

Ministries of American Baptist Women of Central Region...

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Ministries of American Baptist Women in Kansas/Central Region

Significant events and changes:

McCoys and Lykins came as missionaries to the Kansas territory	1828
Christian influence of Sally Journeycake made possible the resumption of Christian missions among the Delaware Indians	1829
First Baptist church built in territory by Christian Indians who had come from Michigan and just reorganized there; about a mile south of the Shawnee Mission house	1832
Charles Journeycake, a Delaware Indian, was the first baptism	1833
Eleanor and Jotham Meeker brought a printing press to the territory	1833
The Meeker's printed the first newspaper ever published in America in any Indian language called the "Shawnee Sun"	1835
Rev. Lykins erected permanent buildings near Turner Bridge, Turner, KS	1839
Rev. Isaac McCoy wrote "History of Indian Mission"	1840
Flood swept away the brick building built in 1839 near Turner Bridge	1844
Baptists of the South withdrew because of a difference of opinion growing out of the slavery question. They organized the Southern Baptist Convention.	1845
The "City of Kansas" was laid out by John McCoy, son of Isaac McCoy. It was incorporated in 1853	1846
Delaware Baptist Mission was founded	1847
East Kansas association organized. A stream of immigration of white settlers into the Kansas territory	1854
Kansas Baptist Convention was organized at a meeting in Atchison	1860
Territory of Kansas admitted into the Union as 34 th state Civil war broke out; Ottawa University was founded	1861

Invitation to colored Baptists to send delegates to the 1867 annual meeting of the Kansas Baptist Convention	1866
Mather School founded at Beaufort, South Carolina	1867
Mission circles were organized in Kansas	1869
Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society founded Membership was 2 cents a week	1871
Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society formed Kansas among the first states to have a vice-president	1877
Joanna P. Moore was the first missionary appointed by the Woman's Home Mission Society. Her service was to the recently freed slaves.	1878
Annual meeting of convention reported 29 woman's mission circles	1880
Women founded Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago to train women to be missionaries – the first of its kind	1881
First missionaries sent to Alaska under the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.	1886
Woman's Mission Societies thoroughly established as a part of the working force of the Kansas Baptist Convention	1886
Northern and Southern districts of Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society were formed in Kansas because of its size	1886
Kansas girl went to Cho-fu, Japan as missionary through Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	1886
Lucie Jansen, Woman's AB Home Mission Society, reported 150 colored people were baptized in a Kansas river. 300 converts had joined the colored Baptist churches in Topeka	1887
African descent organized their own convention	1891
Kansas Woman's AB Home Mission Society assumed payment of \$1,000 toward the expenses of two district missionaries in Kansas	1891
Nine associations, 13 mission bands and 243 mission societies were reported among the 17,500 Baptist women in Kansas	1892

First woman's conference in connection with association meetings was organized by Mrs. M.B. Newell, Marysville, state secretary of Foreign Mission Society	1893
On April 13, 1894 Edith Hill was ordained (age 25) at the Eden (now First Baptist) Church at Pittsburg--the 1 st American Baptist woman in KS and 3 rd in USA	1894
A new leaflet was published – “How can we make our missionary meetings more interesting?”	1896
Eight women were called into Home Mission work	1896
Ministers of local churches were asked to allow women to speak for 3 minutes in the interest of securing funds for promotion of Kansas missionary work.	1897
Woman's Missionary Circles were organized in churches	1897
Two missionaries (Rev. W.M. Diny & Rev. W.A. Sharp) former members of the McPherson church addressed the Kansas Baptist Convention in McPherson	1900
All women were urged to adopt the motto “A circle in every church and every woman in the church a member”.	1900
Kansas City Seminary (now Central Baptist Theological Seminary) was founded and became a foster child of the Kansas Baptist Convention	1901
Donations by Kansas women: \$ 1,711.07 to foreign missions; \$ 1,323.94 to home missions. 16 new circles were organized.	1902
Convention voted to publish a state paper “The Kansas Baptist”	1902
Five Kansas girls graduated from Baptist Missionary Training School;	1905
Kansas women gave \$2,024.44 plus White Cross goods valued at \$203.17 to missions; Outfit for two missionaries was \$ 175.00	1905
Missionaries appointed from Kansas: Dr. Margaret Grant, Pearl Page and Margaret Covert to China and Maza Evans to India	1905
Women were allowed two hours on the Kansas Baptist Convention program – one each for Home and Foreign Missions. 140 attended the banquet.	1906
We currently have 7 Kansas girls attending BMTS.	1906
Northern Baptist Convention was organized (later became “American”)	1907
The two (East and West) Woman's Home Mission Societies united and were taken into the Northern Baptist Convention	1909
Kansas women gave \$ 4,594.69 to foreign missions	1909

Motto: "Every Baptist woman in every Baptist church a missionary – either going or sending into all the world."	1910
Reports show that Kansas women during the last 11 years gave \$ 21,659.91 for foreign missions; \$ 1,969.75 for a building fund at BMTS and \$ 3,005.93 for home missions	1910
"Evangel" Chapel Car ministry in Kansas (Mr & Mrs J.C. Killion)	1910- 1915
John D. Rockefeller instrumental in founding the Ministries and Missionaries Benefit Board	1911
Miss Nathena Clyde, Argentine Baptist church, Kansas City, was appointed as a home missionary to organize the work in Kansas City, Kansas – later developed into Bethel Neighborhood Center.	1911
Kansas Baptist Convention became part of the Northern Baptist Convention.	1912
Training school for pastor's wives organized at the Kansas City Seminary	1913
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society organized the states in the Northern Baptist Convention into ten districts. We were in the K.I.N. District (Kansas, Iowa & Nebraska) Mrs. R.W. Ramsey, Topeka, was the first pres.	1914
World Wide Guild was organized. (Instrumental in its founding was Mrs. Henry Peabody born at Belmont, KS) It is a new name for Young Woman's Mission organization. Olive Russell, Derby, was first state director. Worth While Girls of W.W.G. – Working With God for the Whole World's Good	1915
Christian's World Crusade organized – a new missionary educational work	1916
White Cross introduced into woman's societies	1917
Wide spread epidemic of influenza prevented annual meeting of convention	1918
Unified Budget plan was adopted	1919
Reorganization uniting Kansas Woman's American Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies into " The Kansas Baptist Woman's Union "	1920
KIN District gave more than \$25,000 to build the first and only hospital in Assam for women and children. It was located in Gahati.	

The plan was sponsored by Kansas missionary, Millie Marvin.	1919-1921
First State B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young People's Union) director was appointed: Miss Edna Umstot, Ottawa (later Mrs. Luke Mobray of Pratt)	1922
First Guild assembly at Ottawa with 225 girls at the evening banquet	1923
State Baptist Assembly at Ottawa – 1,032 registered. 75 in boys camp; 117 WWG's	1926
Kansas women raised \$ 10,000 to celebrate the golden anniversary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society	1927
Helen Barrett Montgomery, president of Northern Baptist Convention 1921-22, attended the Kansas all day annual meeting	1927
Under a new scholarship plan-- \$200 scholarships to Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago and \$150 scholarships to Kansas City Seminary (now Central) available each year.	1928
First World Day of Prayer	1929
Celebrated 100 years of Baptist work in Kansas	1929
Voted to accept a plan of Missionary Education and Reading	1929
Bacone College Glee Club furnished music for annual Kansas Baptist Convention at Arkansas City	1930
Baptist men organized. First president was William Condell, El Dorado	1931
First school of instruction for woman's work was held in Missouri River Assn. by the Woman's Mission Society	1932
First Women's House Party at Charlton Cottage, Ottawa University, (50 women attended)	1933
75 th anniversary of the Kansas Baptist Convention celebrated at Ottawa, KS Kansas women presented a pageant "Past Epochs of Missionary Accomplishments"	1935
First year that Love Gift offerings were recorded as part of the unified budget.	1937
"League of Interpreters" introduced. It was women who were prepared to speak on foreign mission work.	1937

Second WMS House Party held at the College of Emporia, Emporia, KS	1938
“Speakers Bureau” launched by the Home Mission Society	1939
Northern Baptist Convention held in Wichita, KS in June.	
World War II began on Dec 7 th with bombing of Pearl Harbor	1941
World Wide Guild became part of the Baptist Youth Fellowship and for several years Guild for girls was discouraged in Kansas.	1941
Gift boxes became Love Gift Boxes – Kansas Baptist women gave \$6,338	1941
First time for two House Parties – due to gas rationing. Ottawa reported 115 ‘out-of-town’ guests and Camp Christy had 40 women and 18 Guild girls.	1942
“Open Door” was published three times a year with helps for association and local leaders.	1942-1950
Northern Baptist Convention cancelled because of World War II.	
Two-thirds of missionaries reported still on the fields	1943
First Missions Conference at our American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, WI. Rebah Woods, Pauline Ritter and Hazel Schwitzgebel attended.	1944
“Kansas Baptist Woman’s Union” name was changed to “ Kansas Baptist Woman’s Mission Society ” at the annual meeting at El Dorado.	
We celebrated our 25 th anniversary with 400 women attending the birthday tea	1945
Kansas women were invited to an open board meeting at First Baptist, Topeka. They were guests of Mrs. Frank Carlson at the Executive Mansion from 3-5 pm on February 12 th .	1947
House party was held at Ottawa. \$36,000 was pledged for furnishing the new women’s residence hall.	1947
A book of information was prepared by the Kansas WMS board “So—you have been elected president” to be used as a guide for officers, chairmen and presidents of local societies.	1948
Schools of instruction were held with 1,500 women attending	1949
First ‘out-of-state’ House Party held at Bacone College Campus, Muskogee, OK (153 attended)	1949
Bacone “Thrift Shop” was begun	1949
First FULL TIME House Party at Camp Christy (100 attended)	1949
First state directory listing names of state officers & chairmen, officers & chairmen of the 17 associations and presidents of all local societies	1949

The first Business and Professional Woman's House Party in American Baptist Churches. It was a weekend at Camp Fellowship 14 miles southwest of Wichita.	1951
Information Bulletin (monthly) was first published by Mrs. Rebah Woods in February (subscription for 10 issues \$1.00 year)	1951
Mary Katow Cabin dedicated at the Camp Christy House Party in August	1951
Report books were introduced to local societies	1951
First congress of North American Baptist Woman's Union in Columbus, OH (continental union of Baptist World Alliance)	1953
25th anniversary of Scholarship-Refit	1953
All three groups met together for a House Party at Ottawa (WMS, B&PW, Guild) Offering for Managua hospital \$5,194.87	1954
Two projects: \$10,000 for Bacone bus and \$10,000 for church Osaka, Japan	1955
Kansas had charge of the program each day during the 'Woman's Hour' at Missions Conference at Green Lake. 23 women went by chartered bus	1956
Kansas Fellowship Guild was revived.	1957
\$10,000 for state camps. History committee appointed	1957
\$10,000 for Central Seminary designated for books for the library	1958
Camp George Wise was dedicated	1959
\$10,000 for Ottawa University scholarships	1959
Mrs. J.N. Atkinson named "Historian Emeritus" for Kansas women.	
Her "Book of Remembrance" was compiled over the last five years.	1959
First Guild House Party at Ottawa. (First 'assembly' held in 1923)	1959
"House Party" was changed to "Woman's Conference"	1962
Scholarship Program changed to include men training for missionary or ministerial service.	1962
Made "sunflowers" as favors for the national ABC convention in Kansas City	1966
First time for THREE conferences for WMS – Ottawa, Camp Webster near Salina and Camp Christy.	1969

Another Name Change – “Kansas Baptist Woman’s Mission Society” changed to “ American Baptist Women of Kansas ” National had adopted the name of American Baptist Women in 1950.	1970
Mission Magazine combined with The Crusader and published as “The American Baptist”	1970
ABW of Kansas voted to become self supporting. (Had received \$125 mo and then \$100 mo from Kansas Baptist Convention.)	1970
Bacone College students became eligible for our scholarships	1973
“Kansas Kitty” founded – asking \$1 from each ABW woman. 50 cents would be for association, 30 cents for state and 20 cents for national support	1973
Project and scholarship funds are given to local treasurer and sent to the state office as we do for Love Gift.	1973
Other changes: three year terms for state officers ABW year Jan-Dec to coincide with local churches; ABW Sunday designated in Kansas & later adopted nationally ABW exhibit at annual meeting of Kansas Baptist Convention Prepared by different division each year	1973
‘Policy sheets’ outlining responsibilities, policies and practices of the board were created	1978
ABW displays at KBC annual meeting are to be prepared by a committee from the locale where meeting is to be held.	1978
“Kansas Baptist Convention” became “ Central Region ”	1979
Information Bulletin became professionally printed	1979
Anna Belle Poole instigated the Mission Rally Tour – Road Show. Traveled 1,280 miles across the state	1980
50 th anniversary of House Parties/Conferences. Used the theme ‘Windows’	1983
Change: Nominating committee now made up of five association presidents in an attempt to get more equalized representation on the board	1983
Rosebud Counselor added to the Board of Managers but is still appointed by the Dept. of Education ABCCR (like the Guild counselor)	1985
Made segments for the 10 mile ‘Peace Ribbon’ wrapped around the Pentagon in commemoration of the 40 th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima	1985
Rosebud and Guild Counselors appointed by the ABW/CR President (3 yr term)	1987
Japanese Task Force became Baptist Youth Exchange Committee	1987
Retiring president’s gift is to be presented at the annual meeting	1987

Third Sunday in September became the recommended date for ABW Sunday	1988
Conference offering is used for conference expenses	1988
Chairman of Youth Exchange Committee became member of Board of Mgr.	1989
Funds for Peggy Smiley scholarship will be administered by ABCCR	1989
Rosebud and Guild counselors elected rather than appointed by president	1989
Information Bulletin edited by the Communications chairman rather than by the President	1989
Voted to retain “chairman” wording rather than change to “chairwoman”	1989
On December 28 th Bacone College Chapel burned to the ground	1990
Mary Gates Atkinson selected as outstanding woman in our ABW history	1990
Region quilt made with each of the 12 associations naming an outstanding woman in history for a block of the quilt.	1990
Name changed to “ American Baptist Women’s Ministries ”	1991
Divisions became areas and Vice Presidents became coordinators with working groups as associates instead of chairmen.	
3 areas of ministry are: personal development, church and community and mission and service.	1991
Year changed from calendar year to Sept. 1 st through August 31 st	1991
Annual meeting will be at summer conference (including election of officers)	1992
Association and local elections to be held in April or May	1992
Conference changed to two single conferences in the middle of the state and one split conference during each president’s term	1992
Guild Girls and Rosebud’s names changed to AB GIRLS and Girls of Joy .	
AB GIRLS is an acronym for American Baptist Girls in Relationship, Leadership and Service.	1992
A new logo for American Baptist Women’s Ministries was developed	1992
We have a new mission statement	1992
Monies to refit missionaries is now an average of previous years and is sent annually – currently \$1,000.00	1994
Colors to represent the areas of ministry were adopted	
Administration – purple, representing the ABW Ministries logo;	
Personal Development ministries – green, symbolizing growing/developing into God’s person’	
Church and Community ministries – yellow, symbolizing hope or a beacon of light in the community.	
Mission and Service ministries – red, symbolizing love	

Association presidents – blue, symbolizing loyalty;	
AB GIRLS – teal, representing AB GIRLS logo	1994
‘policy sheets’ became ‘job descriptions’	1994
75 th anniversary of White Cross celebrated	1994
Voted to drop Church and Family Relations associate due to lack of duties	1995
“Oasis” spiritual retreats were started following training at Green Lake (Wilma Engle, Shirley Fair, Agnes Harris, Helen Pierce)	1996
All ages of AB GIRLS were together at Cross Wind for the first time	1998
70 th anniversary of Scholarship Fund	1998
Discipleship was removed from responsibilities of Love Gift associate and given to Personal Development as originally intended.	2000
First AB GIRLS House Party at Camp Christy –	2001
Great Plains and Pioneer Associations united to become Western Association	2002
Central Region received a banner for the greatest increase in attendance over the previous year at our national ABWomen’s Min. conference (32 present)	2007
Walnut Valley and Roger Williams Associations combined	2008
William Carey Association was disbanded and local churches joined other assn.	
Task group of Winnie Davis, Dottie McCrossen and Janie Allen were to visit with Dr. Molly Marshall to see how AB Women’s Ministries work could be relayed to the students	2008
ABCCR area ministers became Associate Executives with new job descriptions in the overall restructuring of the Board of Directors and staff	2008
Recommended that AB Women’s Ministries officers pay for half the conference fee this year, if possible	2008
Half the conference/retreat offering is to go into the general offering and half stay with the conference budget line	2008
Another change--- A conference associate’s 3-year term will include 2 years as conference associate trainee and 1 year as conference associate.	2009
Wilma Engle and Shirley Fair were appointed to serve as co-chairs of the 60 th anniversary endowment fund campaign	2009
New mission statement “American Baptist Women’s Ministries is Christ Centered, committed to encourage and empower women and Girls to serve God”	2011

Size of national board reduced by recommended regions remain the same	2012
A new logo for Central Region (replacing the sunflower)	2013
Ruth Clark, Kansas City, is ABC USA president	2013 – 2015
ABC USA Biennial/ Mission Summit held at Overland Park, KS	2013 & 2015
200 th anniversary of American Baptist Foreign Mission Society All missionaries came home to Green Lake for conference	2014
Scholarship criteria changed to allow attendance at any ABC affiliated College or university but student must be a member of a Central Region church	2014
Nominating committee changed to two association presidents and one Board member from a different area appointed by the president	2016
Scholarship criteria changed to allow scholarships to any college as long as student was a member in good standing at a Central Region church and a letter from the pastor regarding student's character must be included with the application	2019

World Wide Guild (1916) – Fellowship Guild (1941) AB GIRLS acronym for American Baptist Girls in Relationship, Leadership and Service (1993)

The inspiration for an organization of Baptist girls came to three women who wrote Baptist history – Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, Mrs. Henry Peabody (born at Belmont, Kansas in 1861) and Mrs. Andrew MacLeish. They had a vision of thousands of Baptist girls being united in a worldwide spiritual adventure and thus the World Wide Guild came into being in 1915. Alma Noble became the first Secretary.

The Guild was first organized under the Women's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, but a World Wide Guild could not overlook the girls in our own country so in 1916 the Guild became affiliated with the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Guild Covenant was: "Mindful of the millions who are still in darkness because they know not Him who came bringing light and love and life to all men everywhere; remembering the words of Christ, who said, "I am the Light of the world." And again "Ye are the light of the world", I gratefully pledge myself to work henceforth with Him, giving time, money and prayer, that to those who seek for life abundant, the Light of Life may come."

The Guild slogan was "Lighted to lighten". The motto: "I'd love to..." and the Guild Song was "God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty"

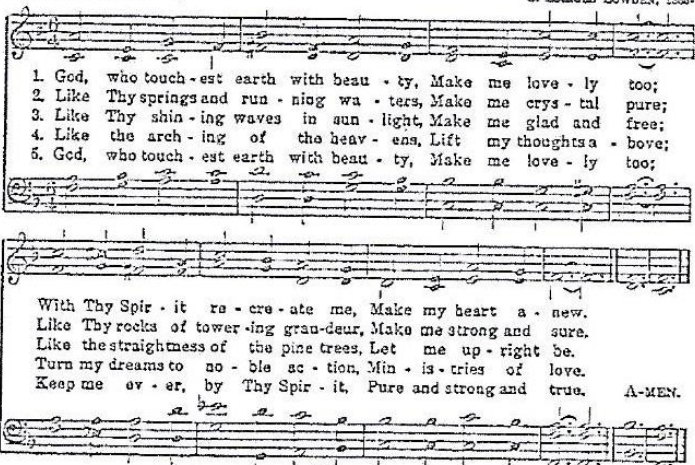
The Guild symbols were:
White Rose – the flower was chosen because of its symbolic purity and delicate, lovely fragrance. It is also symbolic of the development of a Christ-like life. A girl's life should gradually unfold, becoming lovelier each day
Lighted Candle -.The lighted candle is the symbol because a

Guild Girl strives to serve Christ who said "I am the Light of the World" and again, "Ye are the light of the world." Originally Alma Noble had chosen a five-pointed star.)

The Guild colors are blue, white and gold. **Blue** stands for courage and loyalty in the face of difficult circumstances. A Guild Girl is loyal to Christ, her church, her chapter and herself. The **white** stands for purity of her life which stems from her devotional periods. **Gold** symbolizes the golden cord of service.

Worth-While-Girls of the W.W.G., Working with God – for the Whole World's Good.

God Who Touchest Earth with Beauty
MARY S. EDGAR, 1833. GENEVA. S. S. 3. 5. C. HAROLD LOWDEN, 1933.



1. God, who touch-est earth with beau - ty, Make me love - ly too;
2. Like Thy springs and run - ning wa - ters, Make me crys - tal pure;
3. Like Thy shin - ing waves in sun - light, Make me glad and free;
4. Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, Lift my thoughts a - bove;
5. God, who touch-est earth with beau - ty, Make me love - ly too;

With Thy Spir - it re - cre - ate me, Make my heart a - new.
Like Thy rocks of tower - ing gran - deur, Make me strong and sure.
Like the straightness of the pine trees, Let me up - right be.
Turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, Min - is - tries of love.
Keep me ev - er, by Thy Spir - it, Pure and strong and true. A-MEN.

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A missionary program for Guilds in Kansas, under the leadership of Miss Olive Russell for ten years, and then enthusiastically sponsored by Miss Fay Stevenson, gave a wealth of leaders from Kansas – a great number serving on the Home and Foreign Mission Fields as well as local, state and national leaders.

In 1917, the ladies of the mission boards decided to form another group, the Children's World Crusade, to do for younger children what WWG did for teen-agers. Alma Noble's sister, Mary, became its first secretary. Mary "broke the children in" and Alma "brought the young ladies out."

In 1920 the Guild was transferred to the Department of Missionary Education in the Board of Education.

Many Guild rallies were held, and the first House Party was at Ottawa University in 1923. Mrs. J. N. Atkinson, president of the Kansas Baptist Mission Union, served as the first W.W.G. House Mother for five days with 59 girls in Ward Science Hall during the Kansas Baptist Assembly. That same year some 225 girls came for the evening banquet.



← W.W.G. House Party at Ottawa
October 27-28, 1928

In 1941 the Children's World Crusade was discontinued, and the World Wide Guild took on a new name – the Fellowship Guild.

It became a part of the Baptist Youth Fellowship organization, which included both boys and girls.

The Fellowship Guild developed a new thrust which was more in keeping with the kind of world in which the girls found themselves. The emphasis was to consider the needs of girls as persons and to help meet these needs while the girls discover for themselves the nature and mission of the church and their role in that mission.

The Fellowship Guild is a specialized form of youth ministry that takes into account the uniqueness of an all-girl setting. Guild responds to the variety of needs the girls have and is devoted to the spiritual development and Christian fellowship of girls.

We have a varied approach to our working with girls and each church must decide what is best for them, keeping in mind our purpose, which is: "to help girls make a meaningful commitment of faith in Jesus Christ and develop into gracious and mature Christians, to aid them in seeking the help of God for recognizing and accepting responsibility for their own needs and the needs of others, to challenge them to accept their responsibilities as members of the local church where they may serve with others in the mission of Jesus Christ to their current community and to the world."

The original three suggested age groups were junior high, senior high and girls ages 18-24

Ann Judson was the name chosen for the junior high group. She was the famous wife of Adoniram Judson who pioneered in the missionary endeavor in Burma

Sally Peck was the name chosen for the senior high group. She was the frontier wife of John Mason Peck who brought Christ to the new West.

Alma Noble was the name chosen for the girls ages 18-24 years. She was the first Guild Secretary. In 1948, in her memory, the Fellowship Guild established the “Alma Noble Scholarship Fund” to help worthy girls go to college.

The Guild program focused on four areas: Christian Personality Development, The Christian Home, Skills and Vocations (developing the skills necessary for their own occupation as students and future careers), and Missionary World Outreach (becoming aware of and serving the community, country and the world).

For several years Guilds for girls were discouraged in Kansas.

It was at the annual meeting of the Kansas Baptist Women’s Mission Society at Hays in 1957 that the State Fellowship Guild was revived. In the fall of 1958 Mrs. Stewart McDaniel was approved by the women’s board to serve as Guild Counselor.

In June 1959 the first Guild House Party was held at Ottawa University. It was an exciting new venture and with the theme “Search Me, O God” 156 girls, counselors and leaders were inspired to serve Christ in their churches and communities. Mrs. Robert Manogg, National Fellowship Guild counselor, came for the dedication service and Mrs. Frances Ridge, Kansas Baptist Woman’s Missionary Society President, installed the first Guild Commission.

Girls are encouraged to contribute to Love Gift for missions in the state, nation and the world. This is an ‘over and above’ gift meaning it’s in addition to regular giving to their churches. They were given special ‘Love Gift boxes’ to collect their coins in between meetings.

Girls are also encouraged to help fill the White Cross quotas of her church. White Cross can include items requested by missionaries as well as financial donations.

Girls can engage in numerous and a variety of projects, limited only by their energy and creativity. Sometimes it might be a gift of money or other times a gift the girls have made, depending upon the needs of the organization chosen.

The state commission is responsible for planning the Fellowship Guild House parties.

The Guild newsletter, “Guild Spotlight” was initiated in 1965 and is published by the editor of the commission three times a year – fall, late winter and at House Party. In between these times, articles can be share through the “*Information Bulletin*” which the women publish monthly.

Only information on two 1960s house parties was found.



1961 – Guild House party at Ottawa University in June with Eleanor Dow as the missionary speaker. She has served in Cuba since 1941.

1968 – Guild House party at Ottawa University in June with Kansas ABW president, Florence Sherrill, participating in the devotional time.

In 1969 the national Degree program, which has been an important part of Guild activity, was adapted for Kansas Guilds by Mrs. Agnes Harris and Roselyn Van Benschoten. There were three degrees: **Degree of the Rose, the Degree of color and the Degree of Light. A fourth, the Degree of Joy** was added in 1975. To be awarded any or all of these degrees, a girl must spend much time in study, service and devotion.

Listed below are some of the highlights of house parties and projects for which we have found information.

1970 – 12th annual Kansas Guild House party was held at Ottawa University June 19-21, 1970. Girls and sponsors heard a Jewish rabbi, a black Pastor and his choir, and a missionary from the Congo along with some surprises.

In 1971 the Guild Guidelines, the Guild handbook, was updated.

In 1971 the Guild started having projects to be completed by House Party.

1971 – 13th annual Kansas Guild House Party at Ottawa University on June 18-20. Theme was “Reach Out”. Included in the program was a juvenile court counselor, a black pastor and a campus minister. Project was 342 shifts for young girls in the Congo.

1972 – 12 volume set of Interpreter’s Bible and 2 vol. accompanying dictionary and a tape recorder were sent to Burma

1973 – 76 pillow cases, 261 tea towels, 201 aprons, 8 potholders, \$10 in cash to Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City

1974 – stuffed toys for Murrow Children’s Home at Muskogee and the overflow to Bethel Neighborhood Center

1975--Ecole Pastorale in Zaire and Pilgrim Baptist Hospital in Nigeria each received \$723.52 which was earned by girls in local Guilds

17th annual Fellowship Guild House Party was held at Ottawa University June 20-22, 1975 with the theme “Freedom in Christ” using theme Scripture of John 8:36. Messages included: “Understanding Freedom, Living Freedom, and Enjoying Freedom.”

1976– decorated pillow cases for the new nursing centers at Sunset Home in Concordia and Homestead Health Center in Wichita

In 1979 Rosebud Guild was formed for the younger girls in grades three through six and Gatherings were held for them. Their slogan was “God’s Rosebuds gracefully growing, gladly revealing His love to the world.” Motto: “I’ll gladly try.”

The goals were:

Spiritual growth: salvation (John 3:16) and discipleship (Prov. 22:6)

Learning: mission education, Bible study, household duties & concern for others

Leadership: hold office and responsibility

Outreach: draw those not involved in churches

Their uniform was a plain vest in sunshine yellow, sky blue or white

Theme song: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

They worked to earn three degrees: Prayer, Dove and Cross

“The Stem” is a newsletter published three times a year.

1979 – 21st Annual Fellowship Guild House Party at Ottawa University June 22-24, 1979. Theme Scripture was Matthew 20:26b-27 and theme was “Greatness is...” Messages included: “Greatness is belonging” and “Greatness is giving...your life in service, thought to your priorities, and thought to your pride.” Project was the Crow Indian Children.

1980 – House party at Ottawa University theme Scripture: I Peter 3:3-4 with the theme “Phony or for Real”. Messages included: “Me- phony?” and “Phony or for Real...with family, with friends and with God”

1980 – Western Rosebud gathering at Camp Christy July 17-19 with Agnes Harris as the leader;

Eastern Rosebud gathering at Tall Oakes (Linwood, KS) Aug 3-5 with Sylvia Porter as the leader.

1982 – Guild House Party at Ottawa June 25-27. Theme: “Polishing the Silver” with degree workshops emphasizing Guild basics

Eastern Rosebuds met at Rock Springs Ranch June 30-July 2

Western Rosebuds met at Camp Christy July 23-25

1983 – Guild met at Ottawa University June 24-26

1984 – 26th Annual Fellowship Guild House Party at Ottawa University June 8-10, 1984 with the theme: “Family, Trees and God” Theme Scripture: Romans 12:4-5. Messages focused on bearing God’s fruit and the parallels between roots and in life-giving water of God’s Word. Discussion groups were names of trees.

1984 – Eastern Rosebud Gathering was held at Rock Springs Ranch July 2-4.
 Theme: “Care, Share and Prayer” Rev. Rich Roberts, pastor at Osawatomie wrote a special song for them: The Care, Share, Prayer Song
 Chorus: Take time to care. Take time to share. Take time for prayer. This is the way of the Rosebud Guild (Repeat)
 V 1 – Rosebud kids are into carin’ - they’ve learned love is the only way. Feed the hungry, helping people, Rosebuds walk in the Jesus way.
 V 2 – Rosebud kids are into sharin’ - helping others carry the load. They share the gifts that they’ve been given. Rosebuds walk on the Jesus road.
 V 3 – Rosebud kids are into prayin’ – taking time to just be still. Prayin’ for the needs of others, Rosebuds walk where Jesus will.
 Vergie Opdyche, DeSoto, was the Rosebud counselor

1985 – House Party at Ottawa Univ June 7-9, 1985 with theme “Bringing My Lives Together” and Scripture I Peter 3:3-4. Discussion groups included “Home and Family, Church, School, Friends, Dates, Self, World, God and Community”. Project was Bethel Neighborhood Center

1985 – Eastern Rosebud Gathering was held at Rock Springs Ranch July 18-20
 Theme: “Precious Moments with Jesus” Bible studies were led by Rev. Harvey Stewart on Precious Moments with Women who Loved Jesus. –
 “God’s call shared with us all” Mary the mother of Jesus Luke 1:26-38;
 “Where forgiveness is found” the unknown sinner Luke 7:36ff;
 “Understanding the ministry of Christ” Mary of Bethany “Mark 14:1-9;
 “Discovering our mission in Christ” Mary Magdalene John 20:1-18

Carol Shapley, Stilwell, was Rosebud Counselor.

Project was bath kits consisting of powder, lotion, soap, shampoo and bath towel for Keams Canyon Community Church; and bath kits consisting of bath size towel, wash cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb for Bethel Neighborhood Center



Eastern Rosebud Gathering – Rock Springs Ranch – July 18-20, 1985

- 1986 – Theme of Guild House Party at Ottawa was “Be Somebody you Love”
- 1986 – Central Region Rosebud Guild Gathering -Rock Springs Ranch July 17-19
Theme: “The Lord is my Shepherd” Rev. Tim O’Byrne led Bible studies on the theme “Lambs need a shepherd” John 10:11-14; “Lambs must feed in good pastures” Psalm 23; “Lambs must be obedient” James 1:22-25; “Lambs which wander can munch their way into serious danger” I Peter 5:8 and Philippians 4:6-7. Special guest speaker at the banquet was Debbie Barnes Miles, 1968 Miss America. Carol Shapley, Rosebud Chairman



Central Region Rosebud Gathering – Rock Springs Ranch – July 17-19, 1986

- 1987 – House Party at Ottawa University- June 26-28, 1987 with theme “Vision for a new way” Scripture Ephesians 4:13. There were several vision quests and a devotional on “Who is God?” “If God can be fully proved by the human mind, then He is no greater than the mind that proves Him.” Billy Graham.
- 1987 – Rosebud Gathering at Rock Springs Ranch July 16-18 Theme: “Angels” with 130 girls and leaders. \$101 was given to Love Gift.
- 1988 – 30th annual Fellowship Guild House party at Ottawa Univ. on June 24-26, 1988. Theme was “Heart of Friendship”. During devotions they created their own verse to “What a friend we have in Jesus”.
- 1988 – Rosebud Gathering was at Rock Springs Ranch July 21-23
- 1989 – House party at Ottawa June 23-25, 1989 with the theme “By our Love”. Theme Scripture Matthew 25:35-40; Theme song: They’ll know that we are Christians by our Love” In small groups they ranked their values of wealth, equality, family, progress, tradition, freedom, love, health, peace, justice, beauty, wisdom, power, happiness, non-violence, togetherness. They also ranked their character traits.
- 1989 – Rosebud Gathering as White Memorial Camp (Council Grove) July 21-23 Theme: “I am a promise!” Promise groups & lessons: “I am a promise

created to be like God”; “I am a promise because Christ gave Himself for me”; “I am a promise with special gifts for service”; “I am a promise with something to share”; “I am a promise with decisions to make”: “I am a promise with someone at my side”; “I am a promise to be anything God wants me to be”. Janice Loflin, Rosebud chairman

- 1991 – House party at Ottawa – Theme: “Fruit of the Spirit” with theme Scripture Galatians 5:22-23. Jene Chadwick was the banquet speaker.
Favorite song – “Bananas for the Lord” to the tune of Battle Hymn of the Republic: He’s a peach of a Savior, He’s the apple of my eye. He prunes back the branches when the branches get too high. He bears fruit in season and His love will never die; and that’s why I’m bananas for the Lord. Glory, glory we’re the branches (repeat 3x) and that’s why I’m bananas for the Lord.
- 1991 – Rosebud Gathering – White Memorial Camp – July 26-28
Theme: “Women of the Bible” Theme song was “Women of the Bible” written by Jane Parker Huber which described different women who were faithful including Hannah, Deborah, Esther, Ruth, women at the tomb, Nympha, Phoebe, Lydia, Mary, Julia, Priscilla, Junia. Program included several visitors from the Bible.
- 1992 – House Party at Ottawa University June 19-21, 1992 with theme “Here I am, send ME”. Scripture Isaiah 6:8 Jene Chadwick was the missionary speaker and Rev. John Bliss was the campfire speaker. What you are is God’s gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.
- 1992 – Rosebud Gathering at White Memorial Camp – July 31-Aug 2. Theme: “Rooted to Grow”. Theme song: “He plant me like a seed” written by John T. Benson in 1978. It describes how the Master plants and cares for each until the branch bears fruit from one small seed. Theme Scripture: Jeremiah 17:7-8. Lessons included planting time – seeds, feed the plants, roots, branches and blooming.
- 1993 – 35th annual Guild House Party at Ottawa June 11-13, 1993. Theme: “Where’s your Faith?” Theme Scripture I Corinthians 16:13. Guest speaker was Tracy Allen. Theme Song: “By Faith”
v 1 – By faith I believe God spoke worlds into existence, so that all I see was made of things I cannot see. By faith I believe God formed the first man in His image, breathed in him the breath of life, the same He breathed in me.
Chorus: I am not descended of monkeys though you may be fooled at first glance. I’m the work of God my creator, I am not a product of chance. I did not evolve from a tadpole who got lost and wandered ashore, but by God’s hand, His will and plan, I am nothing more.
V 2 – So by faith I believe God lives and cares for His creation; and though I

often fail Him, He will never turn away. By faith I entrust in Him this life that He has given; and just as saints of ol' bide faith, His word I will obey. V 3 – Now if per chance you're still not sure of what I've just been saying, please consider if you will, the world and all you see. God says He reveals Himself to all from His creation. Open up your heart and mind. Hey, sing this song along with me.

V 4 – Without faith, it's impossible to please God (repeat 3x)

1993 – AB GIRLS Gathering at King's Camp Goddard – July 9-11, 1993 Theme: "I Am a Promise" with program very similar to 1989 as it was all new girls since those attending in 1989 would now be in the older group.

In 1993 the Guild Girls and Rosebuds across the region (and the United States) were joined together under one name—**AB GIRLS, which is an acronym for American Baptist Girls in Relationship, Leadership and Service.**

National ABW Ministries developed new program materials, a logo, and divided the girls into three age groups:

Girls of Joy – grades 3-5

Girls of Faith – grades 6-8

Young Women of Hope – grades 9-12



The Journey program challenges each girl to grow in her Christian walk through a systematic development of spiritual and personal disciplines focused on Relationships, Leadership and Service. Each age group will have a number of "paths" which are appropriate to the physical and spiritual development of that age. The paths will incorporate items such as Love Gift, White Cross and SIM (Special Interest Missionaries)

"I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
Colossians 2:2-3 (NRSV)

AB GIRLS of the Central Region meet together each year for a time of fellowship and fun! "Gathering" is for Girls of Joy; "House party" is for Girls of Faith and Young Women of Hope.

