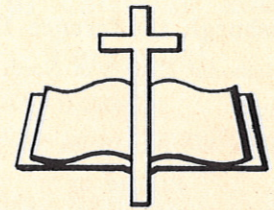


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First Lady Elder in Free Methodism



Pastor M. Jean Parry

Historic action was taken at the 1974 General Conference held in Winona Lake this past June. For the first time in the long 114 years of our church's history ordination was afforded to ladies. Equal status with men was granted.

History was made for the second time on Friday evening, July 19th at 9:22 pm when Bishop Parsons ordained Pastor M. Jean Parry of Sunnyside as the first lady elder. Not only does Pastor Parry have the honor and distinction of being the first in the Pittsburgh Conference but also in the whole denomination. We congratulate her on this distinctive honor and pray that God shall continue to bless her ministry in the years to come.

The East Pittsburgh Society first recognized her talent and ability and recommended her for lay ministers license. In 1969 she was appointed by the stationing committee to Sunnyside and because of her able leadership the work has prospered and she was returned for her 6th year at the recent annual conference. Pastor Parry's educational qualifications had been reviewed and approved this spring by the central board of ministerial education and guidance. This cleared the way for action by the conference when the action at General Conference went into effect immediately.

Three Great Evangelism Rallies Planned

The conference board of evangelism has planned three area rallies during September. It is expected that all interested individuals will be in attendance. This includes pastors, dime-a-week promoters, prayer promoters and promoters of evangelism from each local. Superintendent Cowsert and the members of the conference board of evangelism extend a very special invitation for you to attend and learn the WHERE!, WHAT!, and HOW! of conference evangelism. An informed church is ready to Pray, Give and Mobilize.

Uniontown-Fairmont Area:
Sept. 16 at Uniontown

Rochester District:
Sept. 23 at East Liverpool First

Pittsburgh District:
Sept. 30 at Apollo

All services will be at 7:15 pm. See U!



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UP-TO-DATE

AT MIDWAY

POINT

It is with great joy that we report our conference up-to-date in its giving to the great OUTREACH MINISTRIES of the church. Our minimum fair share goal for 1974 in \$112,000.00. As of July 10th the churches of the conference had raised and sent in thru the WMS treasurers, the Conference treasurer or direct to Winona Lake \$58,563.24. To God Be the Glory! Thanks to everyone who contributed and made sure that their local receipts were mailed on time. Keep up the good work.

The following locals were up-to-date on their weekly accepted minimum goal: Aliquippa, Apollo, Avonmore, Avella, Beulah, Butler, Cove Run, East Liverpool First, East Pittsburgh, Enterprise, Fairdale, Freeport, Greensburgh, Harper, Hiller, Hopwood, Huntington-Altizer, Huntington-Norwood, Jeannette, Kingwood, Kittanning, L. Brownfield, Leechburg, McClellandtown, (Continued on page 2)

Recognition Service An Inspiration

Friday evening of annual conference found many conference personalities filing onto the large platform in the Tri-State Camp tabernacle. Years of sacrificial service to God and the church had not gone unnoticed; hours of study and itinerant service were being rewarded; and gone but not forgotten for this was the hour of RECOGNITION.

During the past twelve months death has transplanted nearly 75 of our loyal and faithful conference family. Special tribute was paid to the memory of Pastor Harry E. Fleming of Glenwood church; Mrs. Olive King who served faithfully as a pastor's wife, W.M.S. lady and Christian saint; and to Miss Gertrude Alcorn who gave 45 years as a pioneer missionary to India.

Last year the conference began giving service plaques recognizing 5 year intervals of service by conference ministers.

G. E. Lynch	45
G. S. Pugh	40
H. E. Cooley	35
O. R. Tessaro	30
W. N. Carney	20
S. H. Estel	20
F. B. Ray	20
G. Kimberlin	15
C. D. Little	15
Duran DeBarr	15
C. V. Estel	10
J. W. Hetrick	10
Kenneth Hilling	10
George Newberry	10
D. B. Davis	5
D. J. Eakin	5
Harold Knotts	5
Wesley Wilder	5

Retirees

In our conference we have many small churches that are not able to support a pastor but because of their unique situation need someone to shepherd the flock of God. Lay ministers have been used from time to time. Mrs. Anna Dillow was called upon 23 years ago to fill such a role on the Uniontown District. God blest her ministry and she continued to serve until this conference. A special plaque in recognition of her 23 years of service and retirement was presented.

The Book of Discipline states that at the age of 70 all ministers must retire as an active minister. Pastor V. R. Snyder of Oneida Valley met that requirement and was officially retired but is being asked to (Continued on page 3)