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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



To the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Commission on Global Witness and Ministry, I greet you in the wonderful name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who has sustained us through His grace and mercy.

This report is a summary of the administrative activities of the Department of Global Witness and Ministry and seeks to provide you with a snapshot of what we were able to accomplish together during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Since last year, the Department has been faced with some of the same challenges brought on by COVID-19 during the previous year. Notwithstanding these challenges, you will read in this report how the Department of Global Witness and Ministry was able to continue our outreach, both domestically and globally. As the Executive Director, I greatly appreciate the prayers and generous support of Episcopal districts, churches, and numerous individuals across African Methodism.

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The African Methodist Episcopal Church's interest in Foreign Missions began in 1827 when the Baltimore Conference authorized the dispatch of the Reverend Scipio Beane to Haiti. In 1864, the Department of Home and Foreign Missions was organized and began functioning with the election of its first Secretary of Missions, the Reverend John M. Brown. Since 1864, the following persons have served as Secretary of Missions:



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Secretaries of Missions

Name	Years of Service	Tenure
• Reverend John M. Brown	1864-1868	4
• Reverend James A. Handy	1868-1872	4
• Reverend George W. Brodie	1872-1876	4
• Reverend Richard H. Cain	1876-1880	4
Reverend James M. Townsend	1880-1888	8
• Reverend William B. Derrick	1888-1896	8
• Reverend Henry B. Parks	1896-1908	12
• Reverend William W. Beckett	1908-1912	4
Reverend J.W. Rankin	1912-1924	12
Reverend E. H. Coit	1924-1933	9
Reverend Lewellyn L. Berry	1933-1954	21
Reverend Chester A. Clark	1955-1968	13
Reverend Ford Gibson	1968-1969	1
Dr. John W. P. Collier, Jr.	1969-1984	15
Dr. Frederick C. Harrison	1984-1992	8
Dr. James G. Blake	1992-1999	7

- Later elected to the Episcopacy

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At the 2000 General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the name of the Department was changed to Global Witness and Ministry and Dr. George Francis Flowers was elected as the first Executive Director. In this report, the Department of Global Witness and Ministry commends Dr. George Flowers for his excellent service in missions for twenty-one years as Executive Director. Today, I stand before you having been called to serve in that capacity but on the strong and exemplary foundation laid, established and evolved with excellence by my predecessor, Dr. George Flowers.

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Since becoming the new Executive Director of Global Witness and Ministry, our strategic emphasis has focused upon:

- An administrative transfer of departmental responsibilities from former Executive Director, Dr. George Flowers.
- Establishment of a temporary administrative office in Atlanta, Georgia
- Development of a new Global Witness and Ministry website
- Raising funds to support disaster relief and mission services
- Establishment of a Fund Development Plan with emphasis upon quarterly and annual contributions from individuals, churches, and districts to support mission churches
- Maintaining and establishing new collaborative partners
- Producing and distributing a quarterly publication, *The Voice of Missions*
- Updating International Certificate of Vaccinations

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Our resolute emphasis to maintain our support and engagement with international partners, particularly Church World Service and Bread for the World, resulted in our participation with the following initiatives:



- A Long-Term Recovery Plan in Haiti with emphasis upon orphans
- A Council of Bishops denominational support letter in support of Afghan refugees
- A Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act and Global Nutrition Resolution
- A Denominational representative to Bread for The World Summit – Pan African Consultation
- Partnership with UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief of Global Ministries that garnered a \$10,000 grant to the 20th Episcopal District to assist with disaster relief for cyclone and emergency response in Southern Malawi

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Recovery Assistance in Haiti



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Recovery Assistance in 16th Episcopal District

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- In addition to working with our global partners, we established a partnership with a domestic partner, the FAN Research Project at the University of South Carolina, (Faith, Activity, Nutrition.)
- The FAN Program is designed to make church members physical health, in addition to their spiritual health, a priority. Several pastors and congregations have agreed to act on the challenge to participate in the FAN Online Training sessions and implement a Faith Activity and Nutrition Program in their local churches.