1994 – AB GIRLS House Party held June 10-12, 1994 at Ottawa University
Theme: "Our Seed to Sow"

1994 – AB GIRLS Gathering for Girls of Joy at White Memorial Camp – June 24-26 Theme: "Fruit of the Spirit" Theme Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23. Sessions on love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control plus fruit salad (lunch) and roasted fruit (campfire) and fruit basket upset (talent show)

In a national survey in 1995-1996 Central Region ranked 4th out of 22 regions with 112 girls involved in AB GIRLS.

A national AB GIRLS Endowment Fund Campaign began with a region goal of \$25,000.00 and \$ 16,391.55 was raised.

1995 – AB GIRLS House Party at Cross Wind Conference Center June 23-25, 1995. Theme “Beautiful feet” Scripture Romans 10:13-15. Various experiences of traveling together, working together and worshipping together. Banquet had an Alaska theme. Project was kitchenette supplies (plates, bowls, cups, silverware, dishtowels) for Cross Wind.

1995 – AB GIRLS of Joy Gathering – White Memorial Camp – July 14-16 Theme: “Worship the King” They worshipped the King with shouts of joy, as a Way of Life (personal, family, church, community, giving); and in prayer.

1996 – AB GIRLS of Faith and Young Women of Hope met at Cross Wind Conference Center June 21-23, 1996. Theme: “Journey to Oz” Scripture Mark 12:30. Keynote speaker was Jane Lewis. They discovered ways to knowledge, courage, love and a way “home”.

1996 – AB GIRLS of Joy Gathering for July 12-14, 1996 at White Memorial Camp, Council Grove. Theme: “Building Bridges Between You and Me” Scripture: Ephesians 3:19. Themes for building bridges included: in song, a look at me, now and forever, in prayer, making new friends, with our hearts, project, building together, through worship.

1997 – AB GIRLS of Joy Gathering July 11-13, 1997 at White Memorial Camp, Council Grove. Theme: “Women of the Bible” with much the same format and lessons as in 1991.

In 1998 all three AB GIRLS age groups met together for a combined Gathering/House Party for the first time at Cross Wind Camp and Conference Center in Hesston.



1999 House party at Cross Wind June 25-27

2000 House Party at Cross Wind July 7-9

In 2000 a Rosebud Garden was planted and dedicated near the east entrance of the Mabee Center at Cross Wind Camp and Conference Center. →

as seen in 2002



2001 –House party July 6-8

Theme was “Stop,
Drop and Pray”

2002 – House Party and

Gathering at Cross Wind on July 19-20, 2002 with theme “For the sake of the call” Theme Scripture: II Peter 1:10

2004 – Gathering for all girls held July 9-11 with 105 in attendance

2005 – Gathering had 41 (grades 3-5) 43 (grades 6-8) and 11 (high school) and 23 adults. Project was 72 school supply kits stocked with overage to Bethel Neighborhood Center

2006 – All girls at Cross Wind July 21-23 with theme :Whose World Is It?”

Project was for Cross Wind.



In 2010 the logo of the AB GIRLS was once again changed

2012 – Praise Weekend at Cross Wind June 13-15. Theme was “Weekend at the Movies” ‘Oh be careful little eyes what you see’ Scripture Psalms 4:24-26

2013 – Girls attended the Mission Summit in Overland Park and stayed at Judson House. There were 11 participants. They stuffed bags for Women’s Day

2014 – Praise Weekend at Cross Wind July 11-13 Theme was “Taste and see that the Lord is good”

2015– Praise Weekend at Cross Wind July 10-12 with a total of 34 participants. Theme: “Can you hear me now?” and included sessions on internet safety, videos, movies, work projects and swimming.

2016 – Praise Weekend at Cross Wind July 15-17

Meghan Cubbison (granddaughter of Jane Smith) was elected to the National AB GIRLS Leadership Team.

2017 – Praise Weekend at Cross Wind Sept 8-10 Theme: “Enjoy being a child of God” The later date was chosen to see if it would allow more girls to attend.

2018 – ALL Girls Praise Weekend at Cross Wind July 20-22. There were 25 girls and 12 adults from 9 churches. Theme: “Back to Basics – God’s Word” Psalm 119:105

2019 – ALL Girls Praise Weekend at Cross Wind July 19-22 with 22 girls and 11 leaders. They took mini mission trips to McPherson and Hutchinson.
Theme: “A Servant’s Heart” Galatians 5:13
2020 – had to be via zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic. Theme: “Gracious Lips” Psalm 19:14. The National Leadership Team shared with the girls.

Unfortunately, we do not have a complete list of the girls who served on the state commission, but will list those available.

Blair, Susan – Coffeyville – Steward 1987
Bowen, Cynthia – Manhattan – Scribe 1984, Chairman 1985
Brown, Rhonda – Scribe 1980

Campbell, Jill – Wellsville – treasurer 1991, 1992
Carlisle, Laurie – editor 1980
Carlson, Christy – Emporia – editor 1979; vice-chairman 1980

Dietrich, Lisa – Prairie – Secretary 1987-88

Eads, Kathy – Meade – Chairman ??

Fenton, Kyra – Overland Park – degree coordinator 1991, 1992
Finney, Megan – Winfield – vice-chairman 1995
Freeman, Kim – Overland Park – Scribe 1987
Frye, Janelle – Wichita – chairman 1995
Fuller, Rhonda – Garden City – steward 1974-75

Gardner, Christy – Prairie Village – scribe 1985
Gibson, Kay – Turner – vice chairman 1979
Girvin, Libby – Kansas City – chairman ?
Gray, Sharon – Shawnee – chairman ?

Hallin, Amy – Overland Park – scribe 1991, 1992
Harris, Sheila – Overland Park – chairman ?
Herrill, Elizabeth Ann – Garnett – chairman ?
Hester, Sharla – Herington – editor 1995
Hoopes, Rachel – Haysville – treasurer 1995
Hulsey, Sharla – Coffeyville – editor 1984-85
Hunsperger, Kristin – Wichita – spotlight editor 1991, 1992

Jackson, Phyllis – Wichita – chairman ?
Johnson, Brenda – Iola – chairman 1987
Johnson, Donna Jean – Concordia – scribe 1974-74
Johnson, Kathy – Prairie Village – chairman ?
Johnson, Kim – Stilwell – vice chairman 1987-88; ? 1988-89

Kemper, Patty – Wichita – Chairman ?
Kimzey, Charlene – West Haysville – chairman 1979

Lanta, LeAnn – Kansas City – scribe 1974-75
Lentz, Angie – Winfield – scribe 1995
Loewen, Shelly – Emporia – vice chairman 1974-75
Lundine, Becky – Iola – chairman ?

McCrossen, Deana – Ottawa – vice chairman 1984
McKee, Marcia – Caney – Chairman ?
Molby, Kathy – Cawker City – chairman ?

Paulsen, Lisa – Garden City – vice chairman 1985
Paulsen, Lori – Garden City – treasurer 1987-88

Read, Angela – Stilwell – degree coordinator 1987-88 ? 1988-89

Schedler, Jane – Manhattan – degree coordinator 1987
Severson, Jean – Prairie – steward 1979; chairman 1980
Shapley, Amy – Stilwell – chairperson 1991, 1992
Shaw, Becky – Prairie Village – chairman ?
Southard, Suzanne - ? 1988-89
Skiles, Deidra – Wellsville – chairman 1974-75
Smith, Jenny – Stilwell – chairman 1987
Smith, Leigh – Prairie – editor 1987-88
Stephens, Leann – Olathe – scribe 1979; steward 1980

Van Benschoten, Roselyn – Topeka – chairman ?
Vernon, Channion – Caney – steward 1985

Winslow, Rachel – Wellsville – vice chairperson 1991, 1992
Wolf from, Ivy ?? 1988-89
Wright, Debbie – Garnett – editor 1987; chairman 1987-88

Many Guild officers, counselors and leaders throughout Kansas have contributed to the progress of the Guild Fellowship/AB GIRLS. The list would be too long to print even if we had all the names.

Central Region Guild counselors/ AB GIRLS associates include:

Marjorie McDaniel, Overland Park; Rosalyn Eads, Meade; Margaret Zimmerman, Olathe; Agnes Harris, Overland Park and Topeka; Jane Schmidt, Ottawa; Marilyn Shaw, Prairie Village; Patty Kemper, Wichita; Sharon Gray, Shawnee; Shirley Park, Pittsburg; Phyllis Jackson, Wichita; Marcia McKee, Caney; Elizabeth Ann Herrill, Garnett; Kathy Johnson, Prairie Village; Kathy Eads, Meade; Kathy Molby, Cawker City; Roselyn Van Benschoten, Topeka; Sheila Harris, Overland Park; Libby Girvin, Kansas City; Becky Lundine, Iola; Deidra Skiles, Wellsville; Shelly Loewen, Emporia; Mary Bateman, Kansas City; Gracie Kitchen, Marilyn Shaw, Overland Park; Sue Winget, Wellsville; Susan Hall, Emporia; Barbara Johnson, Stilwell; Carol Shapley, Annette Pickard, Topeka, Mary Jo McDaniels, DeSoto, Janice Loflin, Wichita and Dana Bliss, Council Grove (10 years each), Debbie Kiker, Haysville; JoAnn McDermott, Alva Skiles, Marla Atkinson, Atchison; Myra Snedeker, Winfield; Kami Minor, Gardner; Leslie (Palacio) Richards, Wichita; Tamara Creech, Wichita; Sandy York, Kansas City; Rebecca Pushee, St. George; Debbie Kinder, Kansas City;

Helen (Herrill) Pierce, Wichita served on the national leadership team of AB GIRLS.

International Students – Soshin Girls School

Acting upon a request in 1984 from Dr. Wayne Shireman, Minister of Stewardship and World Mission Support ABCCR, to determine possible interest in sponsoring Japanese girls to come live in Christian homes in Kansas for a year, a new program was begun in 1986.

Japanese girls from the Soshin Girls' School in Yokohama would come to Kansas for a year to live with a Christian family and attend school. Girls would have studied conversational English and would be chosen on a competitive process at Soshin, depending upon the number of homes available.

Edith (Thompson) McGurk (Topeka) who was a missionary in Soshin in 1955-58 was chosen as chairman for this project. Edith and her family hosted two girls from Japan (1981-82) and paved the way for this new undertaking for the women of Central Region.

Although the school year in Japan is April-March, the girls would come in August so that they could complete the full school year here.

The 1986 committee members: Edith McGurk (Topeka); Jorja Blocher (Valley Center); Winnie Davis (Kansas City); Carolyn Predmore (Lawrence); Clara Belden (Alden) and Ethelyn Branum (Newton).



Five girls were:

Yuko Izawa, Shiho Inagaki,
Jumiko Sagawa, Akiko Seiki and
Etsuko Hirano

With a host parent, Winnie Davis
and Edith McGurk.

Other appointments to promote this program have included Nell Johnson (Ottawa), Elaine Talbot (Horton), Wilma Engle (Wichita), Martha Tollefson (Hiawatha) and Helen Pierce (Wichita). Program was discontinued in 2002 as the girls could go to Australia where they had the same school year and not have to repeat so much schooling when they returned to Japan.

Dorothy Noyes, missionary-teacher in Soshin says:

“The benefits to our girls other than teaching them to speak and understand in English would be that they would come to know the love of Christ and how Christians express their love to each other...Christian homes are few and far between in Japan. Only about one and a half percent of the total population are Christian...so you see you will also

become foreign missionaries when you take one of our girls into your homes, and you don't even have to leave home!"

In 1995, upon Dorothy Noyes retirement, Rev. David Turley became our missionary contact at Soshin.

Japanese students who came to Kansas & the host parents were:

1986-87 – Students: Yuko Izawa, Shiho Inagaki, Kumiko Sagawa, Akiko Seiki, Etsuko Hirano
Hosts: David & Mary Sue Carlson (Chanute); Cecil & Barbara Prier (Chanute), Jack & Barbara Dale (Tonganoxie)

1987-88—Students:

Hosts: Roger & Martha Tollefson (Hiawatha), Doyal & Joyce Schroeder (Horton)

1988-89 – Students: Yasuko Taguchi, Yukiko Kurata, Emi Futami

Hosts: David & Lona Smith (Everest), Jim & Mary Barber (Hiawatha), Stan & Lou Rippey (Elwood)

1989-90 – Students: Mika Wada, Yuko Yamamoto

Hosts: Lester & Helen Pierce (Wichita)-Mika; , Don & Juanita Guinn (Newton), Roy & Wilma Engle (Wichita) Arlen & Clara Regier (Newton)-Yuko.

1990-91 – Students: Hiroko Nishiyama, Ryutaro Hyakawa, Miwako Mori, Ayako Watanabe

Hosts: Brad & Mary Spilman (McPherson), Loren & Jean Clark (Independence), Rex & Jennifer Babcock (Chanute)

1991-92 – Students: Yuko Onuki, Noriko Suzuki

Hosts: Gary & Sue Winget (Dodge City), Edward & Carolyn Baxter (Ottawa)

1992-93—

1993-94 – Student: Misako Mori

Host: Jeffery & Melanie Clark (Louisburg)

1994-95 –

1995-96 –

1996-97 – Student: Keiko Okada (25th girl in the program)

Host: John & Lois Renfro

Program was discontinued in 2002.

International Student associate, Wilma Engle and AB GIRLS leaders, Dana Bliss and Janice McLoflin with our Japanese student. (probably 1991)



House Parties -- Women's Conferences

As a usual thing it is expected that the daughter will follow the example set by the mother, but in the case of the Mission House Parties held all over the American Baptist Convention territory it is just the reverse – the “mother” followed the example of the “daughter”.

The House Party idea originated with Miss Margaret Applegarth as a way for the girls of the World Wide Guild (now AB GIRLS) to receive information concerning Missions. The first House Party for the World Wide Guild was held in 1923.

The first House Party for the women of Kansas was held in 1933 at Charlton Cottage, Ottawa University. Knowing the growing need for leadership and the added opportunities of service through the church and the denominational program, Mrs. J. H. Sowerby, State President, and her officers planned the first House Party. Some fifty women attended and were challenged with the inspiration, information, worship and fellowship the days together brought to each one.

In a letter (received in 1954) from Mrs. Lydia Little who attended that first house party, she states that “Mrs. A.E. Martin was what we called at that time ‘Prayer Chairman’. We now know this department as ‘Spiritual Life’. We really took over the Cottage, having cots in every available space. The weather was ideal, and in our free time we sat out on the lawn and enjoyed a fine Christian fellowship. I remember on the first night, Mrs. Sowerby led our bedtime devotions. She took as her subject “The Parable of the Ten Virgins” emphasizing the point that it was so necessary that we have oil in our lamps –in other words, that we be endued with the Spirit. I have missed only Three House Parties since that time – two of them we were out of state at the time they were being held, the other time there was sickness in the family.”

During the next few years, the Association Presidents with the help of the State Leaders planned and carried out area meetings, one day Schools of Instruction, and through this method many women were learning the work of the Woman's Mission Societies. As new departments were added, new helps were brought to the women from the National Committees of Woman's work, and two National Woman's Missionary Societies. More and more the need for an annual House Party to meet the needs was felt by all.

In 1938 our second House Party was held at Emporia. In 1942 the State leaders in cooperation with the Department of Christian Education of the Kansas Baptist Convention held a House Party in connection with the Western Assembly.

In 1949 the first full time House Party was held at Camp Christy with 100 women in attendance.

In 1951 the Business and Professional Women held their first House Party and so the third one came into being. In 1959 the fourth House Party became an annual affair

as the Guild Fellowship held it's first House Party at Ottawa University. In 1959 more than 700 women attended the House Parties.

The purpose of the House Party:

- to furnish information in regard to denominational missionary plans and the woman's part in them, and to suggest methods for promoting these plans;
- to enrich the devotional spirit of those present;
- to broaden the vision of the missionary task;
- to promote the fellowship among women;
- to serve as a work shop on leadership training for making the State, Associational and Local Societies more effective.

House Party – Women's Conference Program Themes:

1933 – Windows; 1938 – Bridges; 1939 – Bells; 1940 – Light; 1941 – Love; 1942 – Faith; 1943 – Peace; 1944 – Hope; 1945 – “Thy Spirit Kindles the Flame”; 1946 – “Thy Will”; 1947 – “Even So, Send I You”; 1948 – “Thy Word of Light”; 1949 – “Building Together in Him”; 1950 – “For Such an Hour”; 1951 – “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”; 1952 – “Behold the Stars”;

1953 – “Sing Unto the Lord a New Song”; Psalms 96:1 Mrs. E. L. Eshbaugh, Wathena
B&PW July 24-26 at Central Seminary; Lois McMullen, Marysville, Mary
Bateman, Kansas City, Mrs. G. L. Huggerth, Concordia, Lillian Cobb,
Topeka, Clara Swalander, Manhattan

1954 – “We Will Walk in His Paths”; Micah 4:2, Mrs. E.L. Eshbaugh, Wathena
Christy – August 3-5, Mrs. Fred Rikoff, Colby

1955 – “Fruits of the Spirit”; Galatians 5:22-23, Mrs. E.L. Eshbaugh, Wathena
B&PW June 24-26 at Ottawa University – Miss Zerah Mann, Topeka

1956 – “Precious Treasure”; II Corinthians 4:7, Mrs. E.L. Eshbaugh, Wathena
B&PW June 8-10 at Ottawa – Mrs. Royal Mayhan, Emporia

1957 – “Living Waters”; John 4:10 Mrs. Howard Waterfield, Wichita
B&PW June 21-23 at Ottawa – Mrs. Orville Glenn, Ottawa

1958 – “Mountains of the Lord”; Psalm 121:1-2 Mrs. H.E. Waterfield, Wichita
Eastern – June 3-5 at Bacone College; Mrs. Howard Sorenson, Wichita
B&PW June 27-29 at Ottawa; Mrs. Oscar Buchanek, Parsons, Ruth Hudspeth, Wichita
Christy July 22-24; Mrs. Brooks Robertson, Hutchinson, Mrs. J.D. Thorn, Liberal

1959– “Greater Works Than These Shall Ye Do”; John 14:12-17 Mary Ruth Schendel
Eastern -June 3-5 at Bacone College – Mrs. Howard Sorenson, Wichita
B&PW -June 27-29 at Ottawa, Mrs. Oscar Buchanek, Parsons, Ruth Hudspeth, Wichita
Christy July 22-24 Mrs. Brooks Robertson, Hutchinson, Mrs.J.D. Thorn, Liberal

1960 – “That Ye May Know” – Phil 3:10-12 Mrs. Robert Schendel, Topeka,
Ottawa, (June 22-24) Mrs. Phil Schmidt, Topeka & Mrs. H. M. Law, Kansas City
B&PW (June 24-26) Mrs. W. Gayel Bender, Mrs. Irene Barr, Mrs. Pauline
Birdsall – all from Kansas City.
Camp Christy – Mrs. Howard Tyler, Hutchinson & Mrs. Dale Sneeringer, Colby

1961 – “You are Witnesses” – Luke 24:46-49, Mrs. Otha Holcomb, Kansas City
B&PW (June 23-25) Mrs. Charles Barr, KC; Mrs. Joe Walker, Pittsburg; Mrs. Pauline Birdsall
Ottawa (June 27-29) Mrs. Harold Law, Kansas City; Mrs. C Bickley, DeSoto
Camp Christy (July 25-27) Mrs. Dale Sneeringer, Colby & Mrs. Ralph Boland, Leoti

House parties became conferences

1962 – “Love” Romans 12:9-10 Mrs. Otha Holcomb, Kansas City
Ottawa (June 20-22) Mrs. C.E. Bickley, Kansas City; Mrs. Joe Robinson, Wichita
B&PW (June 22-24) Mrs. D.J. Buchanek, Parsons; Mrs. Stan Shore, Wichita, Mrs. Wm
McBride, Kansas City
Camp Christy (July 24-26) Mrs. Ralph Boland, Leoti; Mrs. Howard Sorensen, Meade

1963 – “Crown Him Lord of All” Phil. 2:9-11 Mrs. Don Hinkson, Junction City
Ottawa (June 19-21) Mrs. J.O. Robinson, Wichita; Mrs. L.M. Sherrill, Newton
B&PW (June 21-23) Mrs. Stan Shore, Wichita; Mrs. Opal Miller, LaCygne, Mrs. Wm McBride
Camp Christy (July 23-25) Mrs. Howard Sorensen, Meade, Mrs. Roy Higerd, Gem

1964 – “Breaking through the Walls” Ephesians 2:13-14 Mrs. Don Hinkson, JC
Ottawa (June 17-19) Mrs. L.M. Sherrill, Newton; Mrs. Robert Spindler, Valley Center
B&PW (June 19-21) Mrs. Opal Miller, LaCygne; Mrs. R.L. Woods, Wichita; Mrs. Wm McBride
Camp Christy (July 29-30) Mrs. Roy Higerd, Gem; Mrs. Roger Funk, Ness City

1965 – “Instruments for Change under God” Isaiah 43:19a Mrs. Victor Trower,
Bacone College (June 23-25) Mrs. Robert Spindler, Valley Center; Mrs. Dale Sneeringer,
Chanute
B&PW (Bacone –June 25-27) Mrs. R.L. Woods, Wichita, Mrs. Hugo Rolfs, Topeka,
Mrs. Wm McBride, Kansas City
Camp Christy (July 28-30) Mrs. Roger Funk, Ness City; Mrs. Dean Brown, Hanston

1966 – “Instruments for Change under God” Isaiah 43:19a Mrs. Victor Trower
Ottawa (June 22-24) Mrs. Dale Sneeringer, Chanute; Mrs. A.L. Taylor, McPherson
B&PW (June 24-26) Mrs. Hugo Rolfs, Topeka; Mrs. Laurence Waters, Topeka
Camp Christy (July 27-29) Mrs. Dean Brown, Paola; Mrs. Earle Reynolds, Meade

1967 – “Seek – Dare – Risk” Acts 4:29 Mrs. Marshall Schirer, Wellington
Ottawa (July 12-14) Mrs. A.L. Taylor, McPherson, Mrs. Ed Moody, Topeka
B&PW (July 14-16) Mrs. Laurence Waters, Topeka; Mrs. Earl Hundley, Atchison,
Mrs. R.L. Woods, Wichita

Camp Christy Mrs. Earle Reynolds, Meade; Mrs. Howard Williford, Alden

1968 – “Seek to Know – Dare to Obey – Risk the Results” Acts 4:29

Mrs. Marshall Schirer, Wellington

Ottawa (June 26-28) Mrs. Ed Moody, Topeka; Mrs. Howard Loftess, Kansas City;

B&PW (June 28-30) Mrs. Earl Hundley, Atchison; Mrs. Neal Teill, Kansas City;

Mrs. R.L. Woods, Wichita

Camp Christy (July 24-26) Mrs. Howard Williford, Alden; Mrs. L.A. Antenen, Ness City

1969 – “Put Love into Deeds and Make It Real” I John 3:18 Mrs. Marshall Schirer

Ottawa (June 27-29) Mrs. Neal Teill, Kansas City; Mrs. George Schiller, Arkansas City;

Mrs. Lonnie Smith, Kansas City

Camp Webster (July 8-9) Mrs. Robert Molby, Cawker city; Mrs. Ezra Ade, Carlton;

Mrs. George Lawrence, Simpson

Camp Christy (July 24-25) Mrs. L.A. Antenen, Ness City; Mrs. Robert Bronleewe, Geneseo

1970 – “Love in Action Makes It Real” I John 3:18 Mrs. Marshall Schirer, Wellington

Ottawa (June 25-27) Mrs. Wes Jackson, Lansing; Mrs. George Schiller, Arkansas City

Camp Webster (July 21-22) Mrs. Robert Molby, Cawker City; Mrs. Ezra Ade, Carlton;

Mrs. George Lawrence, Simpson; Mrs. Ben Greider, Salina; Mrs. J.W. Tanner, Wamego

Camp Christy (July 23-24) Mrs. Robert Bronleewe, Geneseo; Mrs. Ernest Clark, Ness City

1971 – “Hear the Word of God” –Listen, Love, Live Psalms 24:1

Mrs. F.M. Snodgrass, Wichita

Ottawa (June 25-27) Mrs. Paul Buchele, Cedar Vale; Mrs. Don Johnson, Overland Park;

Camp Christy (July 13-14) Mrs. Ernest Clark, Ness City; Mrs. Norbert Burkhardt, Hanston

Camp Webster (Aug 3-4) Mrs. Ben Greider, Salina; Mrs. Harold Wolgast, Topeka

1972 – “Love and Live” II Cor. 5:14-15

Mrs. E.H. Wentworth, Lenexa

Eastern @Ottawa (June 21-23) Mrs. Paul Buchele, Cedar Vale, Mrs. Rae Hobson, ElDorado

Western @Camp Christy (July 17-18) Mrs. Norbert Burkhardt, Hanston; Mrs. Ruby Paige, Dodge

Central @ Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina (July 19-20) Mrs. Harold Wolgast,

Topeka; Mrs. Richard Zimmerman, Salina

In 1973-1974-1975 there was only one conference and was planned by a general chairman, the president, vice president of interpretation, vice president of leadership development and the program chairmen/committees.

1973 – “Rejoice in Hope” Encourage Each Other Hebrews 10:23-24

McPherson College July 26-28 Mary Wentworth, Lenexa, general chm.

Planning committee: Martha Beyer, Topeka, Pat Tucker, Independence,

Betty Schiller, Arkansas City; Mary Hobson, El Dorado; Carolyn

Zimmerman, Salina; Wilma Severns, McPherson

1974 – “Encourage Each Other” Hebrews 10:23-24

Ottawa June 27-29 Donna Schirer, Manhattan, general ch;
Martha Beyer, Topeka; Mary Ruth Schendel, Topeka; Betty Schiller,
Arkansas City; Etta Mae Belew, Rantoul; Wilma Severns, McPherson

1975– “Let Yourself Grow Down unto Him” Colossians 2:7

Sterling College June 6-8 Donna Schirer, Manhattan, Gen Ch
Reba Johnson, Overland Park, Mary Ruth Schendel, Topeka,
Betty Schiller, Arkansas City; Etta Mae Belew, Rantoul;
Fayette Molby, Hays; Sally Jansen, Scott City; Sue Armacost, Ottawa

Starting in 1976 two women from the east and two from the west were appointed by the president to serve with the general chairman, president and vice-presidents to plan the conferences. Every other year we would have one conference in a central location.

1976– “Affirm: the Faith, Each Other, the Hope” Colossians 2:7

Mrs. Marshall Schirer, Scott City, gen ch.
Ottawa (July 9-11) Jan Smith, Stilwell; Donna Beth Blythe, Winfield;
Camp Christy (July 17-18) Sally Janssen, Scott City; Audra Strecker, Ness City

1977 – “Joy through Commitment” Colossians 2:7

Kansas Wesleyan Campus, Salina June 7-9 Harma McKenzie, Ottawa, general ch.
Alfreda Smith, Olathe and Dortha Lawrence, Ness City

1978 – “Women of God, Yes!” Isaiah 40:31 Harma McKenzie, general ch.

Camp Christy: June 12-13 Dortha Lawrence, Ness City & Roberta Cook, Dodge City
Ottawa : June 16-18 Alfreda Smith, Olathe & Julia Rolfs, Topeka

1979 – “ABW Missions Mosaic” Matthew 2:19-20 Harma McKenzie, general ch.

Bethel Campus –No. Newton: June 19-21 Julia Rolfs, Topeka, Helen Buchele, Cedar Vale; Roberta Cook, Dodge City; and Irene McLaughlin, Phillipsburg

1980 – “All God’s Children” I John 1:12 Helen Buchele, Cedar Vale, general ch.

Camp Christy (June 4-5) Irene McLaughlin, Phillipsburg & Molly Marie Antenen,
Ness City
Ottawa (June 27-29) Myrna McGuire, Pittsburg & Gail Dye, Junction City

1981– “Worthy of God’s calling – The winds of God” II Thess. 1:11

Bethany College, Lindsborg June 11-13 Helen Buchele, Cedar Vale, chairman
Myrna McGuire, Andover; Gail Dye, Junction City;
Molly Marie Antenen, Ness City; Shirley Fair, Alden

1982 – “Daring to Do God’s Will” James 1:22 Helen Buchele, general ch

Ottawa (June 14-16) Gail Dye, Junction City; Verona Hildebrand, Kingman
Camp Christy (June 18-19) Shirley Fair, Alden & Velda Reynolds, Meade

1983 – “Windows – 50th anniversary of conference” Malachi 3:10

Bethel College, North Newton July 15-17 Shirley Fair, chair
Linda Hale, Rantoul; Verona Hildebrand, Kingman;
Pearl Strickert, Scott City; Diane VanArsdol, Studley

1984 – “Touch God’s Earth” Psalm 24:1 Shirley Fair, Alden, general ch.

Camp Christy (June 9-10) Pearl Strickert, Scott City & Phyllis McCulley, Great Bend
Ottawa (June 22-24) Linda Hale, Wichita & Linda Howerton, Alta Vista

1985 – “Caring with Love” Galatians 5:13 Shirley Fair, Alden, general ch

Sterling College, Sterling June 10-12 attendance 275
Phyllis McCulley, Great Bend; Nancy Blake, Greensburg;
Linda Howerton, Alta Vista; Karen McAdoo, Ottawa

1986 – “As We Journey” Luke 24:13-52 (excerpt) Evy Wall, Shawnee Mission, gen ch

Ottawa (June 6-8) Karen McAdoo, Ottawa & Lillian Dickens, Wichita
Camp Christy (June 14-15) Nancy Blake, Greensburg & Ruth Van Arsdale, Great Bend

1987 – “Keys to Wholeness” I Thess. 5:23, Phil. 3:12, Rom. 4:17

Bethany College at Lindsborg June 5-7. Evy Wall, Shawnee Mission, chairman
Kathy Adelman, Lakin; Ruth Van Arsdale, Great Bend;
Lillian Dickens, Wichita; Pat Preston, Howard.

1988 – “From Earthen Vessels...Light, Leaven, Salt” II Tim 2:20-21, Matt. 5:13-16,

Matt.13:33 Evy Wall, Leawood, chair
Ottawa (June 3-5) Pat Preston, Howard and Shirley Meyers, Uniontown (273 registered)
Camp Christy (June 11-12) Kathy Adelman, Lakin and Doris Frick, Dodge City (114 registered)

1989 – “Reflect God’s Image: Radiate, Educate, Communicate” Gen. 1:26a (NAS)

James 1:22-25 (NI) Donna Miller, Roeland Park, chair
Sterling College June 9-11 Doris Frick, Dodge City; Shirley Meyers, Uniontown;
Virginia Darrah, Derby, Jan Kellie, Larned

1990—“Gathering the Harvest of the Spirit” Gal. 5:22-23a, 25 (TLB)

Donna Miller, Roeland Park, chair.
Ottawa (June 1-3) Virginia Darrah, Derby and Great Ladd, Humboldt (307 registered)
Camp Christy (June 8-10) Jan Kellie, Larned and Anna McElroy, Deerfield (90 registered)

1991 – “Weave Us Together” Ephesians 4:15-16 RSV Donna Miller, Roeland Park, Ch

Bethel College, North Newton (June 6-7) 357 registered
Greta Ladd, Humboldt, Twila Boyer, Hutchinson,
Anna McElroy, Deerfield and Diane Jergensen, Greensburg

1992--Visions of Ministry – Rooted in Faith” Jeremiah 17:7-8, Colossians 2:6-7

Ottawa University (June 5-7) Jorja Blocher, Independence, chair (327 registered)
Twyla Boyer, Hutchinson, and Martha Tollefson, Hiawatha
Camp Christy June 12-14 Diane Jergensen, Greensburg & Aleta Widows, Garden City (85)

1993–“Living Worship as a Way of Life” Ephesians 5:8-10, Romans 12:1-2
Bethany College, Lindsborg (June 4-6) 360 registered Jorja Blocher, Independence,
chairman Martha Tollefson, Hiawatha; Aleta Widows, Garden City;
Trudy Strunk, Valley Center; Nancy Blake, Greensburg.

1994 – “In One Spirit – No Longer Strangers” Ephesians 2:17-22 (278 registered)
Jorja Blocher, Independence, chairman
Sterling College, Sterling (June 3-5) Trudy Strunk, Valley Center; Lois Chiles, Lansing;
Nancy Blake, Greensburg and Tammy Nuckolls, Lakin.

1995– We’re on...the Way” Philippians 3:12-14 Crystal Wolgast, Topeka, chairman
Bethany College, Lindsborg (June 9-11) 225 registered
Lois Chiles, Lansing; Judy Burgert, Alma and Tammy Nuckolls, Lakin

1996– “We’re on the Way...to Higher Ground” Philippians 3:12-14
Ottawa University (May 31-June 2) 170 registered Crystal Wolgast, Topeka, chairman
Camp Christy (June 8-9) 46 registered Linda Wallace, Minneapolis, Karen Thomas,
Junction City and Ollice Smith, Kansas City

1997 – “You Can Do It! Practicing Christian Love” Romans 12:9-18 (NRSV)
Bethel College, No. Newton (June 13-15) 213 registered Crystal Wolgast, Topeka, Ch
Karen Thomas, Junction City, Cathy Fitzsimmons, Dodge City,
Elsie Kandt, Lindsborg, Deby Satterfield, Chanute.

1998 – “Chosen...for Such a Time as This” Esther 4:14
Sterling College, Sterling (June 5-7) 218 registered Karen Thomas, Junction City, ch
Dorothy Brown, Liberal; Glenda Bryant, Junction City;
Elsie Kandt, Lindsborg, Sandra Brisendine, Liberal.

1999—“Passionately Pursue Peace!” I Peter 3:8-11 Karen Thomas, Junction City, Chr.
Ottawa University June 4-6 (169) Cheryl Landrum, Manhattan, Glenda Bryant, Junction City.
Camp Christy June 12-12 Sandra Brisendine and Dorothy Brown, Liberal (51 registered)

2000 – “Pathways to Peace” I Peter 3:8-11 Karen Thomas, Junction City, chair
Bethany College, Lindsborg **June 9-11** 201 registered e Bridgewater, Kansas City,
Linda Wallace, Minneapolis, Melanie Cooper, Hoxie, Sandra Brisendine, Liberal

2001 – “Vital Signs for Victorious Living” Jeremiah 33:6, Colossians 2:6-7 (LB)
Ottawa University June 1-3 139 registered Dana Bliss, Council Grove, chair
Camp Christy June 9-10 107 registered Melanie Cooper, Hoxie, Betty Kough,
Scott City, Jene Bridgewater, Kansas City, Magada Craven, Coffeyville

2002 – “In the Healing Arms – Sheltered in Love, Faith and Hope”
Jeremiah 29:11-14; II Chronicles 7:14-15
Bethel College, North Newton June 7-9 142 registered Dana Bliss, conference assoc.
Western rep: Betty Kough, Scott City and Carolyn Paul, Goodland
Eastern rep: Magada Craven, Coffeyville, Debbie McCullough, Conway Springs

2003 – “Keeping Balance – While the World Turns”

Jude 24 and 25; Isaiah 54:10; Psalm 46:1-3

Ottawa University, June 6-7 153 registered Dana Bliss, conference assoc

Western rep: Carolyn Paul, Goodland and Sydney Rhodes, Great Bend

Eastern rep: Debbie McCullough, Conway Springs & Lorene Brannin, Oswego

2004 – “To be Victoriously Balanced in His Hand” Isaiah 41:10

Carol Allen, Topeka, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 4-5 153 registered

Western rep: Carol Howell, Tribune & Sydney Rhodes, Great Bend

Eastern rep: Lorene Brannin, Oswego & Barbara Westfall, Kansas City

2005 – “Pressing on to New Adventures with Jesus” Philemon 3:12-14

Carol Allen, Topeka, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 3-4 160 registered

Western rep: Carol Howell, Tribune & Jan Morony, Garden City

Eastern rep: Lorene Brannin, Oswego & Barbara Westfall, Kansas City

2006 – “Born Again to be Wild...and Free” John 8:32, 36

Carol Allen, Topeka, conference assoc

Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS June 2-3 120 registered

Camp Christy, Scott City June 10 25 registered

Western rep: Jan Morony, Garden City & Juanita Parker, Ness City

Eastern rep: Lorene Brannin, Oswego & Mattie Wilhite, Ottawa

2007 – “Rest, Relax, Refuel and Restart” Psalm 42:1 120 registered

Monica Hendershot, Pratt, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 1-2

Guest speaker: **Rev. Diana Holland,**

(She has a masters degree in family counseling as well as seminary)

Western rep: Juanita Parker, Ness City & Deb Taylor, Pratt

Eastern rep: Mattie Wilhite, Ottawa & Susannah Dryden, Winfield

2008 – “Pruning to Bear Fruit” John 15:5 117 registered

Monica Hendershot, Pratt, conference assoc

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 6-7

Guest Speaker: **Ruth Spencer,** president of the ABC churches of New York state

Western rep: Deb Taylor, Pratt & Dianna Cook, Anthony

Eastern rep: Susannah Dryden, McPherson & Debbie Kinder, Kansas City

2009 – “Come to the Edge...on Purpose” Psalm 138:8 121 registered

Monica Hendershot, Pratt, conference assoc

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 5-6

Guest speaker: **Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray,** past president ABC-USA

Western rep: Dianna Cook, Anthony & Janice Hawley, Meade

Eastern rep: Debbie Kiker, Wamego & Debbie Kinder, Kansas City

2010 – “Measuring Up...God’s Pattern for Life” Jer. 29:11 155 registered

Anita Yoakum, Valley Center, conference assoc

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 4-5

Keynote speaker: **Chris Marziales**, International Ministries consultant to AB Women’s Ministries, white cross and special interest missionaries coordinator,
administrator for mission and STEP program.

