

MINUTES
of the
83rd Annual Session
of the
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Convening at
Heads Free Will Baptist Church
Cedar Hill, Tennessee
August 23, 2003

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**Proceedings of the 83rd Annual Session
of the
Cumberland District Women Active for Christ
August 23, 2003**

The 83rd annual Cumberland District Women Active for Christ (CDWAC) convened at Heads Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant View, Tennessee, on August 23, 2003. Marla Walker welcomed the 66 attendees and opened in prayer after a special prelude by Anna Snow, daughter of short-term missionaries, Jonathan & Teresa Snow. Angie Outlaw led hymns, while Jonathan Snow accompanied at the piano.

After Angie Outlaw's special music, "Take My Life," we watched a PowerPoint presentation developed by David Snow and accompanied by Jonathan Snow, "Hallelujah for the Cross." Teresa Snow sang, "Let Me See this World the Way You See," then talked about the Lord's direction for her family to go to Japan as short-term music missionaries. The Lord, the Master tuner, has all the pieces to the puzzles of our lives, she emphasized. The foundation of Christian families, education choices, musical talent, travel, cultural exposure, opportunities for outreach, and a vision for the needs of Japan has prepared the Snows to answer God's call for missionary service in Japan. They will be part of a church planting team, using music as an opportunity for evangelism and for developing a more meaningful worship experience in Japanese churches. The current Japanese interest in gospel music (in English!) makes this especially an effective time to participate in this ministry. Timing is important for them to be able to contribute during the Christmas season, to find more economical airline ticket prices, and to replace the Bishop family while they are home on furlough. Teresa encouraged others to also consider using the talents and gifts God has given them to find open doors for ministry to other countries. We have different instruments, but we must all tune to the Master Tuner and allow Him to use whatever we are to build His Kingdom.

The Snow's presentation included several highlights: a vocal duet, "We have a Mission," from Elizabeth and Jonathan; a piano duet of "Heaven Came Down" by Jonathan and Teresa (at Elizabeth Hodges' special request); and a special set of handbells for the entire congregation to use to play "Amazing Grace" and "Holy, Holy, Holy." David Snow played, "How Majestic is Thy Name," for the offertory at the conclusion of their presentation.

Elizabeth Hodges appointed committees before dismissing everyone for a generous and delicious brunch provided by the Heads women.

The Business session reconvened as Angie Outlaw led, "Come Thou Fount." Myrtle Reeds led in the Memorial Service, giving tribute to Viola Nicholson and Nadine Sterry, both of Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Delegates were seated after approval of the report of the Credentials committee. Twenty women's groups were eligible and their reports examined by Carol Reid and Beverly Riggs. Smyrna FWB church has disbanded and there was no report from Loyal Chapel's women's groups, accounting for the loss of two groups since last year. The secretary's report followed. By written reports, we have gained 26 new members and lost 22 through the course of the year. However, by amount of dues paid, we have grown from the 2002 number 287 (which did reflect 15 members who had paid dues twice), to 314 dues-paying members this year. We are thankful for them all!

The registration committee reported that sixteen women's groups were represented at the

meeting, with 8 district officers, 6 local presidents, 23 delegates, 1 pastor, 5 short-term missionaries, and 23 visitors, totaling 66 in attendance. Laura Beem and Lilly Duncan served on this committee.

The Resolutions Committee submitted six resolutions, summarized here with a full report following. These were each passed in an item by item vote. First, the convention approved that \$50 honorariums be given to the editor of *Chimes*, the recording secretary, and the treasurer. Second, the convention approved that the 84th annual convention be held August 28, 2004 at Hendersonville FWB Church and that the Spring retreat be held at Montgomery Bell State Park on March 26-27, 2004. Third, the convention expressed appreciation to: the women and pastor of the Heads FWB Church for their hospitality and to the musicians for their services; to the Snow family, Jonathan, Teresa, David, Elizabeth and Anna, for providing a splendid program; and to the CDWAC officers for their work in planning the convention and the retreat. In the fourth resolution, the women affirmed the resolutions passed at the National WNAC Convention concerning the distribution of foreign student scholarships and our opposition to same-sex marriages. After some discussion, the convention approved a resolution that we send the following suggestion to the TWAC meeting at the state retreat in October: that the TWAC meet at the state retreat biannually and then annually (alternate years) with the Tennessee State Meeting. Finally, the convention approved the resolution that we thank the nominating committee for their efforts and that we pray especially for the new officers. The Resolutions committee was comprised of Dr. Mary Wisheart, Carolyn Lane, Ramona Lee, and Mary Jane Wildmone.

