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President’s Address: Who is an Ambassador?

In 2 Corinthians 5:20, we read that we are ambassadors for Christ, imploring people to be reconciled to God through Jesus. Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:20 that he was an ambassador in chains, and asked for prayer that he might speak boldly as he should speak.

The definition for the Greek word “presbeuo,” (ambassador), means a representative of a ruling authority. Ambassadors would be chosen from the ranks of mature, experienced people. An ambassador for Christ necessitates spiritual maturity.

In New Testament times and in today’s world, the word “ambassador” has the same meaning. An “ambassador” can be defined as:

- An official representative who is authorized to speak on behalf of his sender.
- An authorized messenger who has the power to make decisions and to represent the will of the government, nation, or king he represents.
- An official or envoy who is a diplomatic agent of the highest rank sent to represent a nation to a foreign land.

As Christians, we are all to be ambassadors for Christ in the year ahead. As His ambassadors, we have the full authority of Jesus Christ given to us. He will lead us, give us the words to speak, give us strength for the task for which we are assigned, and provide protection for us.

With a new President in office, ambassadors from the US are being chosen for positions around the world. It reminds me of a ministry trip I took to Costa Rica several years ago. We were ministering in churches around the San Jose area. An invitation was extended to join our US Ambassador’s wife for lunch in her home. What a treat for us! An official car and driver picked us up at our hotel and took us to her home. The car pulled up to the front of their home and armed guards opened the doors for us. A half a block away, a man ran across the street. The guards escorting us, immediately stopped us, moved between us and the man who was running and lowered their weapons in the ready position.

Needless to say, our heartbeat elevated a bit! The man moved on down the street and we proceeded inside the wall that surrounded their home. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and time of fellowship with Christian women from Costa Rica as well as other ladies from the USA. That was my first experience with the life of an ambassador.

The lesson for me was that when God sends us on an assignment as His ambassador, all the provisions have been put in place for us to successfully fulfill the call of God on our lives. We need not be fearful of stepping out of our comfort zone when the Holy Spirit nudges us to do something new for the Kingdom. Our part is to stay in close fellowship with Him, trust Him and thank Him. We represent the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We are His ambassadors!

Ask Him for your assignment!

Love,

Judy Graham
President, Celebration Women’s Ministry Inc.
Psalm 118:24 reads, “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (ESV) Every year at National Conference I am amazed at how much God reveals to us both collectively and individually. This year there were ladies and youth who came with brokenness and left renewed and healed. Jesus seeped into our hearts and filled in the cracks with the power to forgive and be forgiven. The Holy Spirit showed up in a mighty fashion and reminded us of who’s our Daddy and there is comfort knowing exactly where to find our refuge! We are truly celebrating!

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield & rampart.

PSALM 91:4

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God is so good! In the leadership equipping session we discussed how God equips each of us to be spiritual leaders, how we ensure that our priorities fulfill God’s purposes for our lives, and how having a teachable spirit ensures that we are open to His plan for us. With obedience and boldness, we know that we are covered under His feathers and may confidently share our passion for Jesus with others.

Worship

We had an intimate time of worshipping the Lord together and discovering what worship is, what it isn’t and what it should be. Worship is a time to usher in the presence of the Lord, to set our focus on Him, and to send the enemy running!

We learned that worship is not a concert, boring, or dependent on our external circumstances. We can draw close to the Lord in times of worship by having a repentant heart, cultivating a practice of worship and intimately knowing our Savior!

Leadership

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Prayer

“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.” 1 Timothy 4:4-5

In this session, we explored how the word of God serves as the primary resource for focusing our prayer. A brainstorming session produced scripture, music, print and digital resources for focusing our prayer lives. The equipping session culminated with participants making prayer bead chains based on the book, A Bead and a Prayer by Kristen E. Vincent.

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Once again, we had a great time over in the youth room at National Conference. The absolute highlight of the weekend was learning about the love of God through live baby chicks! This year we changed things up with rapid fire short talks, object lessons, worship and small groups to keep everyone engaged.

We are always amazed by the young ladies that we have the privilege to spend the weekend; what a wonderful blessing they are to the Celebration community!

- Love, Jennie and Rebekah

**A New Connection with TAC Bishop Scott Jones**

On February 9th, Judy Graham, our National President, and Administrative Assistant, Mary Filer, had the privilege of meeting with Bishop Scott Jones, our new Bishop in the Texas Annual Conference (“TAC”). We shared the history of Celebration, our current happenings across the U.S., and the origin of the TAC Prayer Room that Celebration initiated over 17 years ago.

We had prepared a packet containing informational items, such as our Celebration Chapter Manual, our Newsletter and our National Conference Brochure. We also gave him a tri-fold brochure to share with his wife, Mary Lou. He seemed quite pleased to receive the items and we are praying that his wife will be able to join us at future events.

The Bishop was pleased to hear of the events within the ministry and how they affect women in our conference as well as other conferences and denominations.

A fun opening came when the Bishop directed questions to Mary, a mid-term Junior at University of Houston. That beautiful young woman was able to share with Bishop Jones of how Celebration impacted her life and the lives of other youth.

It was a fast 15-minute visit, but we have connected with the Bishop. We felt it was a successful meeting and sensed God’s favor with us. Bishop Jones is now aware of this ministry for women in his conference. We will be a blessing to him through our prayers and support.
Luncheon at Texas Annual Conference

with Rev. Kaitlyn Bowie Hankins

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017
12:00 Noon (Doors Open at 11:45am)
The Woodlands UMC
The Hanger in the Loft Building
2200 Lake Woodlands Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380

All women & men invited! Luncheon Ticket - $25
Checks made payable to “Celebration” (Memo- TAC Luncheon)
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Announcing our newest chapter — Jones Memorial UMC!

Led by longtime believer of Celebration’s mission, Frankie Watson, a special group of ladies chartered the Jones Memorial UMC chapter based in Pearland, Texas this January.

The church hosted a powerful Experience Celebration event this past November in which women of the church and community were invited to join in introducing the ministry’s message of salvation, healing and equipping. (See the feature in the Winter 2016 newsletter issue.)

Now with Officer Training behind them, the chapter is rearing to go. We welcome the “Experience Celebration” Chapter of Jones Memorial UMC to the Celebration family.

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Celebration Calendar

Trinity FUMC Chapter
April 11th, 6:00 p.m.
Email: ledbetter34@hotmail.com

Friendswood FUMC Chapter
April 27th, 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Debbie Bass
Email: JLane1114@yahoo.com

Trinity FUMC Chapter
May 9th, 6:00 p.m.
Email: ledbetter34@hotmail.com

Cypress Trails UMC Chapter
May 13th, 11:00 a.m.
Email: sara.sneed@gmail.com

Eureka UMC Chapter (Wisconsin)
May 20th, 9:00 a.m.
Email: lkrjungwirth@att.net

Celebration Lunch at Texas Annual Conference
May 30 @ Noon

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