



Ministry in Motion, a 5th District YPD project

By Faye Jasper and Jonquilyn Hill

We were part of the Desert Mountain Conference contingent that went to Fairbanks, Alaska, from June 15 to June 24, 2006. This is the second evangelism ministry led by 5th District YPD Director, Richelle Fry-Skinner,

who is from the Desert Mountain Conference. Approximately 79 YPDers, directors, advisors and clergy, led by our Episcopal leadership, Bishop John R. Bryant, Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant (Rev. Ce) and Mrs.

Fry-Skinner converged on Fairbanks to evangelize and perform service ministries in the area. We were met at the airport by the State's National Bird, the mosquito ... the largest that most of us

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120th Session of the Desert-Mountain Annual Conference

By Frank Jerabek

The 120th session of the Annual Conference begins on Monday, August 21 and concludes on Sunday, August 27, 2006, at the Marriott Hotel and Resort located at 2101 Louisiana Blvd, NE. "Serving well!" is the conference theme, and scriptural inspiration comes from James 2:17, "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

With the start of the

conference only two weeks away, we are getting more and more excited about it and busier and busier completing our preparations. We want to serve well!

The Grant Chapel website at grantame-abq.org contains information about dates, location, registration, costs and contacts. Participants may register for the conference and book hotel accommodations at

this site. The registration deadline is August 7, 2006.

As of August 3, 2006, prospective participants had booked more than 100 hotel rooms. The souvenir journal committee is compiling the ads and will send the journal to press shortly.

We have planned a wonderful music program. Dr. Augustus

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SPECIAL SCRIPTURE:

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:17 (NRSV)

120th Session of the Desert/Mountain Conference

August 21-27, 2006

Agenda and Daily Schedule

Monday, 8/21/06: Women in Ministry

- 11:30 am Registration/Luncheon
- 1:15 pm Workshop
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Business Session/Election of Officers
- 4:00 pm Recess
- 7:00 pm Worship Service at Grant Chapel ,
Elder Nina Cooper, New Hope Full
Gospel Baptist Church, Speaker
- 9:00 pm Light Refreshments in the Blair Room

Speaker

Global Children's Outreach Project

- 1:00 pm Lunch Break
- 3:00 pm Conference Business
- 5:00 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm Conference Opening Worship Service,
Rev. Joseph Nixon, Pastor, Shorter
Community A.M.E. Church, Speaker

Tuesday, 8/22/06: Annual Women's Missionary Society Convention

"The Year of Global Impact"

- 7:30 am Election of Officers/Delegates
- 9:00 am Roll Call of Angels
Capping Ceremony for New Members
- 9:30 am Video/PowerPoint Reports
Each Area/Division Honor
"Local President of the year."
Zambia Report
- 10:30 am Y.P.D. Director's Report
- 11:30 am Keynote Speaker: Csinthea Davis,
Pacific Northwest President
Announcement of Elected Officers/
Delegates
- 12:30 pm Luncheon and Film: "The status of
women and children from a woman of
the Third World perspective"
- 3:00 pm Benediction
- 7:00 pm Service: *"In Her Footsteps"*
An Evening to Remember
Life Members & Cleo B. Love Hon-
orees.
- 8:15 pm Reception (Presentation site)

Thursday, 8/24/06

- 8:45 am Devotion
- 9:00 am Instructions-Deans
- 10:00 am Conference Business
- 12:00 pm Hour of Power
- 1:00 pm Lunch Break
- 3:00 pm Conference Business
- 5:00 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm Ecumenical Service/Men's Night,
Rev. Dr. Dennis G. Dunn, II, Pastor,
Fellowship Missionary Baptist
Church, Speaker

Friday, 8/25/06

- 8:45 am Devotion
- 9:00 am Instructions-Deans
- 10:00 am Conference Business
- 12:00 pm Hour of Power
- 1:00 pm Lunch Break
- 3:00 pm Conference Business
- 5:00 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm Lay Witness Presentation

Young People's Division (YPD) Annual Convention: Sessions for Mother Sunbeams, Allen Stars, Young People's Auxiliary, Young Adult Division, Directors (all levels)

