

JUNIOR MISSIONARY HANDBOOK

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JUNIOR MISSIONARIES AIM

To motivate action, stimulate thought, and make Junior Missions meaningful through personal contact and projects that will encourage juniors to become senior missionaries.

INTRODUCTION

The Junior Missionary Department is built on four major foundation stones:

Time,
Bible Preparation,
Resource Persons, and
Intriguing Projects

Junior Missionary education is a learning process in which juniors gain their insights through doing.

GOALS IN JUNIOR MISSIONARY

1. To teach that Christ is the Savior needed by the entire world.
2. To emphasize God's missionary plan for the entire world.
3. To teach that "MISSION" includes our own land as well as foreign fields.
4. To help pupils be sympathetic and interested in the needs of others.
5. To teach that giving and praying are important parts of our responsibility to missions.
6. To make clear the term "MISSIONARY" includes all Christians - not just those who actually go to foreign countries.
7. To lead boys and girls to the place where they will say, from their hearts, "Here am I, send me."

HISTORY

The Junior Missionary Department Was Designed With the Young in Mind!

Our founder, Bishop W.E. Fuller, Jr. deliberated for years for this addition to our church, and finally it became a reality. The Jr. Missionary Department was organized June 8, 1974 in the General Council. Two National Directresses were elected, Sis. Pelma Elliott was assigned to the Northern Diocese and Sis. Cleve Mack was assigned to the Southern Diocese.

The Jr. Missionary Department is to the Fire Baptized Holiness Church what basic training is to the armed forces. We prepare young people for the battlefield of life. Our only weapon is our sword, the Word of God.

In 1978 three National Directresses were elected. Sis. Cleve Mack, chairperson, assigned to the First Episcopal Diocese, Sis. Pelma Elliott assigned to the Second Episcopal Diocese, and Sis. Demetri Braxton was assigned to the Third Episcopal Diocese. During the annual conventions of 1979, District Directresses of the Jr. Missionary Department were appointed to each district, this has really been a blessing to our church. During the interim of the General Council, 1983, Sis. Brenda O. Conley was assigned National Directress of the Second Episcopal Diocese.

We are the ONLY organization in our church not required to raise money nor report to conventions and District officers, except, for special projects. Our first project was to build a headquarters in Jamaica, West Indies. In 1976 we carried \$500.00 to Jamaica to start a Building Fund. In 1977 we had \$1,100.00 which we used to erect a small building to worship, since the church had been destroyed. In January 1988, we dedicated the W.E. Fuller Jr. Headquarters and Mission Home in Jamaica, West Indies.

Permission was granted for us to hold our first Jr. Missionary Day service in the Sisters of Charity Convention in 1976.

The second Saturday in February has been instituted as our National Prayer Day since 1981 by our Bishops and will be observed each year.

During the 26th Quadrennial General Council, Sis. Cleve Mack, chairlady, was assigned to the First Episcopal Diocese, Sis. Demetri Braxton to the Second, and Sis. Brenda O. Conley to the Third.

Sis. Demetri Braxton was appointed chairlady in June 2002 during the 28th Quadrennial General Council.

The Jr. Missionary Department is growing and going for the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas. We are telling young people everywhere to **"Be A Missionary Everyday"**.

Our Convention History

- 1976 - Southern Convention - Spartanburg, Bethel
Theme: "The Ingredients of Spiritual Growth"
Speaker: Sis. C. Mack, Subject - "Grow and Go"
Northern Convention - Knoxville, Mt. Moriah
Speaker: Sis. P. Elliott, Subject - "Divine Pardon"
- 1977 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Discovering New Horizons in Missions"
- 1978 - Southern Convention - Todd Park, Mt. Zion
Northern Convention - Washington, Tried Stone
Theme: "Ye Shall Receive Power"
- 1979 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Jr. Missionary Cycle, Each One Reach One"
- 1980 - Southern Convention - Thomasville, Zion Tabernacle
Northern Convention - Detroit, St. James
Theme: "Christ for the Missionary Crisis"
- 1981 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Into all the World - Sharing Our Missionary Vision"
- 1982 - Southern Convention - Gastonia, Brice Tabernacle
Northern Convention - Baltimore, New Jerusalem
Theme: "Jr. Missionary Round-Up"
- 1983 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Jr. Missionary - Peace Treaty"
- 1984 - Southern Convention - Ft. Lauderdale, Thompson Temple
Northern Convention - Newark, St. Paul
Theme: "Jr. Missionaries Keeping the Charge"
- 1985 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Strengthening Jr. Missionary Ties - Dedication - Duty - Dilligence"
- 1986 - Southern Convention - Charlotte, New Bethlehem
Northern Convention - Washington, Tried Stone
Theme: "Jr. Missionaries Soaring to New Heights"