The Plan of Work Committee's report was also approved by the convention delegates. They suggested that each women's group use the following calendar to support our denomination's programs, which reflects the "Together Way" plan adopted by the National Association: August--WNAC Emphasis Month Offering; September--Student Loan & Rest of the Family Offering; October--WNAC General Fund offering; November--National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering); December--Free Will Baptist Bible College (Christmas Project offering); January--Enlistment and Support; February--Foreign Student Scholarship Fund; March--State Project (to be announced at the State Meeting); April--Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering); May--Trula Cronk Home for Children Offering (Mother's Day Offering); June--Cumberland Youth Camp; and July--open for local projects. The committee members were Sarah Fletcher, Melissa Farmer, Christy Britton, and Bonna Smith.

The Finance Committee, Barbara Nicholson, Peggy Tackett, and Leigh Binkley, reported that they had examined the treasurer's records and report, which indicated a balance of \$975.25 as of July 31, 2003. Their recommendation that the entire (record-setting) morning offering be sent to the Snow account was approved by the delegates. The delegates also approved their recommendation that \$300 be given to Teresa Snow as an honorarium.

Barbara Nicholson, treasurer, distributed her written report and review it for convention attendees. Dues from five women were received after the report was completed and will be reflected in next year's report. She commended the 314 CDWAC women for their active support of missions with gifts of over \$23,000 this year. Her report was approved as presented and is included with other reports in these minutes.

Yvonne Hampton reported from WNAC's national headquarters. She thanked the Cumberland District for their support of WNAC and missions. She mentioned that *Co-Laborer* hopes to be a full color magazine next year and encouraged our women to subscribe. She reported that over \$20,000 had been given on our project to furnish the Missionary in Residence

home at FWBBC, but some items still are available for women's groups to "purchase" through their gifts to the house. Tennessee's women gave \$6200 toward that national project. WNAC has sold out of its 2000 cookbooks and is considering a reorder; be sure to see Yvonne if you are interested in that. Our giving to missions through WNAC is up this year; the support for WNAC is slightly up as well. Some women are now giving monthly, by faith promise, to support the work of WNAC. The National Office continues to work hard to involve young women in the organization. Deleen Cousineau, FWB missionary to Cote D'Ivoire, and Rosalee Renquist, of New Tribes Mission, spoke at our National Convention in Tampa, FL this year where 766 registered for the meeting. Yvonne again mentioned the two resolutions, assigning foreign scholarships and opposing same sex marriages, passed by the convention. Three new officers were elected as well. Total membership to WNAC is up 130 members. WNAC channeled \$2.5 million to missions and missions objectives in the past 5 years. In addition, the women have given more than \$17,700 to an organ for FWBBC. Yvonne congratulated Janis Williams of Fellowship FWB for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Creative Arts competition. She also mentioned the National Marriage Retreat, planned in conjunction with Master's Men, for September 19-21. The October 29-31, 2004 National Retreat is planned for Ridgecrest. Yvonne also encouraged women to get a new Program and Plan book for use during the coming year and to see the book display in the fellowship hall.

The Tennessee Women Active for Christ report was presented by Gladys Gragg, state treasurer. 433 dues-paying members were reported this year with gifts of over \$47,000 (more than \$20,000 from the Cumberland). She mentioned that TWAC had received \$1400 of its \$2000 goal toward the State Project, the Crisis Intervention Fund of the Foreign Missions Board. This fund serves as an emergency evacuation fund for foreign missionaries if their places of service are threatened. Gladys also told delegates that the new Unified Giving Plan adopted by Tennessee also includes TWAC; through it, \$357.16 has been given so far to our state association. Judy Lytle will be the speaker at our upcoming retreat, October 2-4, in Pigeon Forge. There is still room for additional registrations at the Music Road Inn. Sandy Atwood will speak at our state convention in Cookeville on November 11. This is Gladys's last term to serve as State Treasurer; she encouraged the women of our district to consider serving in this role. She thanked the women of CDWAC for their prayers and help after complications of her gall bladder surgery.

The report of the Nominations Committee was given by Carol Reid. Carolyn Lane and Beverly Riggs served with her. The slate of officers was approved, electing the following to office for the 2003-2005 term:

President: Barbara Nicholson (Good Springs)
Vice President: Cheri Ham (Cofers)
Secretary: Yvonne Hampton (Woodbine)
Treasurer: Gladys Gragg (East)
Missions Prayer: Lilly Duncan (Bethel)
Missions Action: Tina Moser (LaVergne)
Missions Study: Myra Austin (Woodbine)
Field Chairman: Mary Ruth Wisheart (Cofers)

Addresses and phone numbers of key officers were given to the delegates. The convention commended its outgoing officers.

