Philippines, 1959-1996)

Dorothy Jean (Clothey) Gransee - b. April 4, 1930, d. Oct 6, 2022 (India, 1930-1941)

Lindsey Emma Hughes Musick - b. Sept 19, 1980, d. Dec 2, 2022 (India, 2007-2008)

Maurice "Ray" Marco - b. Oct 2, 1946, d. Jan 12, 2023 (Honduras, 2008 - 2023)

Musa Powers - b. Feb. 28, 1927, d. Feb. 26, 2023 (Japan, 1950-2002)

Willis Jackson "Jack" Jones III - b. Oct.22, 1939, d. May 25, 2023 (Japan, 1972-1980)

"But we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope...For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-18, ESV).

BIOGRAPHIES FOR NOMINEES
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society
August 2023

Nominees for President

Karen Hall

Karen Hall has been involved in WHFMS most of her life. She has served as president of the local WHFMS group at her hometown church in Princeton, West Virginia, and president of the Appalachian Region. Currently, she is the co-chair of the Vesta Clothey WHFMS Circle at the Village Church at the Advent Christian Village. She has served as the National WHFMS president since 2014.



Karen enjoys being involved in WHFMS. The National WHFMS projects of Bread of Life and Human Trafficking Awareness are very important to her. Karen is the author of the WHFMS Update each month, and her prayer is that it provides encouragement, information and a sense of family to the members.

Karen and her husband David live at the Advent Christian Village. Their family includes their children, Chris and Allison Hall, DJ and Sarah Hall, and their perfect grandchildren – Natalie, Micah, Annalee and Morgan.

Nominees for Vice President

Cheryl Harris

Cheryl Harris lives in a trailer in the woods in Ashland, Maine near the school where she works. Her husband, William Harris, has joined her at the school and serves as a bus driver, coach and custodian. They share their home with three pets: their beagle-boxer dog Daisy, clever tuxedo cat Doria, and lovable, fluffy, gray tabby cat Ariel. Cheryl loves her role as the Women's Home & Foreign Mission Society vice president in charge of developing annual program kits with the help of the amazing women that are willing to serve in this ministry. Let her know if you have any ideas that you think would make a good annual theme. Please also let her know if you would like to help with the writing!



Nominees for Clerk

Mary K. Barber

Mary K. Barber was born and raised an Advent Christian. Her father, Rev. A. C. Hett, was an Advent Christian minister. She was active in "Milows" (Missionary Loyal Workers) growing up and has been a WHFMS member since she was 16. She and her brother Frank organized the Southern District Youth Program in 1947. Mary has been very active in her church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, music director, choir member and clerk. She has held many offices at the local, district, conference and regional levels, and is clerk for our national WHFMS.

