

**MISSIONS**

**ACHIEVING THE**

**EXTRAORDINARY**

**TOGETHER!!**

**NEW BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY HANDBOOK**

# 2015

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 Sunday School egg hunt 28th

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Graduations - busy week  
 After Mother's Day and College graduation

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# Guide My Feet

*Leader*                      *Response*

1. Guide my feet  
 2. Hold my hand  
 3. Stand by me  
 4. I'm Your child while I run this race,  
 5. Search my heart  
 6. Guide my feet

yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me  
 I'm Your child while I run this race.  
 Search my heart  
 Guide my feet

yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me  
 I'm Your child while I run this race, for I  
 Search my heart  
 Guide my feet

don't want to run this race in vain!  
 race in vain!

Words: Traditional  
 Tune: Spiritual from the collection of  
 Willis Laurence James (1900)  
 Harm. by Wendell Whalum, 1932.  
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GUIDE MY FEET  
 Irregular

# NEW BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

## 2015 Missionary Society Officers

President.....Sis. Shelia c. Gibbs

Vice-President.....Sis. Rosa Coaxum

Recording Secretary.....Sis. Francena Ladson

Financial Secretary.....Sis. Loretta Brown

+Assistant Financial Secretary...Sis. Susan Rivers

Treasurer.....Sis. Ida Mae Singleton

+ First Chaplain.....Sis. Franceana Sanders

+Benevolent Chairman.....Sis. Angelette Capers

+Appointed

## Members Responsibilities:

a) Attend Meeting

b) Pay Dues

c) Support 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Services

1. Meet in adult classroom for prayer before  
devotional services

2. Wear all white attire

3. Take part on program as needed

d) Join and work on a committee of your choice

e) Direct questions and concerns to appropriate  
committee chairperson.

f) Bring handbook to meeting and study requested  
topics

## WHY HAVE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES?

1. Because Jesus Christ commanded that missionary work be done throughout the world, and upon His resurrection said to women, “Go tell” (Matthew 28:10, KJV). Mary started telling the Good News at the open tomb and women must still carry the Gospel message in obedience to Jesus’ command.
2. Because organizations get work done quicker than individuals do, and they cover larger territories.
3. Because organizations represent opportunities to discover leadership and talent and to develop both.

4. Because the world needs evangelism and Christian civilization. This cannot be accomplished by individuals alone but through the intelligent, consecrated cooperation of Christian believers.
5. Because it offers many opportunities for enlightenment, the enlisting of sympathy, and the attainment of objectives of Christian church.
6. Because the Missionary Society offers a great opportunity for the ironing out of interracial difficulties and misunderstandings. The women in the churches of all races have more courage to meet the situation on the



interracial front today than almost any other group in religious life.

7. Because through the work and study of a Missionary Society, men, women, and children come to know Jesus as their Savior, through whom knowledge must come about the kingdom of God.

*(R.H. Boyd-Women's Missionary Society Guide)*

## **WHY BELONG TO A MISSIONARY SOCIETY?**

First, one should belong to a Missionary Society because Christ's last command to His disciples was "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 14:21, KJV). He also said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14:21, KJV). The Missionary Society is a definite place for showing love through obedience. Obedience is Christ's one test of discipleship.

Second, the Missionary Society is in keeping with God's plan to give each disciple a part in saving the world.

Third, the Missionary Society gives one an opportunity to pray in agreement with

others for the spread of God's kingdom. The Society offers loving Christian fellowship with other women of church to meet together to speak, pray, plan, sing, learn and give to God and His work.

Finally, the Society gives a carefully planned program for reaching the poor, the erring, the indifferent, the ignorant and the neglected of our neighborhoods. (R.H. Boyd-Women's

Home and Foreign Mission Society Guide and Program Book)

## **Reasons for Contributing to Missionary Enterprise**

1. Early Christians were missionaries; otherwise, Christianity would have been confined to Palestine.
2. If we do not Christianize other nations, they will heathenize us.
3. The missionary spirit is the vital principle of law of life. We grow only by giving. Only missionary churches are growing
4. Our Lord commanded it---“Go ye into all the world , and preach the Gospel” (Mark 16:15.KJV).

He expects us to support this command financially.

## MISSION STATEMENT

- *Empower* member Missionary Society to carry out the challenge of the Great Commission.
- *Encourage* greater participation with in reaching out to youth and other individuals with special needs.
- *Develop* home mission, foreign mission, education and evangelism ministries to fulfill the objectives .(R.H.Boyd

*Women's Missionary Society Guide)*

# CONSTITUTION FOR WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

## Constitution for Missionary Society

### \*Article I (Name)

This organization shall be called the\_\_\_\_\_

### \*Article II (Objective)

Its objective shall be to foster good homes, Christian education, and home and foreign missions.

### \*Article III (Membership)

Any woman/\_\_\_\_\_ who is a regular church member in good standing may become a member of the Society by attending the meetings when possible, studying the prescribed courses, praying and contributing each month to the causes named in the Mission Statement.

## \*Article IV (OFFICERS)

The officers shall be a president, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Chairpersons of different committees, who shall perform the duties assigned.

Section 1. The Officers, and chairpersons of Committees shall constitute the Executive Board.