Elizabeth Hodges commended our women for their contribution to the work of Tennessee State and the State's contribution to the National work. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Reports

Memorial Service

Viola Nicholson, Good Springs FWB, was a very quiet, sweet, humble lady who raised seven children. Always faithful to her church and Lord, she was a living example of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31.

Nadine Sterry, Good Springs, was a dear, sweet lady who was an example of a faithful wife who loved her husband. She could warm your heart with her sweet smile. Though never in the spotlight, she was always faithful to her church and Savior.

Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report. According to Article 4 of the Constitution and Article 4 Sections 1 and 2 of the By-Laws, the following women's groups are eligible to be seated in the Cumberland District Women Active for Christ convention:

Ashland City	Good Springs
Bethel	Heads
Bethlehem	Hendersonville
Cofer's Chapel	LaVergne
Corner Stone	Mt. Zion
Cross Timbers	Olivet
Donelson	Shady Grove
East Nashville	Trinity
Faith (Nashville)	West End
Fellowship	Woodbine

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Riggs, Carol Reid.

Secretary's Report

Twenty women's groups reported; by their written reports, there were 26 new members and 22 members lost. However our enrollment at the beginning of the year was 272 (with an additional 15 counted in last year's reports because of paying dues twice in the year's time) and a present total enrollment of 314 dues-paying members.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Reid.

Registration Committee

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

- 16 women's groups representing
- 8 District Officers
- 6 Local presidents
- 23 Delegates
- 1 pastor
- 5 Missionaries (short-term to Japan)

23 Visitors
66 Total registration.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Beem and Lilly Duncan

Resolutions Committee: Appreciation/Petitions and Requests

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that \$50 honorariums be given the editor of *Chimes*, the recording secretary, and the treasurer.
2. Be it resolved that the 84th annual convention be held August 28, 2004 at Hendersonville FWB Church and the spring Retreat held at Montgomery Bell State Park on March 26-27, 2004.
3. We wish to express appreciation to the following: (a) the women and the pastor of the Heads FWB Church for their hospitality, and the musicians for their services. (b) the Snow Family, Jonathan, Teresa, David, Elizabeth, and Anna for providing a splendid program, (c) the CDWAC officers for their work in planning the convention and retreat.
4. Be it resolved that the women of CDWAC support the resolutions passed at the National WNAC convention.
5. Be it resolved that the CDWAC send the following suggestion to the TWAC meeting at the state retreat in October: that the TWAC meet at the state retreat biannually and biannually with the Tennessee state meeting.
6. Be it resolved that we thank the Nominating Committee for their efforts and that we pray especially for the new officers.

Respectfully submitted, Mary R. Wisheart, Carolyn Lane, Ramona Lee, and Mary Jane Wildmone

Plan of Work Committee

We, the Plan of Work Committee, suggest the following projects for the year:

August: WNAC Emphasis Month Offering

September: Student Loan & Rest of the Family Offering for WNAC/Executive Office/Master's Men/Retirement & Insurance/Commissions/NYC

October: WNAC General Fund

November: National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering)

December: Free Will Baptist Bible College

January: Enlistment and Support

February: Foreign Student Scholarship

March: State Project

April: Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering)

May: Trula Cronk Home for Children (Mother's Day Offering)

June: Cumberland Youth Camp

July: Open

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Fletcher, Melissa Farmer, Christy Britton, Bonna Smith

Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee, have checked the treasurer's records and find the entries reported to be in accordance with the District Constitution and By-Laws.

1. We have examined the treasurer's report, which shows a balance of \$975.25 as of 7-31-03.
2. We recommend that the entire morning offering of \$520 be sent to the Snow's account.
3. We recommend that \$300 be given to Teresa Snow as an honorarium.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Nicholson, Peggy Tackett, Leigh Binkley.