Missionary: **Tomoko Armagost**, special interest missionary in Japan

Conference intern: Mary Etta Copeland, DeSoto

Western rep: Janice Hawley, Meade & LeAnn Simon, Hoxie

Eastern rep: Debbie Kiker, Wamego & Nola Crooks, Parsons

2011 – “Transformed by the Spirit” II Cor. 5:17 136 attended

Mary Etta Copeland, DeSoto, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 3-4

Keynote speaker: **Rev. Glynis LaBarre**, Transformation Strategist with ABHMS

Mission report from Bethel Neighborhood Center, Kansas City

Conference intern: Nola Crooks, Parson

Western rep: LeAnn Simon, Hoxie and Naomi Teubner, Scott City

Eastern rep: Diane Denning and Dianna Cook, Anthony

2012 – “In the Potter’s hands: uniquely and distinctly designed” Isa. 64:8

Nola Crooks, Parson, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 1-2

Keynote Speaker: **Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins**, Area Minister Consultant for Communications for the Philadelphia Baptist Assn and a principal of Trust One, a
spiritual direction and leadership coaching ministry.

Missionary: **Rita Chapman**, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Conference intern: Dianna Cook, Anthony

Western rep: Kathy Longhat, Mountain View, OK and Naomi Teubner, Scott City

Eastern rep: Karen Freeman, Concordia and Diane Denning

2013 – “Treasures in Jars of Clay” II Cor. 4:7-9 165 attended

Dianna Cook, Anthony, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 7-8

Keynote speaker: **Rev. Sandra DeMott Hasenauer**, assoc. exec. Dir. American Baptist Women’s Ministries

Missionary: **Betty Martin**, Murrow Indian Children’s Home, Muskogee, OK

Conference intern: Dana Bliss

Western rep: Kathy Longhat, Mountain View, OK & Valerie Paxson, Garden City

Eastern rep: Karen Freeman, Concordia and Elizabeth Spiess, Wichita

2014 – “A Time to Serve” I Peter 4:10-11 172 attended

Gayle Thornbro, Norwich, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 6-7

Keynote speaker: **Rev. Lisa Harris**, acting national coordinator for the Children in Poverty Initiative/Christian Center Relations, ABHMS.

Formerly Exec Dir of Bethel Neighborhood Center

Project Missionary was to be Betty Martin, Murrow but unable to attend

Western rep: Valerie Paxson, Garden City and Danica Hellner, Garden City
Eastern rep: Elizabeth Spiess, Wichita and Barb Beesley, Linwood

2015 – “Serve Him – See Him” I Cor. 12:5 & Matt 5:16 146 attendees
Gayle Thornbro, Norwich, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 5-6

Keynote Speaker: **Lois Olmstead**, motivational speaker, humorist and author

Missionary: **Terry Myers**, Bulgaria

Conference interns: Valerie Paxson, Garden City & Elizabeth Spiess, Wichita

Western rep: Tamara Creech, Wichita and Vonda Brecheisen, Newton

Eastern rep: Barb Beesley, Linwood and Melissa Newberry, Leavenworth

2016 – “Seek...Engage,,,Excite...” I Cor. 2:9
Elizabeth Spiess, Wichita, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 3-4

Keynote Speaker: **Peggy Johnson**, lay minister, nurse, florist, writer, speaker and
ABCUSA past president.

Mission emphasis: Eileen Smith, Edmond, OK and Meghan Cubbison, national
AB GIRLS mission coordinator

conference intern: Valerie Paxson, Garden City

Western rep: Vonda Brecheisen, Newton and Patti Horner, Owasso OK

Eastern rep: Jan Smith, Stilwell and D.Eileen Smith, Edmond OK

2017 – “SEE...the Light; CONNECT...to the Source; FEEL...His warmth”
II Timothy 1:7 & I Cor. 13:13
Valerie Terrazas, Garden City, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 2-3

Keynote speaker: **Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque**, pastor with doctorate in practical theology

Mission speaker: **Eileen Smith and Carolyn Predmore**

Conference interns: Melissa Newberry, Leavenworth and Kathy Longhat, Norman, OK

Western rep: Patti Horner, Owasso OK and Sherill Carlson, McPherson

Eastern rep: D Eileen Smith, Edmond, OK and Carol Glover, Paola

2018 – “FEEL...His Leading...” Psalm 119:105 & John 10:3
Melissa Newberry, conference assoc.

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 1-2

Missionary Keynote Speaker: **Karen Smith**, New Life Center, northern Thailand

Conference intern: Kathy Longhat, Norman OK

Western rep: Sherill Carlson, McPherson and Karen Freeman, Concordia

Eastern rep: Carol Glover, Paola and Mona Huggins, Olathe

2019 – “PLANS...Past, Present, Future” Jeremiah 29:11
Cosette Marsh, conference assoc. after Kathy Longhat's death

Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston June 7-8

Missionary Keynote speaker: **Kelli Foreman**, Kodiak Baptist Mission

Special memorial for Kathy Longhat

Conference intern: Cosette Marsh (also do 2020 conference) & Mona Huggins, Olathe

Western rep: Sherill Carlson, McPherson and Karen Freeman, Concordia

Eastern rep: Martha Nelson, Kansas City and Karen Wall, Olathe

Women who have served on the AB Women's Ministries board of directors in Kansas/Central Region:

We were on May 1 – April 30 fiscal year until 1973 when we voted to have 3 year terms of office on calendar year. In 1991 we voted to have our year coincide with national – September 1 to August 31 thus dates may include partial years; for others, records were no longer available to determine exact dates.

Bold print indicates presidents---

- **indicates woman is deceased. There are no doubt others who have gone on to their reward but no record of death is available. Dates are shown when known.**

*-Adams, Grace (Overland Park) chair project 1982; (6-6-2007)

*-Adams, Mina (Parsons) Crawford Assn pres 1998-2002; (Topeka) Tri River Assn pres 2006-09;

Adams, Rita (Topeka) corresponding secretary 2011-2014; webmaster/technology 2014-2021

Ade, Virginia (Carlton) Central Assoc Pres 1954-58; Tri River Assn Pres 1965-67; spiritual growth & family life 1984-1987;

Adelman, Kathy (Lakin) project 1991

*-Atkinson, Marjorie (Caney) Crawford Assn pres. 1984-87 (1-18-1998)

Allen, Carol (Ottawa) vice president leadership development 1978-1981; project 1999-2000; conference assoc. 2003-2006;

Allen, Janie (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn pres 1986-88; v p leadership development 1988-1991; Luther Rice pres 2004-07; president 2007-2010;

Anderson, Mrs. Florence (Topeka) literature 48-51 (Norton) spec interest missionaries 71-74

Anderson, Sarah (Parsons) chair scholarship-refit 1979-1981

Angell, Julia (Plains) Western Assn pres 2005-06;

*-Antenen, Mrs. Molly Marie (Ness City) vice pres Christian service 75-77

*-Armacost, Mrs. Suzanne (Ottawa) vice pres leadership development 75-77 (2-8-1991)

*-Ashlock, Vera Mrs. McCulley (Newton) Central Assn Pres 1952-53; leadership training ch 1957-58 (10-21-1997)

Atkinson, Marla (Louisburg) AB GIRLS Coord 2000-2008

*-**Atkinson, Mary Gates** (Mrs. J.N) (Topeka) president 1922-29; started Scholarship-Refit Fund 1928; Secretary-director 1930s; served 15 yrs on West Central District Board & pres in 1937; Treasurer 37-41? 1st president of Woman's Advisory Council of Central Baptist Theological Seminary 1942; asst historian 1957-1960; named historian emeritus in 1959 after compiling "A Book of Remembrance" which helped create our first history in 1960; (Dec. 1961)

Atkinson, Marjorie (Caney) Crawford Assn pres 1986-88;

Autrey, Marsha (Horton) William Carey Assn Pres 1984-85

Ayres, Mrs. Alan (Anna) Augusta – Walnut Valley pres 1975-77

Bailey, Mrs. Lowell (Lawrence) recording secretary 1920s & 1940s

Balka, Mrs. Henrietta (Topeka) -secretary World Wide Guild 1920s

Baker, Betsy (Ft Scott) Grace Hill Assn. pres 1995-96;

Banker, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Rolla = Pioneer Assn Pres 1977-79

Banta, Mrs. H.Q. (Oberlin) college counselor 1920s-?

Barber, Mrs. Arthur (Wilmore) South Central Assn Pres 1946-48; 1st vice president 48-52; (Greensburg) corresponding sec'y 1950s

Barber, Mrs. Crawford (Greensburg) South Central Assn Pres 1964-65
 Barker, Mrs. Frank (Kansas City) Open Door Subscriptions 48-52; vice pres Christian service 1950s
 Barker, Mary (Topeka) Tri River Assn pres 1987-89;
 Barkis, Mrs. Marian (Astrid) Louisburg – Luther Rice Assn Pres 1975-76
 Barr, Mrs. V.E. (Augusta) speakers & interpreters ch 1957-61; Walnut Valley Pres 1953-54
 Bateman, Mrs. Mary (Kansas City) – world service secretary 1948-52; youth missionary education 1955-56; fellowship guild 1956-57
 Bates, Mrs. E.E. (Ft. Scott) Fort Scott Assn Pres 1953-58
 Batten, Mrs. Edmund (Kansas City) Open Door subscriptions 1940s
 Bayles, Mrs. J.W. (Salina) – board member 1920-21
 *-Bayless, Mrs. Frances (Kansas City) vice pres missions 75-78 (Nov 1997)
 Beatty, Mrs. Herbert (Arkansas City) Christian friendliness 1940s
 Beck, Mrs. Haskell (Ashland) South Central Assn pres 1954-55
 *-Belden, Clara Mae (Sterling) chair of white cross & world relief 1980-1983
 Belden, Pat (Overland Park) vice president Christian service 1984-1987; recording secretary 1992-95; Luther Rice Assn pres 1990-92;
 Bennett, Alliene (Overland Park) Luther Rice Assn pres 1995-98;
 Berglund, Mrs. Edith (McPherson) chair project 1971-74; project 2002-2003;
 *-Bevan, Jane (Parsons) love gift 1989-90 (6-6-1998)
Beyer, Mrs. Martha (Douglas) (Ness City) ch of spiritual life 1966-68; president May 1971-Dec 1974
 Birdsall, Mrs. M.C. (Ft. Scott) foreign missions vice president 1948-52; chair of B&PW 1958-62
 Bishop, Mrs. Ivor (Liberal) South West Assn Pres 1955-56
 *-Blalack, Barbara (Wichita) Roger Williams Assn pres 1975-78; vice pres program 1983-1986
 Bliss, Dana (Chanute) guild counselor 1989-1991; coord of AB GIRLS 1992-1999; conference 2000-03
 Conference assoc intern 2011-2014;
 Blocher, Jorja (Valley Center) vice pres leadership development 1985-1988;
 (Independence) conference 1992-1995
 Bloesser, MayBelle, Mrs. John (Arlington) vice pres of Christian service 1965-69 (8-19-1997)
 *-Blythe, Donna Beth (Lawrence) scholarship comm 1974 (9-1-2005)
 Blythe, Mrs. Mae (Atchison) chair program 1971-74
 Boal, Evelyn (Wichita) project 1986
 Boaz, Kathy love gift assoc (resigned during term) 2004-
 *-Bodecker, Verna Mrs. Frank (Benton) literature 1957-60-63 (1989)
 Boland, Mrs. Ralph (Leoti) West Central Assn pres 1958-62; vice pres leadership training 1964-65;
 communications 1966-68
 Bolinger, Shirley (Uniontown) vice pres Christian service 1978-80
 *-Bolls, Ruby (Onaga) Tri River Assn pres. 1986 & 1992-95; (2-26-2007)
 *-Bond, Reba Mrs. Ivy – see Reba Johnson
 *-Bondurant, Edna (Mrs. H.B., (Garden City) v.p scholarship-refit 1954-58 (8-16-1991)
 Boomer, Miss Alice (Fairview) – reading contest secretary 1920s
Booth, Mildred (Junction City) corresponding secretary 1997-2000; president 2001-2004;
 *-Bowman, Rowena (Wichita) chair of communications 1978-80 (Dec 1984)
 Box, Mrs. Robert (Kansas City) Missouri River Pres 1973-74
 Bradbury, Edna (Holton) William Carey Assn Pres 1981-83
 Bradbury, Mrs. Vyrel (Uniontown) Grace Hill Assn Pres 1968-73; chair of literature 1969-73
 Bradshaw, Mrs. Irvin (Phillipsburg) Judson Assn Pres 1973-74
 Bramwell, Mrs. Donald (Ames) Judson Assn Pres 1943-47;
 Brannin, Lorene (Oswego) corresponding secretary 1993-96; 1999- 2002; recording sec'y 2009-2012;
 Crawford Assn pres 2002-09; Crawford/Grace Hill Assn. pres 2014-19;

*-**Branum, Mrs. Ethelyn** (Newton) recording secretary 1971-74; treasurer 1979-1982; President 1984-1986; Historian 1992-2006; project 2009-10;
 Breckheisen, Vonda (Olathe) recording secretary 1994-97; (Pratt) editor 1998-2001; (Newton) treasurer 2011-14;
 Breedin, Mrs. Homer (Hoxie) Great Plains Assn Pres 1965-69
 Bridges, Mrs. W. E (Parsons) family life 1955-57
 Brockway, Betty (Coffeyville) project 2000-01;
 *-Bronleewe, Helen Joan Skiles – Ark Valley president 1978-80
 Brown, Mrs. C.L. (El Dorado) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1946; white cross 1948-56; 1960-61
 Brown, Mrs. Dean (Wichita) chair of project 1968-70
 Brown, Dorothy (Liberal) Pioneer Assn pres 1995-98;
 Brown, Mrs. Herbert (Atchison) North East Assn Pres 1953-55
 Brown, Kay (Hobart OK) OIABA pres 2014-2019;
 Brown, Mrs. L.E. (Plains) South West Assn Pres 1953-54
 *-Brown, Lucille Mrs Ed Grace Hill Assn president 1973-75 (1981)
 *-Brown, Mabel Mrs. Harry B (Wichita) spiritual life 1948-52 (Dec 1973)
 Buchanek, Mrs. Oscar (Parsons) chair Christian social relations 1968-70
 Buchele, Helen (Cedar Vale) chair conference 1980-1983; Walnut Valley Assn pres 1965-68;1990-91;
 *-Burress, Hattie Mrs. J.C. (Hutchinson) secretary Children's World Crusade 1937-40 (1985)
 Bushbloom, Mrs. Dean (Lebo) Miami Assn Pres 1958-62

 Cain, Mrs. A.B. Jr (Benton) chair project 1970-71
 Callaway, Linda (Junction City) personal development coord 2014-2017;
 Campbell, Karen (Topeka) church & community coord 2016-2019;
 *-Carr, Estelle Mrs. W.D. (Wichita) treasurer 1957-62 (4-20-1988)
 Casement, Mrs. Floyd (Sedan) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1954-56
 *-Cassens, Anna Mrs. Alvin (Norton) spiritual life 1961-65
 Chard, Milly (Wichita) project 2005-06; recording secretary 2015-2018;
 Cheney, Mrs. J.W. (Selden) North West Assn Pres 1943-45
 Chiles, Lois (Lansing) William Carey Assn pres. 1995-98; nat'l secretary 1998-2001; nat'l resources 2001-03; editor assoc 2001- 2004; **national ABW president 2003-2006**; recording secy 2006-2009'; nat'l coord 60th anniv. Endowment 2009-11; project 2016-17; treasurer 2017-2020; ABCCR president 2019-21
 Chittenden, Mrs. Hugh (Ottawa) recording secretary 1948-52; Corresponding secretary 1953-54
 *-Claflin, Martha (Atchison) William Carey Pres 1998-2001 (March 2007)
 Clark, Ruth (Kansas City) project 2010-11; ABCUSA President 2011-12
 *-Classens, Mrs. Alvin (Jetmore) spiritual life chairman (1964)
 Cline, Phyllis (Minneapolis) coord mission & service 2000-2003; project 2003-04; historian 2007-10
 Clinkenbeard, Mrs. Myrtle (Derby) vice pres missions 1974-76
 Cobb, Mrs. G.C. (Salina) Central Assn Pres 1947-50; foreign missions vice-president 1948-52; missionary messenger 1953-54; VP Missions 1954-56;
 Cochran, Mrs. J.H. (Independence) vice president missions 1956-58
 Cole, Mrs. Charles (Argonia) Chicaskia Assn Pres 1953-58
 *-Cole, Joan (Coffeyville) Crawford Assn president 1992-95 (4-12-2006)
 Collier, Almira (Topeka) recording secretary 1997-99; church & community coord 2013-2016;
 Collins, Mrs Martha (Concordia) Judson Assn Pres 1962-65
 Comstock, Mrs. Harold (Hiawatha) North East Assn Pres 1955-58
 Conner, Mrs. Pearl (Fort Scott) Fort Scott Assn Pres 1959-62
 Cook, Mrs. A.C. (Fredonia) South East Assn Pres 1959-62

Cook, Dianna (Anthony) conference assoc. intern 2010-2013; (Paola)love gift assoc 2016 & personal development coord 2017-2020; Luther Rice co-president 2016-19;
 Cooper, Melanie (Hoxie) love gift 1991-1993; special interest missionaries-refit 2010-2013;
Copeland, Mary Etta (DeSoto) conference assoc intern 2009-2012; project 2011-12; president 2013-17 Mission & service/white cross/SIM 2018-2021;
 *-Counts, Phyllis (Salina) recording secretary 1986-1989; (1-3-1999)
 Craven, Mrs. Magada (Phillipsburg) chair white cross 1971-74; communications 1975-77 Project 2007-08; White cross assoc 2008-2011; Crawford/Grace Hill Assn pres. 2019-
 Crawford, Mrs. J.T. constitution 1920-21; acting sec'y literature 1920s; sec'y literature 1930s
 Creech, Tamara (Wichita) AB GIRLS co-coord 2015-2017;
 *-Crouch, Judy (Kingman) program 1989-90; project 1990; Ark Valley pres 1992-95; white cross 1996-98 (2-15-2002)
 Crooks, Nola conference assoc intern 2011-12
 Crowl, Janet (Topeka) young adult women's assoc 2007-11; editor 2019-
 *-Cudworth, Marcia L. (Wichita) scholarship student 1931; missionary to Nicaragua (7-2-1993)
 Culbertson, Mrs. J.R. (Sterling) literature
 Cummins, Beverly (Ft Scott) Grace Hill Assn co-president 2010-13;
 Curtis, Mrs. R.H. (Dodge City) West Central Assn pres 1956-58

 Dameron, Mrs. V.C. (Kansas City) spiritual life 1953-57
 Damme, Catherine (Lyons) Ark Valley Assn pres 1984-86
 Daniels, Mrs. Albert (Johnson) South West Assn Pres 1950
 Davidson, Helen (Chanute) chair Christian social relations 1975-79; Grace Hill Assn 1996-98;
 *Davis, Winnie (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn pres 1979-81; recording secretary 1983-1987; student exchange committee 1988; (Cawker City) project 1992-93; Judson Assn. pres 1995-98; (Topeka) Tri River Assn pre 2012-16; Love Gift 2006-07 (1-2-2016)
 *-Day, Ruth Mrs. J. Kelsey (Arkansas City) program chair 1954-57; (2-16-1993)
 *-Deaver, Mrs. Harlan (Sabetha) North East Assn pres 1943-45; scholarship-refit 1947-54; chair of mission interpreters 1961-64 (1968)
 Demmitt, Mrs. Joy (Johnson) chair white cross & world relief 1975-79
 Dexter, Mrs. Ruth (Wellington) chair project 1971-74
 Dobbin, Mrs. Harry (Topeka) Kansas River Assn Pres 1943-46
 Dryden, Susannah (Lindsborg) love gift assoc 2009-2011; Judson Assn pres 2011-14;
 Duffy, Mrs M. B. (Pittsburg) South East Assn Pres 1946
 *-Dunkleberger, Evelyn (Rago) Ark Valley assn. pres 1989-91 (11-21-2010)
 *-Duvanel, Mrs. Carl (Benton) vice president of Christian training 1961-65

 Eads, Mrs. Roselyn (Arthur) (Meade) fellowship guild counselor 1963-65; vp of Christian service 72-73
 Eaton, Marge (Leavenworth) Missouri River Assn pres 1998-2001;
 Edwards, Helen corresponding secretary 2005-2008; editor 2012-2019
 Elder, Miss Jane (Wichita) business & professional women vice pres 1948-52
 *-Ellsworth, Mary Jane Mrs. Kenneth (Wichita) corresponding sec'y 1957-60; ch Christian social relations 1970-72; project 1975-77 (1-3-2004)4
 *Elmore, Mrs. Leroy (Wichita) corresponding secretary 1952-53; 1959-61 (1961)
 Elting, Mrs. Richard (Lena) Ness City – Great Plais Assn Pres 1975-1977
 *-Emert, Miss Jeanette (Topeka) corresponding secretary 1922-24 (Dec 1973)
 Endicott, Wilma (Greensburg) white cross 1985- 1988; (2-24-2014)

Engle, Wilma (Wichita) treasurer 1982-1985; President 1987-1989; coordinator for Japanese student placement 1991-1995; National ABWM treasurer 1992-1996; NABWU (BWA) treasurer 1997-2002; National ABWM mission tour coordinator 2001-2003; ABCCR president 2006; Roger Williams Assn pres 2004-2010; 60th anniv. Endowment fund co-coord CR 2009-11; Historian 2010-

Eppinger, Mrs. Ted (Wathena) Chicaskia Assn Pres 1958-60; love gift 1963-67

Erich, Mrs. O.B. (Wichita) vice president of scholarship refit 1961-63

Erickson, Ruby (Kansas City MO) vice pres missions 1979-1982

Eshbaugh, Mrs. E. L. (Wathena) recording secretary 1948-52; 1st vice president & house party ch 1953-57; North East Assn Pres 1962-65; vice pres of scholarship-refit & project 1965-67; William Carey Assn Pres 1965-66

*-Eshbaugh, Mrs. Jessamine (Manhattan) rec. sec'y 1948-53; vp 1952-56; scholarship 1957-60; Project 1965-69; chair literature 1975-77 (10-13-2004).

Estes, Mrs. Jack (Topeka) Kansas River Assn Pres 1961-65

Evans, Mrs. C.A. (Kansas City) program 1961-65

Evans, Miss Maza (Washington) chair of special interest missionaries 1967-1971

Eubank, Mrs. W.L. (Coats) South Central Assn pres 1959-62

*-Fair, Glenna Mrs. Chris (Alden) Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1952-56; love gift 1956-60 (12-28-2004)

*-**Fair, Mrs. Alma L.** (Fred) (Alden) treasurer 1964-68; president 1969-1971; 1970 name change to American Baptist Women of Kansas; member of the Study Committee on Reorganization of the Kansas Baptist Convention.; 1971 participant in Study Commission on Denominational Structure (SCODS); 1972 elected vice president of Kansas Baptist Convention (8-15-2011)

Fair, Shirley (Alden) chair conference 1983-1986; treasurer 1988-1990; president 1992-1995; nat'l Midwestern coord 1995-98; 50th anniv national endowment coord 1999-2001; national love gift coord 2005-08; NABWU (BWA) treasurer 2007-2012; 60th anniv. Endowment fund Co-coord CR 2009-11; Ark Valley Assn pres 2003-09 & 2015-

Falk, Ruth (Winfield) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1981-83

Fast, Wilma (Hutchinson) project 1984-85; communications 1987-1989; spiritual growth 1990-1991; church & family relations assoc. 1992-1994; editor assoc 1994-98; Project 2007-08; Project 2018-19; Ark Valley Assn. pres. 1981-83; 1998-03 & 2009-15;

Faucett, Mrs. F.P. (Chanute) South East Assn Pres 1947-50

Ferguson, Mrs. Elmer (Wichita) student counselor 1930s; Wichita Assn Pres 1949-50; treasurer 1940s

Fertig, Mrs. J. Earl (Wichita) Wichita Assn Pres 1952-53

Fields, Evelyn (McPherson) project 1987-88; Judson Assn Pres 1989-91; Coord of Mission & Service 1994-1997;

Fink, Barbara (Meade) corresponding secretary 1985-1987

Fink, Beverly (Manhattan) endowment fund CR Coord 1999-2002; Coord church & community 2007-10; Treasurer 2014-2017;

Fisher, Mrs. James (Wellington) field secretary World Wide Guild 1920s

Fisher, Mrs. Wilbur (Ft Scott) corresponding secretary 1954-57

Flanagin, Beulah (Colby) Ch communications 1984-86; Great Plains Assn pres 1990-91;

Flanagin, Mrs. Ewin (Gem) North West Assn Pres 1953-54

*-Fletcher, Eva Lou (Lawrence) chair scholarship-refit 1981-1983 (1-18-1990)

Floyd, Gale (Paola) special interest missionaries-refit 2016-2018;

Fly, Elsie (Hutchinson) special interest missionaries-refit 2001-04

Fodder, Pam (Walters OK) OIABA pres 2011-14 & 2019-

Foote, Mrs. E.J. (Ottawa) Miami Assn Pres 1947-48

Freeman, Karen (Concordia) white cross assoc 1993-1997; treasurer 2002-2005; special interest missionaries assoc 2007-2010

*-Friesen, Bertha (Hutchinson) treasurer 1985-1987 (12-16-2003)

Fritz, Cindy (Gypsum) recording secretary 2019-21

Frye, Norma white cross assoc 2005-2008;

Fulop, Vernetta (Kansas City) chair special interest missionaries 1979

Funk, Mrs. Roger (Ness City) West Central Assn Pres 1962-65

Garner, Mrs. Roy (Gardner) Miami Assn Pres 1955-58

Garton, Arlene (Wichita) Roger Williams Assn pres 1998-2001;

Gaston, Mrs. Mary (Kansas City) chair white cross 1974-76

Germer, Laura (Ottawa) coord of church & comm 1995-98

*-Gilbert, Ramona Mrs. E. E. (Wichita) recording sec'y 1954-55; Wichita Assn Pres 1960-62; Roger Williams Assn Pres 1965-68 (Dec 1979)

Girton, Cathy (Clay Center) Judson Assn pres 1987-88

Girvin, Jean (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn pres 1988-90;

*-Givler, Mrs. Homer (Kansas City) Missouri Riveer Assn Pres 1953-55; Christian citizenship & Christian Social Relations 1956-60 (Dec 1981)

Gladish, Mrs. E. E. (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn Pres 1944-46

Golike, Mrs. L.D. (Wellington) family life chair 1957-59

Goodman, Vera (Topeka) project 1997-98; Tri River Assn pres 2000-03;(Wichita) love gift 2010-2013;

Goodwin, Mrs. L.E. (Ottawa) sec'y missionary education & reading 1930s

Grace, Mrs. Jess (Fairview) North East Assn Pres 1946

*-Gragg, Mrs. Thelma (Augusta) chair love gift 1976-78

*-Green, Charlotte (Overland Park) recording secretary 1980-82; spec int missionaries 1990-92; Luther Rice Assn president 1992-95 (3-7-2006)

Graham, Mrs. A.B. (Plains) South West Assn Pres 1945-48

Greer, Mrs. George (Sabetha) white cross 1948-52

Greider, Mrs. Ben (Salina) Judson Assn Pres 1970-73

Griffin, Mrs. U.M. (Ft. Scott) – treasurer 1927-30

Grisamore, Dell (Wichita) Roger Williams Assn Pres 1984

Groalman, Bertha (McPherson) Judson Assn Pres 1982

***-Haflich, Mrs. Ila** (Victor) (Garden City) West Central Assn Pres 1953-54; recording secretary 1955-59; (Kansas mother of the year in 1958); president 1961-1965;

Hailey, Darlene (Goff) William Carey Assn pres 1994-95;

*-Hall, Ellen Mrs. John (Emporia) missionary & stewardship educ 1953-56; 1st vice president 1957-60

Hall, Susan (Emporia) fellowship guild counselor 1983-84

Hammond, Mrs. R.H. (Hutchinson) secretary literature 1920s

*-Hampton, Annalee (Tribune) v pres Christian service 1981-83 (6-18-1991)

Hanson, Mrs. H.C. (Benton) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1949-50

Harkness, Mrs. Leo (Leoti) West Central Assn Pres 1947-50

Harmon, Gladys (Dodge City) Pioneer Assn pres 1983-88;

***-Harris, Agnes** (Charles I.) (Overland Park) Missouri River Assn Pres 1963-65; fellowship guild counselor 1970-73; rosebud guild counselor 1979-1984; (Dodge City) President 1995-1998 (2-16-2012)

Harp, Mrs. Phillip (Ulysses) Pioneer Assn Pres 1969-70

Hawley, Janice recording secretary 2012-2015

Hays, Mrs. A.S. (Holton) North East Assn Pres 1947;

Hearne, Mrs. Lewis (Ottawa) chair white cross 1969-71
 *-Heath, Mrs. Ralph (Liberal) South West Assn Pres 1943-44;– asst historian 1957-60; (1969)
 Hefta, Mrs. Joseph (Lindsborg) vice pres of scholarship refit 1966-69
 *-Hendershot, Monica (Pratt) conference coord 2006-09 (2-21-2019)
 Henthorne, Ethel (Concordia) Judson Assn pres 1985-86
 Herrington, Estalene (Concordia) Judson Assn pres 2002-05;
 Heubner, Mrs. B.P. (Ottawa) sec’y missionary education & reading 1930s & 1940s
 Hickman, Mrs. Mae (Hays) North Central Assn Pres 1943
 Hicks, Mrs. O.C. (Cawker City) Pioneer Assn Pres 1970-72
 Higerd, Ruth (Gem) North West Assn Pres. 1960-65; chair literature 1983-85
 *-Hildebrand, Arlene (Liberal) treasurer 1993-1996 (11-13-2004)
 Hildreth, Marie (Coffeyville) church & community coord 2001-04
 Hill, Doris (Iola) Grace Hill Assn pres 2003-08;
 Hill, Mrs. Victor (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn Pres 1967-71
 *-Hinkson, Elvie Mrs. Don (Junction City) spiritual life chair 1957-60; conference 1963-65 (1989)
 Hodge, Patty (Topeka) project 2019-20
 Hodges, Theresa (Topeka) Mission and service coord 2012-2015;
 Holcomb, Mrs. O.B. (Kansas City) chair of house party 1961-63
 *-Hollingsworth, Rachel (Atchison) scholarship & student concerns 2000-03; William Carey Assn pres. 2004-07;
 Holloway, Donna (Winfield) Walnut Valley Assn pres 1999-2002;
 Holmes, Janet (Lakin) Pioneer Assn pres 1989-95;
 Holt, Gayle (Wichita) chair special interest missionaries 1981-82
 *-Holt, Harriette Mrs. Robert (Moscow) South West Assn Pres 1964-65; Pioneer Assn Pres 1966-68; and 1980-82 (2-13-1992)
 Holterman, Mrs. Laura (Wamego) Kansas River Assn Pres 1959-61
 Horner, Patti (Owasso OK) special interest missionaries-refit 1998-01; Crawford Assn pres 2009-14;
 Hostetler, Mrs. Ruth (Shawnee Mission) recording secretary 1971-74
 *-Howell, Carol (Tribune) Western Assn. president 2003-05 (March 2007)
 Howell, Mrs. Robert (Croft) South Central Assn Pres 1953-54
 Howerton, Linda (Alta Vista) Tri River Assn Pres 1981-83
 Hoyt, Lynn (Garland) Grace Hill Assn pres 2013-14
 Hudson, Joyce (Humbolt) Grace Hill Assn. co-presidet 2010-13;
 Hudson, Mrs. Paul (ElDorado) recording secretary 1940s
 Huffman, Dale (Topeka) chair spiritual growth 1978-80
 *-Huggerth, Dorothy Mrs. G.L. (Concordia) corres sec’y 1940s; home missions vice pres 1952-54 incl Special Interest Missionaries 53-54 Judson Assn Pres 1954-58 (1984)
 Huggins, Mona (Olathe) conference assoc intern 2019-21; Luther Rice Assn pres 2019-
 Human, Mrs. Guy (Derby) chair of white cross 1966-69
 Hundley, Mrs. Earl (Mae) (Atchison) William Carey Assn Pres 1978-80
 Hunziger, Marcia (Atchison) William Carey Assn Pres 1992-94
 Hurst, Ardith (Leawood) corresponding secretary 2008-11
 Hutchins, Miss Lena (Ottawa) Miami Assn Pres 1962-65
 Hutchison, Mrs. W.A. (Pittsburg) South East Assn Pres 1959-61

Illsley, Mrs. C. (McPherson) board member; president Jan-Oct 1922

*-Ingle, Marj (El Dorado) scholarship 1991-93; project 1994-95; personal dev 1996-99 (10-13-2004)

Jackson, Christine (Longton) chair love gift 1982- 1985

*-Jackson, Dorcas mission & service coord 2006-2009 (11-24-2011)
 Jackson, Mrs. Wesley H (Lansing) Missouri River Assn Pres 1966-67
 Janssen, Mrs. Alfred Jr. (Scott City) corresponding secretary 1961-65; ch love gift 1971-74
 Janssen, Sally (Scott City) chair project 1978
 Jedlicka, Sarah Boyd (Ness City) Great Plains Assn pres 1998-2002;
 *-Jennings, Miss Virginia (Ottawa) vp B&PW 1956-58; scholarship 1957-60 (2-27-1992)
 Jewett, Mrs. A.S. (Kansas City) vice president; recording secretary 1930s
 Johnson, Barbara (Stilwell) rosebud counselor 1985-87 fellowship guild counselor 1987-1989;
 Johnson, Carolyn (Shawnee Mission) chair project 1983
 Johnson, Mrs. Charles (Topeka) student counselor 1940s
 *-Johnson, Nell (Ottawa) scholarship comm 1975-77; student exchange committee 1988 (11-5-1992)
 *-**Johnson, Mrs. Reba** (Don) (Kansas City) literature 1964-66; vp leadership dev 1969-73;
 Luther Rice Assn Pres 1974; President 1975-1977 (6-23-2000)
 Johnson, Mrs. W.E. (Dodge City) West Central Assn Pres 1943-46; corresponding secretary 1940s
 Johnson, Mrs. W.H. (Fort Scott) Fort Scott Assn Pres 1946-50
 Joiner, Mrs. Barbara (Overland Park) vice pres scholarship refit 76-78
 Jones, Mrs. Harold (Hamlin) vice pres leadership development 1965-69

Kamrath, Mrs. Dale (Georgian) (Cawker City) Judson Assn Pres 1977-80
 Kandt, Elsie (Lindsborg) white cross assoc. 2011-2014; Judson Assn pres 1998-02 & 2014-17;
 Kastler, Mrs. Mickey (Coffeyville) chair Christian social relations 1974-76
 Kearney, Mrs. Francis (Overland Park) recording secretary 1968-72
 Keller, Lillian (St. John) Ark Valley Assn pres 1995-98
 Kelley, Mrs. Wm (Greensburg) South Central Assn Pres 1955-56
 Kent, Barbara (Hoyt) Tri River Assn pres 2006-09
 Kiker, Amy Young adult women assoc 2012-2015
 Kiker, Debbie (Haysville) AB GIRLS Coord 1998-2014
 Kinder, Debbie (Kansas City) corresponding secretary 2015-2017; AB GIRLS Co-coord 2017-2020;
 King, Kristol (Ness City) Great Plains Assn pres 1992-95;
 King, Mrs. E.P. (Topeka) treasurer 1940s
 *-Kinnaman, Grace Mrs. W.D. (Sedan) treasurer 1948-52 (11-24-1987)
 *-Kirchmer, Carol (Dodge City) Pioneer Assn Pres 1974-76; corresponding secretary 1979-1981;
 editor assoc 2003-08
 Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Elmer (Pratt) Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1943-47
 Kitch, Danica Hellner (Garden City) scholarship & student concerns 2014-2016 resigned; recording
 secretary 2018
 Kneiss, Mrs. Paul (Cawker City) North Central Assn Pres 1956-57

*-Ladd, Greta (Humboldt) scholarship & student concerns assoc 1993-1996
 Lambertson, Mrs. W.P. (Fairview) recording secretary 1920s-30s
 *-Lambertson, Esther (Lakin) project 1981; vp missions 1983-85; Luther Rice pres 1987-89 (10-17-98).
 Lancaster, Mrs. R.E. (Lawrence) Mission & Stewardship education 1960-63
 *-Lane, Myrle Mrs. Anderson (Hutchinson) Ark Valley Assn pres 1987-89 (4-1-1998)
 Lange, Mrs. Paul (Lawrence) secretary-director Home & Foreign Missions 1920s
 Langley, Renee (ElDorado) project assoc 1993-94
 Larson, Mrs. John (Concordia) Judson Assn Pres 1953-54
 Laurie, Mrs. William (Derby) Wichita Assn Pres 1956-57
 Law, Mrs. Harold (Kansas City) corres secretary 1940s; Missouri River Assn Pres 1955-59; literature
 1962-64; corr sec'y 1965-69

*-Lawrence, Dortha (Richard) (Ness City) Love Gift 1967-71; conference 1977-78; Ch soc rel 1987-88
(3-14-2005)