- Meeting with Episcopal YPD Leadership
- Registration
- Constitution and By Laws/Parliamentary Pro-
cedure Bowl
- Election of Officers/Quadrennial Delegates

Wednesday, 8/23/06

- 8:45 am Devotion
- 9:00 am Instructions-Deans
- 10:00 am Roll/Call Conference Business
- 12:00 pm WMS Noon Service *"What About the
Children?"*
Rev. Dr. Cecelia William Bryant,

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Grant Chapel Annual Conference Committees, Functions and Staffing By Patrick Lott

Transportation

- *Captain - Bro. John Pennington*
- *Transportation to and from Airport*
- *Local area transportation*
- *Possible 6 to 7 vehicles*
- *Need 7 drivers for conference week*
- *Driving boundaries in the city limited to a 10 mile radius*

Transportation Team

- *Bro Bennie Jackson*
- *Bro Ollie Waters*
- *Bro. Gary Millhollon*
- *Bro. Frank Jerabek*

Registration

- *Captain - Sis. Zerrie Waters*
- *Delivery of registration Packet Badges, Bags & Shirts*
- *Accountability for Pastors/delegates*
- *Sign in/out sheet for delegates Lunches*
- *Message Center*
- *Information Center*
- *Rotated schedule*

Registration Team

- [1]
 - *Sis Princess Coleman*
 - *Sis Monica Paris*
 - *Sis Pamela Gooden*
 - *Sis Abbie Williams*
 - *Sis Clara Stevens*
- [2]
 - *Sis Helen Lopez*
 - *Sis Dorothea Powell*
 - *Sis Sandra Brown*
 - *Sis Rosalie Stevenson*
 - *Sis Janette Dent*

Setup

- *Captain – Bro Patrick Lott*
- *Moving of sanctuary Furniture to and from hotel and back to church*
- *Pulpit setup*

- *Setting up tables for Vendors, Audio, Registrations and Altar setup*

Setup Team

- *Bro David Hicks*
- *Bro Darryl Smith*
- *Bro Galvin Brown*
- *Bro Charles Dent*
- *Bro Gary Millhollon*

Audio/Music

- *Captain - Bro. Patrick Lott*
- *Conference Musician: Dr. Augustus O. Hill*
- *New Mexico Mass Choir, Arthur Williams, Director*
- *Grant Chapel Chancel Choir, Tia Bland, Minister of Music*
- *Grant Chapel Men's Chorus, Bennie Jackson, Director*
- *Audio/visual support to be announced*

Souvenir Book

- *Captain – Bro Jessie Watkins*
- *Collaboration of book theme*
- *Solicit Ads/Business Advertisement*
- *Church organizational group photos*
- *Family photo ads*
- *Sponsors*
- *Banners*

Souvenir Book Team

- *Bro Harold Bendaw*
- *Sis Sivlois Reeves*
- *Bro Raymond Smith*
- *Bro Lonnie Carreathers*
- *Sis Kay Hicks*
- *Bro Ken Carson*
- *Sis Anndra McCorkle-Graphic Consultant*

Web page Design

- *Captain - Bro Galvin Brown*
- *Develop Web page for Church*
- *Launched website 4/23/06*

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Tentative Schedule (continued from page 2)

Saturday, 8/26/06

Memorial Service

8:45 am Devotion
9:00 am Closing Business Session
10:30 am Ordination Service,
Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Prelate
of the 13th District, Speaker
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Recess

Saturday, 8/26/06

Young People's Division Annual Convention

Breakfast - *Youth on the Move*
Monique Gonzales Memorial
Names of God Session

Conference Executive Board and Leadership Training

Sons of Success and Daughters of Destiny

**Sessions: Coordinated by Conference SOS/
DOD Advisory board and Coordinators**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Annual Youth Night Celebration Dinner Theatre (Host Hotel)

6:00 pm Dinner served
6:30 pm Presentations

Sunday, 8/27/06

10:00 am Closing Service: Worship and Commissioning, Bishop John Richard Bryant, 5th Episcopal District, Presiding

Annual Conference (Continued from page 1)

O. Hill, Pastor Hill's brother, has agreed to serve as conference musician.

The conference agenda is listed beginning on page 2. Meetings and services are open to the community at large.

