

REPORT FROM THE EASTERN REGION LIAISON

Greetings from the Maine State Conference and the Eastern Region. Thank you to Faye Richards, National WH&FMS Co-Ordinator, Karen Hall, National WH&FMS President and the other members of the advisory board for giving me this opportunity to serve our denomination in this position.

During the past three years, it has been my pleasure and privilege to represent our societies at two advisory board meetings held at Advent Christian Village. I have also been part of some zoom meetings.

Maine State Conference has 4 societies reporting annually. These groups are Ashland, Maine, Goodwins Mills, Maine, South Eliot, Maine and Simonds, New Brunswick, Canada. They are busy in mission ministries locally, nationally and internationally. They have a combined membership of 31. They all contribute to Penny Crusade, Bread of Life, Christmas in October and United Ministries. Looking at the total of all the giving, it amounts to almost \$40,000.00.

On March 7, 2026 I presented a report at the Maine State Conference Meeting in Friendship, Maine, the birthplace of the WH&FMS. I gave information about our locals and the giving. I encouraged them to check the WH&FMS website at acgc.us. They can find devotionals that can be used in their church, monthly updates, giving opportunities and other resources that might be helpful to them.

I try to attend the monthly meetings of the South Eliot group on zoom, at least for their devotional time. They use the written programs provided and have good discussions. After one of our board meetings at AC Village, I shared some information with them from reports from some of our denominational leaders and personal visits with some retired missionaries.

At Goodwins Mills we have continued to invite special speakers to share with us via zoom. They have spoken about their mission trips to many different countries. Our personal ties to Erwin and Rowena Cabrizos through our love bags for children has helped our whole church become more involved in missions.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Eastern Region and Maine State Conference on this board. I count it a privilege to be a part of such a dedicated, mission minded, and caring group of women.

Ruth Smith

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