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• The Department of Global Witness and Ministry through the support of individual donors, Episcopal Districts, churches, and global partners has assisted the 16th, 13th, 20th, 19th Episcopal Districts and SADA with disaster relief services:

- 16th Episcopal District
- 13th Episcopal District
- 20th Episcopal District
- 19th Episcopal District
- SADA (AMEC Service and Development Agency, Inc.)
- Church World Service



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The 19th Episcopal District



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The 19th Episcopal District





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• Funds received to support disaster relief in Haiti:	
• 10 th Episcopal District	\$5,000
• New Birth Missionary Baptist Church	\$10,000
• Rivers of Life AME Church	\$400
• Pamela M. Dockins	\$75
• <u>Bishop Frederick James</u>	<u>\$100</u>
• Total	\$20,575
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Disaster Relief Donations:

2 nd Episcopal District:	\$10,000
7 th Episcopal District:	\$45,000
<u>12th Episcopal District:</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$60,000



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Total Disaster Relief Funds Received

\$80,575

Disaster Relief Expenditures:

16th Episcopal District
(Haiti Relief) \$15,405

SADA (Haiti Relief) \$9,170

13th Episcopal District
(Disaster Relief) \$5,000

20th Episcopal District (Cyclone Ana) \$10,000
(Tropical Ana was a deadly tropical cyclone that
affected the African nations of Madagascar,
Malawi and Mozambique)

19th Episcopal District (National Disaster Relief) \$5,000
(Assistance to support relief services to victims
of the mudslides and
flooding in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Region.)

Church World Service \$1,000

Total Disaster Relief Funds Spent \$40,570

• Disaster Relief Fund Balance

\$40,005

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Collaboration with Global Ministries in the United Methodist Church to assist the 20th Episcopal District with a \$10,000 Solidarity Grant to provide Cyclone Ana Emergency Response in Southern Malawi.

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act H.R. 4693

The Department of Global Witness and Ministry joins Bread for the World Senior Associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement, the Reverend Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Dr. Deborah Taylor King and the International WMS of the AME Church and AME leaders, Bishops, Presiding Elders, and Pastors in co-sponsorship of the legislative bill for the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act H.R. 4693. Others are encouraged to become an advocate by submitting letters of support to senators to support bill passed in the House. <https://ol.bread.org/>

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- Legislative Education for Informing Advocacy for 2022-2023

Advocate passing of Farm Bill that protects and strengthens SNAP and improves international food aid. More than 11.7 million African Americans rely on SNAP to put food on the table. On an average African American families receive SNAP benefits of \$261 a month, or 94 cents per person per meal. Support for this legislation moves us from critique of patronizing minority communities to working together with them to encourage long term solutions and dignified living standards. If you want to get involved **TELL CONGRESS:** Increase funding and accelerate progress on nutrition to help end hunger and poverty around the world. Join Bread for the World's 2022-2023 offering of letters: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow.

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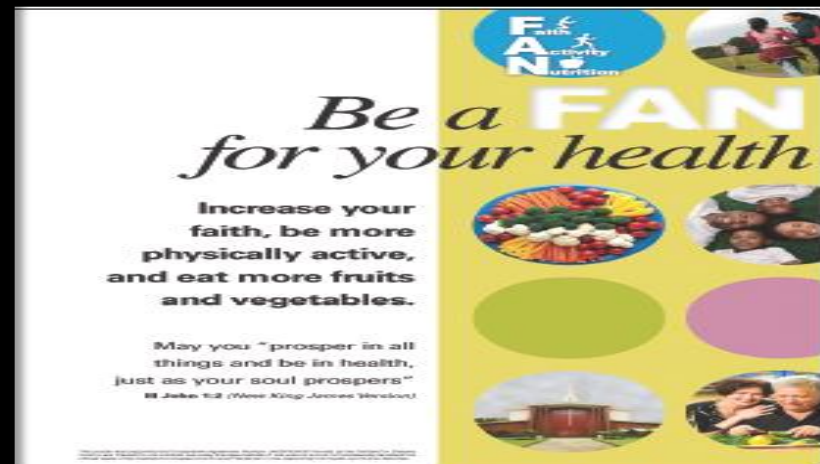
- **Faith – Activity – Nutrition (FAN)**

The Department of Global Witness and Ministry has established a collaborative partnership with the University of South Carolina Research Center to make health a priority. The goal is to be proactive in addressing chronic health conditions that disproportionately affect African American congregations and communities. Dr. Sara Wilcox, Director of the University of South Carolina Prevention Research Center and Lead FAN researcher says: “Churches have a critical role to play in promoting health in their congregations and communities. They are vibrant institutions, located in nearly every city and town, with holistic views of wellness that include mind, body, and spirit.”



