



NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY, INC.

*“Lift their burdens, build up their spirits and give them courage.”
(St. Luke 4:18)*



FOUNDING PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL STATE OF THE YEAR REPORT Reverend Dr. Mary M. Heggie, Founding President/CEO January-December 2019-2020

Reaching Out & Lifting Up!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord, and greetings from all our NCAWM family!

On behalf of the North Carolina Association for Women in Ministry, Inc., (NCAWM) I am delighted to send you greetings from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

With the 35th Annual Convention Conference of the North Carolina Association for Women in Ministry, Inc., it is fitting we engage in an “aha” moment to glance at our past as we progress into our future. Since our beginning in 1984, the NCAWM family has boldly and unapologetically impacted the lives of our sisters in ministry. Driven and guided by our thrust to **“lift their burdens, build up their spirits and give them courage,”** NCAWM has intentionally traversed on the leading edge of women in ministry, challenges and issues. Thus, we have become one of the leading women in ministry associations in the local counties and communities.

Fortunately, our story is a living progressive history. It is history in the making, always progressing to the new and yet to be realized. Friends, we have not always been successful in our efforts. We have and will continue to experience high and low tides. Yet, we are fashioned by the hand of God to withstand the turbulent, stormy seas of the times. And because of our faithfulness and fortitude, we will continue to lead in the arena of sisterhood. Sisters in ministry are who we, and sisters in ministry is what we do.

Alongside high and low moments, we have experienced transitional periods in our history. We are now in the midst of one such period. Throughout its inception, the North Carolina Association for Women in Ministry has benefitted from bold, sterling, visionary leadership of our spiritual fathers who were dedicated, unquestionable committed and compassionate to help lead us into a place of prominence. To this day, Reverend Dr. Leatha Debnam, Reverend William H. Brock and Reverend Dr. Joseph Paige legacy lives and is remembered, loved and revealed by NCAWM!

God did what God does, and has sent women with new visionaries to lead NCAWM forward. Together we labor in fellowship and servitude to be accountable for the work of women in ministry that has been



placed in our hands. I am thrilled to have worked with this Executive Board and Chapter Presidents. Our exciting and precious work is a blessing from God for all members involved. Together we labor in association with our members, to be accountable for the work of ministry that has been placed in our hands. I embrace my duty and responsibility to continue to **“pave the way, and make straight the path”** for the next President in 2022. However, I have neither intention to just mark time, or tread water while in this position. I will continue to contribute to the health and ongoing work the North Carolina Association for Women in Ministry.

What an incredible time to be in the presence of the Lord!

We were excited to host a gathering of an interfaith prophetic community consisting of pastors, preachers, teachers, psalmists, spiritual leaders, prayer warriors, other participants and women in ministry and the community to the North Carolina Association for Women in Ministry, Inc., Second Annual Ecumenical Interfaith Prayer Summit. The Summit convened in Raleigh, North Carolina, Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church. This historical venue was once again held at 501 South Blount Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Reverend Dr. Harold Miller is the host pastor. There were reflections of shared worship experiences with our late Psalmist and Minister of Music, Minister Gail Kornegay as well as, spiritual leaders, prayer warriors and other participants in local and countywide areas. Witnessing the anointed “decree and declaration” of “The Holiness of Prayer” from our keynote speaker, Dr. Cathy Jones, Pastor of the Parkland CME Church from Charlotte, NC; created a burst of unquenchable flames of fire upon the powerful prayers from our intercessors. Truly, we were “In His Presence!”

Even in a fragmented and broken world, much prayer has been and continues to be offered to God about this being a time where the presence of God is experienced, the voice of God is heard and the will of God is fulfilled in His people! Onsite check-in started at 10:30AM and Worship Service started at 11:00am and concluded at 1:00pm followed by our **County Presidents’ Reception and Vendor’s Exhibitions.**

NCAWM 35th ANNUAL CONVENTION CONFERENCE AND POSTHUMOUS LEGEND BANQUET

November 8-9, 2019 was the time for NCAWM to reassemble for growth and encouragement. Our theme was: “21st Century Women in Ministry Paradigm Shift: Fostering a New Generation of Leadership.” As we looked inside our prominences in 2019 to examine the integrity of our leadership in our age, we personally searched deeply within not to rest on our own laurels and strength, but follow the lead of Zerubbabel who committed in Zechariah 4:6: “Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts (ESV).” We are called to help others so the focus cannot be on self. Let this, our motto be: help me to live for others that I might live like thee.

