

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Senior Bishop Marshal Gilmore, Patron Bishop L. L. Reddick III, past Patron Bishops C. D. Coleman and Nathaniel L. Linsey, Mrs. Elnora P. Hamb, President, Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., and Mrs. Ocie (my Bishop and First Lady), the College of Bishops, Past Council Presidents, the Executive Committee, Executive Board Members, General Officers, Missionaries, visitors, friends, and all of God's children: In the name of Jesus Christ who commanded us to go out into the highways and byway to help spread His everlasting Gospel, I greet you!

Wherefore I...cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers....Ephesians 1:15-16.

I stand before you with a deep sense of gratitude for I am here at this place and time because of what you did in August 2003! And I am thankful to you and God for allowing me the opportunity to work in the capacity of vice president with such a wonderful group of Christian women.

"We've all drank water from wells that we did not dig, and have been warmed by fires that we did not build." Deut. 6:10

The report that I share with you today is from "wells dug and fires" built by Helena B. Cobb, first vice president of the Missionary Council and for whom our scholarship program is named, Dr. Thelma J. Dudley, founder of the four year higher education scholarship, and Mrs. Lizzie Willis, the immediate past vice president who worked tirelessly to bring out scholarship program to a higher level, and all past and current vice presidents and presidents, and missionaries on all levels. And I give praise to the Almighty Lord for His sustaining grace in bringing us to this appointed time.

It is with sincere appreciation that I make my first report of my stewardship as vice president. The scope and responsibility of the Vice President has been challenging and most rewarding, and I am sure I have not done all that I should have done, and possibly did some things I should not have done, but by the grace of God I have done what I could. You have provided me the opportunity to coordinate the Helena B. Cobb Higher Education Program that consists of annual scholarships for one year and scholarship grants for four years, as one of the primary responsibilities of this office, and because of your generous contributions, 194 students have benefited from the annual scholarships and nine (9) students from the four-year grants.

It has been my pleasure to communicate with Missionary Presidents, Vice Presidents, ministers, parents and students, to facilitate the application process on behalf of our students. Letters, cards, e-mails and other vehicles of communication verify that your contributions have been received and appreciated by the scholarship recipients, throughout the country, who are pursuing an education – **with your help**. On their behalf – **I thank you!**

My Stewardship to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World

To facilitate communication expeditiously among the Region Vice Presidents, I have established an Online Tech (Click) Team with the main purpose being to download information sent by the Council's Vice President. Seventeen of the thirty-two vice presidents are computer savvy and each of them was assigned a vice president to disseminate information via U.S. Mail to those vice presidents who **did not have access** to the Internet. This has helped all of us to keep up-to-date and abreast of the missionaries and CMEs activities. I also placed the Helena B. Cobb Application and an Overview of the Program on both the CME Website and the Missionary Council's Website on the Internet. This information was also published in the *Missionary Messenger* and the *Christian Index* along with a **Fact Sheet** on the Life of Helena B. Cobb and an **Observance Form** for the local societies.

With the help of the Commission on Education, the criteria and guidelines for the selection of recipients of the Helena B. Cobb (Four Year) Scholarships has been revised and updated. Application packets with the updated criteria and other information have been distributed to the Executive Committee, the Region Presidents and Vice Presidents and the Commission on Education.

Presently, we are in the process of collecting information to prepare a Directory of colleges/universities /military bases/technical schools and such units within each Region to keep our CME students in these units involved with the CME Church. I have received some completed forms from some Regions and am asking those Regions who have not turned in your forms to please do so. This Directory will be distributed at the 2005 Executive Board.

I have distributed an Interactive CD-ROM of Historically Black Colleges/Universities to the Executive Committee, the Region Presidents and Vice Presidents, the Commission on Education and other members of the Executive Board. The CD-ROM was published by Ember Media in conjunction with the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation. It features celebrities such as Tom Joyner (graduate of Tuskegee) Ananda Lewis (graduate of Howard), DJ Envy (graduate of Hampton) with a special message from The Honorable William J. Clinton, 42nd President of the U.S. A wealth of information about Black Colleges/Universities is on the CD – such as programs offered, tuition cost, scholarship and financial aid information, etc. Missionaries, if you don't have access to a computer then you might want to "loan" the CD to students in your church/District/Region.

It has been my pleasure to speak for several churches and I received a blessing from these opportunities. I was privileged to be interviewed in my home by one of the local TV Stations and appeared "live" on KTVE TV Station on December 26th to explain the meaning of Kwanzaa.

