

# Maiden Report to The Connectional Council

July 18-20, 2017 - Knoxville Marriott-Knoxville, TN

## GLOBAL MISSIONS' STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Greetings to the Board of Bishops and the members of the Connectional Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church! It is with great humility and joy that I present my maiden report to this Connectional Council. I count it all joy to be here after a rolling/successful campaign, rocky transition/challenges and real transformation/change. I can truly say, "through it all, I have learned to trust Jesus more!" Please find a summary of my labors, the audited financial stewardship report for 2016 and a trajectory forecast for the Department of Global Missions.

### Domestic Excursions:

1. Attended the 21st **World Methodist Council** in Houston, TX August 31-September 3, 2016
2. Attended Communion at **Home Church** - Salisbury A.M.E. Zion Church in Wilson, NC September 4, 2016
3. Attended **General Officers' Team** (G.O.T.) Strategic Meeting September 13-15, 2016
4. Workshop on *Rethinking Global Missions* Sunday at **Florida Annual Conference** in Pensacola, FL. September 7-11, 2016
5. Preached on **Global Missions Sunday** at Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, NC. - *Missions: Between A Rock And A Hard Place!* Matthew 13:18-23 (Dr. Dwayne A. Walker). September 24, 2016
6. Two Workshops at **CED Mid Winter Meeting** in Washington, D.C. - *Teaching & Reaching and The Teaching Ministry & Global Missions* on December 28-29, 2016
7. Preached **Church Anniversary** at Brown Community A.M.E. Zion Church, East. St. Louis, IL - *This Church Rocks!* Matthew 16:13-19 (Rev. Bernetta Patton). January 29, 2017
8. Attended the **Bold Like Jesus** Conference at Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church in Greensboro February 3, 2017
9. Preached at Hood Theological Seminary Chapel **Black History Service. *Focusing on the Christ in the Midst of Our Crisis!*** Matthew 11:25-30 February 8, 2017
10. Attended the **8th Endowment Convocation** at Hood Theological Seminary February 8, 2017
11. Preached at Moore's Sanctuary A.M.E. Zion Church in Charlotte, NC. - *Would You Change Your Color?* Jeremiah 13:20-27 (Dr. Raymon Hunt). February 19, 2017
12. Made Inaugural Report to **The Board of Bishops** at the Atlanta Airport Marriott February 21-25, 2017
13. Attended the **Celebration & Dedication** for Bishop Powell in Sacramento, CA. March 30-April 3, 2017

14. Sponsored registration for 2 Seminarians at the **Quadrennial Evangelism Congress** held at Camp Dorothy Wall. April 18-21, 2017
15. Attended **Historical Event** in Kannapolis, NC sponsored by Jacqueline Anthony April, 29, 2017
16. Attended **Pastors' Luncheon** sponsored by Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, NC - supporting Dr. Orlando Dowdy. May 19, 2017
17. Met with President John McCullough of **Church World Services** on May 23, 2017
18. Preached on **Trinity Sunday** at Invitation A.M.E. Zion Church, Snow Hill, NC. The Power of Three - Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20 (Rev. Shawin Dubois) June 11, 2017
19. Preached **Youth Revival** at Big Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, Kenansville, NC. - *The Truth About Tests, Do Your Own Homework! & What Do You Really Know?* (Dr. Larry Smith). June 14-16, 2017
20. Attended General Officers' Team (**G.O.T.**) **meeting** at Headquarters on June 20, 2017
21. Gave **maiden report** to The Connectional Council at Knoxville Marriott, Knoxville, TN on July 19, 2017
22. Attended the **11th Quadrennial Lay Convention** at the Knoxville Marriott, Knoxville, TN. July 22-27, 2017

### **International Expeditions:**

1. **GHAHA** - Grand Celebration for Bishop Dogbe - September 27-October 3, 2016
2. **SOUTH AFRICA** - Initial Meeting/Orientation with Bishop Crenshaw - October 16-27, 2016
3. **ZIMBABWE** - Annual Conference with Bishop Crenshaw - (*Workshop on December 3 - A Mission-Driven Church: Refocusing on Our Purpose*) December 2-7, 2016
4. **SOUTH AFRICA** - Annual Conference with Bishop Crenshaw - (*Sunday Morning Sermon - Blessings for The Busy Church - Luke 10:1-3 on December 11*) December 7-18, 2016
5. **JAMAICA** - Annual Conference with Bishop Battle - (*Annual Sermon - Stop Worrying About Stuff - Matthew 6:24-33 on January 19*) January 17-23, 2017
6. **NIGERIA** - Celebration of Consecration for Bishop Effiong February 28th - March 7th, 2017
7. **BARBADOS** - Annual Conference with Bishop Moore - (*Workshop on March 11 - The Freedom Church: Refocusing on Our Purpose*) March 10th - 13th, 2017
8. **TRINIDAD/TOBAGO** - Annual Conference with Bishop Starnes - (*Missions Night - Missionaries: You Gotta Go! Matthew 28:18-20 - March 24th*) March 22-March 25, 2017
9. **GUYANA/SURINAME** - Annual Conference with Bishop Moore - (*Workshop on March 25th - The Freedom Church: Refocusing on Our Purpose*) March 25-27, 2017
10. **GHANA** - Preachers & Leaders Institute with Bishop Dogbe - (*2 Workshops on April 20 - The Mission of the Missionary in Plenary Session and Missions & Money: Financing Missions Ministry in Breakout Session*) April 16-24, 2017
11. **SOUTH AFRICA/MALAWI** - Reconciliation Talks with Bishop Crenshaw - July 8-13, 2017