Lawrence, Mrs. Leland (Topeka) secretary literature 1937-40
 Lawrence, Mrs. Netta (Asherville) Judson Assn Pres 1975-76
 Lawson, Nona (Plains) chair project 1979
 Lee, Mrs. A.W. (Abilene) Central Assn Pres 1943-44; (Norwich) Chicaskia Assn Pres 1949-50
 Lee, Janice "Jan" scholarship assoc 2005-2008; love gift 2013-2016; corresponding sec'y 2017-2020;
 Lee, Miss Kate T. – recording secretary 1920-23
 Lee, Mrs. Merritt (Wichita) missionary education for children 1948-52
 Leslie, Mrs. Preston (Wichita) missionary education & reading 1940s
 Lewis, Mrs. Harold (Newton) foreign missions vice president
 Lindholm, Clara Belle (Lindsborg) Judson Assn Pres 1983-84
 Linville, Mrs. E.H. (Salina) family life chair 1959-61
 *-Littrell, Lucile (Cedar Vale) recording secretary 1989- 1992; Walnut Valley Assn pres 1992-95;
 project assoc 1995-96 (2000)
 Loewen, Mrs. Clarence (McPherson) Central Assn Pres 1953-54
 Lofland, Janice (Wichita) rosebud counselor 1989-1991; coord of AB GIRLS 1992-1999;
 Long, Cathy (Leavenworth) Missouri River Assn pres 2001-05;
 *-Longhat, Kathy (Norman OK) Conference assoc intern 2016-2018; (12-1-2018)
 Lore, Thelma (El Dorado) Walnut Valley Assn pres 2002-05;
 Losh, Mrs. Paul T (Kansas City) VP Missions 1970-72

McBride, Mrs. Wm. (Kansas City) chair business & professional women 1962-66
 McCarroll, Miss Roselle (Hays) North Central Assn Pres 1964-65
 McClure, Mrs. H.T. (Stafford) love gift 1950s; Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1956-58
 McCrossen, Mrs. Dottie (J.W.) (Topeka) ch Christian social relations 1960-64; Luther Rice Assn pres
 1967-69; project 2004-05; (Overland Park) Luther Rice Assn pres. 2010-13;
 McDaniel, Mrs. Steward (Kansas City) fellowship guild counselor 1958-63;
 McDermott, JoAnn (Anthony) AB GIRLS coord 1998-2003
 *McDonald, Mary Jo (DeSoto) AB GIRLS 2001-02
 McFarland, Mrs. E.E. (ElDorado) secretary literature 1930s
 McGuffin, Gloria (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn pres. 1982-84 (6-23-2004)
 McGuire, Mrs. Myrna (Independence) chair project 1975-77; Crawford Assn Pres 1978
 (Andover) corresponding sec'y 1982-1985
 McKee, Mrs. John (Clay Center) – supt of white cross 1920-?
McKenzie, Mrs. Harma (Ottawa) vice pres scholarship refit 1973-74; Chair conference 1977-79;
 President 1981-1983; hosted National ABW board in Oct 1981; National Love
 Gift chairman 1984-86; historian 1987-1992
 McLean, Juanita (Shawnee) Missouri River Assn pres 1995-98;
 *-McLeod, Trudy Mrs. W.Max. (Manhattan) Kansas River Assn Pres 1947-50 & 1955-59;
 vice pres missions 1958-62 (1974)
 *-McLoud, Lilian Mrs. Forrest (Wichita) white cross 1948-52 (5-31-1988)
 McMullen, Miss Lois (Marysville) business & professional women vice pres 1948-56
 McNair, Mrs. Stanley (Kansas City) chair scholarship refit 1963-66
 McRae, Mrs. Carl (LaCygne) Fort Scott Assn Pres 1962-65
 McVey, Mrs. George (Parsons) South East Assn Pres 1943-45; Christian citizenship 1940s
 McWilliams, Mrs. Harold (Salina) chair of special interest missionaries 1963-67; scholarship refit 69-73

Major, Mrs. S.S. (Wichita) student counselor 1948-52

Marion, Carrie (Scott City) Western Assn pres 2014-16;
 Marsh, Cosette (Minneapolis) young adult women 2015-2018; Conference intern/assoc 2018-2020;
 Marshall, Joan (Herington) Coord personal development 1999-2002
 *Martin, Marjorie Mrs. A.B. (Ottawa) scholarship committee (1979)
 Martin, Mrs. A.E. (Kansas City) prayer chairman 1930s
 Massey, Betty (Prairie Village) treasurer 1997-1999
 Maston, Mrs. Clyde (Arkansas City) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1970-72
 Matthews, Miss Georgia (Garden City) sec'y Children's World Crusade 1920s-
 Mawson, Mrs. J.W. (ElDorado) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1943
 Maxwell, Frances (Horton) William Carey Assn pres 1986
 Medearis, Mrs. C.M. (Kansas City) reading contest director 1920s
 Medley, Mrs. Harry (Marie) (Topeka) Tri River Assn Pres 1975-77
 Merritt, Mrs. George R. (Ottawa) vice president
 Miller, Beverly (Humbolt) Grace Hill Assn pres 2000-03;
 Miller, Donna (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn Pres 1977-78; vp program 1986-89;
 conference 1989-1991; Coord Mission & Service 1997-2000
 Miller, Ella Bell (Augusta) vp program 1980-1983; Walnut Valley Assn pres 1984-86
 Miller, Jan (Arkansas City) Walnut Valley Assn pres 1995-98;
 Miller, Miss Vernice (ElDorado) sec'y World Wide Guild & White Cross director 1930s
 Miles, Mrs. Olin (Milton) Chicaskia Assn Pres 1961-65
 Mingle, Myrtle (Altamont) personal development 1993-1996; Crawford Assn pres 1988-91
 Minor, Kami (Gardner) AB GIRLS co-coord 2011-2015;
 *-Mitch, Thelma (Scott City) special interest missionaries 1987-89 (7-7-1994)
 Molby, Mrs. Robert (Cawker City) Judson Assn Pres 1968-70
 Moody, Mrs. Rogene (Ed) (Topeka) corresponding secretary 1969-73; recording secretary 2000-03
 *-Moon, Thelma Mrs. Glen (Ottawa) res 1949-50; Christian leadership 1948-52;
 leadership training 1953-57 (1981)
 Mooney, Mrs. Joe (Wichita) – literature secretary 1920-21
 *-Moore, Myra (Emporia) scholarship 1988-1990; church & community 1992-95 (Oct 2006)
 Moore, Mrs. Oscar (Emporia) white cross 1956-60
 Morerod, Karen (Kansas City) discipleship/love gift 1998-2001; personal dev coord 2005-2008;
 Morgan, Mrs. Irvin (Wichita) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1947-48
 Morony, Jan (Colby) love gift assoc 2007-2010
 Morrell, Mrs. Keith (Independence) South East Assn Pres 1957-59
 Morris, Mrs. Bill (Dorothy) (Greensburg) South Central Assn Pres 1962-64
 Morris, Mrs. Forrest W. (McPherson) Central Assn Pres. 1945-46
 Mosley, Ruth Ann (Humboldt) Grace Hill Assn Pres 1976-78
 Mutschler, Mrs. John W. (Meade) South West Assn Pres 1954-55

 Neagle, Mrs. M.A. (Wichita) 1st vice president 1920s
 Neal, Laurel "Laurie" church & community 2004-2007
 Nelson, Mary Dean treasurer 2005-2008;
Newberry, Melissa - scholarship & student concerns 2011-2014; conference assoc intern 2015-2018;
 President 2019-22
 Newberry, Sherrill (McPherson) vice pres Christian service 1990-1993;
 Nickelson, Mrs. Walter (LaCygne) Fort Scott Assn Pres 1956-59
 Noah, Mrs. Clay (Gardner) Pioneer Assn Pres 1968-69 Luther Rice Assn Pres 1969-73
 Northup, Connie (KC) Missouri River Assn pres 2017- ; church & community coord 2019

Odell, Mrs. Cecil (Studley) North West Assn Pres 1947-50
 O'Harah, Laverne (Uniontown) Grace Hill Assn Pres 1982-84
 *-Olson, Elsie (Concordia) chair literature 1980-1983 (12-21-1999)
 Opdycke, Vergie (DeSoto) chair Christian social relations 1980-1983
 Overman, Mrs. C.V. (Carlton) mission educ for children 1953-55; Literature 1955-56
 Overman, Mrs. Harry (Garden City) Pioneer Assn Pres 1972-73
 Oyer, Mabel (Wichita) Roger Williams Assn pres 1995-98;
 Oyer, Mrs. O.D. (Ottawa) Children's World Crusade 1940s

Pady, Mrs. Stuart (Manhattan) Tri River Assn Pres 1967-71
 Palmquist, Linda (Concordia) Judson Assn Pres 1981
Parker, Juanita (Arlan) (Ness City) Western Assn president 2006-10; president 2010-13
 *Paslay, Mrs. Laberta (Roy Jr.) (Ft. Scott) missionary education & reading 1948-52; chair program 1969-73; spiritual growth 1988-91; (Topeka) Tri River Assn pres 1995-98; (9-14-2004)
 Patten, Mrs. Thomas R (Kansas City) Missouri River Assn Pres 1947-50
 Patterson, Mrs. J.J. (Winfield) – director of Children's World Crusade 1920-21
 Paul, Carolyn (Goodland) Western Area Pres 2002-03; Mission & Service Coord 2004-07; Special interest missionaries-refit 2013-2016;
 Paul, Mrs. Joseph (Ottawa) 2nd vice president 1920s; secretary white cross 1930s
 Paxson, Valerie (Garden City) conference assoc intern 2014-2017; (see also Terrazas)
 Pearson, Janelle (Dodge City) Christian social relations 1986-87;
 Peck, Mrs. Maynard (Ottawa) vice president; (Alden) Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1960-64; 1st vice pres 1964-65; vp of interpretation 1965-68;
 Peckham, Irene (Rantoul) Luther Rice Assn Pres 1981-83; Christian social relations 1984-85
 Pellett, Mrs. Leland (Gardner) missionary & stewardship educ 1956-60
 ***Pennypacker, Mrs. H.H.** (Emporia) assoc sec'y-dir 1930s; West Central District board 1931-36; president 1937-1941; home missions vice president 1940s; board of American Baptist Home Mission Society (2-19-1954)
 *-Peterson, Maxine (Kingman) Ark Valley pres. 1972-77 (Jan 2011)
 Pickard, Annette (Topeka) AB GIRLS Coord 2000-01
 Pickett, Mrs. Ralph (Cawker City) North Central Assn Pres 1957-60
 Pickler, Mrs. H. M. (Stafford) spiritual life 1940s
 Pierce, Helen (Wichita) international students 1995-2002;
 *-Pike, Mrs. Vera (Wichita) treasurer 1975-78 (4-20-1998)
 *-Ploog, Mrs. Ruby (Hutchinson) treasurer 1972-75 (8-3-1997)
 *-Poland, Ayline (Greensburg) love gift 1985-88; (Onaga) spec int mission-refit 1992-95; Tri River Assn pres 1990-91 (8-10-2004)
 Pomeroy, Mrs. Henrietta (Kansas City) spiritual growth 1971-74
Poole, Mrs. Anna Belle (Kansas City) chair love gift 1971-74; President 1978-80; Pres ABCCR 1982; Nat'l Midwestern coord 1979-80; Nat'l ABWM Conference chair 1984-85; endowment fund coordinator 1988; Missouri River Assn pres. 1971-72 & 1991-95;
 Potts, Doris (Pittsburg) ch spiritual growth 1975-77 (Girard) Grace Hill Assn pres. 79-81 & 1998-2000;
 *-Powers, Mrs. Frank (Parsons) recording secretary 1961-65; Crawford Assn Pres 1965-70 (1979)
 Prather, Delores (Kincaid) literature 1989-91; Grace Hill Assn pres. 1992-95 & 2008-10;
 Predmore, Carolyn (Stilwell) mission & service coord 2009-2012; Luther Rice Assn pres 2013-16;
 Prier, Barbara (Chanute) Grace Hill Assn. president 1985-87
 *-Preston, Pat Crawford Assn. president 1980-83 (1-16-2006)
 Price, Carolyn (Augusta) Walnut Valley Assn pres. 2005-08;

Price, Mrs. S.E. (Ottawa) 1st vice president 1920-21; college counselor 1920s
Pushee, Rebecca (St George) AB GIRLS Co-coord 2016-2020;

*-Ralston, Laura Mrs. Henry (Wichita) vice president home missions 1937-40 (1985)

Ramsel, Loretta (Kansas City) personal development coord 2002-05

***Ramsey, Mrs. Robert W.** (Atchison) president 1920-21; first president of West Central District;
delegate to World Council of Churches in Copenhagen (1948)

Rankin, Mrs. Paul (Lawrence) student counselor 1930s & 1940s

*Rea, Mrs. B.H. (Wichita) Wichita Assn Pres 1959-60; 1st vice president 1960-64;
chair program 1965-69 (3-10-2000)

Redford, Devra (Leavenworth) national AB GIRLS Convenor 2009-10;

Reece, Mrs. M.W. (Goddard) Christian social relations 1953-56

Reese, Mrs. John I. (Ottawa) Miami Assn Pres 1943-46

Redick, Norma (Stilwell) treasurer 2008-2011; corresponding secretary 2014-2015;

Relyea, Mrs. Vincent (Topeka) chair spiritual growth 1969-71 (Pratt) ch spiritual growth 1971-74

Rhinehart, Mrs. H.L. (Greensburg) South Central Assn Pres 1945

Rhodes, Mrs. Mary (Emporia) Tri River Assn pres 1978-80

Richards, Leslie Palacio (Wichita) AB GIRLS co-coord 2014-2016;

***Ridge, Frances Mrs. Lauren** (Wilmore) South Central Assn Pres 1949-50; vp Christian service
1950s; love gift 1953-56; president 1957-1961; appointed first historian in 1957 ; first
history (1828-1960) released for sale in 1959; national chair of program 1961-66 (1977)

Rikoff, Mrs. Fred (Colby) North West Assn Pres 1954-58; Great Plains Assn Pres 1969-71

Riley, Mrs. Earl (Pratt) recording secretary 1948-52

Rishel, Mrs. W.N. (Spearville) sec'y mission education 1920s

Ritner, Miss Pauline (Atchison) Missouri River Assn pres 1943; scholarship-refit vice president;
chair communications 1970-74

Robbins, Mrs. Katherine (Iola) chair spiritual growth 1971-74

Roberts, Mrs. L. L. (Chanute) chair of Christian friendliness 1930s & 1940s

*-Robertson, Leah Pearl Mrs. Brooks (Hutchinson) Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1958-60
recording secretary 1959-61; treasurer 1962-64 (1998)

Robinson, Mrs. Miriam (Fairview) chair special interest missionaries 1975-77

Rodrick, Mrs. M.G. (Della) (Lucas) North Central Assn pres 1947-50

Rogers, Mrs. Forrest (Wellington) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1960-64

Rogers, Mrs. W.T. (Canton) recording secretary 1948-52; Central Assn Pres 1958-62

Romary, Dorcas (Humboldt) scholarship & student concerns 2016-2019;

Ross, Lila vice pres Christian service 1987-89; William Carey Assn pres 1990-91;

Ross, Mrs. S.M. (Horton) North East Assn Pres 1948-50

*-Rowe, Mrs. Helen (Wellington) chair Christian social relations 1972-76 (3-5-2006)

Rowland, Mrs. S.P. (Washington) Judson Assn Pres 1948-50

Roy, Shirley (Leavenworth) Christian Social Relations

Russell, Miss Olive (Derby) sec'y of World Wide Guild 1920-

Ryle, Mrs. Ivan (Salina) vice pres Christian service 1956-58

Saft, Barbara (Valley Center) IB subscription clerk 1988-

Sandberg, Mrs. Rudolph (Chanute) speakers and interpreters 1956-59; South East Assn Pres 1953-57

Sandbert, Charlaime (Kansas City) Project 1996-97

Sawyer, Mrs. Grace (Sabetha) William Carey Assn Pres 1970-72

Sawyer, Mrs. Ivan (Fairview) North East Assn Pres 1958-62

Schaible, Mrs. Charles (Fairview) William Carey Assn Pres 1972-74

*Schendel, Mrs. Mary Ruth (R.R.) (Topeka) family life chairman 1948-52; vice pres Christian training 1953-56; chair of house party 1959-61; vice pres interpretation 1974-76; state president of Church Women United 1976-79 (7-20-2012)

*-Schiller, Betty (Arkansas City) vp leadership development 1972-75; Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1978-80; white cross 1989-93; Scholarship 1984-87 (1-21-2006)

Schirer, Mrs. Donna (Marshall) (Wellington) chair of conference 1967-71 (Scott City) conference 74-76

Schofield, Mrs. F.E. (Girard) 3rd vice president 1920-21

Schmidt, Mrs. Jeanne (Ottawa) fellowship guild counselor 1974-75

Schupbach, Florence (Tulsa) love gift 1988-89

*-Schwitzgebel, Mrs. J.B. (Kansas City) love gift 1937-41; president 1941-1948; published "Open Door" 1941-1950; name changed in 1944 to Kansas Baptist Woman's Mission Society; 1st president of National Council of American Baptist Women 1949 & then the first national white cross chairman in 1951; home mission vice president 1948-52; historian 1957-1965 (1973)

Scott, Mrs. Charles (Oberlin) ch of interpreter 1964-65

Selton, Rev. Janice (Dexter) chair scholarship-refit 1983-85

*-Severns, Wilma (McPherson) chair literature 1974-75 (1985)

Shannon, Mrs. Forrest (Mary) (Hiawatha) William Carey Assn Pres 1975-77

Shapley, Carol (Stilwell) rosebud counselor 1985-88

*Sharp, Gini (Wichita) discipleship/love gift 1995-98; Roger Williams Assn pres 1991-95;

Shaw, Mrs. Marilyn (Overland Park) fellowship guild counselor 1975-79

Shea, Mrs. John (Wichita) World Wide Guild 1940s

Shelton, Rev. Jan (Dexter) scholarship-refit 1983-84

*-Sherrill, Mrs. Florence (L.M.) (Newton) program ch 1957-60; Central Assn Pres 1962-65; president 1965-69 (2-23-2001)

Shoemaker, Mrs. Verle (Plains) Pioneer Assn Pres 1965-66

*-Shore, Mrs. Delos (Oxford) ch mission & stewardship educ 1963-65; literature 1966-70 (1980)

Shore, Virginia (Belle Plain) IB subscription clerk 1989; communications 1990-91; editor assoc 1992-94
Special interest missionaries-refit 1995-1997; Roger Williams Assn pres 2001-04

Siglin, Rita (Catoosa OK) coord personal development 2008-11

Simon, Katherine (Morland) Great Plains Assn pres 1987-89; corresponding secretary 2002-05; Western Assn pres 2010-11;

Simons, Mrs. W.C. (Lawrence) asst. secretary-director 1920s

Sipe, Jan (El Dorado) coord of mission & service 1992-1995; nation ABW resources 1992-96;

Sipes, Mrs. L.M. (Kansas City) student counselor 1940s; 1948-52?

Skiles, Alva (Osawatomie) AB GIRLS 2003-08

*-Skinner, Alice (Spring Hill) chair special interest missionaries 1983-85 (1-28-1998)

*-Smallwood, Mrs. Mary (Henry W.) (Ft Scott) 1st vice president & recording secretary 1948-52; President 1952-1957; in 1954 elected as Mid-Western president & chair of committee for proposed paper that became "American Baptist Woman" magazine; vice-pres Christian service 1957-60 & asst. historian 1957-1960 (3-26-1989)

*-Smiley, Mrs. Peggy (Topeka) corresponding secretary 1973-75; Recording secretary 1977-79; Information Bulletin subscription clerk 1981-1987; ABCCR pres. 1988 (1-21-1988)

Smith, D. Eileen (Edmond OK) scholarship & student concerns assoc 2008-2011; project 2012-13

Smith, Jan Mrs Ron (Stilwell) project 1977; spiritual growth 1987-1990; scholarship 2002-05; Luther Rice Assn. pres 1984-86 & 2007-2010

Smith, Jane (Winfield) Walnut Valley Assn pres 1987-89; coord church & community 1998-2001 & 2010-13; (Tulsa) mission & service coord 2003; President 2004-2007; national ABW Mid-Western 2007-10; (Ottawa) Project 2014-15; Luther Rice Assn. co-pres. 2016-19;

Smith, Marie (Overland Park) Treasurer 1999-2002

***Smith, Ollice** Mrs. Lonnie (Kansas City) Project 1971-73; literature 1986-88; President 1990-92; Missouri River Assn Pres 1995-96 (2-6-2011)

Smith, Mrs. Ray H (Lindsborg) Leadership training 1960-61

Snearinger, Mrs. Dale (Colby) North West Assn Pres 1958-60; (Chanute) Grace Hill Assn Pres 65-68

Snedeker, Myra (Winfield) AB GIRLS 2009-15

Snelling, Erlene (Manhattan) vice pres missions 1986-87

Snodgrass, Mrs. F. M. (Wichita) vp Christian training 1957-61; Conference 1971-72

Snyder, Mrs. Alton (Wichita) Wichita Assn Pres 1957-59; program 1959-60

Solomon, Mrs. Arthur (Nicotaze) Crawford Assn Pres 1974

***-Sorensen, Claire** Mrs. Howard (Wichita) Wichita Assn Pres 1953-56; vp missions 1962-66; project 1967-70; vp. interpretation 1969-71 (7-11-2009)

***-Sowerby, Mrs. J. H.** (Iola) 2nd vice president 1920s; president 1929-1937; developed associational schools of instruction; 2nd vice president of West Central District 1927-28; vice president of Foreign Missions 1930s-40s (9-24-1952)

Spieß, Elizabeth (Wichita) conference intern 2013-2015; conf assoc 2016; project 2017-18;

Springer, Mrs. Ralph (Harper) Chicaskia Assn pres 1944-48

Stallcop, Mrs. W.M. (Winfield) 1st vice president 1920s

Starns, Mrs. O. F. (Gardner) Miami Assn Pres 1953-55

Stemmons, Sheryl (McLouth) Tri River Assn pres 2016-

***-Stevens, Norma** (Caney) vp leadership dev 1991-92; pers dev 1992-93; Crawford Assn pres 1995-98 (12-26-2004)

Stevenson, Miss Fay (Topeka) sec'y World Wide Guild 1920s-30s

***-Strecker, Mrs. Audra** (Arthur) (Ness City) treasurer 1969-74; vp interpretation 1975-78; Great Plains assn pres. 1981-83 & 1995-98 (3-12-2011)

***Strickert, Pearl** Mrs. Karl (Scott City) West Central Assn Pres 1954-56; vice pres Christian service 1968-72 (1-28-2006)

Sturdy, Marge Mrs. G.L. (Wichita) Roger Williams Assn Pres 1970-74

Sutton, Effie (Ness City) Great Plains Assn Pres 1971-74; chair project 1980; scholarship & student concerns 1999-2000

Swann, Mrs. Earl (Fredonia) co-ch white cross & world relief 1965-67

***Talbot, Elaine** (Herington) spiritual growth & family life 1981-1984; chair Baptist student exchange committee 1988; William Carey Assn pres 1987-89; (7-21-2011)

Templin, Jo (Wichita) Roger Williams/Walnut Valley Assn pres 2010-2017;

Terrazas, Valerie (Garden City) Western Assn pres 2016- ; conf assoc 2017 (see also Paxson)

Teubner, Naomi (Scott City) project 2015-16; Western Assn pres 2011-14

Thackrah, Pat (Leavenworth) William Carey Assn Pres 2001-04

Thomas, Judy (Shawnee Mission) chair white cross & world relief 1983-84

Thomas, Karen (Junction City) conference ch 1998-2000

Thomson, Grace Mrs. W.A. (Tulsa) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1964-65; vice president missions 1966-67 Interpretation 1968-69

Thompson, Mrs. Carrie (Clay Center) sec'y mission education & reading 1930s

Thorn, Mrs. J.D. (Liberal) South West Assn Pres 1956-64

Thornbro, Gayle conference assoc intern 2012-2015;

Tiegren, Frances (Chanute) Grace Hill Assn pres 1988-91;

Tilley, Mrs. B.F. (Emporia) 2nd vice president 1920-21

Tippen, Lorene Gurley (Wichita) coord mission & service 2000-01

Tollefson, Martha (Hiawatha) love gift 1979-1981; vice president Christian service 1987; International students 1992-93

Tollefson, Willia Mrs. Thomas -- William Carey Assn Pres 1966-70
 Tolliver, Mrs. W.H. (Kansas City) Christian friendliness 1940s
 Travis, Mrs. William (Garden City) chair communications 1968-69
 Treat, Mrs. Clyde (Gem) North West Assn Pres 1946
 *-Troughton, Frances, Mrs. R.H. (Pittsburg) vice pres Christian service 1960-64 (1985)
 Troutman, Mrs. Allen (Ottawa) Luther Rice Assn Pres 1965-67
 *Trower, Mrs. Victor (Parsons) chair conference 1965-69 (12-11-2014)
 True, Evelyn (Prairie Village) project 1986-87; project 1998-1999;
 *-Twining, Mrs. E.C. (Ottawa) honorary board member (1967)
 Twogood, Mrs. Harley (Osawatomie) chair of white cross 1961-65
 Tucker, Mrs. Pat (Independence) vice pres interpretation 1971-74
 Tuttle, Mrs. Harold (Baeshor) missionary educ for youth 1953-55
 Tuttle, Mrs. Harry (Wichita) director Children's World Crusade 1920s

 *-Unruh, Mrs. Maxine (Jona) (Argonia) special interest missionaries 1956-60; (Cedarvale) family life 1961-65; chair communications 1981-83; historian 1985-1986; (1986)

 Van Arsdale, Ruth (Great Bend) project 1988-89; (Ottawa) Luther Rice Assn. pres 1998-2001; recording secretary 2003-2006; (Wichita) personal development coord 2011-2014;-
 Van Benschoten, Mrs. A.Q. (Winfield) ch special interest missionaries 1960-63
 Van Doren, Mrs. J.P. (Hays) North Central Assn Pres 1944-46;
 *-Van Horn, Myrna (Glen Elder) program 1989-92; Judson Assn pres 1992-95; (9-23-2011)
 Van Syckle, Mrs. Ardell (Howard) Crawford Ass Pres 1970-73

 Waddington, Mrs. J.R. (Topeka) corresponding 1920-?
 *-Wagner, Jennie Mrs. S.A. (Emporia) Kansas River Assn Pres 1953-55; love gift 1960-63-; Christian social relations 1964-67 (10-10-1988)
 *-**Wall, Evelyn "Evy"** (Shawnee Mission) vp leadership development 1982-1984; conference 1986-89; national ABWM leadership dev 1989-91; president 1998-2001; (5-12-2009)
 Wallace, Mrs. H.E. (Hutchinson) Christian citizenship 1948-52
 Wallace, Jillinda special interest missionaries-refit 2004-07
 Wallace, Linda (Minneapolis) scholarship & student concerns 1996-1999; Love Gift 2001-04; mission & service 2015-2018; Judson Assn pres 2005-11 & 2017-
 Wallace, Mrs. Wilber (Barnard) Judson Assn Pres 1958-62
 Wasser, Mrs. M.E. (Horton) assistant secretary/director Home & Foreign Missions 1920-21
 Waterfield, Mrs. Howard (Wichita) chairman house party 1957-59
 Waters, Mrs. Esther (Topeka) corresponding secretary 1976-78
 Webb, Miss Claudia (Topeka) sec'y World Wide Guild & White Cross dir 1930s
 Weber, Mrs. E. L. (Bethel) Missouri River Assn Pres 1959-63
 Weeks, Mrs. E. S. (Garden City) board member 1920-21
 Weese, Patricia (DeSoto) white cross assoc 1999-2002
 Wendt, Mary (Herington) white cross assoc 2014-2017;
 *-Wentworth, Mary Mrs Ed (Lenexa) recording secretary 1964-68; spiritual growth 1971-72; chair conference 1972-73; Christian social relations 1990-1992; coord of church & community 1994-97; Luther Rice Assn pres. 1977-80 & 2001-04; (12-4-2019)
Westfall, Barbara (KC) Missouri River Assn president 2005-17 ; president 2017-19
 *-Westrick, Mrs. S.V. (Topeka) sec'y-dir Home & Foreign Missions 1920s; assoc sec'y-dir 1930s; White cross 1930s & 1940s (1975)
 Wheat, Margaret (Manhattan) Tri River Assn pres 1998-2000;

Wheaton, Ellen Anne (Ottawa) Wichita Assn Pres 1964-65; vice pres missions 1988-1992
 *-White, Lee (Wichita) corresponding secretary 1991-93; Roger Williams pres 1979-80 & 1985-88;
 Whiting, Mrs. Blanche (Hutchinson) sec'y Children's World Crusade 1920s
 Widows, Aleta (Garden City) corresponding secretary 1988-1990; discipleship/love gift 1993-1995;
 corresponding secretary 1996-97(moved).
 Wilbur, Mrs. Orlie (Wichita) Wichita Assn Pres 1962-64
 *Wilkins, Ruby (Scott City) vice pres Christian service 1971-74; Great Plains Assn pres 1986-87;
 (12-8-2011) age 100
 Williams, Mrs. Jep (Larned) literature 1950s (Erie) literature 1956-58
 Williams, Jessica (Merriam) conference assoc intern 2013-2016;
 Williamson, Mrs. A.D. (Ottawa) sec'y Americanization 1920s-30s
 Williamson, Mrs. K.L. (Protection) South Central Assn Pres 1956-59
 Williford, Mrs. Howard (Alden) Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1964-68
 Wills, Mrs. C.E. (Alden) co-ch love gift 1960s
 Wills, Mrs. C.I. (Alden) white cross 1967-69
 Wilshire, Mrs. Joel (Kansas City) chair spiritual life 1964-65
 Wilson, Kathy (Manhattan) Project 2001-02; Tri River Assn pres 2003-06;
 Wingent, Sue (Wellsville) fellowship guild counselor 1980-1983
 *-Wirth, Mrs. Myrtle ;(Salina) chair literature 1977-79 (April 2004)
 Wise, Mrs. Eugene (Cawker City) North Central Assn Pres 1960-64; Judson Assn Pres 1965-68
 *-Witham, Anna Marie (Benton) Roger Williams Assn pres 1989-91
 Witters. Betty (Anthony) Roger Williams/Walnut Valley Assn pres 2017-
 Wixon, Peggy (Wichita) white cross assoc 2002-05 (married Hendrich)
 Wizarde, Mrs. C.A. (Great Bend) treasurer 1940s & 1948-52
 *-Wolfolk, Lois (Pratt) Ark Valley president 1968-72 (Jan 2011)
 *-Wolgast, Crystal (Topeka) treasurer 1991-1993; Conference assoc 1994-1997; NABWU (BWA)
 treasurer 2002-2007; Tri River Assn pres. 1971-74 & 2009-12;
 Wood, Miss Martha Jane (Ottawa) world service secretary 1940s
 Wood, Mrs. Ross (Topeka) speakers and interpreters 1954-56 Project 1964-65;
 Roger Williams Assn Pres 1968-70
 Woods, Judy Mrs. Fred (Wichita) Roger Williams Assn Pres 1981-83
 Woods, Mrs. J.E. (Kincaid) Fort Scott Assn Pres 1943-45
 *-**Woods, Mrs. Rebah** (Robert L.) (Wichita) Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1944-45; corresponding
 secretary & vice president 1940s; love gift 1945-48; president 1948-1952;
 monthly publication of "The Information Bulletin" started by her in 1951;
 chair business & professional women 1966-70; asst. historian 1957-1960;
 historian 1966-84; (1-18-1999)
 Woods, Mrs. Thoburn (Oxford) Chicaskia Assn Pres 1943; Walnut Valley Assn Pres 1956-60;
 leadership training 1961-64
 Wooten, Mrs. Reta (Cawker City) North Central Assn Pres 1953-56
 Worley, Charlotte (Wichita) chair special interest missionaries 1978-79
 Worth, Mrs. George (Hutchinson) Arkansas Valley Assn Pres 1948-50
 Worthington, Mrs. Paul (Wichita) sec'y Christian citizenship 1930s & 1940s
 Wortman, Mrs. M.L. (Winfield) secretary/director Home & Foreign Missions 1920-21
 Woywod, Anita (DeSoto) project 2013-14;
 Yoakum, Anita (Valley Center) project assoc 2008-09; conference assoc 2009-11
 Young, Miss Marguerite (Clay Center) sec'y missionary education & reading 1930s
 York, Sandy (Kansas City) AB GIRLS Co-coord 2015-2021;
 York, Miss Stella (Wilmore) South Central Assn Pres 1943-44

Young, Mrs. Sue (Kansas City) vice president missions 71-73

Zeller, Awyn (Mrs. Ivan) (Colby) Great Plains Assn Pres 1978-80

Zimmerman, Mrs. Margaret (Jacob) (Olathe) fellowship guild counselor 1965-70; project 1992

Association Presidents

Prior to 1920 our American Baptist Women in Kansas did mission work through the home and foreign mission societies (Woman's Mission Societies).

In a report to the Kansas Baptist Convention annual meeting at First Baptist Church in Newton in **1886**, Mrs. P. J. Williams, V.P. for Home Mission Society for Kansas told that we had 41 branches and bands and 17 directors in the following associations:

Arkansas Valley, Mrs. J. Cook, Larned;
Blue Valley, Miss C.A. Morse;
Central Kansas, Mrs. L.G. Miller, McPherson;
Fall River, Mrs. E.M. Eldred, Neal;
Jewell, Mrs. M.G. Whiting, White Rock;
Kansas River, Mrs. J.P. Farnsworth, Topeka;
Miami, Mrs. G.S. Holt, Ottawa;
Mound City, Mrs. M.F. Hiatt, Garnett;
Missouri River, Mrs. N.E. Farr, Holton;
Neosho Valley, Mrs. Wm Addis, Emporia;
North East Kansas, Mrs. J.M. Boomer, Fairview;
Republican Valley, to be supplied, moved away;
Smoky Hill, Mrs. C.M. Loomer, Clay Center;
South East Kansas, Mrs. J.B. Hotchkiss, Parsons;
Solomon Valley, Mrs. B.A.D. Elliott, Minneapolis;
Upper Solomon, Mrs. E.M. Beach, Hays City;
Walnut Valley, to be supplied, moved away;

Mrs. O. W. Van Osdel, State Secretary for the Foreign Mission Society reported the following associations and secretaries:

Arkansas Valley - Mrs. M.M. Wood;
Blue Valley - Miss C.A. Morse;
Central Kansas - Mrs. C.H. Wareham;
Kansas River - Miss E.E. Hyde;
Miami - Mrs. S.G. Bigelow;
Mound City - Mrs. D.E. Palmer;
Neosho Valley - Mrs. F.K. Addis;
Ninnescah - Mrs. A.B. Charpie;
North East Kansas - Mrs. J. Wells;
North West Kansas - none now;
Smoky Hill - Mrs. M.A. Green;
Scandinavian - Miss Alma Smith

When we became the 'The Kansas Baptist Woman's Union' in 1920 we maintained 17 of the associations that we had when we were the Woman's Mission Societies of Home and Foreign Missions. Our fiscal year was May 1 to April 30. (We re-organized in 1965.)

We don't have all the records from 1920, but starting in 1942 those associations and presidents that we have been able to locate were:

Arkansas Valley Association that included churches at Abbeyville, Alden, Belpre, Berean (Hutchinson), Frederick, Great Bend, Hutchinson, Kingman, Larned, Lewis, Lyons, Pratt, Preston, Raymond, Rozel, Stafford, Sterling, St. John

1943 - 1947	Mrs. Elmer Kirkpatrick, Pratt
1948 - 1950	Mrs. George Worth, Hutchinson
1952 - 1956	Mrs. Chris Fair, Alden
1956 - 1958	Mrs. Herbert McClure, Stafford
1958 - 1960	Mrs. J. Brooks Robertson, Hutchinson
1960 - 1964	Mrs. Maynard Peck, Alden
1964 - 1965	Mrs. Howard R. Williford, Alden

Central Association that included churches at Abilene, Canton, Carlton, Cedar Valley, Ellsworth, Enterprise, Gypsum, Herington, Hope, Junction City, Lindsborg, McPherson, Newton, Peabody, Salina

1943 - 1944	Mrs. A. W. Lee, Abilene
1945 - 1946	Mrs. Forrest W. Morris, McPherson
1947 - 1950	Mrs. G. C. Cobb, Salina
1952 - 1953	Mrs. McCulley Ashlock, Newton
1953 - 1954	Mrs. Clarence Loewen, McPherson
1954 - 1958	Mrs. Ezra Ade, Carlton
1958 - 1962	Mrs. W.T. Rogers, Canton
1962 - 1965	Mrs. L. M. Sherill, Newton

Chicaskia Association that included churches at Anthony, Argonia, Chicaskia, Conway Springs, Harper, Milton, Norwich, Pleasant Valley, Sharon, Slate Valley.

1943	Mrs. Thoburn Woods, Oxford
1944 - 1948	Mrs. Ralph Springer, Harper
1949 - 1950	Mrs. A. W. Lee, Norwich
1953 - 1958	Mrs. Charles Cole, Argonia
1958 - 1960	Mrs. Ted Eppinger, Harper
1960 - 1961	none shown
1961 - 1965	Mrs. Olin Miles, Milton

Fort Scott Association that included churches at Bronson, Bush City, Cherry Grove, Dry Ridge, Devon, Fort Scott, Kincaid, LaCygne, Mound City, Mount Orum, Uniontown

1943- 1945	Mrs. J. E. Woods, Kincaid
1946 - 1950	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Fort Scott
1953 - 1956	Mrs. E. E. Bates, Fort Scott
1956 - 1959	Mrs. Walter Nickelson, LaCygne
1959 - 1962	Mrs. Pearl Conner, Fort Scott
1962 - 1965	Mrs. Carl McRae, LaCygne

Judson Association that included churches at Ada, Asherville, Barnard, Beloit, Belleville, Clyde, Concordia, Clay Center, Highland, Minneapolis, Simpson, Washington

1943 - 1947	Mrs. Donald Bramwell, Ames
1948 - 1950	Mrs. S. P. Rowland, Washington
1953 - 1954	Mrs. John Larson, Concordia
1954 - 1958	Mrs. Gordon Huggerth, Concordia
1958 - 1962	Mrs. Wilber Wallace, Barnard
1962 - 1965	Mrs. Marion Collins, Concordia

Kansas River Association that included churches at Alta Vista, Burlingame, Council Grove, Dover, Emporia, Hoyt, LaClede, Lawrence, Manhattan, Reading, Silver Lake, Wamego and Topeka churches – Community, First, Gage Park, North Topeka, West Side, Mexican.

