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**QUADRENNIAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**CONNECTIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
TO THE  
*Thirty-Eighth*  
*General Conference*  
**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

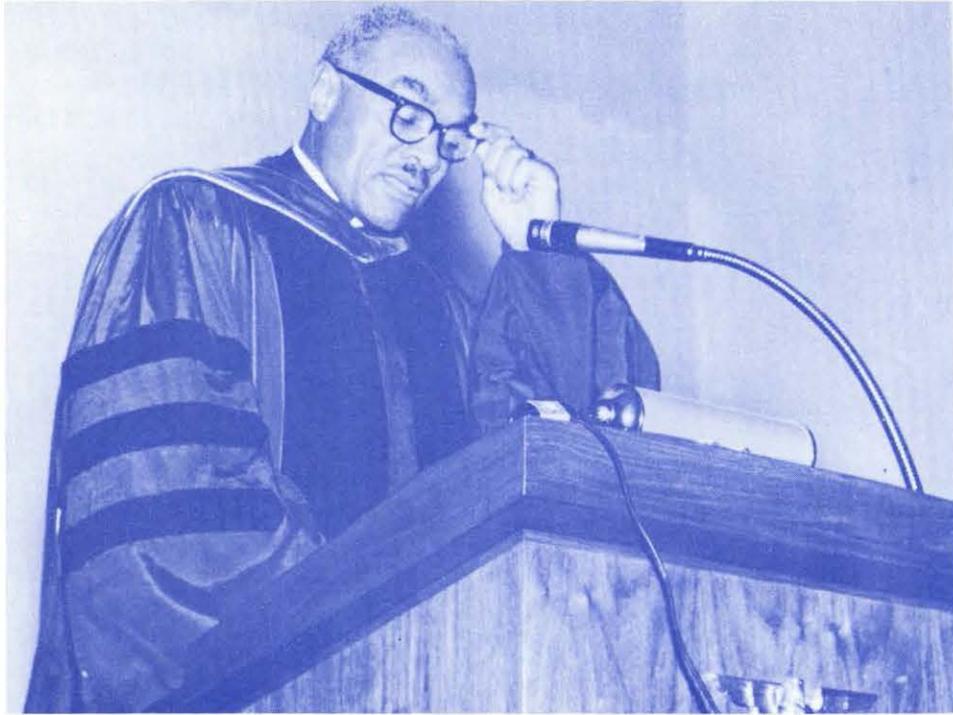


*"Medical Brain Power Like Human Disease Is No Respector  
of the Accident of Birth"*

**LEONIDAS H. BERRY, M.D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR**  
*Connectional Health Commission*

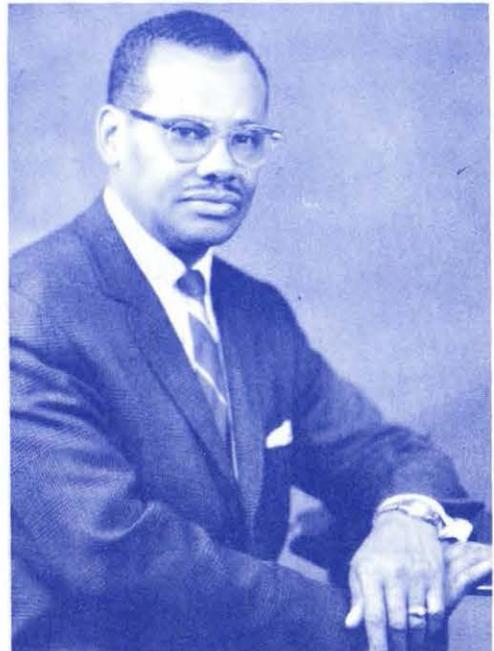
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**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**



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**LEONIDAS H. BERRY, M.S., M.D.**  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
HEALTH COMMISSION



Legend: Photograph on Cover - L. to R. standing: Leon Prinz, M.D., Attending Physician, U.S.A.; Sam Kunin, M.D., Surgical Resident, U.S.A.; Hubert Alpert, M.D., Medical Resident, U.S.A.  
Sitting: Leonidas H. Berry, M.D., Attending Physician, U.S.A.; June Finer, M.D., Medical Resident, London, England; William C. Mitchell, M.D., Interne, U.S.A.; Julia Chen, M.D., Interne, Republic of China; Francisco Obando, M.D., Interne, Nicaragua.