Bishop John R. Bryant, the prelate of the A.M.E. Fifth Episcopal District, will preside. Rev. H. Charles Farris, Presiding Elder of the Desert part of the conference, is the host, and Rev. Andrew Simpson, Presiding Elder of the Mountain part, is co-host. The Desert/Mountain conference consists of the twenty A.M.E. churches in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

This annual conference includes conventions and meetings of the various ministries and programs including Women In Ministry (WIM), the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), the Lay Organization, the Young People's Division

(YPD) and the Sons of Thunder, the men's ministry.

Women In Ministry, a program to define, enhance, support and expand the presence of women in ministry in the A.M.E. church, meets on Monday, August 21. The day culminates in a worship service at Grant Chapel at 7:00 PM that evening. Elder Nina Cooper of New Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church will bring the message.

The Women's Missionary Society convention begins on Tuesday, August 22. The theme is "The Year of Global Impact." Among the highlights of the program is a luncheon presentation on the status of women and children from the perspective of a third-world woman.

The WMS program concludes on Wednesday, August 23, with a noon service at the hotel. Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant, the District Episcopal supervisor, will preach on the subject of "What about the children?"

The Annual Conference formally begins on Wednesday evening, August 23, at 7:00 PM at the hotel. Rev. Joseph Nixon, pastor of Shorter Community A.M.E. Church, Denver, CO, will bring the message. The New Mexico Mass Choir and the Grant Chapel Chancel Choir all under the direction of Arthur Williams will minister in song.

The programs for Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25, include instructional presentations by the conference deans. One presentation will examine the theme scripture. A conference pastor will bring the message at the "Hour of Power" service at noon on each of these days.

On Thursday evening, August 24, at 7:00 PM, Rev. Dr. Dennis G. Dunn, II, pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, will bring the message at the Ecumenical Service that focuses on men. The "Man of the Year" of each

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Conference Committees (Continued from page 3)

- *Update and add to web page*
- **Web page Team**
 - *Sis Merlene Jones*
 - *Bro Patrick Lott*
 - *Sis Dawn Smith*
 - *Rev John D. Hill*
 - *Web page Designers/ Consultants*
 - *Leila Johnson - Data-scribe™*
 - *Brett Johnson - Data-scribe™*

Ushers

- *Captain - Bro Jessie Watkins*
- *Conducting of Services*
- *Hour of Power*
- *Opening Night Service*
- *Sons of Thunder (Men's Night)*
- *Lay Witness Night*
- *Ordination Service*
- *Closing Worship Service*
- **Usher Team**
 - *Sis Dorothea Powell*
 - *Sis Monica Paris*
 - *Sis Merlene Jones*
 - *Sis Helen Lopez*
 - *Bro Ken Carson*

****We will solicit Ushers from other churches in the community.****

Vendors

- *Captain - Sis Ruthie Owens*
- *Solicit vendors.*
- *Coordinate booth set up.*
- **Vendor Team**
 - *Sis LaVerne Hanks*
 - *Sis Maxine Jones*
 - *Sis Bobbie Williams*
 - *Sis Deora Odoms*

Hospitality

- *Captain - Sis MonTrosie Stallard*
- *Greeters*
- *Smiling Faces*
- *Answer Questions*
- *Albuquerque Information*
- *Transportation*

■ ** Ensure we cover Monday and Tuesday events.**

Hospitality Team

- *Sis Dana Bruce*
- *Sis Dawn Smith*
- *Sis Carol Millhollon*
- *Sis Doretta Liyai*
- *Sis Margaret Carson*
- *Sis Monica Paris*
- *Sis Patricia Jerabek*

Public Relations

- *Captain - Bro Frank Jerabek*
- *Articles*
- *Press Releases*
- *Radio/TV coverage*
- *Create ads*
- **Public Relations Team**
 - *Sis Sandra Brown*

YPD Coordination

- *Captain - Sis Dawn Smith*
- **YPD Team**
 - *Sis Faye Jasper*
 - *Sis Sandra Brown*
 - *Sis Tiffany Cross*
 - *Sis Angela Cross*