1943 - 1946	Mrs. Harry Dobbin, Topeka
1947 - 1950	Mrs. Max McLeod, Manhattan
1953 - 1955	Mrs. S. A. Wagner, Emporia
1955 - 1959	Mrs. Max McLeod, Manhattan
1959 - 1961	Mrs. Laura Holterman, Wamego
1961 - 1965	Mrs. Jack Estes, Topeka

Miami Association that included churches at Appanoose, Bethel, Elm Grove, Gardner, Garnett, Green Valley, Greenwood, Lebo, Louisburg, Mt. Olivet, New Hope, Olathe, Osawatomie, Ottawa First, Ottawa North, Paola, Ruhamah, Stilwell, Waverly, Wellsville.

1943 - 1946	Mrs. John I. Reese, Ottawa
1947 - 1948	Mrs. E. J. Foote, Ottawa
1949 - 1950	Mrs. Glenn W. Moon, Ottawa
1953 - 1955	Mr. O. F. Starns, Gardner
1955 - 1958	Mrs. Roy Garner, Greeley
1958 - 1962	Mrs. Dean Bushbloom, Lebo
1962 - 1965	Miss Lena Hutchins, Ottawa

Missouri River Association that included churches at Argentine, Armourdale, Basehor, Brenner Heights, Calvary KC, Calvary Leavenworth, Central Seminary, Chelsea, DeSoto, Easton, First KC, First Leavenworth, First Mission, First Overland Park, First Shawnee, Grandview, Immanuel, Lansing, Highland Crest, London Heights, Morris, Oakland Park, Oak Street, McClouth, Prairie, Quindaro, Ruby Avenue, State Avenue, Wolcott, Turner, Wilson Avenue, Bethel Neighborhood Center, Rosedale, Kinney Heights

1943	Miss Pauline Ritner, Atchison
1944 - 1946	Mrs. E. E. Gladish, Kansas City
1947 - 1950	Mrs. Thomas R. Patten, Kansas City
1953 - 1955	Mrs. Homer M. Givler, Kansas City, Kansas
1955 - 1959	Mrs. Harold Law, Kansas City, Kansas
1959 - 1963	Mrs. E. L. Weber, Bethel
1963 - 1965	Mrs. Charles Harris, Shawnee Mission

North Central Association that included churches at Cawker City, Codell, Downs, Hays, Lucas, Phillipsburg, Russell, Smith Center, Wakeeney.

1943	Mrs. Mae Hickman, Hays
1944 - 1946	Mrs. J. P. Van Doren, Hays
1947 - 1950	Mrs. M. G. (Della) Rodrick, Lucas
1953 - 1956	Mrs. Reta Wooten, Cawker City
1956 - 1957	Mrs. Paul Kneiss, Cawker City
1957 - 1960	Mrs. Ralph Pickett, Cawker City
1960 - 1964	Mrs. Eugene Wise, Cawker City
1964 - 1965	Miss Rosella McCarroll, Hays

North East Association that included churches at Atchison, Burr Oak, Fairview, Elwood, Hamlin, Highland, Hiawatha, Horton, Holton, Jordan Creek, Marysville, Morrill, Onaga, Sabetha, Sparks, Troy, Wathena, Wetmore, Whiting, Woodlawn,

1943 - 1945	Mrs. Harland Deaver, Sabetha
1946	Mrs. Jess Grace, Fairview
1947	Mrs. A. S. Hays, Holton
1948 - 1950	Mrs. S. M. Ross, Horton
1953 - 1955	Mrs. Herbert Brown, Atchison
1955 - 1958	Mrs. Harold Comstock, Hiawatha
1958 - 1962	Mrs. Ivan Sawyer, Fairview
1962 - 1965	Mrs. E. L. Eshbaugh, Wathena

North West Association that included churches at Colby, Gem, Goodland, Mt, Pleasant, Norton, Oberlin, Selden, Weskan, Long Island.

1943 - 1945	Mrs. J. W. Cheney, Selden
1946	Mrs. Clyde Treat, Gem
1947 - 1950	Mrs. Cecil Odell, Studley
1953 - 1954	Mrs. Edwin G. Flanagan, Gem
1954 - 1958	Mrs. Fred Rikoff, Colby
1958 - 1960	Mrs. Dale Sneeringer, Colby
1960 - 1965	Mrs. Roy Higerd, Gem

South Central Association that included churches at Wilmore, Ashland, Protection, Greensburg, Coats.

1943 - 1944	Miss Stella York, Wilmore
1945	Mrs. H. L. Rhinehart, Greensburg
1946 - 1948	Mrs. Arthur Barber, Wilmore
1949 - 1950	Mrs. Lauren Ridge, Wilmore
1953 - 1954	Mrs. Robert Howell, Croft
1954 - 1955	Mrs. Haskell Beck, Ashland
1955 - 1956	Mrs. Wm Kelley, Greensburg
1956 - 1959	Mrs. K. L. Williamson, Protection
1959 - 1962	Mrs. W. L. Eubank, Coats
1962 - 1964	Mrs. Bill Morris, Greensburg
1964 - 1965	Mrs. Crawford Barber, Greensburg

South East Association that included churches at Altamont, Caney, Chanute First, Chanute Grant Avenue, Chanute Trinity, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Colfax, Columbus, Dennis, Elk City, Erie, Eureka Elm St, Fredonia, Galena, Girard, Howard, Humboldt, Independence, Iola, Labette, Longton, Moline, Neodesha, Oswego, Parsons, Pittsburg First, Pittsburg South Broadway, Pleasant Valley, Walnut.

1943 - 1945	Mrs. G. W. McVey, Parsons
1946	Mrs. M. B. Duffy, Pittsburg
1947 - 1950	Mrs. F. P. Faucett, Chanute
1953 - 1957	Mrs. Rudolph Sandberg, Chanute
1957 - 1959	Mrs. Keith Murrell, Independence
1959 - 1961	Mrs. W. A. Hutchison, Pittsburg
1961 - 1965	Mrs. A. C. Cook, Fredonia

South West Association that included churches at Golden Plains, Hugoton, Liberal, Meade, Plains, Rolla, Ulysses

1943 - 1944	Mrs. Ralph Heath, Liberal
1945 - 1948	Mrs. A. B. Graham, Plains
1950	Mrs. Albert Daniels, Johnson
1953 - 1954	Mrs. L. E. Brown, Plains
1954 - 1955	Mrs. John W. Mutschler, Meade
1955 - 1956	Mrs. Ivor Bishop, Liberal
1956 - 1964	Mrs. J. D. Thorn, Liberal
1964 - 1965	Mrs. Robert Holt, Moscow

West Central Association that included churches at Amy, Bazine, Dodge City, Garden City, Hanston, Jetmore, Lakin, Leoti, Ness City, Scott City, Tribune.

1943 - 1946	Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Dodge City
1947- 1950	Mrs. Leo Harkness, Leoti
1953 - 1954	Mrs. Victor Haflich, Garden City
1954 - 1956	Mrs. Karl Strickert, Scott City
1956 - 1958	Mrs. R. H. Curtis, Dodge City
1958 - 1962	Mrs. Ralph Boland, Leoti
1962 - 1965	Mrs. Roger Funk, Ness City

Walnut Valley Association that included churches at Arkansas City, Augusta, Cedarvale, Central, Dexter, El Dorado, Fairview, Faith, Hackney, Leon, Oxford, Sedan, Wellington, Winfield.

1943 -	Mrs. J. W. Mawson, El Dorado
1944 - 1945	Mrs. R. L. Woods, Wichita
1946	Mrs. C. L. Brown, ElDorado
1947 1948	Mrs. Irvin Morgan, Wichita
1949 1950	Mrs. H. C. Hanson, Benton
1953 - 1954	Mrs. V. E. Barr, Augusta
1954 - 1956	Mrs. Floyd Casement, Sedan,
1956 - 1960	Mrs. Thoburn E Woods, Oxford
1960 - 1964	Mrs. Forrest Rogers, Wellington
1964 - 1965	Mrs. W. A. Thomson, Tulsa OK

Wichita Association that included churches in Wichita - Bethany, College Hill, First, Meridian Avenue, Old Manor, Sunnyside, Trinity, Wellington Place, West Side, Minneha Chapel, Oaklawn Chapel, Pleasant Valley, Riverside Chapel, Glennville (South Seneca mission)

1949 1950	Mrs. E. A. Ferguson, Wichita
1952 - 1953	Mrs. J. Earl Fertig, Wichita
1953 - 1956	Mrs. Howard Sorensen, Wichita
1956 - 1957	Mrs. William Laurie, Derby
1957 - 1959	Mrs. Alton Snyder, Wichita
1959 - 1960	Mrs. B. H. Rea
1960 - 1962	Mrs. Ernest Gilbert, Wichita
1962 - 1964	Mrs. Orlie Wilbur, Wichita
1964 - 1965	Mrs. Marion Wheaton, Wichita

Solomon Valley - Mrs. M.J. Dwyer; Upper Solomon - none now

South East Kansas - Mrs. J.M. Coleman; Walnut Valley - Miss C.A. Wortman;

In 1965 the Kansas Baptist Convention organized into twelve associations and so the women changed their associations to comply with the state.

We kept the May 1 to April 30 fiscal year until 1973 when we changed to a calendar year and then in 1991 voted to change to the national fiscal year of September 1 to August 31.

Arkansas Valley Association that now included churches at Abbeyville, Alden, Anthony, Belpra, Chicaskia, Coats, Frederick, Great Bend, Greensburg, Hutchinson Berean, Hutchinson Countryside, Hutchinson First, Kingman, Larned, Lewis, Lyons, Norwich, Pratt, Protection, Rozel, Raymond, Sharon, St. John, Stafford, Sterling, Waldron Pleasant Valley, Wilmore.

1965 – 1968	Mrs. Howard Williford, Alden
1968 – 1972	Mrs. Clay Woolfolk, Protection
1972 – 1977	Mrs. Homer Peterson, Murdock
1978 – 1980	Mrs. Robert Bronleewe, Geneseo
1981 – 1983	Mrs. Harold (Wilma) Fast, Hutchinson
1984 – 1986	Catherine Damme, Lyons
1987 – 1989	Myrle Lane, Hutchinson
1990 – 1991	Evelyn Dunkelbergr, Rago
1992 – 1995	Judy Crouch, Kingman
1995 – 1998	Lillian Keller, St. John
1998 – 2003	Wilma Fast, Hutchinson
2003 – 2009	Shirley Fair, Alden
2009 - 2015	Wilma Fast, Hutchinson
2015 -	Shirley Fair, Alden

Crawford Association that now included churches at Altamont, Caney, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Columbus, Elk City, Fredonia, Howard, Independence, Labette, Longton, Moline, Neodesha, - Parsons, Sedan, Tulsa OK

1965 – 1970	Mrs. Frank Power, Parsons
1970 - 1973	Mrs. Ardell Van Syckle, Howard
1974 -	Mrs. Arthur Solomon, Nicotaze
1975 – 1977	Mrs. Glen (Carolyn) Muncy, Coffeyville
1978	Mrs. Bob (Myrna) McGuire, Independence
1979	Mrs. Carolyn Muncy, Coffeyville
1980 – 1983	Mrs. Pat Preston, Howard
1984 – 1987	Marjorie Atkinson, Caney
1988 – 1991	Myrtle Mingle, Altamont
1992 – 1995	Joan Cole, Coffeyville
1995 – 1998	Norma Stevens, Caney
1998 – 2002	Mina Adams, Parsons
2002 – 2009	Lorene Brannin, Oswego
2009 – 2014	Patti Horner, Tulsa

Grace Hill combined with Crawford Association

2014 – 2019	Lorene Brannin, Oswego
2019 -	Magada Craven, Coffeyville

Grace Hill Association that now included churches at Blue Mound, Bronson, Chanute Colfax, Chanute First, Chanute Grant Ave, Chanute Mexican, Chanute Trinity, Devon Mill Creek, Erie, Fort Scott, Garland, Girard Kincaid Memorial, Humboldt, Iola, Kincaid, Mound City, Pittsburg First, Pittsburg South Broadway, Uniontown Dry Ridge, Uniontown First.

1965 – 1968 Mrs. Dale Sneeringer, Chanute
 1968 – 1973 Mrs. Vyrel Bradbury, Uniontown
 1973 – 1975 Mrs. Edwin (Lucille) Brown, Girard
 1976 – 1978 Ruth Ann Mosley, Humboldt
 1979 – 1981 Mrs. Doris Potts, Pittsburg
 1982 – 1984 Laverne O’Harah, Uniontown
 1985 – 1987 Barbara Prier, Chanute
 1988 – 1991 Frances Tiegreen, Chanute
 1992 – 1995 Dolores Prather, Kincaid
 1995 – 1996 Betsy Baker, Fort Scott
 1996 - 1998 Helen Davidson, Chanute
 1998 – 2000 Doris Potts, Girard
 2000 – 2003 Beverly Miller, Humboldt
 2003 – 2008 Doris Hill, Iola
 2008 – 2010 Dolores Prather, Kincaid
 2010 – 2013 Joyce Hudson, co-chair, Humboldt
 2010 – 2013 Bev Cummins, co-chair, Fort Scott
 2013 – 2014 Lynn Hoyt, Garland

Grace Hill combined with Crawford Association

Great Plains Association that now included churches at Amy, Colby, Gem, Goodland, Leoti, Mt. Pleasant, Ness City, Norton, Oberlin, Scott City, Selden, Sharon Springs, Studley, Tribune, Weskan.

1965 – 1969 Mrs. Homer Breedin, Hoxie
 1969 – 1971 Mrs. Fred Rikoff, Colby
 1971 – 1974 Mrs. John Sutton, Ness City
 1975 – 1977 Mrs. Richard (Lena) Elting, Ness City
 1978 – 1980 Mrs. Ivan (Awyn) Zeller, Colby
 1981 – 1983 Audra Strecker, Ness City
 1984 – 1986 Ruby Wilkens, Scott City
 1987 – 1989 Katherine Simon, Morland
 1990 – 1991 Beulah Flanagan, Colby
 1992 – 1995 Kristol King, Ness City
 1995 – 1998 Audra Strecker, Ness City
 1998 – 2002 Sarah Boyd Jedlicka, Ness City

Great Plains & Pioneer became Western Association

Judson Association that now included churches at Ada, Asherville, Barnard, Belleville, Beloit, Cawker City, Clyde, Codell, Concordia, Downs, Gypsum, Hays, Lindsborg, Lucas, Minneapolis, Phillipsburg, Russell, Salina, Scandia Highland, Simpson.

1965 - 1968 Mrs. Eugene Wise, Cawker City
 1968 – 1970 Mrs. Robert Molby, Cawker City
 1970 – 1973 Mrs. Ben Greider, Salina
 1973 – 1974 Mrs. Irvin Bradshaw, Phillipsburg
 1975 - 1976 Mrs. Netta Lawrence, Asherville
 1977 - 1980 Mrs. Dale(Georgean) Kamrath, Cawker City

1981 - 1982	Linda Palmquist, Concordia
1982 - 1983	Bertha Graalman, McPherson
1983 - 1984	Clara Belle Lindholm, Lindsborg
1985 - 1986	Ethel Henthorne, Concordia
1987 - 1988	Cathy Girton, Clay Center
1989 - 1991	Evelyn Fields, McPherson
1992 - 1995	Myrna Van Horn, Glen Elder
1995 - 1998	Winnie Davis, Cawker City
1998 - 2002	Elsie Kandt, Lindsborg
2002 - 2005	Estalene Herrington, Concordia
2005 - 2011	Linda Wallace, Minneapolis
2011 - 2014	Susannah Dryden, Lindsborg
2014 - 2017	Elsie Kandt, Lindsborg
2017 -	Linda Wallace, Minneapolis

Luther Rice Association that now included churches at Baldwin, Burlingame, DeSoto, Gardner, Garnett, Holliday, LaCygne Calvary, Lebo, Lenexa, Louisburg, Olathe, Osawatomie First, Green Valley, Ottawa First, Ottawa Taub, Ottawa North, Overland Park First, Paola First, Pomona Appanoose, Prairie Village, Princeton Ruhamah, Princeton Mt. Olivet, Shawnee First, Shawnee Greenwood, Shawnee Mission Antioch Hills, Spring Hill Antioch, Stilwell, Waverly, Wellsville New Hope, Wellsville First.

1965 - 1967	Mrs. Allen Troutman, Ottawa
1967 - 1969	Mrs. Jim McCrossen, Ottawa
1969 - 1973	Mrs. Clay Noah, Gardner
1974 - 1975	Reba Johnson, Overland Park
1975 - 1976	Mrs. Marvin (Astrid) Barkis, Louisburg
1977 - 1980	Mrs. Mary Wentworth, Lenexa
1981 - 1983	Irene Peckham, Rantoul
1984 - 1986	Jan Smith, Stilwell
1987 - 1989	Esther Lambertson, Ottawa
1990 - 1991	Pat Belden, Overland Park
1992 - 1995	Charlotte Greene, Lenexa
1995 - 1998	Alliene Bennett, Overland Park
1998 - 2001	Ruth Van Arsdale, Ottawa
2001 - 2004	Mary Wentworth, Lenexa/Overland Park
2004 - 2007	Janie Allen, Overland Park
2007 - 2010	Jan Smith, Stilwell
2010 - 2013	Dottie McCrossen, Overland Park
2013 - 2016	Carolyn Predmore, Stilwell
2016 - 2019	Jane Smith co-chair, Ottawa
2016 - 2019	Dianna Cook co-chair, Paola
2019 -	Mona Huggins, Olathe

Missouri River Association that now included churches at Basehor, Bethel Wolcott, Easton; Kansas City churches - Argentine, Armourdale, Bethel Center, Brenner Heights, Calvary, Chelsea, First, Grandview, Highland Crest, Immanuel, Judson, London Heights, Maple Hill, Morris, Oakland Park, Quindaro, Rosedale, Ruby Avenue, Spanish-American, 7Line, Turner, Victory Hills, Wyandotte, Lansing Bethel; Leavenworth churches - Calvary, First, Wilson Avenue, Linwood.

1966 - 1967	Mrs. Wesley H. Jackson, Lansing
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1967 – 1971 Mrs. Victor Hill, Kansas City
 1971 - 1972 Mrs. Amos (Anna Belle) Poole, Kansas City
 1973 – 1974 Mrs. Robert Box, Kansas City
 1995 – 1976 Mrs. Lonnie (Ollice) Smith, Kansas City
 1977 – 1978 Donna Miller, Kansas City
 1979 – 1981 Mrs. Winnie Davis, Kansas City
 1982 – 1984 Gloria McGuffin, Kansas City
 1985 – 1987 Janie Allen, Kansas City
 1988 – 1990 Jean Girvin, Kansas City
 1991 – 1995 Anna Belle Poole, Kansas City
 1995 – 1998 Juanita McLean, Shawnee
 1998 – 2001 Marge Eaton, Leavenworth
 2001 = 2005 Cathy Long, Leavenworth
 2005 – 2017 Barbara Westfall, Kansas City
 2017 - Connie Northup, Kansas City

Pioneer Association that now included churches at Dodge City, Garden City, Hanston, Hugoton, Jetmore, Lakin, Liberal, Meade, Minneola, Plains, Rolla, Syracuse, Ulysses.

1965 – 1966 Mrs. Verle Shoemaker, Plains
 1966 – 1968 Mrs. Robert Holt, Moscow
 1968 – 1969 Mrs. Clay Noah, Ashland
 1969 – 1970 Mrs. Phillip Harp, Ulysses
 1970 – 1972 Mrs. O. C. Hicks, Garden City
 1972 – 1973 Mrs. Harry Opperman, Garden City
 1974 – 1976 Mrs. Don (Carol) Kirchmer, Dodge City
 1977 - 1979 Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Banker, Rolla
 1980 – 1982 Harriette Holt, Moscow
 1983– 1988 Gladys Harmon, Dodge City
 1989 – 1995 Janet Holmes, Lakin
 1995 – 1998 Dorothy Brown, Liberal remained contact person until

Combined with Great Plains Association to become Western Association

Roger Williams Association that now included churches at Argonia, Benton, Canton, Clearwater, Conway Springs, Derby, Goddard, Haysville, McPherson, Milton, Newton, Oxford First, Oxford Slate Valley, Peabody, Sedgwick Bethany, Valley Center, Viola, Wellington and the Wichita churches – Andover, Bethany, College Hill, First, Meridian Avenue, Mexican, Minneha, Oaklawn, Old Manor, Park City, Pleasant Valley, South Riverside, South Seneca, Sunnyside, Trinity, Wellington Place, West Central, Westlink, West Side, Woodlawn.

1965 – 1968 Mrs. Ernest Gilbert, Wichita
 1968 – 1970 Mrs. Ross Wood, Wichita
 1970 – 1974 Mrs. G. L. (Marge) Sturdy, Wichita
 1975 – 1978 Mrs. Charles (Barbara) Blalack, Wichita
 1979 – 1980 Mrs. Charles (Lee) White, Wichita
 1981 – 1983 Mrs. Fred (Judy) Woods, Wichita
 1984 – 1985 Dell Grisamore, Wichita
 1985 – 1988 Mrs. Charles (Lee) White, Wichita
 1989 – 1991 Anna Marie Witham, Augusta
 1992 – 1995 Gini Sharp, Wichita
 1995 – 1998 Mabel Oyer, Wichita

1998 – 2001 Arlene (Garton) James, Wichita
 2001 – 2004 Virginia Shore, Oxford
 2004 – 2010 Wilma Engle, Valley Center

Became Roger Williams/Walnut Valley Association August 2008

2010 – 2017 Jo Templin, Wichita
 2017 - Betty Witters, Anthony

Tri River Association that now includes churches at Abilene, Alta Vista, Carlton, Clay Center, Council Grove, Dover, Enterprise, Hope, Herington, Hoyt, Junction City, Lawrence, McLouth, Manhattan, Onaga, Reading, Silver Lake, Valley Falls, Wamego First, Wamego LaClede, Winchester Hebron and Topeka churches – Community, First, Gage Park, North, Southwest, Terra Heights, West Side

1965 – 1967 Mrs. Ezra Ade, Carlton
 1967 – 1971 Mrs. Stuart Pady, Manhattan
 1971 – 1974 Mrs. Harold (Crystal) Wolgast, Topeka
 1975 – 1977 Mrs. Harry (Marie) Medley, Topeka
 1978 - 1980 Mrs. Mary Rhodes, Emporia
 1981 – 1983 Linda Howerton, Alta Vista
 1984 – 1985 Janelle Pearson, Topeka
 1986 - 1987 Ruby Bolls, Onaga
 1987 – 1989 Mary Barker, Topeka
 1990 – 1991 Ayline Poland, Onaga
 1992 – 1995 Ruby Bolls, Onaga
 1995 – 1998 Laberta Paslay, Topeka
 1998 – 2000 Margaret Wheat, Manhattan
 2000 – 2003 Vera Goodman, Topeka
 2003 – 2006 Kathy Wilson, Manhattan
 2006 – 2009 Barbara Kent, Hoyt
 2009 – 2012 Crystal Wolgast, Topeka
 2012 – 2016 Winnie Davis, Topeka
 2016 - Sheryl Stemmons, McLouth

Walnut Valley Association that now includes churches at Arkansas City, Augusta Central, Augusta First, Cedar Vale, Dexter, El Dorado First, El Dorado Park Ave, Emporia, Eureka, Leon, Winfield First and Winfield Hackney

1965 – 1968 Mrs. Paul Buchele, Cedar Vale
 1968 – 1970 Mrs. Milan (Esther) Lambertson, El Dorado
 1970 – 1972 Mrs. Clyde Masten, Arkansas City
 1972 – 1974 Mrs. Paul (Helen) Buchele, Cedar Vale
 1975 – 1977 Mrs. Alan (Anna) Ayres, Augusta
 1978 – 1980 Mrs. George (Betty) Schiller, Arkansas City
 1981 – 1983 Ruth Falk, Winfield
 1984 – 1986 Ella Bell Miller, Augusta
 1987 – 1989 Jane Smith, Winfield
 1990 – 1991 Helen Buchele, Cedar Vale
 1992 – 1995 Lucille Littrell, Cedar Vale
 1995 – 1998 Jan Miller, Arkansas City
 1998 – 1999 none shown
 1999 – 2002 Donna Holloway, Winfield

2002 – 2005 Thelma Lore, El Dorado

2005 – 2008 Carolyn Price, Augusta

Joined with Roger Williams Association in 2008

William Carey Association that now includes churches at Atchison, Bendena Jordan Creek, Elwood, Fairview Delaware, Hamlin, Hiawatha, Highland, Holton, Horton, Marysville, Morrill, Sabetha First, Sabetha Woodlawn, Sparks, Troy Burr Oaks, Troy First, Washington, Wathena, Wetmore.

1965 – 1966 Mrs. E. L. Eshbaugh, Wathena

1966 – 1970 Mrs. Thomas Tollefson, Willia

1970 – 1972 Mrs. Grace Sawyer, Sabetha

1972 – 1974 Mrs. Charles Schaible, Fairview

1975 – 1977 Mrs. Forrest (Mary) Shannon, Hiawatha

1978 – 1980 Mrs. Earl (Mae) Hundley, Atchison

1981 – 1983 Edna Bradberry, Holton

1984 – 1985 Marsha Autrey, Horton

1986 – 1987 Frances Maxwell, Horton

1987 – 1989 Elaine Talbot, Horton

1990 – 1991 Lila Ross, Horton

1992 – 1994 Marcia Hunziger, Atchison

1994 – 1995 Darlene Hailey, Godd

1995 – 1998 Lois Chiles, Lansing

1998 – 2001 Martha Claflin, Atchison

2001 – 2004 Pat Thackrah, Leavenworth

2004 – 2007 Rachel Hollingsworth, Atchison

Remaining churches joined other associations

Western Association included churches involved in Great Plains and Pioneer Association.

2002 – 2003 Carolyn Paul, Goodland

2003 – 2005 Carol Howell, Tribune

2005 – 2006 Julia Angell, Plains

2006 – 2010 Juanita Parker, Ness City

2010 – 2011 Katherine Simon, Morland

2011 – 2014 Naomi Teubner, Scott City

2014 – 2016 Carrie Marion, Scott City

2016 - Valerie Terrazas

Central Region women who have served as officers for National AB Women's Ministries:

Hazel Schwitzgebel – first White Cross chairman 1951

Mary Smallwood – nominating & constitution committee 1957

Frances Ridge – national program chair 1961-66

Anna Belle (Amos) Poole – Midwestern geographical coordinator 1979-80;
conference chair 1984-86

Harma (Emory) McKenzie – love gift chair 1984-1986

Evelyn “Evy” Wall – Leadership Development chairman 1989-1991

Wilma Engle – treasurer 1992-1996

Mission tour coordinator for 2001, 2002 & 2003 tours
Alumnae coordinator 2011-2014

Jan Sipe – resources 1992-1996

Shirley Fair – Mid West Section coordinator 1995-1998

50th anniv. Endowment coordinator 1999-2001
Love Gift coordinator 2005-2008

Karen Selig – Church and community coordinator 1996-1998
president 2000-03

Lois Chiles – secretary 1998-2001; resources 2001-03; president 2003-06;
National coord 60th Anniv. Endowment 2009-11

Jane Smith – Mid West Section coordinator 2007-2010

Nola Crooks – Midwestern section coordinator – 2015-2019

Devra Redford, Leavenworth – AB GIRLS Convenor – 2009-2010

Meghan Cubbison, AB GIRLS mission coordinator

North American Baptist Women's Union (Baptist World Alliance)

Wilma Engle – treasurer 1997-2002

Crystal Wolgast – treasurer 2002-2007

Shirley Fair – treasurer 2007-2012

June 2011-2012, one of our Kansas women, Ruth (Mrs. John) Clark, Kansas City, served as the President of the ABC-USA.

Women who have served as president of the American Baptist Churches of Central Region:

It appears that from 1860 to 1973 only men were considered for the position of president of our state/region. Apparently, it was in the 1970s that we established a rotation – layman, pastor, woman.

1973 – Mary R. Schendel

1975 – Martha Beyer

1979 – Reba Johnson

1982-- Anna Belle Poole

1985 – Mary Wentworth

1988—Peggy Smiley (unfortunately she died just a few days after taking office)

1991 –Sandra Walton

1994 – Agnes Harris

1997 – Julia Angell

2000 – Betty Clark-Keenan

2003—Shirley Fair

2005 – Rev. Karen Selig

2006 – Wilma Engle

2009 – Mary Bruner

Starting in 2010 presidents will serve for two years instead of one.

2014-2015 – Jo Templin

2020-2021 – Lois Chiles

Women Lay Pastors certified by Central Region

In September 1999 Central Region began offering a lay pastoral training program in conjunction with Central Seminary.

The study included individual courses such as: *Introduction to the Old and New Testaments, Evangelism, Christian Education, Ethics, Introduction to Theology, Preaching, Polity and Baptist History, Pastoral Leadership and Pastoral Ministry.*

Each student was asked to have an *Affirmation of Lay Pastoral Candidate* form completed by his/her pastor in order to help them gain the support of those in his/her own church fellowship. Each individual course cost \$ 225.00 and provided a syllabus (with questions for each session and a project for each course), a set of video tapes, a text book. A mentor was provided for each person to be available for discussion of the materials and to answer any questions.

It was anticipated that all courses could be completed within a 2-3 year time period depending on time constraints of each individual. It is a great opportunity to gain some solid Biblical, and pastoral training at a reasonable cost, which would help prepare each for a very important ministry in our region.

By 2010 there were ten persons who had completed this course of study. The women who had received their certification as a lay pastor were:

Oct 2003 – Carley Hazelton- Garden City
Oct 2004 – Del Jo Broadrick – Louisburg
Oct 2009 – Wilma Engle – Valley Center/Wichita

This certification made them eligible to apply for ordination.

“Ministering TO the called of God, BY the called of God”

The lay pastor program through Central Seminary was discontinued in 2010.

Another program was initiated by Rev. Dr. David Schirer in Wichita with the assistance of various local pastors, including Rev. Jim Zier.

Having completed the two year course in 2012, four were licensed by Central Region, including the following women:

Wilma Engle, Rita Moore and Elizabeth Spiess.

A similar program was led by Rev. Steve Neal at Turner Baptist Church. Cindy Peterson completed it.

All four of these women have been ordained.

Women who have been ordained in American Baptist churches in Kansas/Central Region - Many serving in CR ordained in other states

(This list is far from complete. Names will be added as they are made available.)

Region office does not keep a record of ordinations as the churches ordain.

4-13-1894 – Edith Hill, Pittsburg (1st in Kansas – 3rd woman in USA)

Baxter, Heidi 2004?

Bridgewater, Jene (Chadwick)

Brown, Carrie Bell

Carlson, Kathryn ? Parsons

Crowl, Janet

Cudworth, Marcia

DeVore, Angela

Engle, Wilma E. 12-29-2013 Valley Center

Entrekin, Dr. Heather

Ford, Suzanne (Whitten) 7-18-1982 Prairie Baptist

Giesbrecht, Lea Armourdale

Goodman, Vera 1981 – First, Topeka

Harader, Cheryl 8-13-2000 Old Manor

Helms, Kathy - Rec in 2010 by ABC

Hill, Brenda Watson Stilwell

Hjerstedt, Virginia 1970 ? (served as missionary in Bengal Orissa)

Martin, Stacy (Fink)

Minor, Kami 2010 Gardner

Moore, Rita 2019 Garden Plain

Newberry, Melissa Emporia?

Nusbaum, Rhonda West Towne, Wichita

Oberhelman, Melinda K.

Peterson, Cindy 2018 Turner, KC

Porter, Sylvia Gardner

Sharp, Kathie (Metcalf) Meridian Ave, Wichita

Short, Mary Ann 1983 – First Baptist Abilene

Smith, Jan 6-30-2002 Elm Grove & Stilwell

Spiess, Elizabeth 2019 Meridian Ave, Wichita

Wallace, Alberta First, KC, KS

Walton, Sandra

Williams, Connie (Long)

Ministers Wives Fellowship

A group that is often ignored in leadership is the pastors' wives. They serve in a very unique way that is often ignored. Mrs. Jona (Maxine) Unruh expressed it quite well in a poem read at the 1967 ministers' wives fellowship:

*"Some think life in the parsonage is heaven on earth; That all runs smooth and of trouble is dearth!
Just love and mercy and missionary teas, a one-day job and then "do-as-you-please"
Instead of on call from early 'til late – sit down to eat, and sure as fate:
the telephone rings and Mrs. Jones has been 'offended by the minister's tones'!
The sermon on Sunday was aimed at her, and only great tact can sooth that fur!
Someone reports daughter was seen uptown in too much makeup for a circus clown!
While on that subject, the preacher's spouse, it is hinted, is too lazy to clean the house!
The church's "image" is now on trial – if the shoe doesn't fit – just wait awhile!
When the children are little, they make more noise than all the other church-family girls and boys.
As they grew older, they cause such grief; when they're off to college, it's CHURCH RELIEF!
Yes, the parsonage family's on display at every hour of night and day,
But gluttons for punishment are we; THIS IS THE PLACE WE WANT TO BE!"*

In 1941 a group of ministers' wives decided to get together for a time of fellowship and sharing following the annual meeting in October. Programs were short but it was a time of sharing with other women who totally understood their joys and frustrations.

Minutes of the brief meetings were kept from October 16, 1941 through October 12, 1963. Not sure what happened to the minutes or programs after that.

Presidents were: (Note: Back then you were always Mrs. (husband's name) and never recognized by your first name) 1942 – Mrs. W.E. Simmons; 1943—Mrs. J. Griffith; 1945—Mrs. R.R. Shirk; 1946—Mrs. L. Griffith; 1947 –Mrs. Ross Wood; 1948—Mrs. J.D. Goldsmith; 1949—Mrs. Earl Riley; 1950—Mrs. R. H. Spangler; 1951—Mrs. Carlton Briggs; 1952—Mrs. Orlie Wilbur; 1953—Mrs. Ewin Brown; 1954—Mrs. John Epp; 1955—Mrs. Kenneth Ellsworth; 1956—Mrs. Ted Layton; 1957—Mrs. F.B. Thorn; 1958—Mrs. Ralph Plummer; 1959—Mrs. Glen Muncy; 1960—Mrs. Don Hinkson; 1961—Mrs. Jep Williams; 1962—Mrs. Don McCracken; 1963—Mrs. J.W. Hamilton; 1964—Mrs. Victor L. Trower; 1965—Mrs. Howard D. Berglund; 1966—Mrs. Myron R. Chartier; 1967—Mrs. R.L. Woods; 1968—Mrs. Jona Unruh; 1969—Mrs. J.L. Robbins; 1970—Mrs. Fred Daugherty; 1971—Mrs. Orville Mason; 1972—Mrs. Charles Clinkenbeard Jr.; 1973—Mrs. Clay Noah; 1974—Mrs. John Blythe; 1975—Mrs. William H. Travis; 1976—Mrs. Marshall Davidson; 1977—Mrs. Mary Etta Copeland (*first to use her name rather than husband's*) 1978—Mrs. Nancy Southard; 1979—Mrs. Ruth Van Arsdale; 1980—Mrs. Ruth Fredrickson; 1981-82—Mrs. Donna McCracken; 1983—Mrs. Elsie Fly; 1984—Mrs. Evagene Horbach; 1985—Mrs. Beverly Fink; 1986-88—Mrs. Carolyn Zimmerman.

This is the last record available so they may have disbanded at this time!

Each year a copy of "The New Testament in Modern English" translated by Helen Barrett Montgomery, A.M.,D.H.I.,LL.D published by American Baptist Publication Society (Judson Press) in 1924 was passed on to the new president and signed by each.

Love Gift

The story of Love Gift has its beginning in 1932, a year which we might like to forget. It was a year of dust storms, poor crops, and drought. It followed the Black Tuesday (10-29-1929) when billions of dollars were lost in the stock market. In the aftermath, America and the rest of the industrialized world spiraled downward into the Great Depression (1929-39), the deepest and longest-lasting economic downturn in the history of the Western industrialized world up to that time. Not a very pretty setting, but we might not be able to tell this story had it not been for these conditions.

The Northern Baptist Convention (renamed American Baptist Churches USA in 1972) budget was falling far short of its goal. There was a deficit of \$500,000 in the denominational budget, which would be equivalent to a deficit of \$ 8,603,869.86 in a 2019 budget.

When there is a lack of funds there is always a curtailment of God's work, and there was great concern. A plan was set up for raising this amount by asking individuals to give over and above their already-made pledges to the church and its work.

The national committee on women's work considered how women might be challenged to take part in meeting this crisis. There were few employed women and money was scarce even for necessities, but God's love still surrounded His people. The committee recommended to the women of the convention that they assume responsibility for raising \$150,000 to help meet the deficit. (In 2019 this would be \$2,581,160.96) The women accepted the challenge in a 'joyful and enthusiastic way'.

