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Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.  
Auxiliary & Parent Body Leaders Reports

2019 Mid-Year Session

Dr. Charles R. Whitfield  
President

November 12-13, 2019

Host Church:

Mount Zion First African Baptist Church  
105 Lankford Ave.  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Host Pastor:

Dr. Alvin Edwards

**THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND  
B.T.U. CONGRESS OF VIRGINIA  
ORGANIZED 1900**

The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.  
Mid-Year Session  
November 13, 2019

Greetings,

The Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of Virginia is pleased to report that we are excited about what God is doing as we pray, plan and prepare for the upcoming Annual Session in July 2020.

As an Auxiliary of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, it is our intent to compliment and supplement the ministry efforts of the Department of Christian Education, while annually providing the opportunity for quality education and Baptist doctrine.

I report that we are a SSPB certified school having successfully offered two certified courses. We are looking for teachers for our upcoming Congress and encourage anyone with bible college or seminary training to consider certification. We also recently contributed over \$4K to the CHVB.

Furthermore, as reported during the last Executive Board meeting, God blessed the BSS&BTU at the last annual Congress held July 22-26, 2019 on the campus of Virginia State University. We had a total of 171 registered delegates, an increase from previous years. Also, the total registration cost was reduced to afford an even greater opportunity for increased attendance. CLS and COPP courses for teacher certifications and future deanship were offered. Additionally, graduation and certificate presentations for student delegates.

We were not able to meet as an Executive Board at the Children's Home of Virginia Baptist scheduled for October 26, 2019 but will be meeting in February 2020 to evaluate, discuss, and plan the activities of our annual session. The scheduled date and tentative location will be July 20th – 24th at Virginia State University; however, we have considered exploring other facilities and lodging options that are most advantageous. Specifically, we are considering the Williamsburg area as host location; the same site of the 2020 VBSC's annual convention.

Future registration information, course offerings and other details will be distributed after our upcoming board meeting and we are seeking statewide support and attendance this year. Please plan on joining us next July. Our goal continues to be able to offer adequate facilities and economic costs, with the vision of increased attendance.

Finally, we express our gratitude to the Virginia Baptist State Convention for your continual support. We are also humbled to have been featured in the most recently published VBSC Newsletter.

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. Kevin M. Northam, President/KMN

# Women-In-Ministry

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November 12, 2019



Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

The **Women-In-Ministry** are continuing to come together in prayer to move forward with this ministry of female ministers. As the Lord brings together women who are encouraged and inspired to see this ministry flourish, we are committed and led by the mandates of God's Word, the mission of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, and through fellowship to make this vision a successful reality.

I believe that the vision of our President for this ministry is a needed one. However, slow the wheels may turn, there are women who feel that his vision is not only needed, it is an initiative that will yield significant results, and strengthen this convention for many years to come. It will further embrace the gifts and talents of all constituents who want to become a viable part of its present and future.

But we need your help:

- We continually need the support of the pastors to encourage their female ministers to participate.
- We can use your input to identify concerns you may have that would lend itself to helping your female ministers.
- We need your prayers, that the will of God will always be the driving force of this ministry.

**With thanks and blessings to you,**

**Rev. Beatrice Williams, State Director**



**The Women's Missionary and Educational Auxiliary of  
The Virginia Baptist State Convention, Inc.**

**Linda P. Goode – President  
Mid-Year Session November 12-13, 2019 Charlottesville, VA**

The WMEA of the VBSC, Inc. reports our summary of activities since the VBSC Executive Board Meeting on August 20, 2019 in Lynchburg, VA.

1. On Saturday September 21, 2019 at 11:00am, the WMEA had our Annual Fall Meeting at The Baptist Children's Home in Petersburg. At that meeting, we gave feedback and wrapped up old business from the Annual Session held in May.
2. We discussed the letter from President Whitfield giving the appeal to contribute to the Dorian Hurricane Relief Fund for the people of Bahamas, Florida and surrounding areas. It was also noted that President Whitfield, in our last Executive Meeting, asked that the WMEA would sponsor five children for the Angle Tree Ministry this year.
3. In a conference call for WMEA officers November 4, 2019, we voted to give \$1,000 to the Disaster Relief fund and purchase Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree Ministry for each child. They live in the Fieldale, VA area and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church – Pastor Carelock and the coordinator in his church will host a program for the children on December 25 to give the gifts.
4. The VUL Board Retreat was held in September in Lynchburg but President Goode was not able to attend.
5. President Goode attended the Walter Cade Annual Regional Laymen's Workshop in Chesapeake at the Delta Hotel in October.
6. President Goode will attend Hayes Allen Day in December along with some of the WMEA women. During that time, there may be a VUL Board Meeting and President Goode will attend.
7. President Goode may attend The National Baptist Convention Winter Meeting in January 2020.