One of my major objectives as vice president is to establish a mentoring and higher education scholarship program **specifically** for our young males. The program is called **Save Our Sons (SOS)**. Why the name **SOS**? Because **SOS** is a distress signal and we want to make it abundantly clear that a crisis exist and because we know that we have to help save our young males. I prepared a proposal for the establishment of the Save Our Sons Program (SOS), which was published in the December 2003 *Christian Index* that explained the need and underlined my rationale for such a program. In my efforts to establish this program, I mailed many, many letters with a brochure to CMEs asking for a gift donation of \$100.00 to raise \$10,000 to set the foundation. Because of the generosity of many of you and others CMEs, I am happy to report and present to our President, the sum of \$10,840.00. The list of our wonderful contributors is in this report. I am so grateful for your support and the support of other CMEs, and from the bottom of my heart – **I THANK YOU** and know that the young males who will benefit from this program will **thank you too!**

In trying to develop systematic fund raising methods to secure additional funds for the **SOS** Program, I am asking all missionaries to support the "**\$\$\$ (Dollars) for Scholars**" Program. In the "**\$\$\$ (Dollars) for Scholars**" Program, members are asked to put just **One (1) Dollar** a month in a "schoolhouse" or other such container. This program is explained in details in this report. We will work with the Grant and Proposal Team established by President Hamb to look for grants and apply for them for the **SOS** Program.

In an effort to promote computer technology and make communicating faster and more efficient among the missionaries across the Connection, the Region Vice Presidents will prepare an E-Mail Directory for the Missionary Council. Please fill out the form and place it in one of the boxes at the Exits. You can pick up a form at the Registration Table or at the entrance of this room. You may also want to take an extra copy home, make copies and distribute to your local church, district and Region. The deadline for turning these forms in is **September 30, 2004**.

Your reports reflect that you have been "**doers of the Word.**" You have initiated and participated in the Helena B. Cobb Day observances, and you have met your financial obligations for which we are truly grateful, and we thank you for a total contribution of **\$63,966.53**. You certainly have been loyal

advocates for our young people and “*Christian Missionaries Meeting the Challenges of a Changing World!* We sincerely commend and thank you for your extraordinary work and commitment.

As you can see from this report, our four-year scholarship recipients are doing a fine job in college. And again we commend you, for it is because of your hard work and generosity in providing finance to help make it possible for these students to attend college.

We also want to pay tribute to Mrs. Lizzie Willis, the immediate Past Vice President of the Missionary Council. She was chosen and honored as one of the 13 “Stars Over Longview.”

Local and Region Vice Presidents, I am asking you to please check the applications for the annual Helena B. Cobb scholarships before they are sent to me. I have received applications with no Social Security Number, no address of the college/university or the wrong address, and we cannot award a student a scholarship without this information. May I remind you that the local president and vice president, and the Region President and Vice President should **sign** the applications before they are sent to me. I am asking all missionaries to encourage your young people to attend one of our CME Colleges and/or Historically Black Colleges/Universities. “In the words of Senior Bishop Gilmore, “*If you don’t toot your own horn, it shall remain forever in a state of untootiveness.*”

My sincere appreciation is extended to our president, Sis. Elnora Hamb, for her dynamic leadership and support, to the treasurer, Mrs. Emogene Crittenden for all of the hours spent coordinating the fiscal component of our scholarship programs, and to Johnnie, my husband for his support. And finally, on behalf of the scholarship recipients, special thanks to all Vice Presidents on every level for your commitment and support, and to all missionaries throughout the Connection for you certainly are “*Christian Missionaries Meeting the Challenges of a Changing World in Education* — and **WE THANK YOU!!!**

Respectfully submitted,

Princess R. Pegues, Vice President

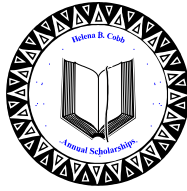
Royal Blue Regions

\$3000.00 AND UP

<i>Episcopal District</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
Third	Michigan/Indiana	Eloise Love	Terry Alexander	6,662.49
Eighth	South East Texas	Rita Washington	Arkalio Stein	6,000.00
Fifth	Florida	Mary Stalling	Christine Walls-Tucker	4,690.00
Third	S.E. MO/III/WI	Betty Brown	Willie Neal Thomas	4,434.00
Eighth	Dallas/Forth Worth	Gladys Stern	Emma Freeman	4,000.00
First	West Tennessee	Sandra Jones	Alvis M. Bond	3,809.00
Seventh	New York/Washington	G. Bernice Richardson	Emma Cox-Lovelace	3,519.63

\$1,500.00 –\$ 2,999.00 Plus Regions

Seventh	Carolina	Laura A. Holloway	Faye Crowder	2,245.00
Sixth	Georgia North	Janie Franklin	Kathi R. Roberts	2,112.18
Ninth	Northern California	Sallie Lindsay	Delores Hollington	2,559.00
Eighth	Central Texas	Orlene McCullough	Elnora Jones	2,000.00
Ninth	Southern California	Alfreda Davis	Wanda Thomas	2,150.00
First	East/West Arkansas	Josephine Thompson	Shirley Gamble	1,760.23
First	East Tennessee	Pamela C. Springfield	Peggie Wilson	1,500.00