They soon received word in the local societies that "Mite Boxes" were available for us to use to collect our nickels, dimes and quarters. **The motto, "If we know, we pray; if we pray, we give" was adopted and used.** Our "Mite Boxes" became "Might boxes" and ever since those days the gift box has played an increasingly important part in women's giving and our gifts of love grew from year to year. The name of the boxes was changed to match our theme for the year.

Yes, the women raised the \$150,000 and have continued to give through Love Gift to support all the ministries of our denomination.

In 1942-43 the program theme was "love" and it was decided, rather than changing the name of the box every year, to call these boxes Love Gift boxes as the name fit the underlying purpose of the offering.

From the beginning, American Baptist women wanted their Love Gift contributions to be used to support the total mission of the denomination since all areas suffer if one suffers. In keeping with this early decision, the Love Gift money is a part of the United Mission Program (budget) of the American Baptist Churches, which supports the total ABC mission-- American Baptist Home Missions, International Ministries, Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, Office of the General Secretary, American Baptist Women, American Baptist Men and region ministries.

Love Gift is an over-and-above gift of love given by the women of our American Baptist churches toward the support of **all** our Baptist ministries. It is given in addition to regular weekly contributions to the mission budgets of the churches. The gift is a devotional expression of gratitude to God for His ever-abundant blessings.

It was God's love that led our missionaries, Adoniram & Ann Judson, to give themselves for mission work in Burma and Rev. Isaac and Christiana McCoy to devote their lives to ministry to the Native Americans. The same love leads women in our churches today to bring their offerings and dedicate them to the missionary task.

Evangelism, education, medical missions, agricultural missions cannot be separated any more than parts of the body can be separated. Jesus came to minister to the whole person - feeding the hungry, healing the sick, proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom. Through our Love Gifts that support our various Baptist ministries throughout the world, we also can aid in every phase of life today.

Our United Mission fund supports a wide variety of activity on the home front as well as internationally. This not only includes work in Latin America and Alaska but also within the rest of the United States. Part of every gift comes back in various ways to strengthen our churches and ministries within Central Region.

From the Love Gift offerings given from Central Region:

28.69% goes to the Kansas Plan which was established to give some support to Ottawa University, Bacone College, Murrow Indian Children's Home, Central Seminary, Prairie Homestead, Homestead Health Center and Sunset Home. (We are the only region with this plan) *In 2019 this was \$ 8,319.47*

35.95% goes to Central Region for its budget *In 2019 this was \$10,425.15.*

(so nearly 2/3 of our Love Gifts come back to Central Region)

15% goes to National American Baptist Women's Ministries

1% goes to uncommitted fund to support special projects

19.36% goes to ABC USA to be divided among the various ministries.

In recent years the national ABW board established a Women's and Girls Mission Fund in addition to Love Gift. They stated that they wanted to simplify the ways in which women are able to support mission and ministries that benefit women and girls. In the past there have been a variety of funds – AB GIRLS, Leadership Development, Refit and national mission projects. The Women's and Girls Mission Fund combines all of these and the national board policy determines the use of the fund. 20% are used for the ongoing ministry needs of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

(It was monies from the Leadership Development Fund that gave us \$1,000 Leadership Grant, enabling us to offer twenty (20) scholarships to help women to attend our 2014 summer conference. We have always donated to it in memory of a CR president upon her death.)

In Central Region we have always cooperated with the entire body and strive to work together to further the cause of Christ. If you choose to give to the Women's and Girls Mission Fund, that's a special gift; but Love Gift helps all our ministries, so please continue to give through it.

Love Gift monies sent directly to national are distributed by national and none comes back to Central Region, so please give through the Central Region.

Gifts to the Women and Girls Mission Fund go entirely to the national office no matter whether given through the region or nationally.

Love Gift is an opportunity to help us grow spiritually because it turns our minds back to our motivation for giving.

. Between 1932 and 1937 the monies were collected by the K-I-N District and it was not identified how much was given by Kansas women.

Love gift is on a calendar year

1937-38	\$ 4,553.82	1938-39	\$ 3,578.91	1939-40	\$ 3,767.17
1940-41	\$ 4,588.35	1941-42	\$ 6,388.00	1942-43	\$ 8,662.90
1943-44	\$ 10,877.31	1944-45	\$ 13,050.00	1945-46	\$ 15,600.00
1946-47	\$ 18,953.53	1947-48	\$ 20,057.83	1948-49	\$ 23,721.10
1949-50	\$ 23,926.42	1950-51	\$ 24,574.09	1951-52	\$ 25,733.30
1952-53	\$ 29,840.49	1953-54	\$ 31,005.92	1954-55	\$ 31,932.17
1955-56	\$ 32,941.36	1956-57	\$ 31,193.21	1957-58	\$ 34,872.58
1958-59	\$ 35,668.14	1959-60	\$ 34,854.12	1960-61	\$ 36,109.02
1961-62	\$ 36,286.55	1962-63	\$ 37,773.98	1963-64	\$ 38,079.51
1964-65	\$ 46,591.00	1965-66	\$ 40,600.43	1966-67	\$ 41,002.84
1967-68	\$ 41,771.54	1968-69	\$ 39,672.97	1969-70	\$ 41,853.88
1970-71	\$ 42,745.50	1971-72	\$ 46,113.22	1972-73	\$ 46,977.75
1974	\$ 50,580.86	1975	\$ 53,754.87	1976	\$ 53,700.00
1977	\$ 54,500.00	1978	\$ 55,700.00	1979	\$ 60,764.53
1980	\$ 63,680.00	1981	\$ 65,000.00	1982	\$ 68,926.21
1983	\$ 69,650.00	1984	\$ 70,166.00	1985	\$ 67,067.00
1986	\$ 74,549.42	1987	\$ 69,280.83	1988	\$ 72,862.94
1989	\$ 73,989.06	1990	\$ 75,811.92	1991	\$ 82,036.64
1992	\$ 73,221.00	1993	\$ 71,754.45	1994	\$ 69,429.65
1995	\$ 74,823.62	1996	\$ 78,934.96	1997	\$ 73,831.48
1998	\$ 69,663.58	1999	\$ 70,004.26	2000	\$ 70,059.32
2001	\$ 64,605.45	2002	\$ 57,464.36	2003	\$ 62,792.57
2004	\$ 56,967.25	2005	\$ 62,759.50	2006	\$ 62,654.75
2007	\$ 61,081.48	2008	\$ 56,230.49	20,09	\$ 52,178.44
2010	\$ 51,999.09	2011	\$ 54,042.68	2012	\$ 53,003.63
2013	\$ 50,076.17	2014	\$ 43,868.75	2015	\$ 40,808.98
2016	\$ 39,455.16	2017	\$ 36,217.86	2018	\$ 31,359.72
2019	\$ 28,997.81	2020	\$ 24,789.78		

In these 83 years the women of Kansas/Central Region contributed
\$ 3,840,186.54 to the Unified Budget of the denomination from which an amount equivalent to 10% went to the national American Baptist Women's Ministries. This was increased to 15% in the 1990s.

Love Gift is a financial contribution over-and-above our regular giving to the church. It is given out of a sense of love and gratitude to God for all the blessings He gives us and in recognition of the need to share these blessings with others.

Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies

In 1871 the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society was founded. They had wanted to organize as early as 1844 but met with opposition from the brethren and undoubtedly from some sisters as well. Finally, the needs of the women of China and India brought our grandmothers to the realization that something must be done. There were some ministries that only women could do with women. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society would not send single women out as missionaries, even though they felt called by God and were fully qualified.

Membership in the Society cost two cents a week and it was urged that this be an over-and-above gift. From the beginning the history reads that each State work was promoted through an appointed State Secretary, who gave it her prayers, time, talents and strength without any compensation. Each State Secretary was to work with the women of the Associations and local churches.

Some of these Kansas Secretaries were:

1873 – Mrs. E.C. Taylor of Topeka; ____ Mrs. E. Gunn, Atchison; 1879 0 Mrs. A.S. Merrifield, Newton; 1880-85—Mrs. A.L. Vail, Olathe; 1886-88—Mrs. O.W. Van Osdell, Ottawa; 1890—Mrs. M.E. Stevens, Chetopa; 1891-94—Mrs. G.S. Warne, Ft. Scott; 1895-96—Mrs. Henry Cocks, Rosedale; 1897—Mrs. Emma McLain, Kansas City; 1898-99—Mrs. G. Grovener; 1899-1912—Mrs. W.M. Gray, Chanute. She also served for the Jubilee Campaign 1919-20 and again in the Continuation Campaign 1921-23.

Finally, in 1954 the WABFMS integrated with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society with the understanding that single women would be commissioned if qualified and called by God to foreign missionary service and that women would serve on the Board of Directors.

Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Societies

The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Societies (founded in 1877 in



Chicago and Boston) provided vision, resources, and missionaries to plant the gospel among the Crow and Hopi Indians, with immigrants on Ellis Island and Angel Island, among orphans at Kodiak in Alaska, and Murrow Children's Home in Oklahoma, in urban cities, and with the Spanish speaking in Puerto Rico, Mexico and Central America.

In 1877, working with a group of Baptist women in the Boston area, Harriet Giles (left) and Sophia Packard (right) organized the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society whose purpose

was “to proclaim the Christian faith and to minister to people of special needs”.

At ages 48 and 56 they were considered too old to be missionaries when they wanted to start a school for women and girls in Atlanta near Morehouse College, so they sold all their personal possessions to raise money. They were finally commissioned in 1881 as missionaries and teachers to begin a school in Atlanta in a church basement. They secured a campus of five frame buildings, formerly used as barracks for the Union Army occupying Atlanta. ABHMS offered to give a down payment if it was co-educational. The ladies refused. In 1884 John D. and Laura Spelman Rockefeller visited the school and paid off the debt. The school was renamed Spelman Seminary for Women and Girls in honor of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller’s parents.

In 1881, the women in the Chicago societies led by Mrs. Rumah Crouse, established the Baptist Missionary Training School (BMTS) at 2338 Michigan Ave in Chicago and opened for classes September 5, 1881. Here, women prepared to be missionary teachers, nurses and evangelists. They took courses in domestic science and industrial arts as well as in Bible and missions. In 1927, it was reported that more than 1,000 graduates had gone out to serve. After moving to their new building at 510 Wellington Ave in Chicago, they reported that one out of every 10 missionaries serving in the American Baptist Convention was a graduate of the BMTS.

In 1909 when the Chicago and Boston women’s societies merged, a hallmark of the new mission focus was the establishing of Christian centers. Attention was directed to the needs of congested city populations and to the rapid concentration of workers in industrial areas. In 1929, the WABHMS was represented in 29 Christian centers: ‘nine are in cosmopolitan fields, two among Chinese, nine among Italians, one among Japanese, two among Negroes, two among Mexicans, two among Slavic peoples, one among the Hopi Indians and one in Puerto Rico.’

These ‘houses of friendship’ were concrete expressions of what the women called ‘adventures in friendship’.

When the WABHMS and the American Baptist Home Mission Society integrated their work in 1955, Margaret M. Wenger was serving as executive secretary of WABHMS. Under her leadership, mission programs included juvenile protection, racial tolerance, Christian friendliness, and resettlement of displaced service personnel following World War II. She continued with the American Baptist Home Mission Society as special services secretary for two more years and then assisted with the relocation of the BMTS from Chicago to Rochester, NY in 1961 when it merged with Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.



Missionaries from Kansas

commissioned by

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
American Baptist Home Mission Society
Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society

(records only through 1960)

We have had many who went as short term missionaries or on volunteer work trips

- **Indicates commissioned by WABFMS**

Name	Place of Service
Anderson, Rebecca	Burma
*Archer, Lettie	China and Philippine Islands
Baird, Ruth	Home Missions
*Bare, Ida	China
Blunt, Miss	Japan
Bode, Louise	Bethel Neighborhood Center, K.C.
Bouse, Erma	Christian Center, South S Chicago
Boone, C.E. & Janet	Belgian Congo
Brenner, Rev. Robert & Ellen	Nicaragua
Brooks, Mrs. Vernon	Auberry, California
Brown, M.D., Velma	South China
*Brown, Harriett	China
Browning, R.N., Phyllis	Alaska
Brox, Gertrude	Bengal Orissa
Carey, Mrs.	Oklahoma
Clyde, Nathana	Christian Center, Kansas City
Coffee, Kate	missionary Chicago
*Covert, Martha	Ning Po - South China
Coy, Eva	foreign missionary
Craig, John	Christian Center, Milwaukee
Crawford, Isabel	Kiowa Indians, Oklahoma
Criswell, M.D. Marion	West China & South India
Cudworth, Marcia	Managua, Nicaragua
Curtis, Ruth (Mrs. Wm Hodges)	Managua, Nicaragua
Daney, Rev. & Mrs. Herschell	Indians, Montana
Dowdy, Mary	So Chicago Christian Center

*Downer, Sarah	West China & Hong Kong
Dring, Rev. & Mrs.	Assam
Eddy, Catherine Willard	South China
Edgar, Leah Blanche	South China
Elder, Miss	Seminole Indians
Engwall, Mrs. M.C.	Belgian Congo
Eppinger, John	Japan
Erickson, Judith	Swedish
Evans, Kathrine	India
*Evans, Maza	Assam
Evans, Minta	South India
Fairchild, Mr. & Mrs. Max	Alaska
Foote, Rev. & Mrs. John	Japan
*Garnett, Gladys	Bengal Orissa
*Geizenheiner, Augusta	Assam
Gibbens, Florence (List)	Burma
Gibbens, R.N. Harriett	Burma
*Golden, Florence L	
*Grant, Dr. Margaret	China
Greenman, R.N. Esther	Belgian Congo
*Gruen, Eva (Mrs. John Martin)	South India
Hanson, Dr. & Mrs. Ola	Swedish
Hasselblad, Marva	Assam
Hendrix, Elizabeth	Indians
Herndon, Doris	Christian Center
Hill, Grace	Bengal Orissa
Hjertstedt, Virginia	Bengal Orissa
Horn, Ruby	Mather School
Horn, Rose	Mather School
Howard, Rev. & Mrs. John	Bengal Orissa
Howard, Dr. & Mrs. John	Philippine Islands
Hubbel, Lila	Indians
Huber, Virginia	Christian Center
Hutton, W.R.	Assam
Hyde, Miss	Chicasaw Nation
Hylton, Mr. & Mrs. Wendell	Alaska

*Irving, Emma	China
Jacobus, Elizabeth	Bacone
James, Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd	Burma
Jennings, Raymond	Japan
Jones, Jane Kelly	Home missions
Jorgensen, Alice	Belgian Congo
Joyner, Ada	Christian Center
Kearney, Rev. & Mrs. L.H.	Philippine Islands
Kelly, Agnes Pearl	Home missions
Kelly, Jane (Mrs. Taui Jones)	Home missions
Kinney, Dr. Bruce	Indians
Kinney, M.D. Dorothy (Mrs. Fred Chambers)	Assam & Philippine Islands
Kirkwood, Dean & Dorothy	West China & Philippine Islands
Koontz, Ruth (Cadwallader)	Thailand
Latimer, Rev. & Mrs. Jesse	China
*Lawrence, Emilie G	Burma
Lerrigo, Dr. Peter	Philippine Islands
Lewison, Grace	Assam
Lindholm, LaVon	Christian Center
*List, Florence B	
Loun, Betty	Christian Center
Malmburry, Miss	General Swedish
Manley, Dr. Charles & Ruth	South India
Manley, Rev. & Mrs. W.R.	South India
*Marvin, R.N. Millie	Assam
Mohlman, Elizabeth	Mather School
Moore, Velma	Home missions
Morse, Elizabeth	Home Missions
Noren, Loren & Ruth	South China
Olson, Ruth	Swedish people in U.S.A.
Osterholm, Dr. A.C.	Belgian Congo
Pack, Helen	Indians – Arizona
*Page, F. Pearl	West China
Parsons, Rev. & Mrs. N.C.	India
Paul, Rev. & Mrs. Joseph	Assam
Paul, Lydia	Bacone

*Paul, Edna Ruth	Assam
Pechous, Otilie	Christian Center
Pennoyer, Minnie	Christian Center
Peterson, Mary	Swedish people in U.S.A.
*Price, Hattie May	Burma
Proctor, Mrs. J.C.	China
Ragsdale, Beth (Mrs. Baker)	Christian Center
Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. J.C.	Burma
Rice, Phoebe (Mrs. John Pixley)	Managua Nicaragua
Roberts, Dora Cummings	Burma
Roberts, Rev. W.H.	Burma
Rudd, H.F.	China
Russell, Olive	Home mission society
Satoe, Lela Mae	Christian Center
*Sharp, Genevieve E.	
Sharp, Murray & Marjorie	Belgian Congo
Sharp, Dr. & Mrs. W.A.	Burma
Simmonson, Emma	China
Slater, Rev. & Mrs. John	So. India
Smith, Rev. L.C.	Indians
Slater, Rev. & Mrs. John	South India
Smith, Rev. L.C.	Indians
Snodgrass, Elizabeth	Christian Center
Spain, Emily	Bethel Christian Center
Spangler, John	Christian Center
Spriggs, Rev. James and Peral	Philippine Islands
Stimson, David & Eleanor	Burma
Stone, Anna Belle Rogers	Cuba
Stoner, Opal	Christian Center
Sword, Mrs. E.E.	Burma
Tanner, Nellie	Managua Nicaragua
Tharpe, Elma	Japan
*Thayer, F. Alice	Burma
Thompson, Edith	Japan
Thomsen, Rev. & Mrs. G.N.	India
Van Benschoten, Rev. A.R. & Ruth	Thailand
Webb, Ella	home missions – West Virginia

White, Dr. & Mrs. Frank
Woodburn, R.N. Juanita
Wormser, Florence

East China
Managua, Nicaragua
Assam

Our women have done more in ministry and missionary work than our books can ever record. The work of Nathana L. Clyde is just one example of the lasting heritage of our women....

100 YEARS AGO

The “once upon a time” when the Bethel fairy tale began was the spring of 1911 when Nathana L. Clyde, a student at the University of Kansas, was appointed by the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society to work several days a week in the district known as “The Bottoms” in Kansas City, Kan. In this region of physical and spiritual poverty, people from 15 European backgrounds lived crowded together in tumble-down, unpainted houses. From door to door the young missionary went, inviting people to the Sunday school she had opened in a rented frame building known as “The Bethel.” With every call, she was followed by an increasing group of ragged, unkempt children. A small Croatian girl, one of the first followers, enthusiastically offered to show the “teacha” where there was “lots of kids.” The next fall, classes in cooking, sewing, music and English were added to the programs at The Bethel.

At the end of the fifth year, the missionary wrote: “This work is one upon which every Baptist in Kansas will some day look with pride.”

When Nathana Clyde left the field in 1923 to accept a position with the American Baptist Publication Society, she had seen the realization of this dream. In 1916, the first converts, three adults and six children were baptized. Since families had begun to move to another district adjacent to packing houses, railroad yards and factories, the mission was moved in May, 1920, to 726 Central Avenue; and two years later to the present location, where a two-story brick building was purchased by the two Home Mission Societies, the Kansas Baptist Convention and the Kansas City (Kansas) Baptist Missionary Society. The name was changed to the Bethel Neighborhood Center, and the work attained the rank of a Christian Center with a staff of trained missionaries residing in the house. Today the Center, with a staff of three salaried missionaries and 25 volunteers, carries on 48 activities with a total enrollment of 820 men, women, young people and children.

Excerpts from “Once Upon a Time” *Bethel Neighborhood Center, 1941*

Support for international missionaries – then and now!

Missionary work is commonplace in churches today. Many Christians have gone on “short term” mission trips of a week or two. This is possible for one reason: the low cost of travel, both domestic and international. If you think about it, you can really go just about anywhere in the world within, say 48 hours if you really need to and have the money. You just catch a plane to that part of the world, and then rent a smaller plane or helicopter to drop you off at the spot – or you can rent a car!

But things have not always been so. **Fifty years ago**, overseas mission work meant that you were going to be gone for at least several months. **A hundred years ago**, overseas mission work meant that you were going to be gone for at least several years. And **200 years ago**, overseas mission work meant that you stood a good chance of never coming back. Yes, you would probably die and be buried wherever you did your mission work!

On February 18, 1812, shortly after Adoniram Judson was ordained as a missionary, he and his new wife, Ann, sailed with four of his missionary friends and became known as America’s first missionaries.

One of these young men was Luther Rice (age 29). They sailed to Calcutta, India as Congregationalist missionaries and met with English Baptist missionary, William Carey. However, after both Rice and Judson became Baptists, Rice returned to America to break ties with the Congregationalists and to raise support from the Baptists for Judson’s work in Burma.

Rice worked to unite Baptists in America to support foreign missionaries and organized “The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America, for Foreign Missions”, (also called ‘the Triennial Convention’) in 1814.

He spent the rest of his life garnering support for missionaries and Baptist work, traveling across America by horseback to raise funds and create an awareness for Baptist missions.

Although his life was not without controversy, Rice’s contribution to the support of missionary work was invaluable in the early years of the Triennial Convention. During Rice’s lifetime, the Triennial Convention’s membership grew from 8,000 to 600,000, and the convention supported 25 missions and 112 missionaries. By the time of his death at the age of 53, fifteen Baptist universities and colleges had been formed. He died on September 25, 1836, while traveling through the Southern United States raising funds for missions and seminaries that he founded.

American Baptists have always been a people of mission. Mission is in our DNA. Our United Mission (UM) contributions give concrete expression to this impulse and help us to be the hands and feet of Christ – from the local congregation to all parts of the world.

It is through UM, our one family offering, that each giver is able to participate in the total ministry of our American Baptist family.

These gifts are distributed on a percentage basis according to the covenant agreement between Region organizations, American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), American Baptist Home Mission Societies, International Ministries, Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board and career development centers and partner organizations.

These gifts undergird every aspect of our life together as American Baptists, supporting the cutting-edge ministry projects as well as the administrative support necessary to the success of those projects.

Congregations give to United Mission in two ways:

1, **UM Basics** are undesignated contributions from local churches to the vital mission and ministry of American Baptists. Basics provide support for the extensive foundation of American Baptist missions.

2. **UM Love Gifts** are contributions from American Baptist women in support of American Baptist ministry, given over and above Union Mission Basics.

There are five mission support offerings -- *America for Christ* (national ministries), *World Mission Offering* (international ministries), *Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering* (emergency assistance and thank you gifts for our retired ministers and missionaries), *One Great Hour of Sharing* (helps in all kinds of disasters), and *Regional offering* (which helps all region ministries). These support the good work of specific ministry partners.

Missionaries have always answered God's call to missionary service with the faith that somehow God would provide for their needs. God called Luther Rice to help raise funds for the early missionaries and others have responded since.

For many years our missionaries' salaries and expenses were paid from funds given to United Mission, but as those contributions decreased it became more difficult to send out missionaries.

A new concept was introduced in the early 2000s – Missionary Partnership Teams

Each approved missionary establishes a network of people like YOU – individuals, churches and regions who come alongside missionaries to pray for, participate in and financially support their ministry. This is similar to the church in Antioch that set apart Barnabas and Saul for ministry in other lands in Acts 13:1-3. This is a much more personal involvement and with today's technology it is possible to have current information on their activities and prayer concerns. In this way, you can choose the

missionary(ies) that you want to financially support on the foreign mission field and become personally involved.

Each missionary must be 100% funded before they are sent to the mission field. Included in that 100% is 15% which is used for the administrative part of their support and 10% which is sort of a contingency fund in case some of their donors have to stop, etc. This 25% allows all our missionaries to stay in their mission field even if their funding is less than 100% at any time. When they are moved from one location to another, the cost of living may be considerably higher and thus their percentage drops rapidly. I.M. continues to pay them and they don't have to reimburse I.M.

The other 75% of the funding that missionaries raise pays for all the expenses of their ministry (including travel), salary, health insurance, retirement and housing. This is very similar to our local pastor's salaries. Missionaries are now called Global Servants.

The value of supporting missions –

Although it took Adoniram Judson years to learn the Burmese language and he told them about Jesus all the time, it took six years before one person accepted Jesus as their Savior. The Judsons went through unbelievable hard times – including imprisonment during the war with Britain. But when Adoniram Judson died in 1850 after 38 years of faithful service, there were 7,000 baptized believers, 63 Christian congregations and 163 missionaries in Burma. To this day, his Burmese Bible translation is still in use and various ethnic groups from Burma coming to the United States are coming to American Baptist churches as they consider us their 'mothers and fathers'. Their churches here exceed many of us in number and enthusiasm.

God wants everyone to know the good news of Jesus Christ's offer of salvation. He calls some to go to other lands and some to be witnesses right in their own communities, but He expects ALL of us to share the financial blessings that He has given us to support His ministry.

Special Interest Missionaries assigned to Kansas/Central Region

The life of a missionary is not all glamorous, as we might sometimes think. It is difficult work for the Lord – often with few visible results. Therefore, in an effort to ensure that each missionary received some words of encouragement and perhaps small financial gifts, each state/region was assigned “Special Interest Missionaries’ by our national and international organizations. We were encouraged to send letters of encouragement as well as birthday or anniversary gifts. Many had small children.

Although they are not shown here, we received birth dates of missionaries and children as well as anniversary dates. Many missionaries have testified of the value of hearing from ‘home’ even though we might not be from their home-town.

This is only a partial list as no record was kept on many years. I show years they were designated as our special interest missionaries. Years not shown could have been given to another region. We had a multitude of other missionaries who were assigned to other regions.

Special Interest Missionaries that we have supported:

Abell, Dr. Norman and Jean – Kinshasa Zaire 1975-79; 1986
Alexander, Rev. Frank – Edna Martin Christin Center IN 1976-79
Allan, John F. and Viola - Kinshasa Zaire 1975-78; 1986
Almonte, Omar and Evelyn – Bolivia 1999-2000
Alsen, Margaret – Zaire 1976-81
Anderson, Rev. David and Donna – Nevada 1977-79
Aragon, Denise and Juan – Mexico 2018-19
Aponas, Miss Anna - Bethel Neighborhood Center 1954-56
Archer, Lettie G – West China 1945-50 Philippines 1954-59
Armagost, Rev. John and Tomoko – Japan 2009-11
Arnold, Mildred – Philadelphia 1958-59
Aguirre, Rev. Dr. Magda – El Salvador 2006-08

Ballard, Emilie (R.N.) – Thailand 1980-83; 1986
Barney, Rev. Brian W and Christine L – Thailand 1993-97
Barnhart, Mary E. – Cordova Alaska 1965
Bass, Rev. Joseph and Charline – Thailand 1965
Batchelder, Anne – Thailand 1975-77
Beasley-Murray, Dr. Stephen and Angela – Hong Kong 1986
Beckwith, Rev. Peter A and Debra J. – Japan 1986-97
Bell, Rev. Bonnie – Milwaukee Christian Center 1991-92
Bennett, Jane – New York 1948-55
Bennett, Rev. Gary – Japan 1982-86

Bernhard, Rev. Wendy L – Zaire 1986; 1993-97; Congo 2000-11
 Berry, Viola Rae – Christian Center, Phoenix AZ 1945-46
 Bethel, Rev. Laurant D. – Chiang Mai Thailand 1986; 1990-95
 Binkley, Duane and Marcia – Thailand 1986; 2008-11; 2014-17
 Bishop, Rev. Robert and Lori – Dayton Christian Center 2005-08
 Bode, Miss Louise – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1953-54
 Boehr, Dr. Marion – South India 1979-82; 1986
 Bottemiller, Rev. Gordon and Lois – Zaire 1986
 Bouse, Erma – So Chicago Neighborhood Center 1948-53 (Mrs. Anton Bozich)
 1954-55
 Bradley, Rev. Michele – So Dakota Women's Prison 2001-08
 Brammer, Rev. William and Wanda – Rankin Christian Center PA 1988-91
 Brenner, Mrs. Robert D. – Managua, Nicaragua 1955-59
 Bridgewater, Bruce and Jene (1996)-Bethel Neighborhood Center 1994-2001
 Bristol, Margaret – Sendai, Japan 1975-76
 Brown, Rev. Arley and Ruth – Zaire 1986-93
 Brown, Dr. David M. and Ellen G. – Czech Republic 1998-2000
 Brown, Joan – Murrow Indian Children's Home 2008-10
 Brown, Rev. Dr. Lamon and Patricia – Thailand 2008
 Brown, Merle and Faye – Thailand 1986
 Brown, Rev. Wesley and Cheryl Anne – Jerusalem, Israel 1979-82
 Brown, Rev. Wilfred and Kay – Indian Ministries OK 1996-2004
 Brown, Rev. Conrad and Ora – Philippines 1975-79
 Bullard, E. Grace – South China 1945-50; Nellore, So India 1954-58
 Buttry, Rev. Sharon and Dan – Christian Centers 2004-05; 2014-19

 Calder, Marguerite – Chinese Baptist Mission, CA 1943-45
 Campbell, Rev. Arthur and Karen – Friendship House, Peoria, Ill 1994-96
 Carman, Dr. Robert H. and Lucile S. – India 1986-93
 Casanella, J. Marie – El Christo, Cuba 1955-59
 Casanella, Rev. Mario and Ena Emlina – Nicaragua 1965; 1975-82
 Case, Helen – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1948-49
 Chadwick, Rev. Daniel R. and Cheryl – Anadarko Christian Center 1988-90
 Chadwick, Rev. Jene – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1993-95 (Married Bruce
 Bridgewater)
 Chapman, Rev. Glen B. and Rita J.B. – Zaire 1987-97; 2006-08
 Chapman, Rev. Orville and Virginia – Zaire 1986
 Chapman, Dr. Paul and Regina – Seaman's Church Institute NY 1991-2000
 Chetti, Rev. Dr. Daniel and Sarah – Lebanon 2011-19

Clark, Dr. Hollis W and Wanda L – Haiti Eye Center 1985-86; 1996-99
 Clark, Jr. James and June – Zaire 1975-78; 1986
 Clemmer, Ann and Dr. Bill – Congo 2011-14
 Coats, John S. and Debra K – Cambodia 1997-2000
 Coats, Rev. Robert and Patricia – Thailand 1986
 Coats, Scott and Tan – Thailand 2007-08
 Cook, Mr and Mrs. David – Kodiak, Alaska 1975-84
 Cook, Jr. Rev. John – Rankin Christian Center PA 2010-11
 Corey, Miriam – Indian Mission, Nevada 1943-47
 Crane, Rev. Stephen D. and Francesca J – Dominican Republic 1997-2000
 Crews, Rev. Stanley and Gayle A. – Mexico 1994-98
 Criswell, Rev. Garland and Joan – Friendship House IL 1988-90
 Criswell, Dr. Marion L. – West China 1945-50; Nellore East India 1954-59
 Cruz, Dr. Ramiro and Nora – Nicaragua 1986
 Cudworth, Marcia – Managua, Nicaragua 1943-59; 1965 (Retired 1978)
 Currier, Rev. Bryant and Sara – Philippines 1975-78; 1986
 Cutillo, Dr. Robert P and Heather L. – Thailand 1984; 1991-93
 Cutlip, Rebecca L. – Thailand 1984-86

Daney, Rev. Herschell and Vicki – Indian Ministries OK 1993-96
 Deer, Dr. Donald and Barbara – Zaire 1986
 Denny, Rev. James and Norma – Anadarko Christian Center 1987
 Derolf, Rev. Charles and Judith – Japan 1986
 Dickerson, Rev. Bennet and Doris – Thailand 1986
 Dieselberg, Rev. Jeffrey and Carole A. – Thailand 1995-98
 Downer, Sarah B. – West China 1945-50; Hong Kong 1956-59
 Downs, Dr. Frederick and Mary – India 1984-8 7
 Dudley, Rev. Amos – Valley Christian Center AZ 1981-83

Edgar, Leah Blanche – Chekiang, China 1948-50
 Edge, Dr. Lenwood and Joy – Philippines 1981-86
 Elder, Rev. Gove G. and Barbara B. – Thailand 1986
 Emmert, Rev. Leon and Martha – Zaire 1975-76; 1986
 Entwistle, Dr. Maurice and Judy – Europe 1985-88
 Eppinger, Paul - Japan 1958-59
 Eppinger, Priscilla E. – Zaire 1984-86
 Esdale-Bonadonna, Rev. Jane – Cameron Comm Ministries NY 1993-96
 Espy, Dr. John and Ruth – Hong Kong 1984-87
 Evans, Rev. Norman – Race Track Chaplaincy OH 1981-84
 Evans, Maza R. – Mission Girls High School, Assam 1945-58

Feuerborn, Rev. Eric and Carla – Anadarko Christian Center OK 1999-2000
Findlay, Alice – W. Bengal India 1975-79
Foster, Gary and Marilyn – Zaire 1986-88
Fountain, Dr. Dan and Miriam - Zaire 1965; 1977-82; 1986
Freeman, Vernon and Shyrlee – United Christian Center CA 1993-94
Frey, Kerry and Valerie – India 1986
Frykholm, Rev. Robert A. and Marilyn – Europe 1992-95

Gadsby, Lois – Japan 1986
Gage, Rev. Philip C and Nancy R - Thailand 1986; 1992-93
Gano, Dr. Glenn and Mary Jean – Japan 1986
Garris, Isabella - Valley Christian Center AZ 1975-79
Geffrard, Willyn and Suzette – Zaire 1992
Giffin, Louise – Thailand 1965
Gifford, Dr. Martha J. – Burma 1945-50
Gipson, Rev. Tracy and Marjorie – India 1977-82
Good, Jon and Amanda – Hungary 2018-19
Goodgame, Fannie – Christian Community Center, OH 1943-59
Goss-Geffrard, Suzette and Willys Geffrard 1992-93
Gravley, Rev. John W. and Janine – Hong Kong 1997-2006
Greene, Vivienne – Kodiak Baptist Mission 1946-59
Gregory, Rev. Richard and Marjorie – Thailand 1977-82
Grogan, Rev. Donald – Murrow Indian Children's Home 1981-82
Guida, Ruth – Jorhat India 1965
Gurley, Mrs. Lorene – Thailand 1987 Singapore 1988-91
Gutierrez, Drs. Richard and Anita – South Africa 2003-08; 2011-20

Harding, Rev. Richard and Susan – Alaska Ministries 1981-82; 1993-2000
Harris, Rev. Lisa – Bethel Neighborhood Center 2005-08
Harris, Rev. Vincent – Race Track Ministries 2004-05
Harrison, Rev. Rodger D – Sweden 1965
Harvey, Robin Lee – Japan 1986
Haynes, Larry and Brendley – Tallahatchie Dev. MS 1993-2004
Hendrix, Elizabeth – Tahoe Indian Parish, Stewart NV 1946-55
Heneise, Rev. Harold and Ivah – Cap Haitien Haiti 1975-78; 1980-86
Heneise, Kenneth Jr and Deborah J – Haiti 1986
Heneise, Rev. Stephen T. and Shelia N – Nicaragua 1986-91

Hennessy, Rev. Beth and William – Friendship House Peoria IL 1992-94
 Herndon, Doris – Denver 1958-59
 Hillman, Evelyn – Agape Flights Haiti 1986
 Hinchman, Dr. William L. and Nadine – Tokyo, Japan 1986; 1992-93
 Hjertstedt, Virginia – Brussels, Belgium 1954-59
 Hodges, Dr. William H and Joanna M. – Agape Flights Haiti 1986
 Hoeflen, Rev. Ann – Geary OK 1983-87
 Holland, Rev. John E. and Robin Lee – Japan 1992
 Holmes, Cathy – India 1986
 Holt, Rev. James and Gayle – Philippines 1975-79
 Howard, Mrs. J.H. – Central Philippine College 1954-58
 Howard, Thomas and Valli – Zaire 1986
 Huber, Virginia – Mariner's Temple NY 1956-58
 Hudgins, Dr. Frances – Thailand 1986
 Hudson, Rev. Walter and Edith – Zaire 1988
 Hudspeth, Rev. Edwin and Norma Lee – Thailand 1976-77; 1986-92
 Hutton, Mrs. William – Assam India 1954-55
 Hwang, Gordon and Lee Ann (pronounced 'wong') – Japan 2014-20
 Hylton, Mrs. Wendell H. – Kodiak 1956-59

Jack, Rev. Danny – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1983-87
 Jackson, Mrs. Edith W. – Japan 1977-79
 James, Lloyd George and Mrs. James – Rangoon Burma 1954-59
 James, Dr. Stephen and Nancy – Agape Flights Haiti 1986; 2008-11
 Jorgenson, Grace – Emmanuel Christian Center, Buffalo NY 1949-50
 Johnson, Barbara J – Anadarko 1976-79
 Joyner, Ada – Phoenix AZ 1948-54
 Jones, Trevor and Rebecca – Kodiak Baptist Mission 2004-05; 2008-10

Kalling, Ruth – Japan 1986
 Karpa, Rev. Karl and Linda Lee – Japan 1975-80; 1986
 Karpillow, Tavi – Medical in India 1994-95
 Kearney, Lawrence H and Mrs. Kearney—Philippines 1956-59
 Keese, Rev. Donald Gene and Nancy Susan – Japan 1988-91
 Kenner, Yvette – So Providence Neighborhood Center RI 2010-14
 Kerr, Rev. Larin and Joyce -- Arizona 1965; Montana 1975-79
 Keyes, Emily – Zaire 1975-80; 1986
 Killian, Betty J – Weirton Christian Center WV 1965; 1993-2000
 Kinneman, Mark T and Gladys – Dayton Christian Center 1954-59; 1965

Koons, Rev. Alvin and Barbara – Hong Kong 1965
Kose, Celia – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1943

