

# Report of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board

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For the Year 2023-2024

## Report of the President

by Katrina Goodrich

Many exciting things have continued to work through the course of this year. The Board spent time in many online meetings and an in person meeting discussing our relationship with the conference and how to best execute and continue that relationship. Over the coming year that work will come to fruition pending a vote by the society as a whole this year at conference.

We've also been working on new methods to bring the Women's Society together in between our annual General Conference meetings. We want to increase our fellowship, communion, and communication between the Society's members. One way to build this is to utilize the opportunity we see in applications like zoom and social media as well as standards like the Sabbath Recorder. Please be on the lookout and engage with us when you see information so that we know the best methods to contact the society at large, and make sure that those who are not as comfortable with those methods of communication are invited. We want to include the interested and are working hard to make sure we are fulfilling that goal, but there are people in your congregation we are missing for a variety of reasons- the best way to make sure everyone is aware is through YOU.

In addition, this past year the Women's Executive Board voted to rename the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society's WISE award. For those that don't know, WISE stands for Women in Service Everywhere. Following is that proclamation:

***Whereas***, Jenni Wangsness served as a dedicated Women's Board President.

***Whereas***, the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society created the Women In Service Everywhere award under Jenni's leadership.

***Whereas***, the society recognizes Jenni Wangsness for her years of service.

***Now***, Therefore, the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society do hereby remember and memorialize Jenni's love for and service to the society with the renaming of the "***Jenni Wangsness WISE Award***".

We on the board are looking forward to the changes coming this year. God Bless.

## Report of the Treasurer

by Victoria Burdick

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Women's Board this year through monetary gifts as well as time and service. This year the Love Gift was collected and distributed the total of which was \$2,155.00. God's provision for his children was made clear through the recipients of the Love Gift this year.

We have been working diligently to be good stewards of the funds the Women's Society has been entrusted with and are looking forward to utilizing those funds in an active way throughout the year, including but not limited to the Love Gift. As always we look to God for guidance and the best way to utilize these funds.

## Report of the Recognitions Committee

by Lydia Solomon

This past year we were able to honor two wonderful women through the **Robe of Achievement** and the **Jenni Wangsness WISE (Women in Service Everywhere)** award.

The 2023 recipient of the **SDB Women's Society Robe of Achievement** is **Donna Bond** of the SDB Church of Shiloh, NJ. Donna served in SCSC in 1970 and 1971 and is a graduate of Milton College. She married her husband in 1974 and they raised two children together. She served Plainfield, NJ for one year and was the secretary for the Sabbath Recorder editor and at the American Sabbath Tract Society office. Donna loves sharing her gift of music by playing piano for a church in her community and currently serves as the secretary of the Shiloh Ladies Benevolent Society.

The 2023 recipient of the **Jenni Wangsness WISE Award** is **Jaci Robinson** of the Anchor of Hope SDB Church in Dodge Center, MN. Jaci has been a member of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church (now Anchor of Hope Church) since she was 17. Jaci has faithfully served her church as the Christian Education Committee Chairman and as Sabbath School Superintendent and takes her turn as a Sabbath School Teacher. Some of Jaci's duties have included ensuring there are Sabbath School teachers for the various classes, submitting camper registrations, overseeing the camp scholarships, and conducting the Reducing the Risk training for those participating in our youth ministries. Jaci is part of the church's Ladies Aid serving on the Service Committee. In addition, Jaci serves as a musician for the church worship service and accompanies the Worship Team.

We are excited to honor both of these amazing women this year and are excited to continue honoring other women in service to our denomination and their home churches in the future.

## **Report of The Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) Committee**

by Helen Goodrich, Chairman

The SCSC program was blessed with a Technology Grant from the Memorial Board in 2022 after a series of failures of the 'older' equipment. In 2023 we were able to use the new equipment to facilitate all aspects of training.



SCSC continues to develop the hybrid model with pretraining assignments using the Canvas Learning Management System. Students, staff and Project Directors met by Zoom throughout the Spring as well.

The SCSC Committee is thankful for the Women's Board as we work together to promote, finance, and manage the many details involved with the SCSC Program. We thank the Shiloh and Marlboro congregations for their hospitality and support 'on the ground' as we are hosted at Jersey Oaks Camp for SCSC Training. It is a blessing to fellowship with them, as the students planned a multigenerational Campfire evening for both churches, complete with S'mores.

Thank you to those across our denomination who support the SCSC program and its students. Whether you donated your time, talent, or treasure; kept the program in prayer; served on Training Staff, as a Project Director, mentor, or host; we are grateful. Your investment is developing young adult leaders for our churches, and the denomination as a whole.

We thank the Memorial Board Trustees who faithfully support SCSC students, dedicated service students, and others with post high school education expenses through Christian Leadership Development Grants.

The Committee is thankful for the Missionary Society and the partnership we have with them, bringing Jamaican students to the USA/Canada to network with local SCSC students and churches in a cross-cultural experience for all.



Left to right: Miguel McFarlane, Daniel Williams, Sydney Feldbauer, Tawera Williams, Kendra Brown, Ayden Barracks

### **2024 SCSC Team: N.E.W.**

Team Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV): *“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV): Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here.”*

**Niflah** (neef-lah) Hebrew meaning WONDERFUL, Psalm 139:14 (NIV) “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

#### ***Pataskala, Ohio:***

Project Directors: Pastor Chuck Meathrell and Susie Fox

SCSC Team: Sydney Feldbauer (Little Genesee, NY) and Kendra Brown (SE Atlanta, GA)

### **Emergent**

Psalm 107:13-14 (NIV) “Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains.

#### ***Salem, West Virginia:***

Project Directors: Lydia Solomon and Anna Davis

SCSC Team: Ayden Barracks (Toronto, Ontario CANADA) and Tawera Williams (Kingston, Jamaica)

### **Way**

John 14:6(MEV) “Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

***SE Atlanta, Georgia:***

Project Directors: Sharon Gay Dailey

SCSC Team: Miguel McFarlane (Toronto, Ontario, CANADA) and  
Daniel Williams (Montego Bay, Jamaica)

**2024 SCSC STAFF:** Training Director, Amanda Barbee, On-Site Staff(part or full time), Gabriela Alonzo, Aaron Andries, Dennis and Julia Coleman, Helen Goodrich, Don Graffius, Lora Sweeney (#1 cook) Online teachers included, Karl Greene, Erin Inabnit, Nick Kersten, and Garfield Miller.

**AT CONFERENCE:** Visit the Women’s Board tables to learn more about the SCSC projects. There will be pictures! Look for those who are wearing an **“Ask Me About SCSC”** button and talk to them about their life changing experiences!

**COMING FALL 2024:** Churches - **watch for posters and invitations promoting SCSC 2025.** Encourage young adults you know by talking with them about participating in Leadership Development. Perhaps your church would develop a project and host an SCSC team in 2025. Your investment in SDB young adult leadership is kingdom building! Now is the time to begin praying and planting seeds of encouragement in young adults you know. They may need your affirmation to consider the idea of SCSC, dedicated service, and other programs available.

In His Service,

Committee Members: Susie Fox, Helen Goodrich, Althea Rood, Carol Scull, and Lora Sweeney.

**Proposed Slate of Officers  
for the  
SDB Women's Board  
2024-2025**

**President**

Katrina Goodrich (term expires 2025)

**Vice President**

Lydia Solomon (term expires 2026)

**Recording Secretary**

Beth Brown (term expires 2025)