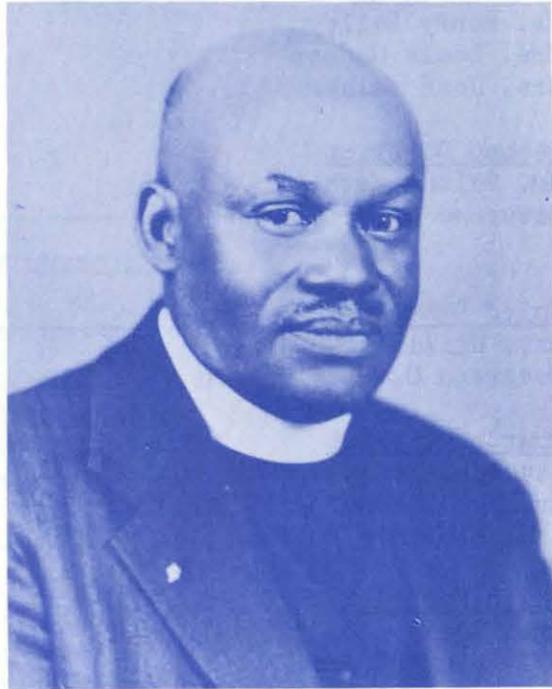
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--- DEDICATION ---



**THIS REPORT AND HEALTH EFFORT  
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY of  
THE LATE REVEREND LLEWELLYN L. BERRY, D.D.  
(1876-1954)**

**Secretary Home and Foreign Missions A.M.E. Church (1932-'54)**

**And**

**MRS. BEULAH A. BERRY  
(1879-1960)**

**Parents of the Medical Director Whose  
Lives were dedicated to the Service of  
Humanity Through the Instrumentality  
Of  
African Methodism**

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MEMBERS OF HEALTH COMMISSION  
AND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT HEALTH SUPERVISORS

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Administrator, Douglass Hospital

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Mr. Henry Bailey  
Mrs. Leola Gadsen  
Mrs. Joan Walker

Second District

Mr. Belton Bethea  
Reverend L. H. Horton

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Mrs. William M. Day  
Reverend C. N. Flanigan

Fourth District

Reverend Anna Lee Hunter  
Mr. J. C. Penn  
Mrs. Florence Russell

Fifth District

Mrs. Elizabeth Hyatt  
Dr. Horace Rains

Sixth District

Mrs. T. J. Davis  
Dr. J. H. Griffin  
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Seventh District

Reverend S. A. Brown  
Reverend J. A. Sabb, Jr.  
Dr. George Williams

Eighth District

Mrs. Ella Coaston  
Reverend J. D. White

Ninth District

Reverend R. E. Peters  
Dr. J. H. Williams

Tenth District

Mrs. Erma Jones  
Reverend Q. C. Robinson

Eleventh District

Mrs. Marie Burns  
Mrs. Juanita Lewis  
Mrs. Susie Padgett

Twelfth District

Reverend J. M. Jennings  
Mrs. Fannie Scott

Thirteenth District

Dr. L. M. Donalson  
Dr. J. E. Randolph

Fourteenth District

Mrs. Louise Gow  
Mrs. J. B. Mason

Fifteenth District

Reverend Easter Gordon  
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Sixteenth District

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Mr. M. J. Chidzuncu  
Mr. Mlope  
Reverend J. L. D. Membe

Eighteenth District

Mr. W. Chirowoza  
Mrs. Molulela Monyake  
Reverend A. T. Pholo

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**DIAGRAM  
HEALTH COMMISSION  
ACTIVITIES**

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GENERAL BOARD

CONNECTIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
CHM. BISHOP MED. DIR. - M.D.

Episcopal Health	Districts Supervisors	Annual Health	Conferences Supervisors
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DOUGLASS HOSPITAL  
Rest Homes  
Medical Consultants

Publications  
Health  
Education  
Guides

Health Educa-  
tion  
Assemblies  
Movies, Skits  
Pageantry

Red Cross 1st Aid  
Home Nursing  
Courses  
Disaster Unit  
Civil Defense

Special Church  
Clinics  
Disease Preven-  
ing  
Diagnostic Screen-  
ing.  
Infant Welfare

Med. Supplies,  
Food Distribu-  
tion program.  
Antibiotics  
Vaccines etc.  
Africa  
Carribean  
Deep South

CONTINENTAL U.S.A.  
HEALTH GUILDS IN LOCAL CHURCHES  
AND GROUPS OF LOCAL CHURCHES

Foreign Missions  
Fields, Africa  
Haiti, etc.  
Missionary Bishops  
Laymens Health  
Foundation

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## HEALTH EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

Woodlawn A.M.E. Church, Chicago (4th Episcopal District)  
Symbolic of type of Health Program in many areas of the  
Church as outlined by the Discipline and Sponsored by the  
Health Commission.



Showing Reverend Jonathan A. Dames, D.D., Pastor  
Leonidas H. Berry, Medical Director, Teachers and Youth Group.

HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBIT  
AND  
FIRST AID NOOK  
FURNISHED AND SPONSORED BY WOODLAWN HEALTH GUILD

Religion and Health  
God's Way to Education  
Physical for Mental  
Health

Health Education Assembly movies and discussions held each 2nd Sun. 10AM  
with cooperation of Sunday School Supt. and staff. First Aid and Home nursing  
courses occasionally. We thank you for your support of the Health Guild Programs.  
Mrs. Frankie Bolkner - Secty. Dr. Leonidas H. Berry.