Local Liaisons

- *Monday: Women In Ministry - Sis Geleta Smith*
- *Tuesday: Annual Missionary Day – Sis. Bendaw/Jackson/Stallard*
- *Wednesday: Opening Worship Service – Rev.Hill/Sis.Bendaw/Bro.Lott/Wallace*
- *Thursday: Sons of Thunder – Bro. Wallace/Lott/Gardner*
- *Friday: Lay Witness Night – Sis. Reeves/Coleman*
- *Saturday: Ordination Service - Rev Hill/Stewardesses*
- *Saturday: YPD Service – Sis.D.Smith/Jasper/Waters*
- *Sunday: Closing Worship Service – Sis.Bendaw/Bro.Lott/Wallace*
- *Sunday: Commissioning Service – Sis.Bendaw/Bro.Lott/Wallace*

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A.M.E. church in the conference will be recognized as well.

On Friday evening, August 25, at 7:00 PM, the Lay Organization will celebrate Lay Witness Night with a play. Lay members will minister using their thespian talents.

The YPD convention begins on Friday, August 25, and culminates

on Saturday evening, August 26, with a dinner-playhouse. The young people will perform in an original play written by them.

The Ordination Service begins at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning, August 26. The Rt. Rev. Vashti McKenzie, the first woman elected a Bishop in the A.M.E. church, will bring the message. We in Albuquerque know her from her 2002 visit when she spoke at Grant

Chapel's 120th Anniversary celebration.

The closing, commissioning service is on Sunday, August 27, at 10:00 AM. Bishop Bryant will bring the message and preside.

Pastor Hill, Rena Paris-Bendaw, Patrick Lott and Myron Wallace, the Grant Chapel Conference Steering Committee, can answer questions and provide information. They are reachable through the

Ministry in Motion (Continued from page 1) have ever seen. The local YPD President and her parents provided transportation for us.

Our home during our stay in Fairbanks was Skarland Hall, a dormitory on the University of Alaska at Fairbanks (UAF) campus. We were concerned about our living quarters because we understood that the bathrooms and showers were communal — everybody on the floor used the floor's bathroom. Our fears were calmed once we learned that the young men were housed on the 3rd floor, and the young women on the 4th floor.

The dorm experience turned out to be very homey. It gave the young people an opportunity to experience what college campus life could be, and it also made them appreciate what they had at home. Most of our meals each day were taken in the UAF cafeteria. They were served buffet style, and there was always something that every young person liked eating.

The first group activity was a birthday party for Bishop John. Unfortunately, the group from the Phoenix area with whom we traveled arrived at midnight well after

the party was over. According to sources who attended the party, Bishop John was presented with a gift of \$700 from the YPD.

Although it was midnight, it was not night, as we know it. The sky was in daylight the entire time that we were in Alaska. The young people complained that they could not sleep at night because of it. We adults cannot explain why we had to wake them out of a deep sleep every morning.

Our mission outreach included evangelism and service ministries and local cultural and fun activities. Rev. Fred Wilson, pastor of First A.M.E. (FAME) in Fairbanks, welcomed us and gave us an orientation about what to expect in Fairbanks and the surrounding areas where we would travel. When we learned about the possibility of sighting moose and bear, continuous daylight did not seem so bad.

Each day began at 6:45 or so in the morning. Our evenings ended with Christian Education Training led by Rev. Sherielyn Curry-Lasley. The theme of these sessions, that lasted several hours, was "Love God...Love Others" and dealt with the Decalogue. We

looked forward to this time every night.

The YPDers were broken up into groups and were assigned a site. The FAME site was a young men's service ministry that consisted of building a concrete ramp at the back entrance of the church and clearing weeds and trees from church property for a parking lot. None of the young men had done this kind of work before. They learned how to break up the ground with pick and shovel and haul away dirt in a wheel barrel. They also had to pull and cut weeds/brush and take it to a dumping site.

The older young men had an opportunity to use a chainsaw, an activity closely supervised. When the mission ended, the parking lot was cleared and the ramp constructed. By the way you might hear Bishop John bragging about using a pick and shovel on this site. We have pictures to prove it.

The young women worked inside the church cleaning the sanctuary, fellowship hall and kitchen.

