

Monday, January 12, 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. – Worship Period

Sis. Debra Johnson and Sis. Ethel Perkins led the worship period. Song: “This is the Day”
Scripture: 121 Psalms; Prayer by Sis. Johnson. There was a worship period exercise using the Word “LOVE”; volunteers were asked to share a song or scripture using the word “LOVE”.

Opening Remarks – Director Hockenhull.

Director Hockenhull thanked those who led the Worship Period; Sis. Johnson for her creativity and acknowledged who gave the example. She gave respect to Dr. Jerry Young, our new National President who will lead us higher and higher. Reminded us that Dr. Young had given a workshop in the National Young People’s Department on “Church Polity”; we need to know this.

Director Hockenhull gave respect to Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, our Woman’s Auxiliary President asking Prayer for them and their positions. If we stay in our lane, and serve, God will lift you up. She said, “God sees who is serving, happy in serving, sincerely happy—God will lift you up, you will be surprised, shocked at what the Lord will do.”

In Memorial: Tribute to Dr. M. L. King Jr. – Michigan State Youth Director, Sis. Madlyne Dansby, of

The Wolverine State Baptist Convention. Sis. Dansby gave a detailed history of Dr. King ending with excerpts from his “I Have A Dream” speech and encouraging us to take the children to see “Selma”, the movie chronicling the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as he led the non-violent way to obtain equal voting rights for African Americans. Dr. King and his followers faced violent opposition in 1965 in their campaign to secure those rights.

Director Hockenhull shared the program from the funeral service for the mother of Sis. Bennie Williams Roper, Registrar for the Young People’s Department.

Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, National President of the Woman’s Auxiliary was introduced.

Dr. Gatewood expressed gratitude for those who were here – thankful to meet the new regional youth directors. She gave expressions of leadership, following directives from the President, stay in your own lane. Transition period requires many, many people – she addressed Rev. Ezra L. Tillman, Jr., (new Pastor of First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Flint, MI). She acknowledged that this church has been a long time supporter. Dr. Gatewood gave appreciation for Director Hockenhull and all she has done, love for the young people. She came to encourage the Young People’s Department and remember to follow protocol. Wisdom comes with age. She admonished all to help Director Hockenhull, as she helps her and we will all grow together.

Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Brenda G. Lott, General Secretary

The highlights of the minutes from the Mid-Winter Board Meeting, January 20, 2014 held in Birmingham, AL, were read and approved as read.

In the absence of Sis. Alice Boyd, Rev. Jones was asked to give music and he offered, “I Love You Lord, Today”; Sis. Rosie Hudson was recognized and thanked for her hospitality in New Orleans last year at the Convention. Director Hockenhull said she appreciated her communication and cooperation in hosting the YPD.

Gold Certificates and special recognition was given to former Regional Youth Directors;
Sis. Mary Hopkins, Southwest who also received presentations from her Region delegates.
Rev Brown representing Sis. Rhonda Mitchell, Western
Others received the certificates for:
Sis. Wanda Hines, Midwest
Sis. Karen McKinney, Holley – Southeast
Sis. Lisa Malone Northeast

Report - Sis. Doris McGilberry, Chairman, Young People’s Department Day of Prayer.

In her absence, Director Hockenhull shared the program for National Young People’s Day of Prayer that She received from Sis. McGilberry. The Theme, “Prayer Works”, Ephesians 3:20; July 13, 2015 at 12 noon.

Workshop Presentation

“Envisioning the Future Exceptionally”

Presenter: Rev. Ezra L. Tillman, Pastor
First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church,
Flint, MI

Highlights: Pastor Tillman presented an inspirational, moving, and informative message on “Making Discipleship”, based on Matthew 16:24-26; “Think About Who is Following You”. “In evangelizing, we are swapping fish instead of catching fish. Jesus was criticized for hanging around the unchurched. We need to get the Gospel out by any means necessary. Jehovah Witnesses – knock on your door; Mormons – ride their bikes 2 by 2 in the hood; Muslims – stand in the streets passing out papers; Christians – just go to Church, we who have the Holy Spirit, we shout every Sunday and go home. What are we doing to evangelize the Church? We have to share the conviction. (1) What evangelism is – taking the message of Jesus Christ to the world...do it the way you do it. If you are saved, people can tell you are saved. Live the Life, don’t be ashamed, Power of God unto Salvation. (2) We are called to go ye therefore; we are gathering – but we are not going. (3) Get the people in love with Jesus; the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Start at home. Encourage our youth. (4) Pray for a soul that is a burden to us. Pray they will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is not our job to get them saved...it’s the Holy Ghost. Our job is to tell the story. God is big enough to meet them where they are. Take a personal interest, pray for the harvest.”

New Regional Youth Directors were introduced by Director Hockenhull. Each gave comments and recognized their guests.

Southwest

Sis. Mary Jordan-Smith (MS)

“If you can lay bricks, no need to tell anybody- just do what you can.” She prayed and asked for peace and wisdom. She appreciated Dr. Hockenhull having the confidence to appoint her.

Southeast

Sis. Gloria Simmons (Florida)

“When she received the phone call, knowing your gift will make room for you...thank God for the opportunity, did not ask or search for this...God has a place and time.”

Midwest

Sis. Queen Crawford (IL)

“Greet all in the name of Jesus Christ...accepting the position as a totaling unsuspecting leader for Christ. Thankful to God, and Director Hockenhull for putting her in this position. “I believe in excellence in anything you do---do it right.”

Western Sis. Sonja Daniels (UT)

“Shocked by the phone call; prayed to God. You go, you listen, you work and you pray. God will put people in your path to help. Encourage others... embrace the young people.” She appreciates Dr. Hockenhull for appointing her and she loved the message from Pastor Tillman. “Pray for each other.”

Northeast TBD

Sis. Mary Hopkins presented the Directors with gifts and words of encouragement including the reading of an article she wrote that is published in “The Uni-Fam Churchletter, January 2015,” “A Fresh Start”. Excerpts from her article, “We, the beautiful people of God, accept the fact that change will come, whether we welcome it or not...look forward and focus on the beauty of a new year”. It ended with, “Look around. Enjoy the transformation of the seasons. Embrace the new with a Spirit of Hope. Be thankful for a Fresh Start!”

Remarks / Benediction

Director Hockenhull expressed appreciation to all who come, who serve, who follow. Scripture: Isaiah 26:3
“Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.”
Pastor Tillman closed this session with prayer at 12:30.

Afternoon Session at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Music was provided by Alice Clinton-Boyd (Iowa).

Opened at 2:05 p.m. with Devotion led by Sis. Debra Johnson and Sis. Ethel Perkins singing, “I Surrender All”. Scripture: Psalm 27:14. Exercise – Alphabet words for “GOD”

Director Hockenhull gave Directives for the Regional Breakout Sessions and the Breakouts followed. Regionals should not be planned for the same dates. Break out sessions started at 2:10 p.m. The Regional Directors along with their Regional representatives, made plans for the coming 2015 Regionals, to be announced later.

The Session was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda G. Lott, General Secretary to
Dr. Marian J. Hockenhull, Director
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Woman’s Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Dr. Hugh Dell Gatewood, Woman’s Auxiliary President
Dr. Jerry Young, Convention President