**PRESIDING ELDER THOMAS AND NURSES GROUP**  
ROBERT THOMAS A.M.E. NURSES

Organized as a tribute to the Christian Service and leadership of Presiding Elder Robert Thomas, Chicago Conference, 4th Episcopal District. Symbolic of the type of "Health Group," organized in many areas of the church in keeping with the Discipline and the Health Commission program. They conduct First Aid and Home Nursing Courses.

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Q U A D R E N N I A L   R E P O R T  
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HISTORICAL

It seems appropriate at this time to briefly review the history of the establishment of the Health Commission and its activities. In 1940 I contributed a short chapter in the book entitled "A Century of Missions of the A.M.E. Church" by my late father, Rev. L. L. Berry, who was at that time Secretary of Missions. My contribution was entitled "Opportunity of African Methodism in Medical Missions" - A Prospectus.

Beginning twenty-four years ago in 1944 I undertook a study of the possible areas and methods by which the A.M.E. Church might participate in the great health field on an organized Connectional basis. Historically the church had begun its missions program in 1840, its Connectional activity in education in 1856. But nearly one hundred years later the church had not taken the next logical and traditional step so well established among leading Christian denominations; namely a national or connectional program in medical care. African Methodists in the Kansas City Area of the Fifth Episcopal District had taken over the Douglass Hospital near the turn of the century as a splendid example of a church-related community Hospital.

In 1946 I presented a proposal before the Chicago Annual Conference Laymen for the enactment of a laymen's sponsored bill at the 1948 general conference to establish a permanent Connectional Health Commission which would survey and coordinate any and all health activities of local churches and establish local church health guilds which would sponsor the organization of health education assemblies, health fairs, nurses corps, first aid courses, etc. The proposal was unanimously endorsed. The Fourth District laymen gave the plan unanimous endorsement in 1947 and the Connectional Laymen's Organization under President Herbert L. Dudley unanimously endorsed and sponsored the health commission bill at the 1948 general conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The bill to establish a permanent Connectional Health Commission became law at that General Conference. The president of the Bishop's Council, the late Rt. Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom, appointed Bishop George W. Baber as the first Commission chairman and the Commission elected Leonidas H. Berry, M.D. of Chicago its first Medical Director.

During the next three quadrenniums that followed the Health Commission had to operate entirely without funds but with the moral encouragement of its chairmen, Bishops Baber, Wilkes and Primm. The Medical Director attended annual meetings and presented reports of his activities and pleaded for the Commission's proposals before the Bishops Councils or General Boards. He also attended annual conferences, district conferences, laymen's conventions and local churches in many parts of the country and in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, all at his own expense, speaking in behalf of the program of the Health Commission. He visited the Douglass Hospital at Kansas City and served as professional

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medical administrative consultant to the executive director of the hospital, Rev. Eugene H. Kelly, Jr. and was elected ex-officio member of the hospital trustee board under the chairmanship of Bishop Frederick Jordan.

Fortunately your director was able to be elected a lay delegate from the Fourth Episcopal District to every general conference from 1936 to 1956. In 1956 a resolution was passed making the Medical Director of the Health Commission a Connectional Officer and providing for the office a permanent seat in the general conference.

At Chicago in 1952, Miami in 1956, Los Angeles in 1960 and Cincinnati in 1964, the medical director working with local Hosts Committees organized and supervised First Aid Rooms and gave professional services during the entire General Conference sessions. An average of 500 to 600 people were given free care during each conference for a great variety of disorders including sprains, fractures, heart attacks, strokes, hypertensive crises and coma. In every general session clergy and laymen were hospitalized, some of whom succumbed. Apparently accidents and medical tragedies at General Conferences attended by 3,000 or 4,000 people had not previously been systematically provided or codified.

At each of the general conferences referred to, resolutions were passed for the extension of the Health Commission's program and the provision of funds. However, the budgetary hurdles required to actually receive these funds were never overcome during these sixteen long years.

During this period the Medical Director found other funded methods of projecting the image of African Methodism in the total community. In 1950 while President of the Cook County Physicians Association he lead an interracial, interfaith, city-wide movement in Chicago which succeeded in establishing the "Berry Plan" for rehabilitation of young narcotic addicts. By special legislation the Illinois General Assembly appropriated 90,000 dollars to set up this plan in three special clinics in medical centers at the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, and Provident Hospital. Dr. Berry served as coordinator of the rehabilitation program under the supervision of Illinois State Department of Public Health for 8 years. The "Berry Plan" for rehabilitation of young narcotic addicts is described in an original article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, January, 1951.