## \*Article V (Time/Date)

The meeting shall be held weekly, at such time and place as the Society shall direct. Members pay dues, and chairpersons make reports of work done. The weeks lesson is discussed.

## \*Article VI (Quorum)

Quorum is the number of members whose presence is necessary for transaction of business. No business can be done unless a majority of the whole organization is present.

The number should be relatively small—fifteen to twenty-five for a large organization, and five to nine for a small one.

## \*Article VII (Parliamentary Procedures)

Roberts Rule of Order- (The Scott, Foresman Newly Revised)

Elections: members are nominated (a) by a nominating committee (b) by nominations from floor (c) or by informal ballot (slip of paper upon which each member writes her choice)



## \*Article VIII (Provisions for Amendments)

The Missionary Society should have a regular order of business: (a) call to order (b) reading and approval of minutes (c) reports of officers and committees (d) unfinished business (e) new business (f) announcements (g) adjournment

ALL business shall be brought before an assembly by a motion

Members have the right to present their propositions in the form of motions and to debate them fully.

*There are three methods of amendments (a) inserting or adding new words (b) striking out*

words (c)striking out words and inserting or adding new words in their place.

## Reconsider and Rescind

1. Reconsideration reopens the question for action and a second vote.
2. Rescinding cancels the vote, and no further action on the question is taken.

Amendment-a change in the meaning of a motion (Boyd Missionary Society Guide pp 48-56)

A MOTION IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE MEMBERSHIP TAKE CERTAIN ACTION. It is made by a member obtaining the floor. She must rise after the floor has been yielded and address the presiding officer by her official title: Madame President or Madame Chairperson "I move that....."

Every motion must be seconded. A motion is seconded by a member saying "I second the motion"

Example of response by presiding officer:"It has been moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted."

## **BYLAWS**

Bylaws are needed to give guidance and a uniform method of procedure. Bylaws help eliminate discussions and keep everything in order. Each society should have a committee on bylaws. Bylaws ordinarily consist of ten (10) articles.

### **Suggested Bylaws**

#### **Article 1—Name**

#### **Article 2—Object**

#### **Article 3—Membership**

#### **Article 4—Officers**

Section 1. The names of officers.

Section 2. Their terms of office.

#### **Article 5—Committees**

Section 1. The Names: Enlistment, Program, Missions, Study, Prayer, Community Missions, Stewardship, Publication, Publicity, Social, and others as the organization deems necessary.

Section 2. The president appoints all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

#### **Article 6—Nominating Committee**

Section 1. The Nominating Committee nominates annually the officers and Circle Chairpersons.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy, the Nominating Committee fills and supplies a nominee to fill the unexpired term.

**Article 7—Executive Board**

Section 1. The Officers, Chairpersons of Circles, and Chairpersons of Committees shall constitute the Executive Board.

**Article 8**

Dates of meetings of the Society and Circles.

**Article 9—Parliamentary Procedure**

*Robert's Rules of Order* (Newly Revised, 1990) is to be used.

**Article 10—Amendment to Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

**WHAT IS A WOMAN'S SOCIETY?****IT IS PEOPLE**

A place for every woman, young and old, experienced and inexperienced. They are active participants in the society and circles.

**IT HAS A PURPOSE**

To unite all women of the Church into a missionary program that will stimulate growth in witnessing and working in the Church, home, and community.

**IT IS FOR TRAINING**

Helps develop leadership and a finer womanhood. Trains women for all types of service in the missionary program.

**IT IS FOR EDUCATION**

Missionary education is needed in all church programs. It is of vital importance. Missionary education is the sum of all our efforts to cultivate, in children, young people, and adults, a Christlike concern for people of every race, class, and nation.

**IT IS FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Real fellowship cannot easily take place in large groups. But, in a circle where there is a face-to-face group, each person has a chance to actively express herself; from this, a close fellowship is developed.

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## **MISSIONARY WORKER'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, who was born of the Virgin Mary and died in our stead as an atoning sacrifice for sin.

I believe that the church universal is the company of all who are redeemed by the blood of Christ and are formed by the Holy Spirit into one spiritual body, of which Christ alone is the Head.

I believe that it is the mission of the Church to share Christ's death and resurrection through personal faith in Him, as signified by baptism; to glorify him by good works: to give His gospel to all people, to wait for His appearing: and to partake of Lord's supper until He comes.

**THEME SONG**  
**THIS IS MY MISSION**

Tune: "Blessed Assurance"

**Verses:**

1. Blessed with His goodness,  
Blessed with His love;  
Blessed with His showers that come from above,  
Blessed with His sunshine, blessed with His air,  
I'll go on helping everywhere.
  
2. God gives the courage, faith leads the way.  
Onward we travel happy and gay;  
Thinking of others, willing to share,  
Taking God's message everywhere.
  
3. Remembering others whenever I pray,  
Looking to Jesus, He is the way;  
Onward I travel, Him by my side,  
I'll never falter, He is my Guide.

**Chorus:**

This is my mission, this is my prayer,  
Helping the needy everywhere;  
This is my mission, this is my prayer,  
Helping the needy everywhere.

(Written by Music Committee of Mission #2)