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And the
Women's Auxiliary
Of the
Southwest District Missionary
Baptist Association
Dr. Delores Hodge, President

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY ANNUAL REPORT
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To our Emeritus Moderator C. K. Yarber, and to our Moderator Rev. D. R. Crossley, State Consolidated Missionary Baptist Churches President, Leon Massey, Dr. Delores Hodge, President of the District Women Department, Mr. Rosboro Hendrix, Laymen Department, all other State and Local Department officials. This is the 2014 145th Annual Session of the Southwest District Missionary Baptist Association report on the state of our Country! The Country Economic Growth has been and up and down rollercoaster ride for the year. The Economic Growth of the Country had a vast Spurt this last quarter for the year. The up rise of military action now over in the eastern country make our government uneasy. The political races are at their peak with recent polling showing the election can be any party win. The Nation and States has shown continue improvement in Agriculture(productivity), Education (Public Schools and Colleges) U. S. Financing is yet difficult for personal Loans/home loans. Infrastructure improvement is great in Public and Private Transportation. The World Economy is Stabilizing at National and State levels. Although Crime is yet rising, Communities are combating by use of innovative Community Outreach Programs with before and after schools activities through Local and State government funds.

The Country's Health Issues are alarming concern due to Heart / Respiratory and Diabetes increased rates. Healthy Life Styles are increasingly being recommended all over the Country and recommended for minority reform, especially in the Southern States. Proper Nutrition and Exercise can reduce these alarming rates.

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS

The Country Communities are still hard hit with Poverty and we are again among facing rising Violence/Crime, Alcohol/Drug Abuse / Domestic Abuse, Teen Pregnancy, Bullying, Suicide, Sexual Trafficking, Homelessness/Hunger, Poverty, Pornography and Aging Adults Abuse / neglect.

The Local Community Churches must continue to combat such issues, Tra'vion Martin and Michael Brown injustices and community problems by (Association Book) revamping the actual Social service categories. Officials, Pastors and member Committees shall commit to serving and performing at their best in all the areas the moderator and District women President recommended in their annual address.

This can be inspired by the God fearing leadership given to the Pastors to appoint good strong committed and responsible individuals to teach and train, Associate Pastors, Mission department leaders, Deacons, Deaconess, Youth Directors, of district Churches (large or small) with Ministries of organizational Leadership training seminars that is imperative if church members heads department ministries of our local, District and State Leadership Roles.

We need to implement tangible Organizational Consistent Structural flow charts and Guidelines for incorporation for listed programs and services of local church listed ministries. Training and organizational Reform sessions should be Conducted,

implemented and updated annually at the Annual Association in Convention style sessions, to ensure we have measurable goals and mission projects for our local churches.

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