Your Medical Director has continued to project the image of African Methodists by pioneering in removing racial barriers as a specialist in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. He has been Clinical Assistant and now Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois and as a post-graduate professor and staff member at the world's largest hospital, the Cook County Hospital of Chicago for many years. He has been active in clinical research, reporting his observations before many state, national and international societies and congresses in his specialty, including a World Congress in Paris, 1954; a Pan American Congress in Santiago, Chile in 1960; and a World Congress in Tokyo, Japan in 1966.

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**Rt. Rev. H. T. Primm Presiding Bishop -  
5th Episcopal District  
Chairman Douglass Hospital Board -  
Founder Primrose Villa Home for Aged  
Former Chrm. Health Commission**



**Rev. Eugene H. Kelly, Jr.  
Administrator, Douglass Hospital  
Secty, Health Commission**



**FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOSPITAL -  
Kansas City, Kansas  
Organized and Sponsored by AME Church  
Med. Dir., Health Commission is Ex-Officio Trustee and Consultant.**

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Rt. Rev. Frederick D. Jordan  
Presiding Bishop 13th Episcopal District  
Supporting health activities throughout  
Church.



L. M. Donalson, M.D. Physician Surgeon  
Fayetteville, Tennessee (13th District)



**L. M. DONALSON HOSPITAL, FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.**  
Modern 35 bed facility, operated with support of county government by a dedicated  
A.M.E. layman, veteran member Health Commission, staunch supporter of its programs  
and goals. Medical Director Berry was guest speaker at 13th District Laymen's  
Convention under Presidency of Dr. Donalson.

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### HEALTH COMMISSION ACTIVITIES 1964-1968

The Commission continues to meet only at the time of the general conferences. The Medical Director has continued his Health Education Assemblies on the second Sunday of each month at the Woodlawn A.M.E. Church, Chicago, Reverend Jonathan A. Dames, Pastor. During the Quadrennium forty such assemblies built around medical movies were held with a participating audience of about 75 Sunday School teenagers and adults at each session aggregating about 3,000 in total attendance during the Quadrennium.

Four annual meetings of the General Board were attended by the Director and reports were presented. Annual and District Conferences were visited. Talks were given at local churches in the Chicago area, in New York, Detroit, Washington, Norfolk, New Orleans, and other cities describing the disciplinary requirements of establishing Health Guilds and suggested activities such as first aid courses, health fairs, nurses corps, health educational assemblies, etc.

The Medical Director conducted health career conferences, counseling sessions in such fields as medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, medical technology, etc., utilizing the broad facilities of federal and local government, of public and private schools as well as churches and directed toward the use of our church as well as others in the geographic church community. We have averaged 500-600 teenagers and adult counselors across race and religious lines at five consecutive Spring health career conferences. In these conferences we have earned the cooperation of the public school board, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and University of Illinois medical school officials, local daily and weekly press. All A.M.E. Churches in Chicago as well as Catholic and other denominations participate. A.M.E. ministers, doctors, dentists, school teachers, social workers, YWCA workers, business men and others have participated upon the invitation of the Medical Director.

The Medical Director was a founding and organizing member and is now a trustee of the "Council for Bio-Medical Careers of Chicago" which has grown largely as a result of the efforts of the Medical Director. He has realized that health care needs of Negro-Americans, of poor Americans, of disadvantaged Americans are the health care needs of African Methodist Episcopal Americans. He has learned by experience that efforts in this field limited to the confines of the A.M.E. Church will be limited in effects, while leadership from A.M.E.'s which extend as a Christian-social outreach to the total community will be retroactive and much more meaningful to the welfare of the A.M.E. Church. This inter-faith and inter-ethnic group project which grew out of the Medical Director's activities of involving the A.M.E.'s with the total community, now has recently received a \$50,000 OEO grant for counseling in medical careers. The Medical Director is now arranging to house some of our programs on a rotation basis in some of the social center and annex buildings of A.M.E. churches in

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Chicago.

During the last two years the Medical Director was able to travel as president-elect and president of the National Medical Association. In his travels he always took advantage of opportunities to visit A.M.E. churches, our institutions and conferences to explore means of improving and escalating the health programs of the church with the limited funds available.

The highlights of such visits came when the U.S. State Department sponsored a 20,000 mile lecture-demonstration tour by your Medical Director to East and West Africa, and he visited and conferred on health matters with A.M.E.s in Lagos, Nigeria, and Monrovia, Liberia. With State Department stature, he was able to confer with Ministers of Health, heads of hospitals and public health officials with little difficulty. He spoke at the Monrovia College commencement and attended Eliza Turner Church as the guest of Reverend Mason and Mrs. Francis Gow, Bishop Gow being out of the country at the time. Lectures and demonstrations were given in nine medical schools and hospitals, including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Liberia and Senegal.