Once again fall heralded the time that God’s proclaimers of the Gospel prepared to gather in their sanctuary on the Six Forks Road inlet to worship, rejoice, and revivify because of a faithful, merciful and grace-filled Savior Who has granted us life in its abundance. The news from our journalists of the year verifies that the pages of The Word are constantly transforming into the events of our daily lives, yet we



remain joyful because of our trust in a God who is a promise keeper. Above and beyond the vestiges evident in the trials of life, God yet gives us a song in the night that holds us fast. As ambassadors of God, we therefore remained steadfast in telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love, for 'tis the promise of God full salvation to give. We gather each year to celebrate the promise and reconnection and recommitment to the sharing of God's covenant with the world.

Our Legend's Banquet created a time to possess an even greater appreciation for "The Faith of our Fathers," Reverend Dr. Leotha Debnam, Reverend William H. Brock and Reverend Dr. Joseph Paige. Those in attendance were moved with deep and profound gratitude as we celebrated these posthumous legends. Their contributions were too numerous to name in the setting but on that evening, they were the *"Wind beneath our wings."* The Reverend Dr. David C. Forbes was the keynote speaker.

Saturday, afford us to present special awards and acknowledgements were presented to Mr. Collin Lewis, our 2019 Recipient for the Eloise Fuller Scholarship Foundation and InterAct Services for Women, our Recipient of the Ernestine Batts Mission Foundation. Reverend George T. Cromwell presented a powerful workshop on **"Flames of Fire,"** followed by a Memorial Service for the late Minister Linda Gail Kornegay, NCAWM's Minister of Music.

2019 –YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL REPORT

1. A sufficient and fair presentation and "clean" audit of the 2019 financial report relating to statements of activities and cash flows for the year end is completed
2. Sponsored First Annual Ecumenical Interfaith Prayer Summit Saturday, May 11, 2019
3. Provided 2nd direct \$500 Scholarship to Eloise Fuller Foundation
4. Provided 2nd direct \$250 Charitable contribution to Ernestine Batts Mission Foundation
5. Supported County Chapters' local outreach ministry to area communities
6. Successful Two-Day Annual Convention Conference & Posthumous Legends' Banquet November 8-9, 2019
7. With the support of our Gold and Silver Donors and support from the Executive Board Members including those who wish to remain anonymous, our 2019-2020 Projected Overall Premier goal of \$3000-\$5000 was met! Praise God we exceeded the amount projected! All bills paid and accounted for!

IN APPRECIATION

- Minister Christina Jones for excellent work as Event Planner of all our events and researching information of posthumous legends while orchestrating the legend's plaques and presiding over the Banquet;
- Elder Latangela Hyman for supervising the public relations as well as resources for Media resources and website building;
- Reverend Gwendolyn Starr for providing services and guidance as Executive Director of Chapter Operations to all County Chapter Presidents.
- Minister Mangum for providing excellent spiritual guidance and Prayer facilitator;



- Dr. Barbara Barner & Members of the Wake County Chapter for spearheading this year's Scholarship Fund and Parade of Hats fundraising event;
- Reverend Mary Ann Broadnax & Members of the Franklin County for spearheading this year's Mission Fund;
- Elder Yvonne Addison & Members of the Durham County and Reverend Minnie Bannister and Members of the Halifax County and their chapter's support in each charity cause;
- All Chapters providing resources and assistance in all events and services;
- Deacon Mavis Evans and Secretary Arnetta Robinson and their tremendous efforts to record accurately and to keep registration flowing properly;
- Deacon Mavis for facilitating the Catering for both events;
- And to everyone participating in all special services and events. Excellent job and presentations – whatever part you played! Thank you! We appreciate you!

SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY INVOLVEMENT -

The people of the United States are in a season of change that is raising many questions about the character of their country. Beyond interrogating controversial and confrontational actions of its current administration is a deeper question. What kind of people do we intend to be? Christians of the United States and the world should resist, peaceably yet forcefully and resolutely, all efforts of exploitation, victimization and manipulation in favor of collaboration for justice and peace. This is the kind of people that you should intend to be.