Two other sites were located in woods and on a mountaintop. At the Two Rivers Church of the Nazarene the ministry consisted of

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Why White People Are Afraid

By Robert Jensen, AlterNet. Posted June 7, 2006. Reprinted with permission.

What do white people have to be afraid of in a world structured on white privilege? Their own fears.

It may seem self-indulgent to talk about the fears of white people in a white-supremacist society. After all, what do white people really have to be afraid of in a world structured on white privilege? It may be self-indulgent, but it's critical to understand because these fears are part of what keeps many white people from confronting ourselves and the system.

The first, and perhaps most crucial, fear is that of facing the fact that some of what we white people have is unearned. It's a truism that we don't really make it on our own; we all have plenty of help to achieve whatever we achieve. That means that some of what we have is the product of the work of others, distributed unevenly across society, over which we may have little or no control individually. No matter how hard we work or how smart we are, we all know -- when we are honest with ourselves -- that we did not get where we are by merit alone. And many white people are afraid of that fact.

A second fear is crasser: White people's fear of losing what we have -- literally the fear of losing things we own if at some point the economic, political, and social systems in which we live become more just and equitable. That fear is not completely irrational; if white privilege -- along with the other kinds of privilege many of

us have living in the middle class and above in an imperialist country that dominates much of the rest of the world -- were to evaporate, the distribution of resources in the United States and in the world would change, and that would be a good thing. We would have less. That redistribution of wealth would be fairer and more just. But in a world in which people have become used to affluence and material comfort, that possibility can be scary.

A third fear involves a slightly different scenario -- a world in which non-white people might someday gain the kind of power over whites that whites have long monopolized. One hears this constantly in the conversation about immigration, the lingering fear that somehow "they" (meaning not just Mexican-Americans and Latinos more generally, but any non-white immigrants) are going to keep moving to this country and at some point become the majority demographically.

Even though whites likely can maintain a disproportionate share of wealth, those numbers will eventually translate into political, economic, and cultural power. And then what? Many whites fear that the result won't be a system that is more just, but a system in which white people become the minority and could be treated as whites have long treated non-whites. This is perhaps the deepest fear that lives in the heart of whiteness. It is not really a fear of non-white people. It's a fear of the depravity that lives in our own hearts: Are non-white

people capable of doing to us the barbaric things we have done to them?

A final fear has probably always haunted white people but has become more powerful since the society has formally rejected overt racism: The fear of being seen, and seen-through, by non-white people. Virtually every white person I know, including white people fighting for racial justice and including myself, carries some level of racism in our minds and hearts and bodies. In our heads, we can pretend to eliminate it, but most of us know it is there. And because we are all supposed to be appropriately anti-racist, we carry that lingering racism with a new kind of fear: What if non-white people look at us and can see it? What if they can see through us? What if they can look past our anti-racist vocabulary and sense that we still don't really know how to treat them as equals? What if they know about us what we don't dare know about ourselves? What if they can see what we can't even voice?

I work in a large university with a stated commitment to racial justice. All of my faculty colleagues, even the most reactionary, have a stated commitment to racial justice. And yet the fear is palpable.

It is a fear I have struggled with, and I remember the first time I ever articulated that fear in public. I was on a panel with sev-

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Rekindle the Spirit: The Charlie Morrissey Scholarship Committee

By LaVerne Hanks, Scholarship Selection Chairperson

On April 29, 2006 Grant Chapel hosted the annual Charlie Morrissey Scholarship Committee scholarship awards ceremony.

A high point of the program was the testimony of three former recipients who spoke of the benefits and life changes each had experienced after having received the scholarship and completed the course of study that it had facilitated. Each speaker received a Masters Degree as follows: Jacquelyn Buckhanan, the 1994 recipient, earned her degree in Social Work, Anndra McCorkle, the 2003 and 2005 recipient, in Special Education, and Dianne Williams, the 1997 recipient, in Guidance/Counseling Psychology. Each woman has tirelessly con-

tributed to this community in the spirit of the late Charlie Morrissey.

The subject on which this year's applicants wrote was: Cite the legacies of Charlie Morrissey and three other African American women who have impacted your life. Grant Chapel's Doretta Liyai was the 2006 scholarship winner. Congratulations! A scholarship award in the amount of \$1,500 was given.