CDWAC Treasurer's Report
August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003

Balance Forward		1,073.25
Received		
Convention Offering		166.00
Dues		3,380.00
	29 @ 10.00 (2000-2001)	290.00
	309 @10. (2001-2002)	3,090.00
WNAC		3,344.45
	General Fund	1,372.45
	Emphasis	1,358.00
	Provision Closet	374.00
	Foreign Student Scholarship	115.00
	Memorial Student Loan	125.00
TWAC		1,521.51
	General Fund (includes dues)	96.50
	State Project (Crisis Intervention)	1,390.01
	Other (Tn Missionaries & Sweeney)	35.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College		872.50
	General Fund	55.00
	Paul Kettelman Memorial	112.50
	FWBBC Organ Fund	325.00
	Mission House Project	380.00
Foreign Missions		7,066.65
	LBB Offering	2,367.50
	Missionary Accounts	3,067.00
	TN Walkathon	1,632.15
Home Missions		2,772.15
	General Fund	
	Lizzie McAdams Offering	1,053.15
	Missionary Accounts	1,719.00
Cumberland Youth Camp		816.00
Trula Cronk Home for Children		518.00
Rest of Family		206.44
CDWAC Dues & Offerings		308.00
WNAC Co-Laborer Magazines		147.00
Retreat Montgomery Bell (Registration & Offering)		940.00
Total Cash on Hand		23,131.95
Less Disbursements		(22,156.70)
Balance on Hand		975.25

CDWAC Treasurer's Report
August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003
Disbursements

DUES		3,380.00
Dues (02-03) 309 @ 10.00	3,090.00	
(01-02) 29 @ 10.00	290.00	
WNAC General Fund		1,572.45
Emphasis Offering		1,358.00
Provision Closet		374.00
Foreign Student Scholarship		115.00
Memorial Student Loan		125.00
TWAC Dues		84.50
TWAC General Fund		12.00
State Project		1,650.01
TWAC Other		35.00
Foreign Missions		7,232.65
Home Missions		2,772.15
Free Will Baptist Bible College		1,172.50
Cumberland Youth Camp		816.00
Trula Cronk Home for Children		518.00
Rest of Family		206.44
Honorariums		450.00
Convention Speakers	100.00	
Retreat Speaker	200.00	
District Officers	150.00	
Miscellaneous CDWAC Expense		118.00
Convention Supplies	25.00	
District Expenses	93.00	
Montgomery Bell Retreat		
Montgomery Bell Deposit		
Miscellaneous		165.00
Co-Laborer Magazines	147.00	
Bank Charges	18.00	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

22,156.70

2003 WNAC REPORT TO CUMBERLAND DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

"Lifting Up Our Eyes" is the theme for Women Active for Christ in 2003. Our scripture verse is Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." How comforting it is to look to the God of creation for strength and inner peace during these days of global turmoil.

Reflecting on 2002, Women Active for Christ has some good things to rejoice over.

1. Partnership with Master's Men, we hosted the first FWB National Marriage Enrichment Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Eighty-four couples listened and learned valuable information on a variety of marriage enrichment topics. Many attendees rated the conference as "the best ever attended."
2. We made a dream come true. We purchased all the furniture for the Missionary In Residence House and had it in place in time for missionary Curt Holland and family to move in before Christmas. Our WNAC women joined hands quickly and responded generously with commitments and funds to complete this \$20,000 redecorating project. Tennessee women were top givers to the MIR house in 2002 and have given a total of \$6,195 to this project to date.
3. We published and successfully marketed *The Fruit of Our Hands* cookbook. The cookbook was a compilation of 1200 recipes from 800 contributors. We're considering a re-order on the cookbook if we have enough interest.
4. For the third year in a row, we granted three scholarships to students studying for ministry overseas. Each scholarship was for a thousand dollars.
5. Giving to WNAC's general fund was up in 2002. To our faithful supporters and friends who made a Faith Promise Commitment for regular monthly support, we thank you. Your gift made a difference.
6. Gifts to missions and missionary objectives were also up. God loves a cheerful giver and so do we.

Your WNAC staff, Marjorie Workman, Yvonne Hampton, Martha Harris and Sarah Fletcher, appreciate the encouragement you give to WNAC.

Membership

A total of 19 states and three districts (with no state organization) plus three local groups (with no district or state organization) reported a total of 6577 members last year. Tennessee reported 3 districts and 51 local groups with a total of 433 members (up 5 members from last year). This year already we have had 31 new groups interested in organizing including one from Tennessee.

Giving

Tennessee was first in giving to WNAC's General Fund, the Emphasis Offering, and in per capita giving. Keep up the good work.