If we are engaged in ministries of evangelism, compassion, empowerment and advocacy then we must be challenged toward a deeper and more critical reflection on the faith, love and witness of Jesus Christ. God help us all!

If not now, when? Lord, let us preach Thee without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the force, the sympathetic influence of what we do... *to lift their burdens, build up their spirits and give them courage!*

PROPOSED STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OUTLINED FOR 2020:

- 1. Strengthen global mission involvement**
 - a. Life Restoration Fellowship, Kenya, Africa
 - b. Support missional organizations and provide assistance for project implementation
- 2. Provide education and leadership training (congregational, pastoral and seminary)**
 - a. Partnership with East Carolina Christian and Seminary to offer Certificate Program in Women Leadership and Biblical Studies (See information enclosed.)
 - b. Engage younger women in ministry for greater involvement and leadership
 - c. Design online classes for remote regions
 - d. Develop Emerging leaders



3. **Provide Heighten NCAWM Awareness**
 - a. Increase quality and quantity of marketing
 - b. Engage social media effectively for general awareness, engagement and support
 - c. Grow network
4. **Expand depth and breadth of church participation for First Ladies in ministry**
5. **Widen 30+ women in ministry involvements (millennials and Generation X)**
6. **Fortify organizational strength**
 - a. Enlarge network of organizational and individual donors
 - b. Increase giving amounts from existing donors
 - c. Expand administrative capacity to manage resources and alliances
7. **Partnership with “Peace of Passion” with Elder Latangela Hyman for 10% membership discounts**
8. **Offer Resume Writing Assistance with Starr Administration**

PROPOSED 2020 DATES OF EVENTS:

- **Annual New Year’s Executive Board Meeting** will consist of Executive Officers, Chapter Presidents, VPs, Members At-Large and New Chapter Officers. Saturday, January 25, 2020 @ 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Location: Williams Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh
- **Annual Prayer Summit:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 @ 8:30 AM – 1:00PM
Location: Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh (Sponsor prayer workshop and etc.)
- **2020 Annual Convention Conference & Luncheon,** Saturday, November 14, 2020 @ 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM.
Location: Hotel TBD
- **All County Chapter Events & Services Final Dates** will be released at the Executive Board Meeting January 2020.
 - Halifax/Northampton County Chapter will sponsor “A Seat at the Table” program September 2020.
 - Durham County Chapter will sponsor “A Panel Discussion” program on March 14, 2020

2019 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

This publication exists to serve the sisterhood by providing readers with insight and information about the news, activities, events, programs, plans and partners of the Association. It is published three times a year.



Questions and comments may be submitted to maryheggie7@gmail.com or NCAWM, Inc., P. O. Box 270, Garner, NC 27529. We invite sisters to send articles, sermons, announcements and job openings to be placed in our newsletter or visit our website at: ncwomeninministry.com. The editors and contributors are very grateful for all that our sisters invest in this informational tool for NCAWM. If you have made a contribution to "THE HERALD" to support our work, to invest in the next generation of women in ministry, and to reflect any of the gratitude and passion you feel for this organization, we thank you. You have made a wise investment.

FINAL WORD -

Frederick Douglas was correct when he penned the truth, "There is no progress without struggle." NCAWM, through our story, has seen its share of challenges and struggle. Yet, God remains faithful. During years of recession, our recovery has been slow. We were adversely affected. As a result, we struggled to serve with less. However, as Paul proclaimed, "we grieve not, as people who have no hope." The need is great, and the need is real. Therefore, I remind us: it is the responsibility of every Executive Board Member to participate in the future development of our great movement.

While serving in this capacity, I remain convinced of the guidance and presence of God as the author and finisher of all we do. When we, as an organization, face the Red Seas that would have us believe our resources are inadequate and our containers are almost dry, I can hear the powerful, resounding voice of our God as He spoke unto His servant Moses, "What is in your hand?" North Carolina Association for Women in Ministry, if we embrace the moment, God has provided what we need to perform the task He has given. ***"Stretch forth your hand!"***

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

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