1987 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Build It On Love and Watch It Grow"

1988 - Southern Convention - Jacksonville, True Vine
Northern Convention - Brooklyn, Mt. Calvary
Theme: "Jr. Missionaries Reflecting Christ to the World"

1989 - Joint Convention - Greenville, The Youth Center
Theme: "Accepting God's Guidelines for Missionary Service"

JUNIOR MISSIONARY THEME SONG

Be a missionary everyday,
Tell the world that Jesus is the way.

Be it in the town or country or busy avenue,
Africa or Asia, the task is up to you.

So - be a missionary everyday,
Tell the world that Jesus is the way.

The Lord is soon returning,
There is no time to loose.

So - be a missionary, God's own Emissary,
Be a missionary, today.

Let's Go!!

JUNIOR MISSIONARY QUOTE

Vision without work is Visionary.

Work without vision is Mercenary.

Vision and Work are Missionary.

PROCEDURES

I. Bible training

A. Devotional Service

1. Hymn
2. Prayer
3. Scripture
4. Song

B. Organization (Beginning of year)

1. President and Vice
2. Secretary and Assistant
3. Treasurer
4. Chair of Committees
 - a. Sick
 - b. Activities

II. Bible Studies

A. Birth of Christ (mission - to save the world)

B. Other Bible Missionaries

1. Peter and John
2. Paul and Silas
3. Dorcas
4. Other New Testament Missionaries
5. Old Testament Characters

C. Bible Stories

1. Isaac's life saved
2. David, The Shepherd Boy
3. Nine Ungrateful men
4. Joseph, The Dreamer
5. Samson, Wasted his strength
6. Samuel, In the Temple
7. Moses, The Leader
8. Solomon, The Wisest Man
9. Many others

D. Missionary Playlets

1. Use real characters
2. Use commercial materials

E. Resource Speakers

F. Missionary Biographies

1. Fire Baptized Holiness Church
 - a. Bishop W. E. Fuller, Sr.
 - b. Others - Home and Foreign (Male)
 - c. Sister Caroline Phelps
 - d. Others - Home and Foreign (Female)
2. Present F. B. H. Missionaries
3. Other Missionaries
 - a. Worldwide missionaries

- b. Nation and State missionaries
- c. District and local missionaries

G. Evangelistic Services - District(s)

III. Achieving Strength and Togetherness

A. Evangelistic Services – Local, District(s)

1. Theme for Meeting (monthly or seasonally)
 - a. Winning Souls for Christ
 - b. Onward, Outward, Upward
 - c. Put Your Faith to Work
 - d. Witnessing for Christ

2. Fellowship Night

B. Round Table Discussions

1. For Christ, I'd Rather Fight Than Switch
2. Drug Trip versus A Salvation Journey
3. Dealing Positively with Peer Pressure
4. Use other appropriate subjects
 - a. Use Scriptures to prove reasons
 - b. Use examples and experiences

C. Field Trips and Tours

1. To other FBH churches with missionary projects
2. To educational programs (wherever possible)

D. Biblical Word Contests

E. Biblical Questionnaires

F. Missionary Book Reviews

G. Conduct Missionary Bible Study

1. At each church
2. Two or more churches
3. Entire District (Have informed teacher)

H. Crafts and Exhibits

I. Drama and Pantomimes

J. Use of Audio-Visuals

1. Maps, charts, bulletin boards
2. Biblical films, filmstrips
3. Posters, chalkboard
4. Collections, handi-work
5. Resource Person(s)

K. Concerts: Local or Professional

IV. Involvement in home, community, and foreign fields

A. Adopt a Senior Mother

1. Provide transportation to church
2. Assist with in-home care
3. Do errands
4. Other assistance as needed and able to perform

B. Visit aging and homebound

1. Give home nursing care
2. Assist "new" and "young" mothers

3. Shop and do other errands
4. Provide food and clothing, if needed

C. Visit Crippled Children's Home(s)

1. Give talking books, toys, other
2. Give flowers to all shut-ins
3. Present art and other craft materials
4. Take them out sometimes
5. Teach them how to make things
6. Teach the love of God
7. Birthday Remembrances: cards, letters