Thank you for your generous gifts. You gave the following in 2002:

Dues	\$ 4,290.00
General Fund	\$ 5,587.69
Emphasis Offering	\$ 2,018.03
Endowment Trust	\$ 500.00
Provision Closet	\$ 309.05
Student Loan	\$ 104.00
Rest of the Family	\$ 408.76
Together Way	\$ 2,232.48
Colleges	\$ 2,064.37
Missions Objectives	\$ 2,938.59
Foreign Student Scholarship	\$ 692.43
Foreign Missions	\$10,899.59
World Missions	\$ 2,102.36
Home Missions	\$ 5,882.01
Mission House	\$ 3,973.00
TOTAL GIFTS	\$44,002.36

2003 CONVENTION—TAMPA, FLORIDA

2003 Creative Arts Contest

Congratulations to Janis Williams who won first, second and third place in the Arts category,

Newly Elected Officers

Debe Taylor (AR), President; Joanne King (NC), Vice President; Phyllis York (KY), Secretary; Members at Large, Carolyn Hendrix (AL), Linda Harvey (AZ) and Shirley Jackson (MO).

Resolutions

Voted to continue scholarships to Cuban seminary students and two African Bible Institute students and granted a \$1,000 scholarship to pastoral students studying in India.

Encouraged to contact elected officials to oppose legislation concerning same-sex marriages.

FUTURE EVENTS

- August—WNAC Emphasis Month. Your gifts help underwrite WNAC's office expense. (See the 2003 Program and Plan Book for the Enlistment Program.)
- National Marriage Enrichment Conference, September 19-21, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.
- Pre-Thanksgiving Week of prayer for Home Missions, November 17-21.
- 2004 WNAC Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina—October 29-30.

Did you know?

- that our women have given \$505,071.95 in cash and non-cash gifts to the Provision Closet in the past 10 years.
- that we have given over \$2,500,000 in the past five years to all causes.
- that we are getting ready to present a check to FWBBC for \$17,701.92 to purchase a new organ.

Greetings from the Tennessee Women Active for Christ!

From looking over our records, we indeed are Women Active for Christ. At the end of our 2002-working year we recorded 433 dues paying members and gave over \$51,000 to various denominational agencies and other projects.

This year has been a good year. I believe we will be up in membership since I already show 183 members paying dues and the bulk of the dues usually come in between August and October.

Our project for this year is The *Crisis Intervention Fund*. This was a fund set up to help defray the expense of bringing the Ivory Coast Missionaries home who had to be evacuated due to unrest in the Ivory Coast. Our goal is \$2,000 and to date we have \$1,465.01. I believe we will be able to complete this project this year. Completing a project in the same year is very unusual but TWAC is an unusual group of women.

TWAC has had to depend on fundraisers to keep our general fund healthy and this year we have had some help. As you know we receive 25 cents from each membership dues. It takes a lot of 25 cents to maintain a general fund. At the State meeting last year the *Unified Giving* plan was adopted for Tennessee. And guess what? TWAC was included in this plan. Our first check was \$11.10. We thought that was great but each month this money has gradually increased. One month we had \$71.60. We have received \$357.16 from this fund. Thank you churches that participate.

Our State Retreat will be held at Pigeon Forge again this year October 2 - 4 with Judy Lytle, former missionary to Panama, as our speaker. Our State Meeting will be held at Cookeville November 10-12 with Sandy Atwood, wife of Richard Atwood of Home Missions speaking. We have about 70 women registered for the retreat but, hopefully, this number will increase dramatically. Myrtle Reeds, our Field Worker, has more information on the retreat, business, dates and deadlines.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your TWAC Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Gragg
TWAC Treasurer

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**Constitution
of the
Cumberland District Women Active For Christ**

With the aim to involve every woman in the Cumberland District churches in some phase of group/auxiliary work, thus helping her to fulfill her place as given by Christ in the Great Commission, we adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws:

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Cumberland District Women Active For Christ (CDWAC).

Article II

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each local church together for the purpose of fellowship, sharing of information, and encouraging one another in the work of the Lord.

Article III

The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, field worker, missions study chairman, missions prayer chairman, and missions action chairman. These shall constitute the executive committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transacting of business.

Article IV

This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention, together with local president and two delegates (duly accredited by the Credentials Committee) from each local group/auxiliary.

If there are two groups/auxiliaries—the general director and two delegates from each group/auxiliary would be allowed to vote.

Article V

At least one annual session of the convention should be held for the election of officers and transaction of business. Semi-annual or quarterly meetings may be held at the discretion of the convention.

Notification of meetings shall be mailed to local presidents fifteen days before the date of meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1. President—The president shall preside over all meetings and serve as chairman of the executive committee, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be an ex-officio member of all committees, see that reports are made promptly to the state, and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. Vice President—The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, or by her request, and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the general work.

