

2022 - 2023 NC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT

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"That is why I remind you to fan into flame the gracious gift of God, [that inner fire – the special endowment] which is in you through the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination]." 2 Timothy 1:6 AMP

In 2 Timothy, Paul was imprisoned in Rome facing certain death. As we read the letter he wrote to his spiritual son, Timothy, we learn that Paul's greatest concern was not his current state, but that of Timothy, and the furtherance of the Gospel after his own death. There is no indication in the scripture that Paul felt Timothy lacked spiritual fire as a church leader. However, knowing Timothy would face difficult situations, Paul encouraged him to stir up or fan the fire that was within him into a blazing flame. Especially, to keep the inner fire burning brightly so that it would continuously produce the *spiritual power* he would need to accomplish the task along with the enabling talents and abilities (special endowment) God had given him.

Like Paul, I do not know when my life or leadership will end, nevertheless, that is not the main matter. My concern is for the continuance of the Gospel through the ministry of NC Women's Ministries. Perilous times are ahead. The Rapture is about to take place and we need more of the fire of God than ever before to empower us to be an end time arsenal against the devil. However, everyday survival through life events and the heated attacks of the enemy have the potential to extinguish that fire. Therefore, I challenge you to stir up the gracious gift of God, that inner fire which produces *spiritual power* and continue to use your talents, abilities, and God-given boldness to evangelize to the unsaved and disciple the Christ follower. Fire, *spiritual power*, is within you! Fan it!

To you, as Women's Ministries leaders and participants on the local level, I take this opportunity to celebrate you for using your spiritual power, talents, and abilities in service to the Kingdom.

Thank you for giving of your tithes, Women's Ministries Day offerings, and Vision Partnership fees during 2022. Your generous contributions are evidence of the gracious gift of God within you. In addition, to the offerings mentioned above, you gave to other IPHC ministries including DRUSA, People to People, The Royal Home Ministries, Magnolia Hope, the Sewing Machine Project, as well as the following:

Vision 4 Education	\$39,559.60
Christmas 4 Missionaries	\$19,219.25
Blanche L. King Scholarship	\$1,550.00
Falcon Children's Home (Harvest Train)	\$213,417.79
Cash	\$177,435.73
Commodities	\$35,982.06

John Wesley said, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can." You have done just that and I admire you for doing so.

During 2022, my assignments as the NCWM Director brought me much joy and a sense of purpose. I traveled over 4,000 miles representing the NCWM at local WM meetings, preaching WM Day services, attending Discipleship Ministries Board meetings, serving as a Venue Host at Fine Arts, attending our annual Leadership Training, Retreat, June Gathering, Conference Leadership Summits, Vision 4 Education at Holmes Bible College and Emmanuel College, and Harvest Train. Every opportunity added to my treasury of memories.

WITH GENUINE GRATITUDE, I SAY THANK YOU TO THE NCWM LEADERSHIP TEAM AND MINISTRY LEADERS FOR FAITHFULLY EXERTING YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER THROUGH SERVICE

NC Women's Ministries Council Members: MARSHA BRASWELL, MELANIE ROSS, PHYLLIS PARRISH, and PEGGY KIRK. You constantly amaze me with your commitment and performance, enabling us to work together like a well-oiled machine. I love you girls!

NCWM Regional Mentors/Coaches: SHARON DUNNING, MEG JACKSON, ANGELA RAY, and BETSY HOLLIDAY. Thank you for your efforts to connect with the ladies of your region and generate camaraderie and spiritual growth among them.

Happy Hearts Director and Team Members: FAYE JONES (Director), JEAN NEVOTNE, MARY BELLE JOHNSON and JEAN GORE. It has been said that birds of a feather flock together. All I can say is that there is always a lot of joyful chirping going on when these ladies get together.

Forever Loved Director: PATSY DEESE. Thank you for understanding and promoting the reality of a need for those who are grieving the death of their spouse, to know that someone is there for them.

Past Presidents/Directors: SUE PARKER, FAYE LEGGETT, MARY BELLE JOHNSON, LINDA THOMAS, and PATSY DEESE. Thank you for reminding me that no man is an island and that you have always been there to help me along the journey of leadership.

NCWM Historian: MEAGAN GRADY. It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Thank you for maintaining a record of our valuable history.

IN ADDITION TO THE NCWM LEADERSHIP TEAM AND MINISTRY LEADERS, WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE, I SAY TO THE FOLLOWING "THANK YOU FOR THE IMPACT YOU HAVE MADE ON MY LIFE."

Former NC Conference Superintendent and First Lady: BISHOP DANNY NELSON, and ROSE NELSON. Thank you for believing in me when I was unsure of my abilities to keep moving forward. I will forever be grateful for your prayers and support.

NC Conference Superintendent: BISHOP DOUG BARTLETT. I am eager to watch you utilize your God-given skills and abilities in your new position. I prayerfully support you. Great things are ahead!

NC Conference First Lady: ANNE BARTLETT. Your bubbly personality, enthusiasm and laughter speak of the joy of the Lord within your heart. Thank you for challenging me to live joyfully in spite of my circumstances.

NC Conference Assistant Superintendent: RYAN JACKSON. You have always been a cheerleader to me. Thank you for your vote of confidence along my spiritual journey.

NC Conference Discipleship Ministries Director: JON OLIVER, and Administrative Assistant, NICOLE OLIVER. I cherish you both. You are a super team! Thank you for trusting my leadership, coaching me, empowering me, and encouraging me with the words, "Just be you." You truly are a mentor.

NC Conference Secretary-Treasurer (CFO): ORIS HUBBARD. I thank you for your patience and valuable guidance. You are always so gracious!

NC Conference Ministry Center Staff: ANDREA GARRO, NICOLE TURRANSKY, ALESHYA GARNER, PAM STEWART. You never just do a good job; you always do a great job. Your promptness is appreciated!

NCWM Prayer Team: Thank you for the personal prayers you have prayed for me and your commitment to pray over our events. Your prayers have moved the heart and hand of God.

You: LADIES WHO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE MINISTRY. Ladies, you are the reason we do what we do! You are the backbone! I highly regard you. I am continually impressed by the results you produce. You are a living example of God's grace and compassion. Our Lord has a record of your faithfulness in doing what was within your ability to do. Heaven has the record and the reward! I love you all!

As we march forward, I challenge each one of us to check our fire level. If we determine we are experiencing burnout and our inner spirit needs an awakening, let us be reminded that we do not need new ingredients, rather we need to intentionally invest time in stirring up what we already possess. This can be accomplished by getting back to the basic spiritual disciplines, including but not limited to: repenting, worshiping, submission, service, praying God's Word, and fasting. These disciplines are a pathway to spiritual growth, leading to a deeper inner life with Christ, and generation of *spiritual power* needed to serve, endure to the end, and win the lost at any cost.

Fire, spiritual power, is within you! Do not grieve it or quench it. Fan it!

Serving in full view of the Lord,

Janice Marshburn, Director

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