D. Visits Hospitals and Rest Homes

1. Contribute letter-writing services
 - a. Thank-you notes
 - b. Thinking of you notes
2. Visit Troubled and Distressed
 - a. Sing a song that is liked
 - b. Read a Scripture that is liked
 - c. Always pray before leaving

E. Tape Ministry

1. Shut-ins
2. College Students
3. Military People
4. Others who are away and cannot attend services

- F. Visit Foreign Fields
- G. Write to Foreign Missionaries
- H. Birthday Remembrances of Junior Missionary Members

V. Series of Programs for the Year

- A. January: The Month of Open Doors
 - 1. Pantomimes - March of the Months
 - 2. Character to represent each month
 - a. Scripture for each character
 - b. Songs for the occasion
 - c. Demonstrations using commercial and non-commercial materials
- B. February: The Month of Love/Self-Worth
 - 1. The Parade of Hearts (program)
 - 2. Black History Appreciation
 - a. Negro Spirituals
 - b. Church History
 - c. Negro National Anthem
 - d. Black Struggles – Then and Now
 - 3. Carry valentines to shut-ins of all ages
 - 4. Carry candy, fruit, and gifts
- C. March: Month of Winds
 - 1. Theme: Going Against Wind and Tide
 - a. Put on the whole armor

b. Why we must be strong

2. Handicrafts, other projects
3. Bible stories - Spring - trees

D. April: The Month of Showers

1. Research scriptures about water, seas, etc.
2. Story of Noah - Parade of animals
3. Donate rain-kerchiefs, umbrellas
4. Give baskets of fresh vegetables and fruit
5. Spring Fashion (modeling things made)

E. May: The Month of Honoring Mothers

1. Mary, Mother of Jesus
2. Solomon and two mothers
3. Mother of Samuel, Moses and others
4. Mother's Day Program
5. Activities:
 - a. Make and send greetings
 - b. Make floral arrangements
 - c. Decorate the Church
 - d. Pin corsages on Mothers

F. June: The Month of Graduates, Brides and Roses

1. Graduation Day (cards and gifts)
2. Children's Day; plan a program
3. Father's Day; Fathers of the Bible

G. July: The Month of Flags

1. Study the Christian Pledge
2. Study flags of foreign fields

H. August: The Month of Preparation for the Youth Congress

1. Transportation to the Congress
2. Costumes for participation

I. September: The Month of Harvest Time

1. The Reapers of biblical days
2. Turning of leaves
3. Aid in the harvesting of souls (Revival)
4. Study of seasonal flowers

J. October: The Month of Miracles

1. Jesus Walking on the water
2. Feeding of five thousand and more
3. Many blessed, healed and brought to life
4. Christ Teaching
5. Treats and other necessities for underprivileged youths
6. Study in the Gift of the Holy Ghost
7. Halloween Luncheon

K. November: The Month of Special Thanks

1. A verse of Scripture to represent each letter in the word: "THANKSGIVING"
2. Many Psalms – learn at least one new one
3. Missionary sermon: one or more

4. All-day service (dinner)

L. December: The Month of Jesus' Birthday

1. Give a needed gift to the Church
2. Caroling: Home, Church, Community, other places
3. A special celebration for senior citizens
4. Christmas Sermon, Program, etc.
5. Christmas gifting time

WHO IS A MISSIONARY?

A Preacher of righteousness winning lost souls.
A Miner for God seeking His precious gold.
A Teacher helping them God's Word to know.
An Explorer showing men the right way to go.
A Builder of God's house, His work to proclaim.
A Healer of those who are sick, blind, or lame.
An Ambassador representing the heavenly King.
That men of all nations His praises may sing.
Your missionary must be all things to all men,
that they might know Christ and be born again.

SUGGESTIVE READINGS

Testing Ideas For Mission Emphasis

David C. Cook Publishing Company, 1969

Missionary Program Guide for Adult and Young People

Meigs Publishing Company

Missionary Programs for the Church

Standard Publishing Company, 1969

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JOB DESCRIPTIONS

President:

- Preside over meetings
- Prepare agenda
- Present short/long term plans

Vice President:

- Assist president
- Preside in absence of president

Secretary:

- Record meetings
- Maintain records

Assistant Secretary:

- Assist secretary

Committees:

Sick:

- Make known the sick and their needs
- Plans for meeting their needs

Activities:

- Prepare for special days
- Plan extra activities

CLOSING COMMENTS

The information contained in these pages is provided as a guide only. You are encouraged to be creative, sensitive, and in tune to the Lord to adapt these guidelines to the needs of your local group.

The information has been compiled after much prayer, diligent research, and thoughtful preparation, to be USED!!!