This year the Grant Chapel Youth Praise Dancers ministered in dance. This was a first for the Charlie Morrissey Scholarship Committee, and I know we will invite them back again ... and again. The dance ensemble included Kimberly Brown, Patricia Brown, Asha and Ebony Coleman-

Wilson, Courtney and Jordan Hampton and Stephanie McCorkle. We thank Zerrie Waters who could not attend and Sandra Brown who was there for taking the time and making the effort to mentor these talented young people.

Following the program, we adjourned to the Blair Room for fellowship and light refreshments.

The Committee thanks the Albuquerque Community for the monetary support it has provided over the past 15 years. Twenty-eight women have received scholarships during this period. We also appreciate Grant Chapel's generosity in allowing us to host two major programs at the church each year.

White People (Continued from page 7)

eral other professors at the University of Texas discussing race and politics in the O.J. Simpson case. Next to me was an African American professor. I was talking about media; he was talking about the culture's treatment of the sexuality of black men. As we talked, I paid attention to what was happening in me as I sat next to him. I felt uneasy. I had no reason to be uncomfortable around him, but I wasn't completely comfortable. During the question-and-answer period -- I don't remember what question sparked my comment -- I turned to him and said something like, "It's important to talk about what really goes on between black and white people in this country. For in-

stance, why am I feeling afraid of you? I know I have no reason to be afraid, but I am. Why is that?"

My reaction wasn't a crude physical fear, not some remnant of being taught that black men are dangerous (though I have had such reactions to black men on the street in certain circumstances). Instead, I think it was that fear of being seen through by non-white people, especially when we are talking about race. In that particular moment, for a white academic on an O.J. panel, my fear was of being exposed as a fraud or some kind of closet racist.

Even if I thought I knew what I was talking about and was being appropriately anti-racist in my analysis, I was afraid that some

lingering trace of racism would show through, and that my black colleague would identify it for all in the room to see. After I publicly recognized the fear, I think I started to let go of some of it. Like anything, it's a struggle. I can see ways in which I have made progress. I can see that in many situations I speak more freely and honestly as I let go of the fear. I make mistakes, but as I become less terrified of making mistakes I find that I can trust my instincts more and be more open to critique when my instincts are wrong.

Robert Jensen is a journalism professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of, most recently, *The Heart of*

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Organization & Auxiliary News

YOUTH CORNER

On Father's Day, June 18, our sisters in Christ and young people treated the Grant Chapel father's to breakfast and a special program to recognize and honor them.

The expressions of appreciation were heartfelt, and one of them is reprinted here for your contemplation. Patricia Brown gave this moving tribute to Galvin Brown, her father with this poem:

Thank You

For holding my hand as we
walked across the street, I thank
you.

For helping me learn how to
swim, even if it never worked, I
thank you.

For raising me in a Christian
home and sending me to a good
school, I thank you.

For taking care of me when I
was sick and telling me to get over
my fears, I thank you.

For dealing with my teenage
mood swings, I thank you.

For taking me places kids my
age only see on TV, I thank you.

For always making sure I was
taken care of when you were gone,
I thank you.

For always trying to be the hero,
I thank you.

For doing all the things Daddies
are supposed to do, I thank you.

You may not be perfect or have a
"World's Best Dad" pin, but that
doesn't matter to me.

You're my daddy and I love you
and thank you for being the Best
Daddy you can be.

Happy Father's Day, Daddy!!!

WMS Annual Conference Program

By Rena Paris-Bendaw, President, Edith C. English Women's Missionary Society

The Edith C. English Missionary Society is preparing for Annual Conference. We are all "prayerfully positive!" By the time this newsletter is distributed, we will have had our last prayer breakfast of the conference year. Our goal is for Grant to be surrounded by prayer at the 120th Annual Conference.

