



Biographical Sketch

Mrs. JoAnn Bowens Holmes

Mrs. Holmes is a former General Coordinator of The Young Adult Missionary Society, 1991-1999. During her tenure she wrote the YAMS Promotional Service and set the social issues. The AIDS Candlelight Prayer and Vigil was the vision of Mrs. Holmes. It is good to know that YAMS are still making AIDS a priority outreach!

Today Mrs. Holmes is a retired educator having served 36 years in education. She and her husband James L. Holmes, Sr. live in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have two adult children Jamie and Jennifer. They are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters Tia and Tiairra.

Mrs. Holmes is a member of Greenville Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church in Charlotte, N. C. Her pastor is Rev. Dr. Sheldon R. Shipman. She serves as Leader of Leaders, The Ministry of Kindness Treasurer (Poor Steward) the Steward Board and anywhere the Lord directs her to serve. She serves the North Charlotte District as Second Mile Chairman under the leadership of Mrs. Linda Bowman, District President.

At this time in her life, Mrs. Holmes is excited about “new learning” as she explores the WORD OF God! Writing “exegesis” lessons has taken her to new heights of understanding the Bible. To God Be the Glory!

Mrs. Holmes will always be grateful to Dr. Willa Mae Anderson Rice, Dr. Adlise Ivey Porter, Mrs. Alcestis Coleman, and Mrs. Janie Speaks for giving her the opportunities to lead the YAMS.

A grateful heart is extended to Mrs. Dawn Walker, Dr. Barbara Shaw and the Executive Board for this opportunity to serve.

YAMS Empowerment Retreat

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

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Camp Dorothy Walls Hotel and Retreat Center
Black Mountain, North Carolina

What's the Point and the Purpose

Presenter

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Mrs. Barbara Shaw, General President

Mrs. Joyce Reid, 2nd Vice President/ Dean of Institute

Mrs. Geraldine J. Walker, Host Missionary Supervisor,
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Piedmont Episcopal District

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“What’s the Point and the Purpose?”

Introductions & History
Foundations
Purpose & Plan

Maximizing our potential (networking, partnering, mentoring)

- Ministries
- Missions

Intro / History

Foundations

Purpose / Plan

The Point



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1. God chose you. *Ephesians 1:4,5, Psalms 139: 13-15, Jeremiah 1:4-10*
2. God chose you for a purpose. *Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 1:6, 1 Peter 2:9*
3. God filled you with Spiritual Gifts. *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*
4. God fills you with Fruit of the Spirit. *Galatians 5:22*
5. God’s plan for me (us). *John 4:23, Ephesians 1, Ephesians 2:10*
6. Fulfilling the mission: *Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20*
7. The expansion of the church. *Acts 1:8*
8. How do we do God’s work?
9. Sharing the Plan
10. Working the Plan



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The Book of Acts

The Book of **ACTS** is thought to possibly be written by Luke. This book mainly contains the Acts of Peter and Paul, mainly Paul. In Halley’s Bible Handbook, p. 558, it states that Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles. **ACTS** give us the formation and spreading of the Christian Church, as well as the extension of the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Also in Halley’s Bible Handbook, revised edition, p. 559, it speaks of Luke, the author. It states that Luke is little known and seems to be classed as a Gentile. If this is true, it would make Luke the only Gentile writer of the Bible.

Luke is recognized as a man of culture, a doctor by profession. He seems to be wealthy as most of the first disciples were.

Luke may have brought Paul to Phillipii. Luke was a leader in the Phillipian Church. He was with Paul until Paul’s death.

Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Maximizing our Potential Through Outreach Ministries

The book, The Purpose Driven Life p. 281 states that we were made for a mission. Your ministry is service to those “inside” the church. Your Mission is Service to those outside the Church. We are to carry out and carry on Jesus’ mission.

How?

Networking:

Mentoring:

Partnering

1. Networking: Simply talking to, communicating with others on what we want to do and how they can help.
2. Partnering: Taking on project to do with another group to accomplish a goal.
3. Mentoring: Being willing to give of your time, talent (expertise) and treasure to help some one else.



Networking "In N Out" Partnering

In = Inside the Church
Out = Outside the Church
In Reach

Possible Projects Inside the Church

In:

Many small churches in Zion need resources and finances. Help small churches by doing the following.

1. Every YAMS organization on the district will give \$25.00 per month per quarter, etc. If you have 10 churches on your district that you equal \$250.00. Give the \$250.00 to a needy small church to help them with the assessments, church maintenance, etc.
2. Every YAMS organization on the district could offer or visit with resources. Sometimes that means filling a church with warm bodies and an offering once a quarter. Each YAM visiting should put \$10.00 in the offering. Resources could also be Bibles, Hymnals, Missionary Literature, etc.
3. Look at the professionals in your organization and share your expertise information. Sometimes we know a lot but fail to share what we know. YAMS could do a newsletter of sorts that tell what's going on in the local government, what's coming to their communities, political action information, voting information, available resources for food, clothing, housing, medical, etc. share as much as you can about Medicare, Medicaid and upcoming insurance information. Healthcare and Wellness tips, etc.

Do not only focus on YAMS, but on the total church, men as well as women.

4. Host events for your church:
Please don't always make your events sad and serious. Bring fun to the church such as

A good fundraising talent show or fashion show is “Golden Girls.” This is not my original idea but Ms. Johnnie Mae Tracy’s idea. She sold tickets to golden Girls and made great money. These are the Senior women of the church/district.



Outreach Outside the Church

1. Team up with other denominations (AME, CME, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc.) to do a mission project. Make AIDS Prayer Vigils in as many denominations through the YAMS all on the same day. Shepherded by A. M. E. Zion.
2. Do a mission project in Haiti, Jamaica, Bahamas. Physically go there.
3. Partner with Red Cross to go to disaster areas.
4. Partner with Mental Health.
5. Partner with Homeless Shelters.
6. Partner with Bishop Hines to help in West Africa (you do not have to go to Africa) (ask Bishop Hines what can we do to help?)
7. Partner with Habitat for Humanity. Help build a house or supply goods for the new owners for a Habitat House. (outfit the kitchen, do window treatments, etc.) linens .
8. Partner with Samaritans Purse to send Christmas Boxes Abroad.
9. Partner with other ministers to build wells of water in Africa.
10. Partner with other denominations to offer summer camps for indignant children.
11. Partner with Agencies to offer utilities, fans and air conditioning units for senior citizens who can't afford to pay.



Mentoring

Mentoring Parent - Parents Reach

1. Locate low performing schools. Identify failing students. Help their parents :
 - a. talk with parents of failing students
 - b. talk with parents of bullies
 - c. Talk with parents of gang members

Each category above will be a tough sell but these parents may not have had the foundation to even rear a child.

Be willing to befriend the parent before you start telling them what you think they ought to do. Build a relationship first.

Be informed of who the parent is. Study the parent, the environment. Get to know what the parent wants for herself/himself.

Be willing to take classes or get assistance from varying organizations/agencies as well as school. Remember the privacy issue.



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