

THE TRIUMPHANT TWENTIETH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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COUNCIL OF BISHOPS AND GENERAL BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A Mind to Work!

NEHEMIAH 4:6 AND ST. MATTHEW 6:33

LAST IN NUMBER,
BUT FIRST IN SPIRIT AND SERVICE



THE RIGHT REV. RONNIE ELIJAH BRAILSFORD, SR.
PRESIDING PRELATE

REV. CAROLYN ELIZABETH BRAILSFORD
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR

T.E.A.M. 20TH

(TOGETHER EACH ACHIEVES MORE)

COUNTRIES OF MALAWI, ZIMBABWE, UGANDA, TANZANIA AND PART OF MOZAMBIQUE

THE RIGHT REVEREND MCKINLEY YOUNG
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To The Right Reverend McKinley Young, Senior Bishop, The Right Reverend Clement Fugh, President, the Council of Bishops and General Board members:

To God be the glory! What an amazing journey! We are so very blessed to be able to participate in kingdom building in five countries in Africa--Malawi, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania and part of Mozambique. We are the Episcopal Leaders of T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) 20th of The Triumphant Twentieth Episcopal District. This was my and Supervisor Carolyn Elizabeth Brailsford's first year and it was a very fulfilling and enjoyable year in ministry and marriage.

We focused on building on the work of our predecessors: Bishop and Supervisor Wilfred J. Messiah (2004-2008); Bishop and Supervisor Julius H. McAllister (2008-2012); and Bishop and Supervisor Reginald T. Jackson (2012-2016). We are grateful for the work each of them did to pave the way for the work we are doing now. We are also grateful for the information and advice shared. The financial support of the Sixth and Eighth Episcopal Districts helped make it a seamless transition.

Many others including the bishops, supervisors and people of Episcopal Districts Seventh, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, Eleventh, and Fifteenth; along with Global Witness and Ministry, Connectional Women's Missionary Society and Young People's Division; several connectional pastors, churches, and individuals supported the work, mission and ministry. We say thank you very much to each of you. Your prayers, encouragement and financial support made a profound difference in the lives of many in the District! Those who have us scheduled for support later this year, we say thank you in advance.

We started what will be a series of mission trips in the five countries. In a partnership with the Wesley Foundation of the United Methodist Church of the University of South Carolina and Bwalia Hospital of Lilongwe, Malawi, we held a week of free medical, dental and eye services with donated glasses. We served nearly 2,500 persons. This was a tremendous success! There were many highlights during the year. A few of them are listed as follows:

Episcopal District Summary of Highlights of the year

August 1, 2016--May 31, 2017

- 1.) Visited 96 of the 202 churches and made contributions to each of them on behalf of the AMEC. This was a "Going to the People" ministry. (The Travelogue of notes and photos are on my Face Book page.)
- 2.) Visited nine (9) of 29 AMEC owned schools and made contributions to each of them for some school supplies, including connectional AMEC funds earmarked for Sizane High School in Zimbabwe.
- 3.) Had a Health and Education Initiative in Lilongwe and Salima, Malawi areas and provided free medical, dental and eye services to nearly 2,500 persons.
- 4.) All connectional obligations were met: Connectional AMEC Budget and GDC Budget and Registration.
- 5.) Held seven (7) Leadership Trainings and Meetings, one in each Annual Conference.
- 6.) Sponsored all five (5) General Board members at the December 2016 meeting with airfare, etc.
- 7.) Sponsored all sixteen (16) persons at the Global Development Council meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa February 21-24, 2017 with transportation, lodging, registration and meals.
- 8.) Co-sponsored our lay president for the Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board in April 2017.
- 9.) Provided support to several church projects for building and repairs or upgrades.
- 10.) Bought uniforms for the choir at Sizane High School, one of the best in the region.
- 11.) Provided ministerial stipends to all the presiding elders and pastors at the annual conferences and presiding elders during church visitations.
- 12.) Provided all churches hosting the annual conferences with financial sustentation support.
- 13.) Purchased a motorbike for the presiding elder in the newly established Uganda Annual Conference.

Women's Missionary Society and YPDers Highlights

- 1.) Provided relief of food, water, clothes, temporary shelter and financial support for churches and individuals who were impacted by floods in Malawi and Zimbabwe.
- 2.) Responded to emergency relief for individuals & churches: food, education fees, fire destruction, etc.
- 3.) Visited orphanages and elderly at homes to provide assistance and ministry.
- 4.) Received support of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference WMS to sponsor the education fees of 15 children, youth and young adults: Sarah's Scholars.
- 5.) Sponsored ten of twenty-one persons that attended the Y.A.M. Summit in Johannesburg on May 11-14, 2017.
- 6.) Sponsored two (2) of four (4) persons to attend the WMS Executive Board Meeting on January 25-29, 2017.

Your in kingdom building,

Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr.

Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES:

MALAWI NORTH, MALAWI CENTRAL, MALAWI SOUTH, NORTHEAST ZIMBABWE,
CENTRAL ZIMBABWE, SOUTHWEST ZIMBABWE, UGANDA

"Going To The People":

VISITED 96 CHURCHES AND 9 SCHOOLS IN THREE COUNTRIES



"Serving The People":
MEDICAL, DENTAL AND EYE SERVICES INITIATIVE



"Serving The People":
PROVIDING RELIEF TO FLOOD VICTIMS

