



Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION

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ACTIONS TAKEN:

The Social Action Commission convened to reaffirm the work directly tied to the legacy of African Methodism. We are committed to stand with the poor and disenfranchised, not as an addendum to an already crowded agenda, but as evidence that this is who we are and what we must be about.

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, the SAC component team - CONN M SWAWO Plus PKs, the Clergy Family Information Center and the Social Action Commission request that you read their reports online. We report here the key issues that require ACTION that will involve EACH and ALL of us over the next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) **Voter Mobilization:** AMEV-Alert (Collaborators Partners within – Council of Bishops, Connectional Lay Organization, Christian Recorder, WMS & all component; External Partners - People for the American Way, Faith in Action, WinWithBlackWomen, When We All Vote, and Lawyers and Collars. Others to be announced MOBILIZE 1.5 million voters to the polls in USA and South Africa. WE NEED YOU!!!
- 2) **Climate Change/Environmental Justice**:- Partners to initiate Ambassadors Program - ecoAmerica; collaborators; Collaborators within Health Commission & Women's Missionary Society and Christian Education Department
- 3) **Criminal Justice Task Force** – Invitation from the Council of Bishops to advocate for a JUST system, reduce incarceration & MINISTER to those unjustly imprisoned
- 4) **Reproductive Justice/ Roe V. Wade Protection** - Collaborators within - The Health Commission; External Partners - NAACP Legal Defense Fund, WinWithBlackWomen, and Divine 9. Mandate from the 51st session of the General Conference called for careful watch on the erosion of freedoms. The recent Supreme Court action calls your SAC to WATCH, PRAY, AND FIGHT to protect other freedoms from being eroded by the racist and biased decision makers and watch as State Legislators try to do the same. No matter what the issue is, it is the FREEDOMS that must be protected.

It is our watch!

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