During the last year the Medical Director has served as a member of the 12-man National Advisory Council on Regional Medical Programs against Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke, appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. He has been able to protect and speak out in the interest and welfare of not only A.M.E.s but all underprivileged and disadvantaged population groups in America. In 1965 your Medical Director was invited among 800 health leaders to the White House Conference on Health. These health authorities came from 50 states representing all medical schools, leading hospitals and medical organizations. Your Medical Director presenting excerpts from his address on the assigned subject "Special Health Care Needs of Disadvantaged Population Groups" was telecast nation-wide. It is the Director's plan to specifically use the results of these contacts and the experiences gained to counsel and inform A.M.E. Church leaders and memberships through church papers, church visits and our health education publication which we hope to develop during the ensuing quadrennium on all matters of health benefits which should be available through federal and state government programs and otherwise.

For four weeks during the Fall of 1966 your Medical Director was prevailed to continue his foreign travels under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State.

As Professor in the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine and Hospital of Chicago, he traveled 25000 miles round trip to Asia, giving lecture-demonstrations on stomach diseases in nine medical schools and hospitals in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Phillipines and Hawaii. He had the opportunity to observe and study the interesting philosophy of life of Asian people. Japan especially was seen to be a vigorous, and aggressive group of people who have risen from humiliating defeat in World War II, to amazing economic business and professional growth. The under-lying motivation for all her progress is said to be her unique spiritual philosophy that set their goals away from vindictive madness to creative smartness after the war.

As a church, and as a people, there is much that could be learned from what has become known as the Asian Spiritual philosophy of life.

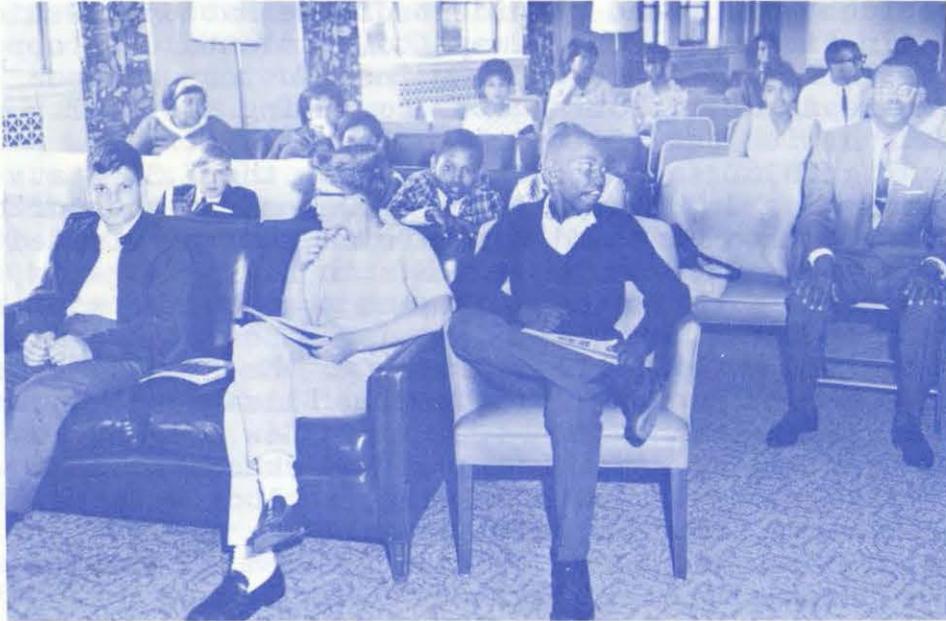
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ANNUAL HEALTH CAREERS CONFERENCES  
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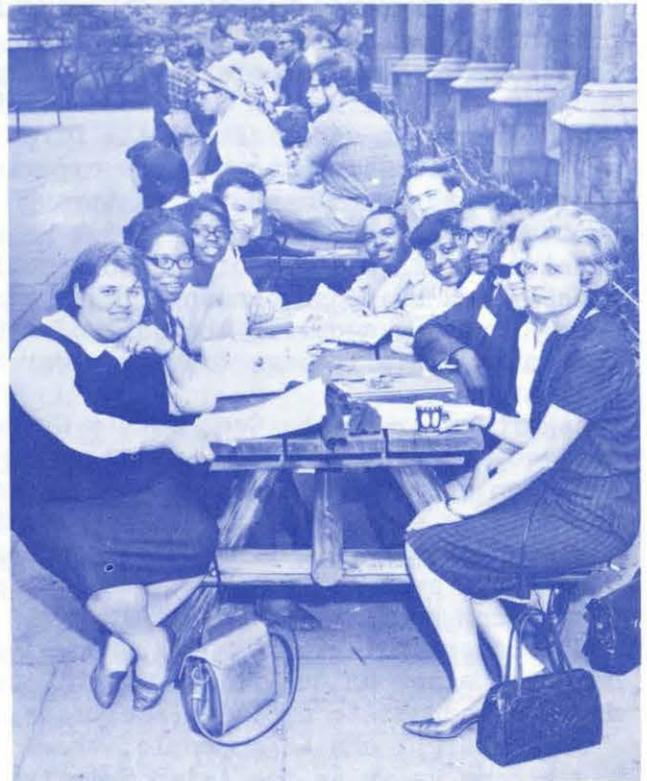


INTER-RACIAL - INTERFAITH PROGRAM ( June 1966 -University of Illinois)



Boy "Actor" in role of Dr. Dan Williams, Negro Surgeon, first successful operator on heart (1893). Recitation: "Oath of Hippocrates."

