



## 20-21 SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTAL/OFFICER REPORT

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**Conference**

CENTRAL GEORGIA

**Presiding Elders**

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**Department/Office:**

SOCIAL CONCERNS

**List of Current Officers**

KATHY HORNE - CENTRAL GA REGION

REV. MARVELLA IVERY - MACON/BARNESVILLE DISTRICT

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**Mission/Purpose**

To promote leadership, advocacy, and empowerment to effect social change and public policy.

**Objectives**

- CME Discipline, paragraph 702: Emphasize the church's responsibility for healing oof brokenness in the local, regional, national and world communities.
- The Central GA region aims to keep our region consistently updated of the Social Justice and Human Concerns pulse in our communities by building bridges of solidarity through diverse collaborative relationships with our community leaders.
- Keep Central GA aware of programs and resources available to tackle poverty, blight, and the social ills of society.

**Accomplishments**

- Virtual Covid Webinar on Zoom
- Virtual Election Webinar on Zoom
- Organized the 1st Regional African American Caucus of the Democratic Party of GA (The Central GA Regional African American Caucus of the Democratic Party of GA)
- Supported one of our newest Caucus members in special Election campaign resulting in successful election
- Provided a PowerPoint Presentation for region churches to more easily promote Social Concerns Sunday.
- Supported every month's social concern ie Women's Heart Health Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Distracted Driver Awareness Month, Black Mental Health Month...
- Encouraged use of Absentee Ballots for voting in light of Pandemic
- Strongly promoted "Get Out the Vote" campaign and Census completion
- Encouraged support in local, state and national elections as all are equally important. Stressed that choosing who represents us even on the school board is extremely important.
- Shared information regarding GA Election Laws and John Lewis Voting Rights Act
- Promoted COVID-19 vaccinations
- Distributed information on upcoming hearings regarding state's reapportionment process.

**Challenges**

- Convincing members that COVID-19 vaccinations are safe and save lives.
- Engaging more churches and multigenerations to participate in Social Justice and Human Concerns Activities to build stronger bridges throughout the region.

### **Recommendations**

- Build upon the zone concept in various districts to become more effective and impactful in disseminating information on a consistent basis.
- Continue supporting "Get Out the Vote" efforts.
- Stay watchful of elected officials and actions regarding reapportionment

Respectfully submitted to Presiding Prelate Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.,

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