We invite the congregation and members of the community to join us at our Convention at the conference. The opening session, on Tuesday, August 22nd, at 9:00 am, begins with the Roll Call of Angels Memorial Ceremony. The Capping Ceremonies for New Conference Members follows immediately after. Sisters Dana Bruce, Monica Paris, Kay Bell, Janette Dent, Carole Millhollon and Maxine Jones will represent

Grant. At the luncheon, the conference WMS will make a special presentation to the Sickle Cell Council of New Mexico

On Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm we will host a special reception to remember life members and Cleo B. Love Honorees. Grant honorees are Sisters Mary King Jackson, MonTrosie Stallard and Rena Paris-Bendaw, each of whom has been a WMS member for more than 25 years.

On Wednesday, August 23rd, WMS delegates will work on our Global Children's Outreach Project and will recognize four non-A.M.E. Christian Women for their work in researching, raising awareness and providing assistance on world problems in several areas: Honorees and their focal areas are Ms. Joby Wallace for

HIV/AIDS; Ms. Judith Harris for BREAST CANCER; Ms. Marsha Hardeman for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS; and Ms. Mary Juzang for WORKING WITH CHILDREN.

Rev. Dr. Cecelia W. Bryant, our District Episcopal Supervisor, will bring the message at the Hour of Power. We are asking for donations of Bibles and old or unused prescription glasses to send to the missionaries in Zambia.

Since the Edith C. English Missionary Society members are the convention hosts, we want to help our visitors feel at home.

We look forward to seeing each of you during conference week beginning on August 21. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly!

Ministry in Motion (Continued from page 6)

clearing a wooded area of small trees to make a trail to a planned prayer garden. We cleared the trail and the prayer garden site. This became the pet ministry of Mrs. Fry-Skinner..

The Nazarene church family consisted of Pastor Bob, about 5 older women, young women and girls and only 1 young man, no men. Our young people and theirs prayed and praised God together in their sanctuary at the beginning of each workday.

The YPD presented this church with a chainsaw and eight suitcases of clothes to be used in their outreach ministry. Pastor Bob and members wept tears of joy when we first arrived and continued each day when they saw what had been accomplished. Pastor Bob has had this vision for 5 years. Partial earlier project work had become overgrown. Everybody had a feeling of achievement when we completed this project.

The other project at Vine Alaska Inc. was on the mountaintop. This work consisted of clearing the woods for the construction of living quarters for visiting missionaries. A native minister and his wife who are currently using their home to house the missionaries own the corporation. They also want to build a center to teach area Indians their native language. As in the Southwest, they were prohibited from speaking their language in the past. Punishment for doing so included being beaten. As a result, the language has become almost extinct. They plan to teach it to give it life.

Another service and evangelism ministry was at Stone Soup

Food Bank in the city. The young people served food in the soup line and asked those being served if they knew Jesus. Rev. Curry-Lasley provided guidance. None of the young people had had this experience before. Jonquilyn's group worked at this site.

The last site was Jake's Place, a Christian youth center located in Fairbanks, run by a nondenominational minister. Its mission is to provide a safe Christian place where young people can mingle. The center is housed in a renovated warehouse and was the location of our last night's project to paint the rooms that will be the kitchen and café and the stairwell.

We also painted three murals outside the building. A young artist traveling with us sketched the murals, and we completed them. If you ever go to Fairbanks, look for them at Jake's Place. All murals were signed, *A.M.E. 5th District YPD*, ye-ah!!! We completed all projects!!!

YPD evangelism continued in a downtown street ministry during the Fairbanks' "Midnight Sun Festival." The young people asked people of all ages if they knew Jesus and handed out *The Book of John*, a pamphlet entitled *A.M.E.: What We Believe* and a pamphlet about FAME. The YPDers also gave out a rubber bracelet in red, yellow, black and white. Do you know the significance?

The service ministries were rewarding. We worked, but we also had FUN! FAME turned the Sunday morning worship service over to the YPD. Bishop John and Rev. Ce were present. The guest speaker was a young A.M.E. minister from Portland who preached a

young person's message and was outstanding, even to us oldsters.

The 5th District YPD choir provided the music. Mrs. Marguerite Richardson, the District Music Director who also hails from the Desert Mountain Conference, selected the music and conducted the rehearsals. Anyone who has heard the YPD conference choir knows that it was a treat. One selection "Say the Name" revealed that the Holy Spirit was working on almost everyone present.