Lacker-Ware, Rev. Barbara and Michael Ware – Neighborhood Centers 1999-2000
Lamprecht, Rev. Alphonz and Irene – Europe 1983-86
Larsen, Rev. Robert and Harriet – India 1965
Lehtonen, Lina – Minnesota 1954-56
Lequire, Rev. Stan and Rev. Coleen – Thailand 1986
Lewis, Dr. Paul and Elaine – Thailand 1983-86
Lincoln, Dorothy (R,N,) – Thailand 1986
Lindholm, LaVaun – Weirton WV 1954-59
Lindland, Rev. Peter and Sigrid – Congo 1965
Lindley, Dr. Lawrence and Donna – Edna Martin Christian Center IN 1992-2000
Litardo, Rev. Joe Francisco and Rosario – Hispanic Ministries 1992-99
Locke, Rev. Carl D. and Wilma 1965
Lockyer, Rev. David and Eleanor – Boston Comm Baptist Church 1988-90
Long, James T. and Gladys – Connecticut 1958-59
Long, Rev. Timothy D and Patricia A – Dominican Republic 1986-96
Long, Rev. Walter and Bernice 1965
Lundsten, Rhoda – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1945

McAllister, William D and Vera – Thailand 1981-82
McCarty, Edythe – Thailand 1986
McClain, Rev. Edwin and Elizabeth - Thailand 1983
McDaniel, Dr. Philip and Melba June – Thailand 1986
McDaniel, Thomas F. and Doris Jean – Yokohama, Japan 1958-59
McElhaney, Rev. Louis and Ioleta – Saddle Mt Mission OK 1954-59; 1965

Mabudiga, Rev. Dr. Nzunga and Rev. Kihomi Ngweni – Haiti 2008-11
Mann, Richard and Marlene – Thailand 1975-77; 1986
Martin, Betty – Murrow Indian Children's Home 2011-20
Martin, Rev. John Clough and Eva – South India 1954-58; 1965
Marve, Thomas and Marilyn – Zaire 1986
Marvin, Millie M. (R.N.) – Assam 1945; Memorial Hospital India 1946-55
Meneely, Rev. David and Christine – Zaire 1985-88
Michaelson, Mrs. Wanda and Peter – Neighborhood Center RI 1999-2000
Mitchell, Carrie – Kodiak Baptist Mission 1945-46
Mooney, Rev. Ruth E. – El Salvador 1986; Costa Rica 2011-12
Moore, Rev. Charles and Alice – Congo 1965; 1988-90

Mosher, Dr. Stephen and Sandra – Philippines 1980-82; 1986
 Mulneix, Debra – India 2006-08; Philippines 2014-19
 Mundhenk, Dr. Alvin and Dorothy – Nigeria 1977-82
 Murray, Rev. Stanley and Martha – Japan 1984-87
 Myers, Keith and Debbie – Mexico 2012-19
 Myers, Thomas and Therese “Terry” – Bulgaria 2011-19

Nelson, Rupert and Dolores – Thailand 1982-86
 Nickerson, Virginia – Zaire 1976-81; 1986
 Nissen, Nina – Friendship House Peoria IL 1995-98
 Noren, Loren and Ruth – Hong Kong 1982-85
 Noyes, Mrs. Dorothy – Japan 1986-93
 Noyes, Edward and Miriam – Congo 1985-87; 2011-14

Olsen, Mable K. – Friendship House Montana 1975-76
 Osborn, Allison – Thailand 1977-82; 1986

Padrick, Rev. Richard and LaVerne – Milwaukee Christian Center WI 1991-96
 Parajon, David and Laura – AMOS Health, Nicaragua 2018-19
 Parajon, Dr. Gustavo A and Joan M. – Managua, Nicaragua 1986-93
 Pechous, Otilie – Fellowship House, Omaha NE 1945-50
 Peters, Rev. Marshall E. and June W – Chiang Mai, Thailand 1986-93
 Pierre, Marie Ketly – Dominican Republic 1993-98
 Pierre, Vital – Dominican Republic 1997-98
 Pixley, Dr. George V. and Janyce I – Nicaragua 1986
 Polley, Harvey and Corinne – Zaire 1980-83; 1986
 Powers, Susanne I – India 1986

Quinlan, Malva – Nicaragua 1980-84

Randall, Dr. Alice L. – Woman’s Hospital, Gauhati, Assam, India 1945-47
 Reed, Rev. David and Rev. Joyce Anderson-Reed – Mexico 2011+14
 Riddle, Rev. Norman and Vonzeal “Von”- Zaire 1984-86
 Roberson, Lillian – Iloilo, Philippine Islands 1950-55
 Robinson, Edith - Haiti 1976-84
 Robinson, Rev. Miriam - Thailand 1981-85
 Rogers, Herbert and Bernice – Good Samaritan Hospital, Haiti 1986-91; 1992-94
 Rumohr, Rev. John and Trissie – Zaire 1986

Salios, Rev. Nicholas and Rose – Race Track Ministries PA 1991-2000
 Sandholdt, Rev. James and Alyce B - Japan 1986
 Sawyer, Dr. Bina - Burma 1965; 1986
 Schellinger, Rev. Raymond A. – Managua Nicaragua 1995-2000
 Schellinger-Gutierrez, Dr. Adalia R. – Managua Nicaragua 1995-2000
 Schock, Drs. Harold D and Estelle – Hong Kong 1986
 Schoeninger, Sandra - India 1986
 Schofield, Dr. Willard and Norma – Zaire 1986-91
 Schupback, Mrs. Theodore H – Cologios, Oriente, Cuba 1954-55
 Scott, Chester and Dolores – Zaire 1975-80
 Scott, John and Susan – Zaire 1979-82; 1986
 Searles, Rev. Douglas J and Elizabeth J – India 1997-99
 Sellers, Tysha – Edna Martin Christian Center IN 2010-17
 Shae, Dr. Gam Send and Alice Mae – Malaysia 1975-77; 1987-96
 Sharp, Murray F and Marjorie – West Africa 1955-59; 1981-86
 Shawver, Rev. Charles T. and Ramona C – Mexico 1998-2000; 2008-11; 2014-16
 Shepherd, Eva – Zaire 1976-78
 Shivers, Marian – Moulmein, Burma 1958-59
 Shongo, Rev. Harry and Lula – Lodge Grass Montana 1975-77
 Siden, Rev. John – United Christian Centers CA 1975-77
 Simmons, Rev. John E. and Lisa G – Thailand 1998-2003
 Slade, Dr Stanley and Catherine – El Salvador 1986
 Smith, Rev. Hugh and Alice – Nicaragua 1965
 Smith, Rev. Kenneth L. – Milwaukee Christian Center 1984
 Smith, Rev. Melvin and Edith - 1965
 Smith, Margaret B (R.N.) – Thailand 1986
 Smith, Rev. Norman and Joyce – Ouzinkie Alaska 1975-78
 Smith, Robert and Anelise – Zaire 1977-82; 1986
 Snodgrass, Elizabeth – Henry St United Church, NY,NY 1946-50; Ohio 1954-57
 Sonna, “Mang” – Bethel Neighborhood Center 2018-20
 Stabell, Rev. Clifford and Joy – Zaire 1982-86
 Stafford, Lois – Thailand 1977-80
 Stanford, Winnifred – Philippines 1980-86; 1991-95
 Stanton, Larry and Rebecca – Liberia 2014-20
 Stephens, Roberta L. - Sendai Japan 1982-86; 1997-2000
 Stimson, David and Eleanor – Rangoon Burma 1954-59
 Stoner, Opal – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1947-50; Campbell OH 1954-59
 Stuart, Allan and Dr. Carrie – Zaire 1975-82; 1986
 Suderman, Mary - India 1965

Sullivan, Ben – Anadarko Christian Center 2008-19
 Sutterlin, Rev. Judith Lynne – China 2008-11
 Sutton, June M. – Hong Kong 1977-83
 Sydnor, Rev. Charles and Carole Jean – Nepal 1983-86

 Tegenfeldt, Dr. Edwin and Margaret – India 1986
 Tennis, Rev. Keith and Linda – Hong Kong 1979-82; 1986
 Thayer, F. Alice – Burma 1945; Golaghat, Assam, India 1948-50
 Thomas, Rev. William Jr. and Marion – Europe 1977-80
 Thompson, Edith – Japan 1955-58
 Thompson, Dr. Mark J. and Sandra Jo – Good Samaritan Hospital Limbe 1992-96
 Thurmond, Ruth – India 1975-79
 Tootsie, Rev. Emerson and Isabelle – Indian Ministries AZ 1992-99
 Trask, Becky R. – Hong Kong 1984-86
 Tuck, Harley and Miriam – Chiang Mai Thailand 1965
 Tucker, Cecile – Kodiak Baptist Mission 1945
 Turley, Rev. David and Leslie – Japan 2011-14
 Turner, Rev. George and Raye - Denver Christian Center 1965

 Uhlinger, Rev. Philip and S. Rose – Agape Flights Haiti 1986

 Van Benschoten, Mrs. Alfred – Chiang Mai Thailand 1954-56
 Vanburen, Alice Mae – Japan 1988
 Varnam, Rev. Robert and Bette – Cordova, Alaska 1977-79
 Vaughn, Rev. Gary and Joan – Okinawa 1965
 Volker, Jeannie – Kodiak 1985-87

 Wallace, Rev. Robert and Forestine – Bethel Neighborhood Center 1958-59; 1965
 Walter, Rev. Melvin – Hawaii 1975-79
 Waugh, Rebecca and David – So Providence Neighborhood RI 1993-94
 Weaver, Rev. Gerald and Lee S. – Zaire 1986
 Weidman, Rev. Burton and Patricia J – India 1986
 Whitaker, Mary Kay – Boston Baptist Bethel, MA 1946-48
 White, Bonnie Rose – Zaire 1986
 White, Rev. Walter and Jeanine – Bangladesh 1986-91
 Wiebe, Esther – South India 1975-77; 1986
 Wilce, Rev. James M. Jr and Gretchen – Bangladesh 1986
 Williamson, Rev. Fredrick – Hawaii 1985
 Woodley, Randy and Edith – Anadarko Christian Center 1992-93

Worley, Rev Richard and Charlotte – Thailand 1965; 1986
Wormser, Florence – China 1948-50; Girls School, Assam India 1954-59
Wu, Emerson and Ivy – China 2012-14; 2018-19

Zelaya, Rev. Dagoberto and Dillia – Honduras 2011-12

Mission Involvement/ Encounter Tours

In 1969 the American Baptist International Ministries (American Baptist Foreign Mission Society) initiated a significant program of mission education through travel to areas around the world where the denomination is involved in Christian mission.

A full-time staff person was employed at that time to plan official mission involvement tours that would provide lay persons, as well as American Baptist pastors and executives, an opportunity to meet and confer with overseas missionaries, national Christian leaders and lay persons in their respective places of Baptist witness and work.

The impact of the mission involvement tour program in terms of mission interest, understanding and support has been felt in a significant way across the denomination. Hundreds of persons have participated in the mission travel program and thousands have been inspired and challenged by messages from those who have been privileged to have a first-hand opportunity to see the results of American Baptist missionary involvement in Asia, Europe, Africa and the Orient.

American Baptist Women of Kansas were quick to see the value of the mission involvement tour program from the very beginning.

Following is a list of persons from Kansas who have participated in the program:

1970 – Zaire (Congo at that time)	Mrs. Florence Sherrill, Newton Mrs. Rebah Woods, Wichita
1972 – India	Dr. Wayne Angell, Ottawa Rev. & Mrs. Robert Starburg, Herington
1974 – Zaire and Europe	Mrs. Ada Stiawalt, Ness City
1975 – Scandinavia and Europe	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Farley, Olathe Mr. & Mrs. Lester Spong, Great Bend
1975 – Southeast Asia	Mrs. Ada Stiawalt, Ness City
1975 – Africa and Europe	Rev. & Mrs. Earl Caryl, Kansas City
(Rev. Clayton Smith, Public Relations Division, American Baptist International Ministries, was in charge of all Involvement Tours to our foreign fields.)	

American Baptist Women's Ministries began co-sponsoring both national and international ministries. They also were involved in the 1970 tour to Congo and the Holy Land, but then skipped to 1980.

1980 – Zaire and Eastern Europe
(including Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany)

1984 -- ABW study tour to Central America

1986 – Arizona and California	Esther Lambertson, Ottawa
1987 – Hong Kong, Thailand and Burma	Jan Sipe, El Dorado
1988 – East Coast – Christian Centers	(no list available)

1989 – U.S.S.R. and Zaire	Marjorie Ingle, El Dorado
1990 – Alaska	Jan Sipe, El Dorado Melanie Cooper, Hoxie Wilma Engle, Wichita
1991 – Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia	Marvel Fisher, Wichita Jan Sipe, El Dorado Audra Strecker, Ness City Sandy Mosher
1992 – Arizona Indian Ministries	Glenola Hayward, Ottawa
1993 – Dominican Republic & Mexico	Helen Buchele
1994 – Racial Justice (East Coast, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York City, Washington DC, Richmond & Atlanta)	Glenola Hayward, Ottawa
1995 – Eastern Europe (Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia & Bulgaria)	Evy Wall, Lenexa
1996 – China and Hong Kong	
1997 – West Coast and Hawaii – Multicultural Society	
1998 – Refugee Resettlement – New York City, Connecticut, Rhode Island & Massachusetts)	Phyllis Cline, Minneapolis Wilma Fast, Hutchinson Agnes Harris, Dodge City
1999 – Cuba and Costa Rica	Agnes Harris, Dodge City Evy Wall, Lenexa
2000 – Heartland (Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska & South Dakota)	
2001 – South Africa	Phyllis Cline, Minneapolis Evy Wall, Lenexa Marilyn Hall, El Dorado Wilma Engle, Wichita/Valley Center
2002 – Florida and Puerto Rico	Wilma Engle, Wichita/Valley Center
2003 – Japan and Okinawa	Wilma Engle, Wichita/Valley Center Mildred Booth, Junction City
2004 – Alaska (July 2-11)	
2005 – India and Nepal (Oct 23-Nov 12)	Nancy Lamb Dorothy McCrossen
2006 – American Southwest (Arizona)	
2007 – Czech Republic, Bulgaria & Republic of Georgia	Dorothy McCrossen
2008 – Ohio (cancelled)	
2009 – Nicaragua and Costa Rica	Dorothy McCrossen Eileen Smith
2010 – Illinois	
2011 – Africa	Dorothy McCrossen
2016 – Manila-Iloilo-Negros Islands	D. Eileen Smith

American Baptist Women's Ministries Of Kansas/Central Region

Delegates to National Conference:

1944 Rebah Woods, Pauline Ritner, Hazel Schwitzgebal attended 1st mission conf.

1956 (23 from Kansas went by charter bus to Green Lake)

1965 Florence Sherrill

1969 Alma Fair

1970 Alma Fair

1975 Reba Johnson and Mary Gaston

1978 Joy Demmott, Myrtle Wirth, Audra Strecker

1979 Dale Hoffman, Carol Allen

1980 Ethelyn Branum, Elsie Olson

1981 Evy Wall, Analee Hampton

1982 Maxine Unruh, Christine Jackson, Elaine Talbott

1983 Judy Thomas, Barbara Blalack, Wilma Engle

1984 (10 board members attended national conference at Green Lake)

1987 Donna Miller, Wilma Endicott

1988 Aleta Widow, Dortha Lawrence, Carol Shapley

1989 Shirley Fair, Myra Moor, Betty Schiller

1990 Dana Bliss, Lucille Littrell, Delores Prather

1991 Virginia Shore, Norma Stevens, Ellen Ann Wheaton

1992 Melanie Cooper, Myra Moor, Marj Ingle

1993 Lee White, Ayline Poland, Myrtle Mingle

1994 Karen Freeman, Arlene Hildebrand, Dana Bliss

1995 Lorene Brannin, Vonda Brecheisen, Greta Ladd

1996 Virginia Shore, Evelyn Fields, Gini Sharp

1997 Laura Germer, Marj Ingle, Crystal Wolgast

1998 Mildred Booth, Judy Crouch, Karen Thomas

1999 Betty Massey, Linda Wallace, Donna Miller

2000 Marie Smith, Jane Smith, Karen Morerod
2001 Joan Marshall, Patti Horner, Lorene Brannin
2002 Rogene Moody, Pat Weese, Phyllis Cline
2003 Elsie Fly, Marie Hildreth, Dana Bliss (In March 2002 it was voted to send only the president to Green Lake in 2003)
2004 Carol Allen, Katherine Simon, Jane Smith
2005 Carolyn Paul, Ruth Van Arsdale, Jane Smith
2006 Carol Kirchmer, Winnie Davis, Helen Edwards, Jane Smith
2007 Mary Dean Nelson, Monica Hendershot, Janie Allen (32 CR women attended)
2008 Karen Freeman, Jane Smith, Janie Allen
2009 Ardith Hurst, Rita Siglin, Janie Allen
2010 Juanita Parker, Carolyn Predmore, Lorene Brannin

Due to finances, we no longer sent any delegates except the president

2011 Juanita Parker
2012 Juanita Parker
2013 Mary Etta Copeland
2014 Mary Etta Copeland
2015 Mary Etta Copeland
2016 Mary Etta Copeland
2017
2018 Barbara Westfall
2019 Barbara Westfall,

Peggy Smiley Memorial Scholarships



Peggy Smiley was a member of Gage Park Baptist Church in Topeka where she taught children's Sunday School classes and sang in the choir.

Peggy was born in Topeka and baptized in the North Topeka Baptist Church. She graduated from high school and business college in Topeka and has worked in the Central Baptist Theological Seminary and in the offices of Christian Churches in Kansas.

She served on the BYF state board and as recording secretary and corresponding secretary for the ABW of the Central Region. She was also editor of the ABW Information Bulletin. She held many positions in the Northeast Area and Tri-River Association.

Peggy and her husband, Ronald, had two sons. Steven was killed in an automobile accident. Michael is a student at Topeka West High School.

(from Jan 1987 Central Region Life article)

Peggy had just begun her term on January 1, 1988 as the president of the American Baptist Churches of the Central region when she died suddenly in her home on January 21, 1988.

Her husband, Ron, wanted a lasting memorial to her so a scholarship fund was established to give assistance to those who have never attended a national woman's conference.

Peggy Smiley Memorial Fund

A partial scholarship to the National ABW Green Lake Conference will be awarded each year as a Peggy Smiley Scholarship beginning in July 1991. The recipient will be selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Managers of the ABW/CR. The **award will go to an association officer** who will be attending the National Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin for the first time. Applications will be available after the ABW June conferences through Association Presidents. Applications are to be mailed to the ABW/CR President by November 1st. Funds are administered by ABCCR. The 1991 conference mini-project will be offerings to add to the Peggy Smiley Memorial Fund.

Total amount of memorial monies used to establish this scholarship was \$ 1,523.62

Some who have received this scholarship are:

1991—	\$ 75.00
1992 —	\$ 75.00
1993 — no scholarship	
1994 -- Sandy Klein, Udall	\$ 75.00
1995 --Linda Wallace, Minneapolis	\$ 75.00
1996 – Margaret Gammon	\$ 75.00
1997 – Alliene Bennett	\$ 100.00
1998 – Lois Chiles approved but paid by Nat'l Board	
1999 – no applications	
2000 –applicants --Sandra Brisendine, Elsie Kandt	
2001—Joan Marshall	\$ 250.00
2002 --	
2003	
2004	
2005 – Rita Siglin	\$ 250.00
2006—Helen Edwards	\$ 250.00
2007 – Debra Robinson	\$ 250.00
2008 – Carolyn Price, Augusta	\$ 250.00
2009 – Nola Crooks, Horton	\$ 250.00
2010 – Susannah Dryden, McPherson	\$ 250.00

Balance in fund 12-31-10 = \$ 1,907.58

Special projects of Central Region women:

The Kansas Foreign Missionary Society was organized in 1871 as an auxiliary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West. The annual offering of this society was \$ 58.10 in 1872. The contributions increased year by year and in 1893, the "Centennial" year, the gifts amounted to \$ 1,643.45.

The gifts for the first three decades amounted to \$62,942.93 for general missionary work; \$ 18,272.51 toward the support of the home for Missionary Children and \$ 1,427.86 toward the debt of the Home Mission Society and the Foreign Missionary Society making a grand total of **\$ 82,643.30**.

Gifts continued to increase and in 1912 they totaled \$ 5,684.39. There is no record of the gifts until 1919 when the West Central District (K.I.N. = Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska) was asked to raise \$24,000 for the Jubilee Fund in two years. This was then reduced to only 1919 to make way for the New World Movement. Despite this fact, we raised \$25,254.70. This money was used to build the first, and only hospital in Assam for women and Children, located at Gauhati. The plan was sponsored by our Kansas missionary, Millie Marvin.



In 1922, it was discovered that the pledges made to the New World Movement were not only slowing up, but were failing to materialize, owing to the post-war depression; and that something must be done to save the situation.

The Continuation Campaign was launched with the women as the only prospect. At the close of the first year in this campaign, Kansas women had given \$ 15,016.62 with another thousand dollars to be verified. Although we have been unable to locate exact figures for the next year, we believe it was equally successful.

(Above information from '*History of Kansas Baptists*' by W.A. Seward Sharp, historical secretary for The Kansas Baptist Convention, published in 1939)

Since 1921 our women have been generous in giving to special projects selected by the Board of Managers. At first the presidents promoted the projects but since 1960 a project chairman has been appointed in the region.

Until 1978 the goal never exceeded \$10,000. In 1978 the goal became \$ 15,000; in 1981 it was raised to \$20,000.; in 1985 to \$25,000; in 1992-93 to \$30,000. and in 1993-94 it was raised to \$32,000. In 1994-95 the goal increased to \$35,000 but in 1995-96 the goal was dropped to \$30,000 and the goal has usually remained at about that amount (depending upon the requests), although it is often exceeded.

Specific projects for Central Region:

Funded September 1st – August 31st

1921	Jubilee Celebration (50 th anniv of Woman's Am. Baptist Foreign Mission Society – founded in 1871-	\$ 16,000.00
1927	Golden anniversary of Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.....	\$ 10,000.00
1942-43	World Emergency Fund (World War II)	\$ 4,961.61
1946	Trailer car home for Eva Gruen Martin to be used in visiting 400 villages in South India ... (still in use by the Martins in 1958)	\$ 3,127.82
1947	Furnishings for Martin Hall at Ottawa University.....	\$ 35,000.00
1948	Ford car shipped to Assam for Maza Evans.....	\$ 2,500.00
1949	Sajawea Hall, Bacone College, Muskogee, OK.....	\$ 2,124.21
1949-1952	Dining/Kitchen at Central Seminary.....	\$ 26,192.42
	Table service for Sunset Home.....	\$ 626.00
	& Bacone College, Ioletta McElhaney & 300 place settings At Central Seminary through collecting Gold Medal coupons	
1951	Mary Katow Cabin at Camp Christy.....	\$ 582.06
1953	American Baptist Hospital, Managua Nicaragua.....	\$ 5,194.87
1953	Mather School – Bricks.....	\$ 3,170.30
1954-55	Bus for Bacone College.....	\$ 10,100.00
	John Foote Memorial Church – Osaka, Japan.....	\$ 10,100.00
1956-1958	K.E.Y. Program: 3 years	
1956	Camping Program...(Camp Christy & Crawford & help establish a new camp site in NE area Camp George Wise).....	\$ 10,000.00
1957	Books for Central Seminary Library.....	\$ 10,000.00
1958	Endowed scholarship fund “Kansas Baptist Woman's Scholarship” for Student Aid for Ottawa University ...	\$ 10,000.00
1959-60	Furniture for Valley Forge Baptist Headquarters.....	\$ 941.80
	Also large circulator fans for Bacone Chapel and at Camp Christy; used piano for Camp Christy chapel; small fans for Women's Residence Hall guest room at Ottawa	
1960-61	Furnishings for Sunset Home.....	\$ 10,215.87
1961-62	Baptist Campus Center, Kansas State Univ. Manhattan...	\$ 10,176.44
1962-63	Bethel Neighborhood Center, Kansas City, KS.....	\$ 11,363.20
1963-64	Ottawa Chapel, Ottawa University.....	\$ 12,696.83
1964-65	Women's Center, Leopoldville, Congo (Kinshasha).....	\$ 12,066.15
1965-66	Dorm furnishings/plumbing – Bacone college.....	\$ 12,829.60
1966-67	Haiti Chapels.....	\$ 12,923.53
1967-68	Furnishings, Bethel Neighborhood Center, KC, KS.....	\$ 14,468.49
1968-69	Nursing scholarships –Nicaragua Nursing School.....	\$ 12,310.26

1969-70	Rebuilding Baptist Church, Cheb Czechoslovakia.....	\$ 11,921.68
1970-71	Missionary Guest House, Anchorage, Alaska	\$ 12,053.87
1971-72	Visual aids, Central Baptist Seminary, KC.....	\$ 11,004.01
1972-73	Mexican Baptist Church, Wichita.....	\$ 17,018.00
1973-74	Village Work, Tharigoppula, India.....	\$ 21,514.84
1974-75	School building/medical kits/training Mahachai and Mae Saraing, Thailand.....	\$ 22,042.97
1975-76	Apache Indian Church, Ft. Cobb, OK.....	\$ 27,059.01
1976-77	Health Care Center, Ottawa University.....	\$ 22,079.54
1977-78	Kansas Room, Green Lake (joint project with AB Men)... Vehicle for Women in Zaire.....	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 22,372.29
1978-79	Remodeling Good Samaritan Hosp Clinic, Limbe, Haiti...	\$ 32,910.28
1979-80	Camp Christy remodeling and Sunday School room at Homantin Swatow Baptist Church in Hong Kong...	\$ 26,655.89
1980-81	Refurbish Lounge/ 2 pianos at Central Seminary, KC.....	\$ 26,517.00
1981-82	Camp & scholarships for youth, Cha-Am, Thailand.....	\$ 28,222.00
1982-83	Camp Woody and Kodiak Baptist Mission – Alaska.....	\$ 32,206.79
1983-84	Kohima Dormitory – Nagaland, Northern India.....	\$ 33,883.46
1984-85	Radiologic Tech. Center – Bacone College, Muskogee...	\$ 32,152.20
1985-86	Crystal Dining Room, Roger Williams Inn, Green Lake...	\$ 28,376.45
1986-87	Church in Tirgu Mures, Romania.....	\$ 35,582.99
1987-88	Aviation Fund for Alaskan pastors.....	\$ 35,678.51
1988-89	Two faculty houses, Eastern Theo. Coll. Jorhat, N.E. India Drapes for Administration Building – Ottawa University ..	\$ 20,000.00 \$ 12,230.00
1989-90	Murrow Indian Children's Home – Muskogee..... Van for Bethel Neighborhood Center, KC, Ks.....	\$ 16,000.00 \$ 28,170.20
1990-91	1 st yr of housing & dev. program for Haitian Baptists.....	\$ 41,989.25
1991-92	Pixy for Nursing School & Furniture for Chapel – Bacone College.....	\$ 37,000.65
1992-93	Entrance, trees, piano, drapes Cross Wind Conf Center...	\$ 37,656.63
1993-94	Home for elderly/handicapped – Sofia, Moldovia.....	\$ 32,001.52
1994-95	W-I-N-G-S (Women in New Growth Situations) Zaire – Mitendi Women's Center National Women and AB GIRLS resources.....	\$ 37,186.44
1995-96	Tallahatchee Development League, Tutwiler, MS	\$ 34,762.64
1996-97	Renovation of Carpenter Wells Hall – Central Seminary... AB GIRLS Endowment Fund.....	\$ 36,162.78 \$ 16,391.55
1997-98	Martin Hall living room – Ottawa University	\$ 39,572.40
1998-99	Lisu Seminary – Pyin Oo Luin Myanmar – Burma.....	\$ 36,171.77
1999-0	Maintenance/Operation costs of Dodge 26' Mobile Medical Clinic in Nicaragua.....	\$ 43,229.13

2000-01	Infirmary/Nurses room/Summer director's room – lower level Mabee Center at Cross Wind Conference Center. \$ 44,613.04 Also EMT equipment was furnished for the infirmary
2001-02	Healing of women injured in childbirth in Nigeria, Africa Purchase 4 sets of surgical instruments for fistula repair.. \$ 10,000.00 Care of 100 fistula patients @\$200 per patient \$ 20,000.00 Ongoing program development - like literacy & staff development..... \$ 26,615.07
2002-03	15 pass. Van – for Anadarko Christian Center- - any overage for air conditioning in buildings.....\$ 36,758.15
2003-04	Develop a mission relationship between the churches and missions of Central Region and Alaska..... Pastor exchange.....\$ 7,500.00 High tech equip. for pastoral communication in Alaska... \$ 20,000.00 Youth pastor.....\$ 2,500.00 Overage for grants to mission work groups to and from Central Region and Alaska churches \$ 5,233.83
2004-05	Doctors on Call Service (DOCS) Health Care Clinic in Goma, Eastern Congo, to be used for post-operative and supportive care for abandoned, abused and injured women and girls, including classes to help women with job skills for a new life.... \$ 25,197.20 Nutrition Center in Vanga for critically ill & malnourished children and their families \$ 15,197.20
2005-06	Lift-Van for Homestead Health Center – Wichita..... \$ 53,499.27
2006-07	Village Clinic's Building Project in Western China to build/ Support clinics to provide medical care in remote areas \$ 20,215.96 & remodeling project at the Central Region Mission Center, including appliances & wallpaper for front office etc \$ 15,000.00
2007-08	Camp Christy –upgrade of staff houses & mission cabin \$ 27,652.69 Break the Chains (sex exploitation & human trafficking)\$ 10,000.00
2008-09	Break the Chains – Slavery in the 21 st Century..... \$ 33,120.58
2009-10	Refurbishing of Cross Wind Conference Center including Carpeting for the entry way, stairs & upper landing, two conference rooms & Dining room; new furniture for lobby & lounge area, guest rooms refurbished with fresh paint, new bedding, curtains, lighting & furnishings, bathroom partitions on upper level as money allows.....\$ 34,222.04
2010-11	Haitian Baptist Convention – half scholarships for seminary/ College students of Christian University of Northern Haiti. Add'l students & professors from other universities damaged by earthquake. Goal of 60 half scholarships @ \$500 \$ 38,058.24

2011-12	Bethel Neighborhood Garage – connect concrete garage to Existing building for their two 15-passenger vans	\$ 36,583.89
2012-13	Mitendi Fence Project – located outside Kinshasa in Democratic Republic of Congo, 2-yr residential program provides basic education, training in life skills & job training in sewing & restaurant work with a goal to provide a spiritual foundation & skills so women can move into a new life free of degradation & bondage to prostitution. Squatters keep encroaching on their land so fence needed	\$ 39,288.34
2013-14	Murrow Indian Children’s Home located on Bacone College campus in Muskogee, OK, providing a safe, nurturing, spiritual environment to Native American children in crisis. Need to renovate to a family-like setting with live-in house parents and security upgrades.	\$ 40,850.00
2014-15	Combined project – Vehicle for INSAAF Ministry providing ‘Justice & Compassion in the name of Jesus’ in Lebanon	\$ 18,000.00
	Media system for Cross Wind Mabee Center	\$ 14,200.00
	Overage to Centre for Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon for computers & computer training	\$ 6,592.94
2015-16	To help turn Meitei Baptist Assoc school in Wangjing, Manipur, India into a residential school	\$ 15,000.00
	Help Camp Christy upgrade kitchen facilities	\$ 18,493.86
2016-17	Baptist University of Congo (UNIBAC) help support core faculty and visiting professors, improve teaching facilities, expand library resources and support the programs for wives of pastoral candidates. Managed by missionaries Glen Chapman & Ed Noyes	\$ 33,283.03
2017-18	Combined project – Homestead Health Center, Wichita – renovate snack bar and provide refrigerator for snack bar area	\$ 15,511.93
	Central Region office, Topeka – replace table & chairs in conference room and kitchen	\$ 15,511.92
2018-19	Murrow Indian Children’s Home – purchase furniture, small appliances and dishes for three 2-bedroom independent living/transitional apartments; purchase 3 computers and help fund educational and independent living skills & conferences goal \$30,000 (requested \$25,000 but board increased goal)	\$ 30,000.00
2019-20	“Parenting for Love – AMOS Health and Hope in Nicaragua (Dr Parajon) Support development of training materials to empower local volunteer mother leaders to	

facilitate breastfeeding, parent-child bonding, and early childhood stimulation, decreasing long-term impact on their children and families. This 3 ½ year program targets women with children ages 0-5 years. Goal is \$35,000. \$38,744.10

Total 1921-2020 ----- \$ 1,988,144.63

Conference mini projects....

In recent years min-projects are often suggested for summer conferences and the women have responded generously each year.

1985	Supplies for Bacone college	
1986	Love Gift	\$ 1,693.66
1988	Surgical gloves and medical needs for Zaire -- Murrow Children's Home	\$ 1,466.96 \$ 962.72
1989	Guild scholarship to Green Lake	\$ 673.32
1990	Peggy Smiley scholarship	\$ 739.22
1991	Love Gift craft sale	
1993	Love Gift Craft Sale	approx \$ 2,000.00
	Van stuffed full	
1995	Items for Sunset Home and Prairie Homestead	
1996	Ottawa: reams 16# copy paper, 75 watt light bulbs, white wash cloth and bath towels Christy: toilet paper and paper towels	
1997	craft fair for AB Girls Endowment	\$ 1,716.06
1998	Food pantry for Central Seminary for students	
1999	International students at Ottawa – linens and first-night-in-town packets; paper towels and toilet tissue at Camp Christy	
2000	Baby layette items for Nicaragua Items for Prairie Homestead and Sunset Home Handcraft items for Cordova and Kodiak, Alaska	
2002	Bethel College –Crafts fair for AB GIRLS (\$630)	
2003	At Ottawa/Camp Christy – Craft fair donations to Natl Support (\$581.75 at OU)	
2005	Paper items for Cross Wind Conference center	
2005	Paper items for Bethel Neighborhood Center and cash	
2006	Murrow ???	\$ 496.00
2007	????	\$ 345.50
2008	Money to purchase land in India so that an orphanage might be built as well as some other women's projects.	\$ 754.05
2009	Stall partitions & doors for Cross Wind upstairs women's restroom	
2011	Shawver garden	\$ 1,926.06
2012	Health care kit	\$ 1,035.21
2013	Murrow Indian Children's Center	\$ 1,412.00
2014	Monies for Bethel Neighborhood Center school supplies	
2015	Money for Myers to buy a car in Bulgaria	\$ 1,536.
2016	Pillows for every bed at Cross Wind Conference Center	
2017	Supplies for Victory Village Christian Academy &	\$786 cash
2018	Educational & art supplies for New Life Ch Fdn Thailand	\$ 1,336.00
2019	Gift cards for Bacone and Kodiak	\$ 1,222.50

Other financial gifts to national programs...

Besides the special projects that we adopt each year, the mini projects at conferences, Love Gifts, scholarship-refit giving, we also have participated in other financial support of national programs.

Donations for National Support	in 1953	approx	\$ 900.00
	from 1986-2000		\$ 21,161.97
		2001	\$ 975.00
		2002	\$ 975.00
		2003	\$ 975.00
		2004	\$ 150.00
		2004-2005	\$ 180.00
		2008-2009	\$ 2,391.82
1996-97	AB GIRLS Endowment Fund		\$ 16,391.55
1986	ABW Min. Endowment Fund		\$ 350.00
1988			\$ 1,135.00
1989			\$ 808.34
1990			\$ 1,745.00
1991			\$ 70.00
1999 – 2002	50 th anniv. Endowment campaign (goal was \$ 120,000)		\$ 50,746.43
		2002-2003	\$ 975.00
		2003-2004	\$ 720.00
		2007-2008	\$ 886.67
		2008-2009	\$ 610.00
2009-2011	60 th anniv. Endowment campaign (goal \$10,000)		
		2009 – Nov. 2010	\$ 3,609.18
		Evy Wall Estate	\$ 4,781.46
Church Women United		2007-08	\$ 240.00
		2008-09	\$ 60.00

Missionaries receiving Refit...

From the refit fund each Kansas special interest missionary received \$10 at Christmas and \$5 for her birthday. Many missionaries who were transferred, after evacuation from China and the Philippine Islands to other fields, have needed large amounts for refit, since in many cases they lost everything - even very personal belongings.

The Martin boys from South India came to our Peddie School in New Jersey in 1956 and were helped with \$100; in 1957 a gift of \$250 was sent to them from the Refit fund. During the war years when Eva Gruen Martin and the boys were on furlough she told of their great need for a 'Trailer Car Home' which they might use in visiting some 400 villages in South India. The Refit Committee asked for a special Sunday in the churches for this 'trailer house'. In June, 1945, Kansas Baptist women responded with gifts amounting to \$3,127.83. The Martin's wrote in their Newsletter in 1958 that the 'trailer home' was still in use and has given outstanding service through the years.

In 1958, from our Refit Fund we voted a gift of \$500 to apply on a car for the Rev. Lloyd James and wife, Eileen, who returned to the Burma field. We have given money for every need of our missionaries – outfits, refits, typewriters, trailer-car home, operating table, paid freight on a piano, etc.

Mrs. Atkinson estimated that Kansas Women had given more than \$100,000.00 through 1959.

The birthday and Christmas gifts to missionaries from the Kansas ABW amounted to \$8,130 during the years 1960-1975.