8. Plans are in effect for our upcoming Mission Emphasis in March 2020 and the Annual Convention in May. We look forward to the assistance from The Bethany and Unified Associations for our Annual Session.

Submitted by:

*Linda P. Goode*

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President of the Women's Missionary and Educational Auxiliary of the VBSC, Inc.

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Rev. Luther S. Allen III, Chair  
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**VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION**  
**HOME MISSIONS MINISTRY REPORT**  
**SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

Dear President Whitfield and VBSC Executive Board Members,

Greetings!

From August 24 – September 10, 2019 the nation was focused on Hurricane Dorian and its impact on the Bahamas. As web sites now report, *“Hurricane Dorian was the most intense tropical cyclone on record to strike the Bahamas, and is regarded as the worst natural disaster in the country's history. It was also one of the most powerful hurricanes recorded in the Atlantic Ocean in terms of 1-minute sustained winds, with these winds peaking at 185 mph.”*

Working with President Whitfield, we immediately released a written response asking our constituent churches, organizations, and individuals to direct contributions to The VBSC office. Persons could make donations by mail or by the Convention’s Givelify App.

At the time of this report, I do not have information on the specific amounts donated thus far. Your patience in this area is requested. For those pastors and congregations who have responded with gift cards, supplies, and / or monetary donations, your generosity and compassion are appreciated.

Prayerfully, by the Annual Session in May 2020, I will have a full report on the Convention’s overall response to the needs of the saints in the Bahamas.

Once again, I am soliciting pastors of the Convention to assist in the formation of a Home Missions team. If there is someone in your congregation who leads your Home Missions or missionaries, please have them contact me by cell phone, email, or text message. God bless you.

This ends my report.

Faithfully submitted, on November 13, 2019,

Rev. Luther S. Allen III,  
VBSC Home Missions Director

# Virginia Baptist State Convention Laymen Auxiliary Report

To President Charles Whitfield, Officers, and Delegates of the Virginia Baptist State Convention

The Laymen Auxiliary Report from the Annual Session until now is as follows:

I want to thank President Whitefield, the Officers and members of the Virginia Baptist State Convention for their prayers and a special thanks to those who attended my sister Margaret Myrick Dickerson's Home going service in Petersburg on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Brother Williams Graves, Sam Moore and I attended the National Baptist Congress held in Baltimore Maryland June 17-21, 2019.

My wife and I attended the Laymen Luncheon on July 17, 2019 during the Tidewater Peninsula Baptist Association 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Session at Queen Street Baptist Church in Hampton, VA. The Laymen President Minister Anthony Terry brought the message and I gave an update on the State Laymen objectives for 2019.

I attended the Bethany Baptist Association Annual Session the week of July 22-26, 2019 at the Union Branch Baptist Church, Prince George, VA.

William Graves, Sam Moore and I attended the National Baptist Convention (NBC) Annual Session in New Orleans, Louisiana Sept 2-6, 2019. Vice President William Graves of Roanoke was honored with the Living Legion Award during the Laymen Banquet on Thursday night of the session. This was a great recognition of his work as the Vice President for the Southeast Region for the National Baptist Laymen Movement.

The laymen meet in Richmond and held numerous conference calls to conduct planning for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Walter Cade, Jr Southeast Regional Workshop. This was the third time the workshop was held in Virginia since the laymen were moved to the Southeast Region in 2005.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Walter Cade, Jr Southeast Regional Workshop was held in Chesapeake, VA at the Delta Hotel by Marriott on October 11-13, 2019. The National Theme is "Envisioning The Future Exceptionally As We Send Disciples For Christ" Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16: 15-16; John 20:21 & Luke 24:46-47. A special thanks to the Convention President Dr. Whitfield and to the Women Missionary & Educational Auxiliary President Linda Goode who both attended this year. The National Baptist Laymen Movement President Willie Burke and the National Baptist Laymen Workshop Coordinator Ernest Nickolas also attended. 248 delegates from Florida, Georgia, South



## Virginia Baptist State Convention Laymen Auxiliary Report

Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia attended this year. We held a Welcome Reception on Friday Night for the delegates and this was a first for the Workshop. Georgia won the coveted attendance trophy with 86 delegates attending with North Carolina in second place with 83 delegates. Just 3 delegates separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the closest it has been in many years.