Building Partnerships to Make Health a Priority

By Deborah Kinnard, PRC Deputy Director
University of South Carolina
Prevention Research Center



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- **Faith – Activity – Nutrition (FAN)**

According to Presiding Elder Alan Parrott, the FAN Program is an amazing collaboration between the faith community and academia to address a critical human need -- the health of people.” Pastors and congregations throughout the African Methodist Episcopal Church are encouraged to MAKE HEALTH A PRIORITY in 2022. To learn more about FAN and whether it might be right for your church, you can complete an interest form and find additional information on the FAN training website:

<http://prevention.sph.sc.edu/projects/fantraining.htm>.

You may also go to the Global Witness and Ministry website:

<http://AMEglobalministries.org>.

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EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS (14-20) MISSION STIPENDS (August 2021-March 2022)

14 th Episcopal District	\$7,600.00
15 th Episcopal District	\$6,400.00
16 th Episcopal District	\$7,600.00
17 th Episcopal District	\$7,600.00
18 th Episcopal District	\$7,600.00
19 th Episcopal District	\$6,400.00
20 th Episcopal District	\$7,600.00
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$50,800.00</u>



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EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS		1-13	
1 st	496	8 th	295
2 nd	589	9 th	192
3 rd	142	10 th	221
4 th	288	11 th	565
5 th	259	12 th	217
6 th	399	13 th	186
7 th	637	Total	4,436

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GLOBAL TRAVEL

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Due to the COVID-19 International travel restrictions, I have made only one international trip abroad to the 16th Episcopal District to engage clergy and laypersons in missions and ministry.

Through the use of technology and Zoom, I visited conferences in the 16th and 17th Episcopal Districts, as well as, attended the Global Development Council Revisioning Zoom meeting. During the gathering of the Global Development Council, along with Dr. David Wang, Director of the Templeton Grant Project, we presented a presentation on Clergy Spiritual Formation, examining what spiritual maturity in ministry looks like in Districts 14-20.

One of the Department goals as the COVID-19 pandemic is somewhat under control beginning this Fall is to resume international traveling to Districts 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 and access opportunities for mission service projects and program initiatives.

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FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal One: Organize the Duties and Responsibilities of the Department of Global Witness and Ministry into five strategic objectives:

- Objective One: Missions
- Objective Two: Humanitarian Services/Disaster Relief
- Objective Three: Education
- Objective Four: International/Domestic Concerns and Emerging Issues
- Objective Five: Fundraising

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FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- . Goal Two: Propose to Commission on Global Witness and Ministry the Establishment of Committees around these five strategic objectives:
 - Committee on Missions
 - Committee on Humanitarian Services/Disaster Relief
 - Committee on Education
 - Committee on International/Domestic Concerns and Emerging Issues
 - Committee on Fundraising

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FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Goal Three: Seek individuals, churches, episcopal districts, and organizations to assist The Department of Global Witness and Ministry in accomplishing its overall mission and objectives.

How Can You Help?



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FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

How Can You Help?

- Pray for the Department of Global Witness and Ministry and its Executive Director
- Make a commitment to become a missions partner with your individual or church financial gifts
- Make a commitment to become a global witness for missions. Recruit others in your circle to become a missions partner.

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- In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chair of the Commission on Global Witness and Ministry, Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell for his leadership and support, members of the Commission, Mr. Robert Nicholas, Dr. Deborah Taylor King and Mrs. Wanda Ringgold for their encouragement and support since becoming the Executive Director for Global Witness and Ministry.



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Special thanks to my predecessor, Dr. George Flowers for 21 years of stellar missions service as the first Executive Director for Global Witness and Ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. His assistance during my transition into the responsibilities and duties of the Department of Global Witness and ministry has been enormously helpful. Words are not enough to express how grateful I am to him for his assistance and words of encouragement during my first year of service in the Department of Global Witness and Ministry.

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To African Methodism, let me again thank you for this wonderful privilege to serve our Zion as the Executive Director for the Department of Global Witness and Ministry. I shall continue every day to make full proof of my commitment and dedication to this ministry.

Yours in the Service of Missions and Ministry,

John F. Green

Dr. John F. Green

Executive Director

Global Witness & Ministry



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