(Skit at International House Health Careers Conference organized and promoted by Dr. Berry)



CAREERS CONFERENCE

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(JUNE 1965 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)

Organized and Promoted by Dr. Berry. Sponsors: Council for Biomedical Careers, Cook County Physicians Association, Chicago A.M.E. Churches and other church groups.



CAREERS CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

Medical Director, Dr. Leonidas H. Berry and young people from A.M.E. churches and other organizations.

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**WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY BIOLOGY LABORATORY**  
The Medical Director, an alumnus, was invited as Health Resource person during Careers Conference.

**WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, OHIO OFFERS COURSES**  
Leading to the study of medicine and allied health professions

**WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**  
Rembrandt Stokes  
And  
Hon. R. Sargent Shriver,  
Dir. U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity



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## CIVIC And PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

During Quadrennium 1964 - 1968



### NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Regional Medical Programs Against Heart Disease, Cancer, Stroke.  
National Institute Of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Chairman: Center head table seated, Dr. Wm. Stewart, Surgeon General,  
U. S. Public Health Service. Council appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson



### NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Regional Medical Programs Against Heart Disease, Cancer, Stroke. National  
Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Foreground, Medical Director, Dr. L. H. Berry  
and Dr. Michael Debaquey, Houston, Texas, Authority, Heart Surgery.

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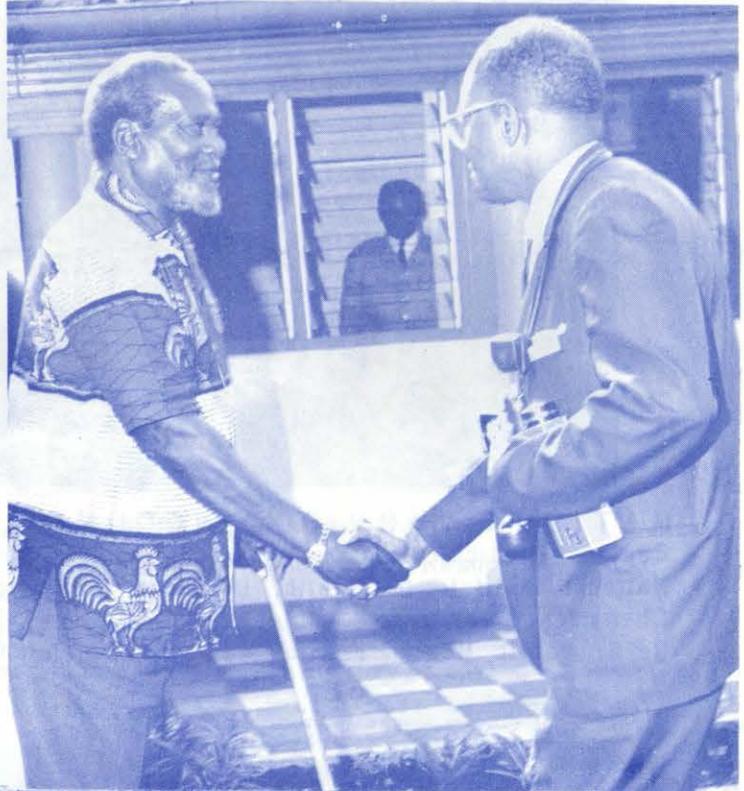
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MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S MEDICAL LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION  
TOUR OF EAST AND WEST AFRICA  
FALL, 1965  
Sponsored by U.S. Dept. of State

President  
Jomo Kenyatta  
at his Farm in Kenya  
with Dr. Berry.



Dr. Berry with Undersecretary of State Eastman, Monrovia, Liberia

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**VARIOUS AFRICAN OFFICIALS RECEIVING DR. BERRY**  
in Discussion of Problems of World Health and Possible Co-  
operative relationships with the American Peoples.