Presidents and Vice Presidents Financial Report

<u>EPISCOPAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	AMOUNT	TOTAL
First Bishop W. H. Graves	West Tennessee East Tennessee East/West Arkansas	Sandra Jones Pamela C. Springfield Josephine Thompson	Alvis M. Bond Peggie Wilson Shirley Gamble	\$ 3809.00 1500.00 1760.23	\$7,069.23
Second Bishop E. Lynn Brown	Ohio/Central Ind. Kentucky	Kimberly Harris Mary Taul	Dorothy Dozier Nancy Grimes	1000.00	1,000.00
Third Bishop Paul Stewart	Kansas/Missouri Michigan/Indiana S.E. MO/ Illinois/WI	Myrtle West Eloise Love Bettye Brown	Lizzie Bishop Terry Alexander Willie Neal Thomas	1150.00 6662.49 4434.00	12,246.49
Fourth Bishop Thomas Hoyt, Jr.	Louisiana South Louisiana Northeast Mississippi Mississippi South	Patricia Willis Delores Gaines W. Jean Moore Annie Williams	Evelyn Gosey Ruby Silas Ardelia Briggs Rose Willis	1000.00 1000.00 1000.00 1000.00	4,000.00
Fifth Bishop L. L. Reddick, III	North Central Ala South East Alabama Birmingham Florida	Nettie May Emogene Crittenden Lula Bowden Mary Stallings	Helen Jenkins Leola Patterson Dorothy Henderson Christine Walls- Tucker	1000.00 1005.00 1200.00 4690.00	7,895.00
Sixth Bishop Othal H. Lakey	Georgia North Central Georgia South Georgia West Georgia	Janie Franklin Ellestine Stephens Marye L. J. Wright Marion Buchanan	Kathi R. Roberts Hilda H. Murphy Kim Ezekiel Siddis Willis	2112.18 1000.00 1000.00 1000.00	5,112.18
Seventh Bishop Charles L. Helton	Carolina New York/Washington	Laura A. Holloway G. Bernice Richardson	Faye Crowder Emma Cox-Lovelace	2,245.00 3,519.63	5,764.63
Eighth Bishop Marshall Gilmore	Central Texas Dallas/Fort Worth East Texas North West Texas South East Texas	Orlene McCullough Gladys Stern Diana Hardiman Linda Horsley Rita Washington	Elnora Jones Emma Freeman Eulalia Allen Louise Pacely Arkalio Stein	2000.00 4000.00 1000.00 1000.00 6000.00	14,000.00
Ninth Bishop Henry Williamson	Alaska/Pacific Arizona/New Mexico Northern California Oklahoma/Muskogee Southern California	Mattie Powell Christine Dillon Sallie Lindsay Eloise Lee Alfreda Davis	Rose Martin Della Hester Delores Hollington Gwendolyn Gibson Wanda Thomas	670.00 300.00 2559.00 1200.00 2150.00	6,879.00
			GRAND TOTAL	\$63,966.53	\$63,966.53

Recommendations

- 1. That each society shall hold a Helena B. Cobb observance on or near the second Sunday in January.**
- 2. That we continue to present annual scholarships to high school graduates each year.**
- 3. That the monies raised by Helena B. Cobb observances be forwarded to the Council's treasurer and a copy of the payment be mailed to the Council's Vice President.**
- 4. That the final day for submitting funds raised for the Helena B. Cobb Scholarship programs will be January 20th of the calendar year for credit to the respective Region.**
- 5. That we continue to present the Helena B. Cobb Higher Education (Four Year) Program with competition at the Local (2004), District (2005), Region (2006), Episcopal and Quadrennial (2007) Levels.**
- 6. That the recipients of the Helena B. Cobb Higher Education (Four Year) Scholarship send a written progress report with a picture and authorize the Registrar's office to send an official copy of his/her grade to the Council's Vice President by January 5th and June 5th of each year.**
- 7. That the educational network will continue to be implemented with Vice Presidents on each level coordinating and that the local and district presidents and vice presidents assist the Region Presidents and Vice Presidents in gathering addresses and phone numbers of colleges/universities/technical schools and other such units in their town/city.**
- 8. That each Region holds a Career Fair for their youth from 9-12 grades to make them aware of the various colleges and what they have to offer.**
- 9. That a higher education scholarship program to be known as Save our Sons (SOS) be established specifically for graduating male seniors who wish to further their education at a CME College and/or a Historically Black College/University (HBCU). The establishment of the SOS Program would include a mentoring program for males ages 9-18.**
- 10. That the book, "*Young Lions: A Christian Rites of Passages for African American Young Men*," by Dr. Chris McNair be adopted to be used with the SOS Program.**
- 11. That all missionaries support the "\$\$\$ (Dollars) for Scholars " Program to help fund the SOS Program.**
- 12. That missionaries on all levels encourage their youth to attend a CME College and/or one of our Historically Black Colleges/Universities.**