The Tidewater youth did an outstanding job during the Youth program on Friday night. Special youth soloist from Petersburg was \_\_\_\_\_. Six training classes were available this year with a newly added class "The Church's Response to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". The Street Ministry was held at First Baptist Church Campostella, Norfolk where Rev Dr. Tyrone Jackson is Pastor. The Lord blessed throughout the workshop. Come join us for this dynamic workshop in 2020; next year the workshop will be in Augusta, Georgia.

The second Children's Home Work Day for 2019, sponsored by the Tidewater Peninsula Baptist Association Laymen Auxiliary scheduled for October 26, 2019 was cancelled. The next work day will be April 25, 2020.

Humbly Submitted,

Brother Benjamin A. Myrick, III,  
Virginia Baptist State Convention Laymen Auxiliary President



## **VBSC Mid-Year Session**

**11/13/2019**

### **DEACONS AND DEACONESS AUXILLARY**

**The goals of the Deacon/Deaconess auxiliary are to support the Virginia Baptist State Convention by giving full support to the President, Rev. Dr. Charles R. Whitfield, of this mighty organization. We also fully support “Transformational Discipleship, The Church’s Role In A Challenging Culture” Matt. 9:35-36. Therefore, we continue to be dedicated to training, making ourselves available to all Deacons and Deaconess in the state of Virginia for training and other support as needed.**

**The following are noteworthy Deacon/Deaconess Training at the following locations:**

- + Second Calvary Baptist Church**
- + Ebenezer Baptist Church**
- + Otter River Baptist Association**
- + Virginia Baptist State Convention Inc. Annual Session**

- + Children's Home of Virginia Baptist**
- + First Baptist Church Campostella**
- + Antioch Missionary Baptist Church**
- + Rockfish Baptist Association**
- + Goodwill Baptist Church**
- + Shalom Baptist Church**
- + New Beach Grove Baptist Church**
- + Trinity Baptist Church**
- + Little Zion Baptist Church**
- + Free Springs Baptist Church**
- + Tidewater Peninsula Baptist Association**
- + The Deacon/Deaconess 2019 Fall Session was hosted by Pilgrim Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. October 18-19, 2019  
Pastor Dr. Dwight O. Steel preached at the Black and White Banquet, Rev. Barron O Wilson preached our Late Night Service, our facilitators were Minister Larvail Jones/Deacon Joseph Kock  
Upcoming events**
- + The Deacon/Deaconess 2020 Spring Session will be hosted by Children's Home of Virginia Baptist April 11, 2020**
- + Installation of new Deacon/Deaconess Officers at the Virginia Baptist State Convention Inc. Annual Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia. All Deacons/Deaconesses are encouraged to attend.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deacon Danny H. Miller  
President, Deacon & Deaconess Auxiliary**

November 13, 2019

## YPMD Report

Submitted by Dr. L. Micheal Mitchell

The data base of membership in YPMD has been compiled based on the registration forms completed and submitted during the recent annual session there are currently 44 registered members.

Rev. Joseph Charlton, Rev. Tyrone Jackson, and Rev. Herb Woodson have been enlisted to help with YPMD Registration efforts prior to and during the annual session. I have reached out to three of our female YPMD members to also assist in this effort Serlena Parks, Lucy Arrington, and Barbara Jennette.

There will be a more organized and visible effort to recruit and register members in place during the 2020 annual session. The efforts will gain attention by some type of distinctive identification of these enlistees to help bring attention to the registration efforts.

I have request support from selected personal to be stationed at a designated and prominent area for the purpose of enlistment and registration of members of the YPMD at the beginning of the Convention and throughout the week.

I remain optimistic that the division will garner more support, assistance and input from our member Churches as to recognition and registration of their prospective members that should be registered and active members of the YPMD and further how the division can help with the training and development of the next generation of Pastors and Ministers from the local level throughout the State.

The planned training seminar/focus group on Pastoral Ethics and Protocol was not conducted in the month of October due to conflicts with my personal agenda. The location site will be reevaluated and announced at a later date.

I remain optimistic that during the Annual session 2020 YPMD will find an allocated time to conduct a discussion forum on the state of the Preacher In and Out of the Pulpit. For this forum I would like to create a panel of five /six presenters to discuss various predetermined topics as related to the theme of the forum. This forum will be offered and conducted at a determined hour within the time constraints of the Annual Session.

The President has selected the Late Night Preacher for the upcoming annual session and we are looking forward to a blessed series of services during the upcoming late night services.

As reported in August plans are being formulated to generate greater financial support from the late-night services and a special effort and emphasis will be instituted for registration and support from the YPMD during the 2020 Convention.

The music program and other supporting participants will be better coordinated, prepared, and presented for the 2020 session and there will be efforts to maintain a more compact presentation of the services.