**Dr. Berry with Dr. Barkley,  
Minister of Health, Monrovia, Liberia**



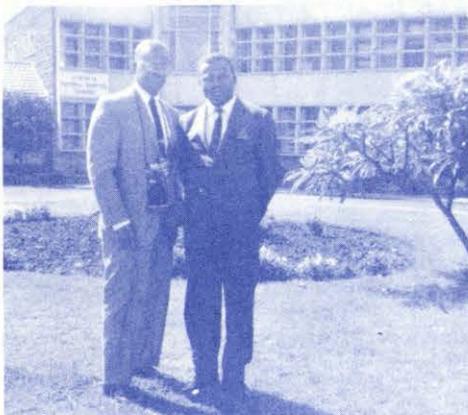
**Dr. Jerry Cox, Pathologist and  
Internist, Government Hospital,  
Monrovia**



**Minister of Health and Associates  
Lagos, Nigeria**



**Director of Firestone Hospital  
and Nursing Superintendent,  
Firestone Rubber Plantation, Liberia**



**National Kenyatta Hospital  
Nairobi, Kenya with  
Professor of Medicine,  
Hilary Ojiambo**



**Health Official and Customs  
Officers, Lagos, Nigeria**

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**Group of Interns and Residents at Kanyatta National Hospital, Kenya, after a lecture by Dr. Berry.**



**DAKAR, SENEGAL West Africa, Ambassador Mercer Cook, Mrs. Cook, and Embassy Secretary with Dr. Berry**



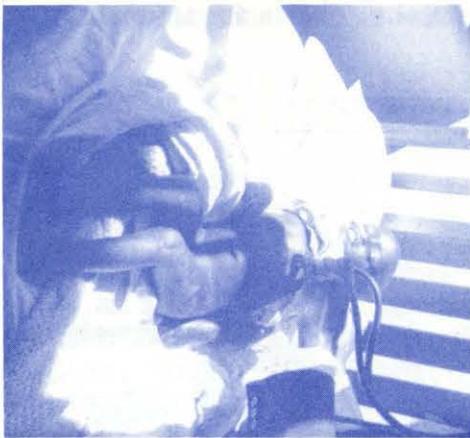
**KAMPALA, UGANDA Embassy Service Officers, De. Frenise Logan, Director USIS, and Dr. Berry**

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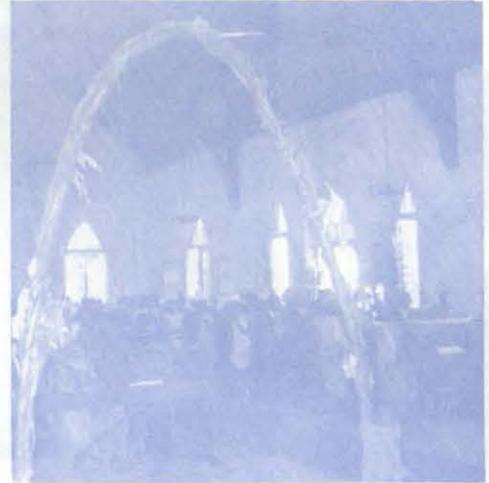
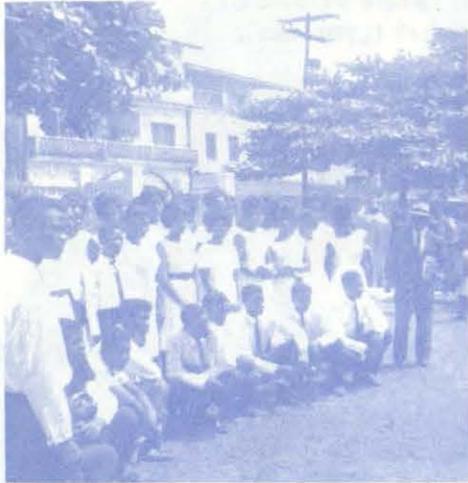
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**SCENES ON SPECIAL WARD ROUNDS  
KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL, NAIROBI, KENYA  
Professor of Medicine Hillory Ojiambo and Staff with  
Dr. Berry, Children with (Kwashiokor) Severe Protein De-  
ficiency and malignancies of face and neck (Lymphoma).**

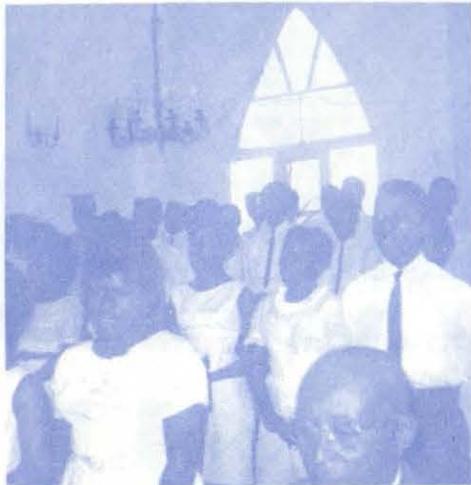


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AME MISSIONS AREA IN AFRICA



**MEDICAL DIRECTOR ON MEDICAL LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION TOUR  
sponsored by U.S. Department of State visits Eliza Turner A.M.E. Church and Monrovia  
College Commencement**



**Guest of Bishop and Mrs. Francis Gow  
and Dr. Mason, Pastor of Church and  
President of College, Rev. Harrison Bryant, Jr.**

**FALL 1965**

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PROPOSALS OF HEALTH COMMISSION FOR QUADRENNIUM - 1968-72

PROGRAM OF THE CONNECTIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION FOR  
THE QUADRENNIUM 1964-1972 envisioned by the Medical Director,  
Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

1. EXPANSION OF CONNECTIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Since the original organization of the Connectional Health Commission 20 years ago efforts have been made steadily toward the goal of systematically establishing health programs in all local churches, large enough to sustain them. The task has been one of gradual selling the church leadership including the Episcopacy, the clergy and the laymen. Early attempts to develop health programs at the level of our 70-odd annual conferences through bishopric appointments failed. Gradually interest in health programs for the church has increased.