Section 3. Secretary—The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings and preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office. She shall also send a report to the state convention. The secretary shall also serve as historian keeping a historical record, submitting historical information to the state secretary annually.

Section 4. Treasurer—The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay same out only when authorized by the convention. She shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each meeting of the convention. The treasurer shall also send an annual report to the state treasurer. She shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC Gift Plan, individual giving, and special offerings.

Section 5. Field Worker — The field worker shall have charge of all field work pertaining to, or necessary to, the promotion of the work of the convention. She should visit local groups/auxiliaries, perhaps teach study courses, and help in the organizing of new groups/auxiliaries.

Section 6. Mission Study Chairman — She shall work with the local chairmen through personal contact or correspondence and shall secure the cooperation of the local chairmen in encouraging and promoting study groups in their churches.

Section 7. Mission Prayer Chairman — She shall work with the local chairmen to promote family altars, special seasons of prayer, prayer retreats, and the prayer fellowship through local groups/auxiliaries. She shall offer them periodic suggestions for the promotion of family altars and other prayer endeavors, and encourage them to keep current missionary requests before their group/auxiliary.

Section 8. Mission Action Chairman — She shall promote mission action projects on local level through world-wide levels. She shall encourage each local mission action chairman to involve as many women in her church as she can in active participation in community missions, for example, Bible study groups, child evangelism efforts, door-to-door visitation, hospital visitation.

Article II

The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee, and elected by acclamation unless there are other nominations. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the annual convention.

The general officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are installed.

Article III

The general officers shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their official duties subject to approval by the executive committee and presented in writing to the CDWAC treasurer. All field promotional work is subject to the district executive committee, who should approve work done by district officers in the interest of district work as well as expense for same. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the convention.

Article IV

Section 1. Executive Committee – The executive committee shall hold meetings for the transaction of business and to prepare the program for the annual meeting of the convention. It shall maintain an oversight of the work at large, having authority to call extra sessions of the committee when necessary and act for the convention concerning any matter, and to fill vacancies occurring between elections. A proxy may act for a member provided she has written authority from the member for whom she acts.

Section 2. Resolutions Committee – A resolution committee of five members shall be appointed by the president as needed. This committee will also include the petitions and requests committee and the appreciation committee.

Section 3. Plan of Work Committee – A plan of work committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee plans the monthly plan of work.

Section 4. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee shall be composed of members who are delegates nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting. This committee shall select the slate of officers for the convention and present it for adoption.

Section 5. Credentials Committee – The secretary shall be the chairman of the credentials committee, and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee examines the reports of the representing groups/auxiliaries to see if fees are paid and if reports are in order. New groups/auxiliaries organized since the last district convention, which desire to become members of the convention, are examined by this committee and passed upon.

Section 6. Finance Committee – The finance committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee audits the financial records of the year and reports on same to the convention.

Section 7. Registration Committee – Members of this committee may be appointed by the president as needed. This committee registers those in attendance as the convention may desire.

Article V

Section 1. A membership fee in the amount of \$10.50 per active member shall be paid to the CDWAC treasury by July 31. Of this amount the CDWAC treasurer will send \$10.25 to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ (TWAC) treasury. The remaining \$.25 shall be retained in the CDWAC treasury. Twenty-five cents shall be retained in the TWAC treasury, and the remaining \$10 sent to Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC).

Section 2. It is suggested that each group/auxiliary send the following amounts to the CDWAC treasury any time during the fiscal year (8/1-7/31. This is to be retained in the district treasury.

<u>Per Group/Auxiliary Per Year</u>	<u>Per Person Per Year</u>
\$5 <i>Chimes</i>	\$10.50 Dues
\$5 CDWAC Convention Fee	\$5 Emphasis Offering
\$5 CDWAC Minutes	(A little over \$1.29 per month)
\$1 TWAC Minutes	
\$1 WNAC General Fund	<u>Group/Auxiliary Per Month</u>
Total Per Year \$17	\$10 WNAC (\$120 total for year)

Article VI

The CDWAC shall submit a treasurer's report and secretary's report to the TWAC in accordance with the State Constitution and By-Laws. (The CDWAC shall receive a like report from each local group/auxiliary by July 31.)

Article VII

The desired financial program for WNAC is mission's offerings following each special season of prayer, Co-Laborer offerings, annual gifts to WNAC general fund, the Student Loan Fund, and other gifts designated by the convention.

Article VIII

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the Cumberland District Women Active for Christ.