**12. JAMAICA** - Attended 50th+ Anniversary of Zion in Jamaica - Cornwall Conference, Montego Bay with Bishop Battle - July 14-17, 2017

### **Administrative Initiatives:**

1. Increased Allocations paid to the (7) Overseas Episcopal Areas!
2. Drafting of Proposed Budget
3. Found Funds for New Overseas Episcopal District - Central Southern Africa
4. Searched for Local Printing Services (*2 have been utilized and we have settled on Lake Printing out of Charlotte*)
5. Revamped Office/Spacing
6. Secured the Services of a Business Manager, Office Assistant and Graphic Designer
7. Purchased Efficient Office Equipment
8. Bought out Lease Agreement/Returned 2 Copiers saving the Department more than \$25,000 yearly
9. Initialized sending Complimentary Magazines to All Bishops (Active & Retired), former General Officers and Missionary Supervisors
10. Initialized placing The Missionary Seer in Libraries such as Duke Divinity School & Andover-Harvard Theological Library
11. Auditing The Missionary Seer's Subscription List
12. Writing a clearer Vision for the Missions Enterprise of our Zion (*Curriculum & Course of Action*)

### **Highlights/Notes:**

1. 32 Conferences have paid and/or submitted Subscription lists
2. Global Missions Sunday Offerings \$32,000 (*about \$12,000 more than last year*)
3. Supportive Chairman & Department Staff
4. Organizing of the Board of Global Missions
5. Collected clothing for Girls School in Ghana and other places where needed

### **Forecast:**

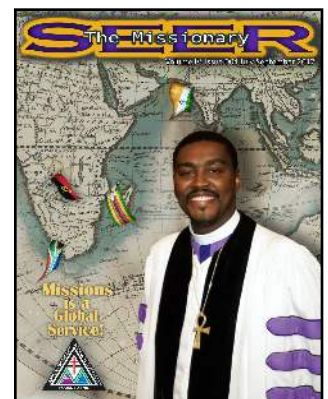
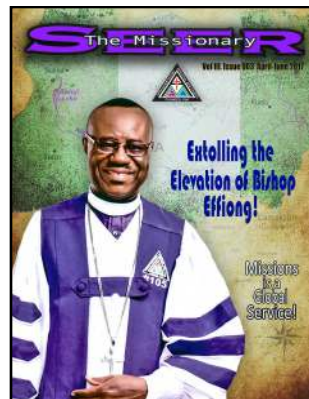
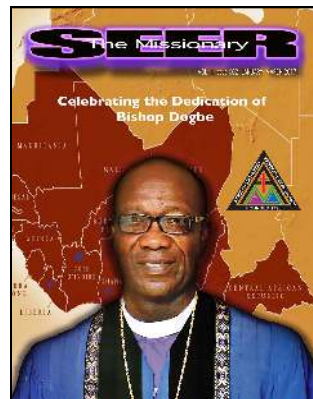
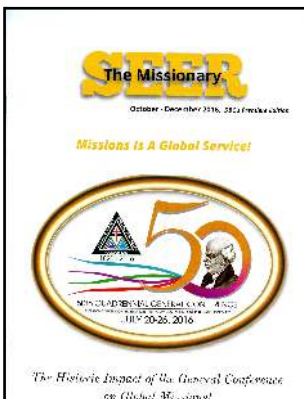
1. Active & Involved Board of Global Missions (*Participating in Subscriptions audits, mission trips and Global Missions Sunday Appeals*)
2. Strategic Input from Board and Mission-minded Zionites (*and others*) on plotting a Course for Missions-In-Action and Vision Statement!
3. Adoption of Proposed Global Missions Logo, Motto & Hymn following protocol with General Secretary/Auditor and Chief Communications Officer
4. Increase Subscriptions by 25% for this Quadrennium
5. Continued Audit/Purging of Subscription List (*within 1 year*) with help of Conference Periodical Personnel and Board Members
6. More Allocation for Overseas Areas without Domestic Conferences' Support
7. New Global Missions Sunday Posters & Inserts

8. Reorganizing and reactivating of the Missions Advocate Plan
9. Online Edition of The Missionary Seer following protocol with Chief Communications Officer
10. Compilation of A History on Missions in the A.M.E. Zion Church
11. Rekindling of Involvement with Church World Services
12. Missions Caucus comprised of Mission-minded participants (To Develop a Missions Curriculum and New Strategy for Action)

Humbly submitted,

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