Refitting missionaries returning to the fields or whatever their needs might be is listed below:

Mrs. John Martin	March 1960	\$ 125.00
Eglantina Cerna	April 1961	\$ 120.00
Rev. Forrest Smith	April 1962	\$ 125.00
Sandra Sites	April 1962	\$ 125.00
Marcia Cudworth	August 1962	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Peter Lindland	October 1962	\$ 125.00
Refit missionary	May 1964	\$ 125.00
Virginia Hjertstedt	January 1965	\$ 250.00
Esther Greenmun	January 1965	\$ 84.00
Rev. & Mrs. Maria Casanella	December 1965	\$ 150.00
Rev. & Mrs. James Long	June 1966	\$ 145.00
Rev. & Mrs. Thomas McDaniel	June 1966	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Harley Tuck	April 1967	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Richard Worley	April 1967	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Charles Moore	May 1967	\$ 125.00
Rev. Robert Larsen	November 1967	\$ 180.00
Rev. & Mrs. John Rumohr	December 1968	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Gary Vaughn	August 1969	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Richard Worley	August 1969	\$ 125.00
Louise Giffin	June 1970	\$ 100.00
Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Gano	June 1971	\$ 100.00

Dr. Marian Boehr	January 1972	\$ 75.00
Rev. & Mrs. Lyle Predmore	January 1972	\$ 150.00
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Downs	September 1972	\$ 150.00
Rev. & Mrs. Ronald Taylor	April/May 1973	\$ 300.00
Rev. & Mrs. John Rumohr	July 1974	\$ 150.00
Sandra Schoeninger	December 1974	\$ 125.00
Rev. & Mrs. Karl Karpa	August 1975	\$ 125.00
We are missing records of refit in the years 1976-1979		
Chester Scott	April 1980	\$ 250.00
Karl Karpa	August 1980	\$ 250.00
Emily Keyes	August 1980	\$ 125.00
Virginia Nickerson	June 1981	\$ 217.00
Susan Harding	October 1981	\$ 75.00
Margaret Olson	November 1981	\$ 217.00
Allison Osborn	June 1982	\$ 215.00
Dr. Daniel Fountain	August 1982	\$ 364.00
Wesley Brown	October 1982	\$ 397.00
Dr. Marian Boehr	December 1982	\$ 215.00
Robert E. Smith	July 1983	\$ 464.00
Keith Tennis	July 1983	\$ 396.00
John Scott	July 1983	\$ 430.00
Emilie Ballard	July 1984	\$ 215.00
Dr. Stephen Mosher	July 1984	\$ 396.65
Harvey L. Polley	July 1984	\$ 330.00
Murray R. Sharp	May 1985	\$ 330.00
Winnifred Stanford	June 1985	\$ 215.00
Dr. Paul Lewis	July 1986	\$ 330.00

Refit for missionaries was given according to the amount requested:

1988	\$ 1,540.64	1991	\$ 500.00
1989	\$ 726.66	1992	\$ 900.00
1990	\$ 1,223.33	1993	\$ 1,400.00

Starting in 1994 we gave an average amount of previous years sent at one time during the year.

In 1994 this amount was \$1,000.00

2006	\$ 1,140.85	2014	\$ 430.50
2007	\$ 1,272.50	2015	\$ 1,042.66
2008	\$ 1,606.08	2016	\$ 961.57
2009	\$ 1,067.80	2017	\$ 881.80
2010	\$ 1,190.51	2018	\$ 663.56
2011-2013 no record		2019	\$ 920.18

Starting in 2011 we sent only the amount that had been received as refit monies. After research in 2019 we discovered that the monies were not being distributed to missionaries as they had to request it and no funds were being requested; perhaps they were not aware of that fact.

In March 2020 the Board of Directors voted to send money currently in the account to our project AMOS in Nicaragua.

In August 2020 we voted that all current and future monies designated for refit would be transferred to the current project as the original intent was to assist missionaries and that is what our projects do.

Baptist Missionary Training School

Chicago, Illinois

The Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Illinois was founded in 1881 as the first missionary training school for women.

“From the very first year there have been students from Kansas enrolled for the specialized training that the Baptist Missionary Training School was prepared to give. So, to Baptist Missionary Training School Kansas has meant a source of fine young women workers – many of whom have distinguished themselves in service for the world mission of American Baptists.

“Women of Kansas have helped with their encouragement and their very progressive scholarship program. Often the women of Kansas, in addition to caring for their own, have offered assistance to students of foreign background who otherwise might not have been able to come to any school.

“An honored member of the faculty, Miss Elizabeth Snodgrass, is a Kansan.”
(Pearl Rosser, president – 1959)

Some Kansas women that we know attended BMTS:

1887 – Sadie Bonnie Morse, Ottawa

1888—Emma Hyde, Lawrence and Carrie Morse, Marysville

1890s – Harriett Brown (sent to Japan as missionary), Miss Blunt, (sent to Japan as missionary), Ella Webb, Kansas City; Eva Coy, Wamego; Kate Coffey, Wamego; Ida Harris, Fort Scott

Called into missionary service: Mrs. Carey (Oklahoma) Miss Elder (Seminole Indians) Miss Jacobus (Bacone School) Miss Hyde (freed people in Chicasaw nation) Mary Peterson (Swedish missions for Kansas) Miss Malmbury (general Swedish mission)

Birdie Seeley and Laura Seeley, Coffeyville (could be same person)

1902 – Clara Cowles, El Dorado

Pearl Page, Horton

1904 – Mattie Covert, Emporia

1905 – five Kansas girls but names not given

1906 – seven Kansas girls but names not given

1907 – Sarah Wahlgen, Kansas City

Selma Olson, Herndon

Ollie Cowles, El Dorado

1908 – Eva McCoy, Coffeyville

Joanna Bossing, Lawrence

1909 – Jettie Jansen, Jamestown

Many, many others whose names we do not have listed.

In 1928 when the Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship was established, students at BMTS were also included until the school closed.

Central Region AB Women's Ministries Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship Fund:

The nucleus of the Scholarship-Refit Fund in 1928 was \$63.00 that remained from monies contributed by individual women of our Kansas Baptist Woman's Union to send Miss Angelita Hernandez to Ottawa University. Due to her mother's illness she could not continue at that time and thus \$63.00 remained.

The president, Mrs. J. N. Atkinson, suggested that with 15,000 to 20,000 Baptist women in the state, ten cents per member could, or would, go a long way in helping a girl or girls in their senior year in Mission Training School in Chicago (our school owned by our American Baptist Woman's Home Mission Society, the only school in our Convention giving a definite training for girls only for missionary service) or the Kansas City Seminary. It was voted for a \$200 scholarship for the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, and \$150 for the Kansas City Seminary per year.

As planned from the beginning, an applicant for scholarship must have accepted the call to missionary service; be an active member of a Baptist church in Kansas co-operating with our Northern Baptist Convention (now American Baptist Convention); she must be recommended by her church and Woman's Mission Society; and be able to pass a required physical examination.

In about 1945, the application form stated that if the recipient does not become a missionary, the scholarship becomes a loan and is to be paid back into the Scholarship-Refit fund, upon terms agreeable to the girls, and the State Scholarship Committee.

Grant-in-aid and/or student-aid from \$50 to \$250 have been given to needy students in their freshman and sophomore years.

About 1947 it was decided to urge the churches to set aside the month of September as Scholarship-Refit month and use this as the theme for the WMS (Women's Mission Society) meetings. Today, churches are free to promote scholarship in the way that works best for each individual group.

Foreign students were first accepted in 1949 upon the recommendation of Foreign Missionaries. Active members from our American Baptist home mission fields were also accepted.

In 1949 juniors at BMTS and girls at Ottawa University were added. In 1959 we added Alderson-Broadus College in Philippi, West Virginia and Mounds Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minnesota. By 1961 BMTS was closed and in 1962 new students at Alderson-Broadus and Mounds could no longer receive scholarships. By 1964 a scholarship to Bacone College was added.

In 1953 scholarships for juniors and seniors was raised to \$400 to meet advancing costs of education. To meet this advance the women of Kansas were asked to give at least twenty-five cents per year to the Scholarship-Refit Fund.

To be eligible for scholarships, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student at Ottawa University (sophomore, junior or senior) Central Baptist Theological Seminary, or in Bacone College (sophomore). The amount of the individual awards is flexible, depending upon available funds or student needs.

Scholarships are granted to the students one semester at a time but are renewable provided the student continues to fulfill qualification requirements, make normal progress toward graduation, and continue to need financial assistance. Money is sent directly to the school, to be applied to tuition or other necessary school expenses.

In January 1962 the Board of Managers of the Kansas Baptist Woman's Mission Society made a recommendation as follows: 'Because of the small number of Kansas girls dedicated to missionary service, we would like to change the word 'girl' to 'Kansas student' so we may also grant scholarships to worthy Kansas boys in training for missionary or ministerial service.' This was approved. Robert Box was the first male to receive a scholarship.

In 1962 the age requirement was changed to 18-30 years of age. Originally the age qualification was not over 25 years of age unless training for a nurse or doctor. In 1963 the statement "all scholarship students less than 21 years of age should have at least one year of college, with a C or above average" was added to the qualifications. We started producing "pen sketches" of the students to give the local groups a picture and more detailed information about each student.

Beginning in 1974, women were asked to contribute 75 cents each year to the scholarship fund, then increased to \$1.00 and it now is about \$1.50-\$2.00.

In 2008 the Refit portion of the scholarship fund was made a separate fund under the guidance of the Mission and Service Division.

In 2014 the criteria was changed to allow attendance at any ABC affiliated college or university but student must be a member of a Central Region American Baptist church.

In 2019 the criteria allowed students to go to any college if a member in good standing in a Central Region ABC church with a letter of recommendation from the pastor regarding student's character.

Between 1928 and the end of the 2019 school year a total of \$ 266,500.00 has been given to 263 different students; 47 from 19 other countries, 29 from 22 states besides Central Region and 187 from 74 different towns in Central Region

In recent years scholarships have been \$500 per semester.

The following students have received scholarships:

Adams, Larry - Kansas City - Central Seminary - 1984-85, '85-86
Aier, Bendang "Ben" Yanger - Assam, India - OU - 1990-91, '91-92
Albuquerque, Amadeo - Nicaragua - Central Seminary - 1973-74, '74-75
Allen, Eugene - Manhattan - Central Seminary - 1965-66
Anderson, Anna - Denmark BMTS - 1954 - 1955
Anderson, Lucille A. - Benton - OU - 1959 -- 1961-62 - 1962-63 - 1963-64
Andres, Elaine - Coffeyville - Central Seminary - 1967-68, '68-69, '69-70, '70-71
Andres, Johnny - Coffeyville - Central Seminary - 1967-68, '68-69, '69-70, '70-71
Ao, Imtila - India - 2001-02 CBTS

Autrey, James – Horton – Central Seminary – 1980-81, '81-82, '82-83,
 Awi, Lai - Central Seminary 2019-20
 Awungshang, Ramayan – Imphal Monipur, India – Central Seminary – 2000-04

Badoni, Tosca – Page, AZ – Grant in Aid 1993-94 Bacone – '94-95,
 Ballinger, Doreen – Alhambra, CA – OU – 1961-62 – 1962-63
 Baxter, Heidi L. – Topeka – CBTS 2002-03, 03-04
 Bebeau, Julie – Lawrence – Central Seminary – 1978-79, 79-80,
 Berry, Viola – Atchison, Christian Center, Phoenix, AZ – 1940
 Berthelemy, Claudette – Haiti – Mather – 1966-67, '68-69
 Bigger, Ruth Ann – Ottawa – OU – 1950 – 1951 (married Edmund Claypool)
 Blaksley, Marcheta – Ft. Scott, OU – 1953-54 (married Merrill Stanley) CBTS 1955-56
 Bode, Louise – Atchinson – Central Seminary – 1950 -- 1953
 Bouse, Erma – Chanute, Chicago Neighborhood House – 1947-48 BMTS
 Box, Robert – Basehor – OU – 1962-63 – '63-64 – '64-65 – '65-66 – '66-67
 Bradshaw, Marjorie – Topeka – 1931 BMTS
 Breeden, Margaret – Hoxie 1970-71 CBTS
 Britt, Euvalie – Council Grove – 1937 CBTS
 Brown, Carrie Bell – Mather Graduate - BMTS- 1958 -- 1960
 Browning, Phyllis – Waldron – BMTS – 1956 – 1958
 Brueggeman, Dorothy – Parsons, OU – 1962-63 – 1963-64 – 1964-65 – 1965-66
 Bruster, Trevis – Wellington – OU – 1986-87, '87-88,
 Burfield, Bruce – Lakewood, CO – Central Seminary – 1990-91, '91-92, '92-93,

Campos, David – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1972-73, '73-74, '74-75
 Cange, Carol – Rochester, NY – OU – 1962-63
 Canaan, Shelly – DeSoto – Central Seminary – 2000-01
 Carrell, Edith – Oswego – 1937-38; 1940 BMTS
 Carpenter, Charles – Topeka – Central Seminary – 1975-76, '76-77
 Cerna, Eglantina – El Salvador – BMTS – 1960-61, - 1961-62 – 1962-63
 Chadwick, Jene – Webster City, IA – Central Seminary – 1985-86, '86-87,
 Chow, Mimi – Hong Kong – BMTS & Alderson-Broadbuddus 1960-65
 Clark, John – Valley Center – Central Seminary – 1974-75, 75-76, 76-77
 Clingman, Martha – 1945 BMTS
 Cole, Steven – Leavenworth – Central Seminary – 1993-94,
 Conner, Michael – Pleasant Valley – OU – 1983-84, '84-85, '85-86
 Conner, Timothy – Kingman – Central Seminary – 1992-93, '93-94, '94-95,
 Cook, Jeffrey – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1978-79, '79-80
 Cox, Don – ElDorado – Central Seminary – 1988-89
 Craig, Jack – Hutchinson – Central Seminary – 1969-70, 70-71, 71-72,
 Crane, Louise – Wichita – Central Seminary – 1978-79
 Crawshaw, Douglas – Independence – OU – 1985-86
 Crooks, Richard – Parsons – Central Seminary – 1982-83, '83-84
 Crowl, Janet – Topeka – CBTS 2004-05, 05-06
 Cudworth, Marcia – OU – 1931
 Culley, Melissa – Okemah, OK – Bacone – 1992-93,

Dailey, Kelly R. – Bacone – 1978-79
 Davis, Donnie – Winfield – Central Seminary – 1998-99, '99-2000

Dawdy, Mary – Colby – OU 1954-56
 DeFord, Richard – Norman, OK – Central Seminary – 1980-81, '81-82
 Dejonge, Linda – Franklin, NE – Central Seminary – 1987-88, '88-89,
 DeVore, Angela – McPherson – CBTS 2005-06, 06-07, 07-08
 DeVore, Ron – McPherson – CBTS 2005-06, 06-07, 07-08
 Dewitt, John Marty – Chanute – Central Seminary 1996-97
 Diei, Gloria – Nigeria – OU 1973-74
 Dietrich, Lisa Renee – Overland Park –OU 1989-90,'90-91,'91-92,'93-94, '94-95,
 Downs, Barbara C. – Nicaragua – OU – 1958- 1959 – 1960-61 Mrs. Carlton Farnum

Elliott, Kathy – Parsons – OU – 1976-77
 Engave, Edith -- Fort Washakie, WY – Bacone – 1987-88
 Engle, Mildred – Enterprise – OU 1954, 1955, 1956 (married Bill Crow)
 Emerson, Marie – Liberal – Central Seminary – 1963-64, 1964-65
 Epp, Glendon – Uniontown – Central Seminary – 1978-79
 Eustache, Julie – Haiti – Mather – 1962-63

Familiaran, Moley – Philippine Islands – 1966-67, 67-68, 68-69
 Fields, Corey – Topeka – Central Seminary 2012-14
 Finley, Vernon – Wichita – Central Seminary 1968-69
 Flores, Fawn – Newton – OU – 1986-87, '87-88, '88-89,
 Fowler, Julia – Augusta 1940-41 BMTS
 Fritz, Jordan – Gypsum – Ottawa U 2019-20

Gates, Timothy – Horton – Central Seminary 1976-77, 77-78
 Gault, Ross – Gardner – Central Seminary – 1978-79
 Gilstrap, Jack – Lansing – Central Seminary – 1992-93, '93-94,
 Glavin, David – Caney – OU 2003-04
 Glavin, Mollie Anne– Caney – OU – 1998-99, 99-2000
 Gohnyan, Cordelia – Philippines – Central – 1956-58
 Greemore, Joseph Lee – Topeka – OU 2002-03, 03-04 CBTS 04-05
 Green, Jackie – Shawnee – OU 1954-1957
 Gruen, Eva – Abilene 1931-32 BMTS

Hamilton, Amy – Chanute OU 2001-02, CBTS 03-04,
 Hanthorn, Robert – Bethel – Central Seminary – 1963-64, 64-65
 Harader, Cheryl – Wichita – Central Seminary – 1997-98, '98-99, '99-2000
 Harman, Joyce O. – Muskogee – Central Seminary – 1989-90. '90-91,'91-92
 Hasselblad, Marva – Ottawa – OU 1956-58
 Haupt, Norman – Scott City – Central Seminary – 1978-79, '79-80
 Haynes, David – Overland Park – OU – 1990-91, '91-92
 Haynes, Margaret E. – Chanute – 1959
 Hazelton, Kevin – Garden City – OU – 1985-86
 Henry, Steven D. – Kettering, OK – Central Seminary – 1989-90, '90-91
 Hernandez, Angelita – Topeka 1927-28 OU; Wichita 1936-37 BMTS
 Heskett, Randy – Campolindo, CA – Central Seminary – 1986-87, '87-88,
 Hill, Russell – Kansas City – Central Seminary 1968-69
 Hinkle, Rebecca – DeSoto – OU – 1985-86, '86-87,
 Hocket, Arlene Kay – Cawker City, 1959-60 Mrs. Kurt Campbell

Holmes, Robin - Carson City, NV – Bacone – 1982-83
 Howard, Mark T. – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1999-2000
 Hsich, Kate – Formosa BMTS 1954-55
 Hsich, Maggie – Formosa – BMTS – 1957-58 Mrs. Chin Chin Wang
 Htwe, Maung Maung – Burma – Univ of P.I 1965-66
 Hubbard, Richard – Kansas City, KS – CBTS 2004-05
 Huber, Virginia – Wichita – OU – 1951, 1953 Mrs. Peter Flusher served Mariner's Temple
 Huguenot, Jerrod H. – Sedan – OU 1994-2002
 Humann, Evangeline – Aberdeen SD – OU 1958-59

Iang, Mary – Burma – Bacone College 2017-18
 Indo, Yuko – Nagasaki, Japan – Central Seminary 1999-2000
 Irwin, James – Oswego – Central Seminary 2019-20
 Isenhower, Valerie K. – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1994-95
 Isshiwaata, Keiko – Yokohama, Japan & Pomona Church 1994-95 CBTS

James, Sherill – McPherson – OU – 1966-68
 Jennings, Irving 1977-78
 Jennings, Martha – Basehor – OU – 1964-65
 Jittawait, San – Thailand – 1969-70
 Johnston, Lloyd – Sublette – Central Seminary – 1977-78
 Jones, Keith – Kansas City, KS – CBTS 2007-08

Kaler, Sarah – Bacone – 1983-84
 Kennedy, Terri Jean – Muskogee, OK – Bacone – 1978-79, '79-80,
 Killingsworth, Amber Joy – Stilwell – CBTS 2004-06
 Killingsworth, David – Shawnee – Central Seminary – 1989-90, '90-91, '91-92
 Killingsworth, Mark – Shawnee – Central Seminary – 1978-79, '79-80
 Kimball, Christine – Taiwan – Central Seminary – 1993-94
 Kern, Carol Ann – Chanute – OU – 1955 – 1957 (married Rev. Marion Pember)
 Kiker, Amy – Wamego – Bacone 2010-11, 11-12
 Kile, David – Eldorado – Central Seminary – 1964-65
 King, Russell – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1984-85
 Klassen, Charles – Harper – Central Seminary – 1993-94, '94-95, 95-96
 Koontz, Ruth – Wichita, Ottawa U. (married W. Cadwallader, serving in Thailand) 1950-51
 Kramer, Juanita – Valley Falls, OU – 1951 - 1954
 Kristof, John – Indiana, PA – Central Seminary 1992
 Krug, Jody – Bentonville, AR – Bacone – 1985-86, '86-87

Lacy, Charlene – Parsons – OU – 1962-63 – 1963-64
 Langley, Donald Joseph. – Eldorado – OU – 1996-97, '97-98, '98-99
 Lanz, Marianna – Switzerland BMTS -- 1957-58 Mrs. Michael Klimenko
 Larson, Ron – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1975-75, '75-76
 Lawrence, Ruby – Ottawa 1930-31CBTS
 Leat, Vernon - 1977-78
 Li, Sabrina – Hong Kong – OU – 1982-83
 Lindholm, LaVaun – Lindsborg, BMTS – Weirton West Virginia – 1947-51
 Locke, Carol Louise – Kansas City – OU – 1958 –61 Mrs. Harold Medberry
 Long, Amber – Kellyville, OK – Bacone – 1995-96

Long, Connie – Wichita – Central Seminary – 1975-76, 76-77 (married John Williams)
Long, Rolando – Gallup NM – Bacone – Grant in aid 1993-94
Loomis, Mary - Wichita – Central Seminary – 1977-78
Loun, Betty – Kansas City BMTS – 1954 – 1958 served Valley Center Christian - Phoenix
Lysell, Frank – Emporia – Central Seminary (1st married student) – 1964-65 – '65-66

McCorkle, Patrick – Sedan – OU – 1992-93, '93-94, '94-95
McCullough, Brittany - Olathe- OU 2009-12
McCurry, Dana R. – Chickawaw Nation, OK – Bacone – 1994-95
McNair – Bonnie – Kansas City CBTS 2007-08
McQuilliam, Janice – Lyons – OU – 1967-68, 68-69,

Mabe, Courtney – Ottawa 2009-12
Madsen, Keith – Prairie Village – Central Seminary – 1972-73, '73-74
Marks, Roy – Chanute – OU – 1964-65
Marsh, Nathan – Topeka 2015-17
Martin, Eva Gruen – Emporia, South India – 1931
May, Sun Sun – Hong Kong – BMTS – 1954 – 1956
Mendes, Elaine Kay – Tulsa – 1992-94,
Miller, Frank – Wellington – OU – 1987-88
Mitchell, Steven – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1984-85, '85-86
Mondragon, Floyd – Pueblo, CO – OU – 1983-84, '84-85
Monson, Jeffrey A. – Ottawa – Central Seminary – 1995-96. '96-97,
Montague, June – Alta Vista – Central Seminary – 1952-53
Moor, David – Ottawa – OU - 1984-85, '87-88, '88-89,
Moor, Kelly Sue – Wellsville – Central Seminary – 1989-90, '90-91, '91-92,
Moore, Velma – Hutchinson, Children's Evangelism ABC – 1948 CBTS
Morgan, Glenda – Winfield – OU – 1955-56
Moss-Katsaros, Betty – Chicago, IL – Central seminary – 1991-92
Mulliner, Stacy – Muskogee – Bacone – 1991-92

Newberry, Melissa – McPherson – CBTS 2002-03
Ngong, Tonghow “David” – Oive, Cameroon Africa CBTS 2002-03
Nuh, Vek – Nagaland, India – Central Seminary – 1997-98, '98-99

Oberhelman, Melinda K. – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1994-95
Oki, Takako “Joy” – Japan BMTS – 1958 – 1959 – 1960-61
Onsae, Karen – Kykotsmovi, AZ – Bacone – 1989-90
Osborne, Janice – El Dorado – OU – 1971-75,
Owens, Wanda – Kansas City – OU – 1956-58 (married Rev. Charles Priddy)

Palmer, Elizabeth – Paola – OU 2006-2007, 2007-08
Parker, Regis – Concordia – BMTS – 1958 – 1959
Peterson, Cindy – KC = Central Seminary 2013-17 (married Russell Boyer)
Phillips, Ruby – Hutchinson – 1931 BMTS
Plaster, Shirley – Scotts Bluff NE – OU 1959-60
Powell, Victor – Paola – Central Seminary 1996-97
Presley, John – Ottawa – Central Seminary 1969-70, 70-71

Rader, Lee – Lawrence – Central Seminary 1986-87, 87-88

Raingam, Irish Awon – Imphal, Monipur, India – Central Seminary – 2000-01
Ramavathu, Mary – India – CBTS 2008-12
Rathnam, Premaleela – South India – BMTS – 1956-57

Reader, Sheri – Parsons – Central Seminary – 1992-93,
Rigsby, Carrie – Ft. Gibson, - Bacone – 1995-96
Robinson, Marsha – Lansing – Central Seminary – 1965-66 – '66-67
Roesch, Curtis – Concordia – Central Seminary – 1988-89
Russell, Olive – Derby – BMTS – 1935

Sasaki, Mrs. Ailo. – Japan BMTS – 1953-54
Satoe, Lela Mae – Bacone, Denver Christian Center – 1949 – 1950 BMTS
Schupbach, Nancy – Tulsa – OU – 1973-74, '74-75
Secrest, William A. – Spring Hill – 1995-2001
Sema, Najekhu – India – Central Seminary – 1970-71, '71-72
Sermeno, Selena – El Salvador – OU – 1980-83, (Killingsworth) '83-84
Shapley, Steven – Stillwell – OU – 1988-89, '89-90, '90-91
Shelton, Steven – Fort Scott – Central Seminary – 1989-90
Sherman, Larry – Ottawa – OU – 1969-70
Sherry, Kenneth – Overland Park – OU – 1978-79, '79-80,
Shibatz, Miyo – Mrs. Bill Wagner, Japan – Central Seminary 1955-56
Shirayama, Michi – Yokohama, Japan – OU – 1961-62
Shoemaker, Paul – Ft. Scott – Central Seminary – 1997-2001
Shoesmith, Erlene – Parsons – OU – 1970-71, '71-72
Sipe, Richard – Ottawa – Central Seminary 1978-79
Sites, Sandra – Louisburg – OU – 1958 -62
Smith, Gary A. – Dodge City – OU – 1989-90
Smith, Karen – Codell – OU – 1960-64
Smith, Richard L. – Coffeyville – Central Seminary – 1997-98
Smith, Warren – Louisburg – Central Seminary – 1966-69
Smokorowski, Alwina – Newton BMTS – 1956-58
Snyder, Robert – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1973-74
Soderholm, Ted – Andover – Central Seminary – 1997-98, '98-99
Solivan, Emma – Puerto Rico BMTS – 1956 – 1960
Sonna, Kapzamang – India – CBTS 2001-02, 03-04
Squartsoff, Elizabeth – Kodiak, Alaska – Bacone – 1965-66
St. Ilma, Mathurin – Haiti – Central Seminary – 1970-71, '71-72
Staley, Carol – Ottawa – Central Seminary – 1982-83
Stevens, Anita June – Everett, WA – Bacone – 1980-81, '81-82,
Stoops, Robin – Valley Center – OU – 1982-83
Strode – Rollin – Augusta – OU – 1966-68
Surels, Ronald – Kansas City – Central Seminary – 1965-66 – '66-67
Sutton, Edna – Ottawa – 1931

Tamayo, Ditmara – Nicaragua – OU – 1981-82
Tamayo, Mirza – Nicaragua – OU – 1980-81, '81-82
Tanner, Ruth – Buffalo, NY – BMTS – 1960-61
Testorff, Jennifer – Ottawa – CBTS 2005-06, Kane 2006-07
Testorff, Russell – Oswego – Central Seminary – 1968-69, '69-70
Thomas, Daniel Eldon – Newton – Central Seminary – 1980-81

Tokita, Dawn – Yokahoma, Japan – OU – 1949 – 1952
Tootsie, Valerie – Crow Agency, MT – Bacone – 1986-87
Tweddell, Tom – Chanute – OU 1963-64
Twining, Gail – Washington – Central Seminary – 1974-77

Valderrain, Delia – Mexico – BMTS – 1954-55 Mrs. Eloy Perez
Varney, Courtney - = Ottawa
Vincent, Joe – Pratt – Central Seminary – 1971-74
Vopat, Seth – Overland Park – CBTS 2007-08

Walker, Gideon – Ada – OU 2005-06, 06-07
Walter, Jim – Troy – Central Seminary 1971-72
Wallace (Warfield), Alberta Christina – Kansas City – CBTS 2006-07
Wellman, Lena – Meade – OU – 1991-94
Werfelman, Vera – Hutchinson – 1941
Whitten, Suzanne – Overland Park – Central Seminary 1978--82,
Williams, Connie Long – Wichita – Central Seminary – 1977-78
Williams, John – Leavenworth – Central Seminary 1977-78
Williamson, Frances – Rolla OU – 1956-57 Mrs. Robert Richardson
Wilcox, Nathaniel ‘Nate’ – Ottawa – CBTS 2005-08
Wilson, Charlotte – Linwood – KSTC, Emporia – 1967-68, ’69-70
Win, Lagwi – Myanmar, Burma – Central Seminary – 1997-98
Witty, Margaret – Parsons – OU – 1968-69
Woodburn, Juanita – Holton 1928-29 BMTS
Woods, Larry – Kansas City – OU – 1969-71, ’73-74, 75-76
Wormser, Florence – Barnard, Ottawa U., BMTS, Tura Assam – 1947-49
Wright, John – Ft. Scott – Central Seminary – 1962-65

Yamaji, Gloria – Japan – BMTS – 1957-58
Yantz, Nellie – Central Baptist Seminary – 1949 O.U. and BMTS – 1950-51
Yuchkovski, Vitali – Moldova (USSR) – Central Seminary – 1994-97

Zamen, Susan – Bacone – 2010-12
Zimik, Neno – India CBTS 2001-2002
Zuelke, Eric – Newton – OU 2008-10

White Cross

With the desire and love to do things for Christ, women through the years have strengthened Christian work on Mission fields by supplying the needs of missionaries.

As early as 1849, American Baptist Home Mission Society gave directions to the churches on how to ship barrels to Home missionaries and their families.

In 1890, Alma Pittman, a Foreign missionary nurse in China wrote of the dire needs and women of the churches began to send boxes to supply the needs.

In the aftermath of World War I (1914-1918), the world faced a global humanitarian crisis the likes of which had never been seen before. On June 28, 1919, Germany and the Allied Nations signed the Treaty of Versailles, formally ending the war.

The war to end all wars may have been officially over, but in its wake was starvation, disease, poverty and desperation. The tremendous scale of devastation and human misery was without precedent. World leaders struggled with how to tackle the seemingly unsurmountable need for repair and reparations. Besides the physical damage, the lives and spirits of so many were broken. Many called out to God, “Do not abandon us now in our time of greatest need!”

In God’s amazing grace, many came to the rescue, putting aside their personal losses, anger and resentments. Among the first to respond were the women of American Baptist churches. They heard the plea from afar and felt called to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

No stranger to war-time service, the women of American Baptist churches had assisted the American Red Cross during the war by providing surgical dressings, bandages and other medical supplies for shipment to the front for wounded U.S. service personnel.

After the war, the women became convinced that a similar service would be of great help in the work of Christian mission globally.

In 1919, two American Baptist women from Cleveland, Ohio, organized the White Cross Service League, “channeling the war effort into support for Baptist mission,” to use their words.

White Cross, a ministry of the Women’s American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was born.

Such a simple formula of providing practical help to people in need has stood the test of time. Today, White Cross continues this legacy of Christian love and service by providing practical items and financial support from individuals and churches to help the most vulnerable in our world.

Focusing on the small everyday things that are needed, like diapers, baby gowns and blankets, vitamins and rolled bandages, thousands of women built relationships with each other while providing necessary items for people in need.

Records show that through the years the need and value of White Cross has increased. Fruit and vegetables were canned for Sunset Home; needed supplies such as quilts and baby layettes were furnished to Bethel Neighborhood Center.

During the years of World War II was a time when much was needed overseas. In 1945 kits were shipped to Russia.

Thousands of boxes of good used clothing has gone from Kansas through past years to Mather School, Bacone, Europe World Relief, and many other places to meet the needs of the world today.

The result of the work by loving hands: many won to Christ – work for thousands of women – joy to countless multitudes. **No service gives more opportunity to women to go the ‘second mile’ than the White Cross work.**

In 1957-58 the American Baptist Home Mission Society reported that Kansas headed the list of states in White Cross ministry – shipping 1,579 boxes that weighed 24,191 pounds.

In later years the White Cross has changed its plan of operation, especially overseas. Many lands do not want materials from the United States but want local materials used. In these instances, cash quotas have been sent and supplies bought on the mission fields.

Today, purchasing sterile bandages that are lightweight to ship and ready to use has become more cost effective than the rolled bandages from sheets that had to be sterilized before use. **On September 30, 2019, International Ministries began phasing out the physical hand-rolled bandage program in favor of baby kits and financial support for White Cross Ministries.**

Today, the financial need is great, and a direct monetary donation is one of the most cost-effective ways to send help. White Cross financial gifts continue to provide education, food, medical supplies, health kits and health and hygiene training and more to Uganda, Congo, Palestine, Liberia, Panama, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Chile, Haiti, Bolivia, Nepal, India, China, Myanmar and Thailand specifically, and general White Cross funds help respond to needs around the globe.

Donated items are shipped directly to IM global servants who have requested them to distribute, in person, to partners and people in need. Or the White Cross financial gifts are used to purchase items in-country. By responding to these practical needs, global servants establish relationships with individuals for ongoing discipleship.

White Cross celebrates 100 amazing years in 2019 !!

And faithful American Baptist women will continue to provide for the needs of those who have so much less. We loved the relationships built while rolling bandages, but we are willing to be good stewards of God's resources and use the money spent for shipping to purchase other needs for our missionaries.

We still have our memories of the good that we have done, and just as we have made changes in the past, we can do it again.

For example, remember all the quilt blocks that we used to cut for the Philippines. In 1983 Sandra Mosher (missionary in the Philippines) modeled one such dress at a women's conference and left the dress in Central Region as a promotion for White Cross.

But then they started charging duty on the boxes sent in and it was no longer practical, so we sent money instead. (If anyone knows where this dress is now located, we'd love to know and have it back for historical purposes)

Change is difficult but God is faithful! Let's continue doing His work in whatever way is now the best!



Amounts of our cash quota, postage, etc. has only been available since 1970.

Year	# boxes	pounds	Cash	# persons participating
1970-71	1,319		\$ 16,460.84	
1971-72	1,734		\$ 16,700.01	
1972-73	1,860		\$ 20,589.54	
1973-74	2,634		\$ 21,622.15	
1974-75	1,345		\$ 22,141.03	
1975-76	958		\$ 22,703.02	
1977	822		\$ 23,599.99	
1978	913		\$ 27,525.38	
1979	964		\$ 28,607.86	
1980	1,060		\$ 28,769.88	
1981	1,250		\$ 30,981.00	
1982	1,023		\$ 33,909.93	
1983	1,363		\$ 34,165.16	
1984	1,031		\$ 22,304.20	
1985	954		\$ 37,522.05	
1986	2,320		\$ 28,156.28	

Year	# boxes	pounds	Cash	# persons participating
1987	1,758	16,889#	\$ 46,127.40	5,664
1988	1,578	15,790#	\$ 38,245.54	5,339
1989	1,385	15,606#	\$ 44,698.40	5,197
1990	1,321	12,822#	\$ 46,963.00	5,381
1991	1,060	12,760#	\$ 47,856.10	5,122
1992	803	7,140#	\$ 48,105.52	5,003
1993	697	6,181#	\$ 46,541.07	4,509
1994	703	8,460#	\$ 51,823.49	4,175
1995	587	5,661#	\$ 42,248.39	3,859
1996		4,991#	\$ 40,479.71	3,665
1997		4,375#	\$ 42,087.88	2,834
1998		4,462#	\$ 38,741.36	2,739
1999		4,565#	\$ 59,025.21	1,686
2000		4,304#	\$ 22,118.01	3,052
2001		3,196#	\$ 37,885.35	2,764
2002			\$ 48,772.27	3,195
2003			\$ 45,961.80	2,459
2004			\$ 35,821.49	2,473
2005		3,774#	\$ 48,019.40	2,323
2006		4,635#	\$ 37,903.89	1,849
2007		4,621#	\$ 44,637.02	1,953
2008		3,051#	\$ 53,362.78	1,638
2009		1,958#	\$ 42,990.00	1,838
2010		2,926#	\$ 56,067.00	1,795
2011		2,631#	\$ 42,412.00	1,258
2012				
2013				
2014				1,311
2015		785#	\$ 41,132.38	963 from 87 churches
2016		608#	\$ 28,235.44	878 from 59 churches
2017	2000 bandages	200 items	\$ 15,441.95	60 churches
2018		589#	\$ 25,625.54	712 in 58 churches
2019		445#	\$ 19,215.00 incl postage	563 in 58 churches

Total Cash 1970-2019 \$ 1,654,302.71

ABHMS (American Baptist Home Mission Society) has announced that ‘White Cross will be replaced by ‘Operation Planting Hope’.

Quoting from their article: “For many years, through an initiative known as White Cross, faithful American Baptist women have acted as the hands and feet of Christ, providing much-needed gifts and volunteer services to ABHMS mission partners. ABHMS and its partners are eternally grateful for their faithful service. The legacy of those faithful White Cross supporters will be celebrated as part of the launch of ‘Operation Planting Hope’ which will replace White Cross.

‘Operation Planting Hope’ provides opportunities for even more ABHMS’ mission partners to benefit from the financial and hands-on support of ABHMS’ growing volunteer base. ‘Operation Planting Hope’ will allow the support provided by White Cross to continue, while serving a much broader audience at considerably less cost with greater impact and benefit,” says the Rev. Kadia Edwards, ABHMS national coordinator of Volunteer Mobilization and Disaster Response Ministries. “‘Operation Planting Hope’ will allow passionaries’ to volunteer and share gifts of support with a wide range of ABHMS-related partners who are working to heal and transform communities in the United States and Puerto Rico.”