Rev. Ce presented FAME with a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the 5th District WMS. Mrs. Fry-Skinner presented a check for \$500, the cost of the local YPD President to attend the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference on behalf of the 5th District YPD. This will be the first time that any Fairbanks YPDer has attended Annual Conference.

Mrs. Fry-Skinner presented a check for \$2,500 to FAME for painting the church and \$2,000 for the church. Bishop John made a personal offering \$900 to FAME. The YPD donated new bibles and hymnals. The FAME membership was very appreciative. Somebody must have turned on the faucets because there was not a dry eye in God's house!

We toured the UAF campus and traveled to North Pole to shop at Santa Claus' House. Upon returning to Fairbanks we saw our first moose crossing the highway. Sunday after worship service, we had lunch on a riverboat. This was the best meal that we had during our entire mission, seasoned southern cooking, um, um good! We participated in the Annual Juneteenth

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Announcements & Notices

We want to recognize and acknowledge significant events in the lives of our church family!

Home Goings: Our brother Ricky Kirk went to glory on July 8, 2006 after battling cancer. We will miss his unassuming, quiet manner and understated sense of humor. We extend our sympathy to his brothers, Greg and Terry Kirk, and his dear friend of many years, Ada Cross.

Men's Day 2006: The Men's Fellowship thanks all the members of the church family who helped make it a fulfilling experience.

Wedding anniversaries: Congratulations to the couples in the church family celebrating summer

anniversaries:

Deora & James Odoms 55 years
Rena & Harold Bendaw 43 years
Patricia & Frank Jerabek 39 years
Carole & Gary Millhollon 23 yrs
Debra & John Hill 21 years

Promotion: Congratulations to Juan Williams promoted to department head by the Department Of Energy.

A.M.E. Church Celebrates NASA Astronaut's Lift-Off & Safe

Return: Stephanie Wilson, a member of Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church in Galveston, TX, was one of 7 astronauts aboard space shuttle Discovery that blasted off for the international space station in

early July and returned to earth safely. She is the second African-American woman to make the trip into space. Mae C. Jemison was the first in 1992.

Black History: The first black regiment to fight in the Civil War was the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, and *Glory* starring Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington was the film that commemorated this unit.

Editor's notes: *The Newsletter is published on the first Sunday of even-number-ed months. The deadline for articles, announcements and notices is two weeks prior to publication.*

Ministry in Motion (Continued from page 10) Celebration sponsored by the Fairbanks NAACP at an amusement park. The 5th District YPD Choir sang two songs on the program. Free ride tickets were given to the young people.

We said that it was daylight the entire time we were in Fairbanks.

Well, we were offered one more treat. On June 21st, the longest day of the year, we attended the Annual Midnight Semi-Pro Baseball game. We arrived at 10:00 pm to watch the game which was played without any artificial light, just the light from the sun. Although it was daylight, it was cloudy and cold.

The sun did peep through a few times.

The 5th District YPD is not planning a Ministry in Motion III in 2007 because of the Quadrennial that will be held in Philadelphia. We pray that other YPDers from Grant Chapel will have the opportunity to attend future missionary

White People (Continued from page 8) *Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism and White Privilege* (City

Lights Books), from which this essay is excerpted.

Editor's note: Thank you, Ron Hinson, for the lead to this article!

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Events Calendar

August	August 2006	September
7 Annual Conference Hotel Reservation Deadline	1 2 3 4 5	26 ShareColorado Distribution
21 Annual Conference: Women In Ministry program	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	26 Annual Conference: • Memorial Service • Ordination Service • YPD Convention/Dinner
22 Annual Conference: WMS Convention	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	27 Annual Conference: Closing Service & Commissioning
23 Annual Conference: • WMS Convention • Opening Service	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	September
24 Annual Conference: • Business sessions • Hour of Power • Ecumenical Service	27 28 29 30 31	2 WMS Prayer Breakfast & Love Feast
25 Annual Conference: • Business sessions • Hour of Power • Lay Witness Program • YPD Convention	September 2006	7 Men's Chorus at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
	1 2	23 ShareColorado Distribution
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	24 Trustee Board Elections
	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	30 WMS Prayer Breakfast & Love Feast
	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	
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