DURING THE QUADRENNIUM 1964-72 Episcopal District Health Supervisors from each Episcopal district will organize with the help of the bishop, annual conference health supervisors for better communication with the office of Medical Director.

2. A MAJOR PROJECT WILL BE THE PUBLICATION AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF "HEALTH PROGRAM GUIDES"

These booklets will explain the purpose, functions, techniques, methods of organizing and establishing "health service guilds" as auxiliaries in local churches. The guilds, working independently or in connection with the boards of Christian education, missionary societies, youth groups or otherwise, will conduct health education lectures in mental and physical health, with movies, exhibits, health bazaars and fairs. They will provide Red Cross first-aid nurses corps study courses and facilities to serve emergency injuries and acute illness in church assemblies, community disasters, and join civilian defense activities. These booklets will contain suggested plans for an annual connectional health education observance week. There will be suggested topics for audio-visual programs in mental hygiene and medical careers counseling, workshops for juveniles, adults and senior citizens. Examples: "Help Our Children to Self-Esteem," "The Dropout," "Summer of Decision," "Health Careers," "Social Acceptability," "Teaching Teen-Agers About Alcohol and Drugs," "How Do You Know its Love," "Life with Grandpa," "The Aged Citizen, Geriatric, Care and the Church," all in addition to education about physical disease.

The booklet will further contain listments with addresses of public health agencies and federal and state government and national private health agencies whose services would be avail-

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able to local church health guilds, directors of Christian education, youth programs, and "social center" executives.

There will be identification of federal and state health care agencies, (with addresses and description of function) which offer health benefits and health career opportunities. Examples: "Medicare," "Comprehensive Health Care Planning," "Regional Medical Programs for Heart, Cancer and Stroke," "War on Poverty," and Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Health Centers." The booklet will help local church leaders in "positive action" for social justice and to know your "health rights" and how to get them. The framework of these "guides to health" has been written and will be available for distribution early in the next quadrennium.

3. COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF EXISTING HEALTH PROGRAM FACILITIES AND NEEDS

The survey will include identification and description of the number and types of existing local church health clinics, day nurseries, infant welfare stations, tuberculosis and cancer screening centers, etc. Whether these facilities are run entirely by the church or privately by church members or in direct cooperation with city, county or state, private or government agencies the Commission will be interested. Some of these agencies have been identified by the Medical Director's office during the '64-'68 quadrennium, but will continue in depth into the next quadrennium.

There will be further survey and identification of health programs which fall under Christian education or health guild organizations, social center directors or other church auxiliaries. This survey will be conducted by questionnaire to build a basic connectional file in the health director's office of ongoing health facilities and needs.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF HEALTH LITERATURE AT ANNUAL AND DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONNECTIONAL MEETINGS

This program will be carried out as it has been done in the past. An increasing interest in this service, however, has been observed and it will continue into the next quadrennium in much greater depth. In the past government health agencies have cooperated in the distribution. Plans have been made to involve state and private agencies for the future. Meetings such as missionary conventions, district conferences, chatauquas, annual and general conferences will receive these services upon request and otherwise upon the Medical Director's discretion.

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5. GENERAL CONFERENCE FIRST AID CLINICS  
AND HEALTH EXHIBITS

This project is well-known and has given emergency health services to thousands of AME officials, delegates and guests during the last 20 years. An excellent opportunity exists for health exhibits at these conferences. This feature has been achieved only once because of expense and limited space, but efforts will continue at Philadelphia in '68 and into the future.

6. ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF HEALTH COMMISSION

It is hoped that a young physician can be involved to help carry on the connectional health program into the future.

It would be entirely short-sighted not to continue to look for such an individual as the director has done in past years. A number of older physicians and nurses have supported the general conference first-aid clinic and other efforts of the Commission through the years. They are now older and fewer in number. These people grew up in African Methodism. Help us to find that dedicated and qualified young doctor to work with the director during the next quadrennium.

7. ANNUAL CONNECTIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
OBSERVANCE WEEK

For a number of years there was a national program known as "Negro Health Week," sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service. It was discontinued and blended into a national program for the health of the total national community. However, the Medical Director realizes that the health care needs of poor Americans, of disadvantaged Americans, of Negro-Americans are the health care needs of African Methodist Episcopal Americans. During the ensuing quadrennium the Commission will work toward a connectional Spring health emphasis observance week, which may be a health sermon, a health pageant, a health fair, or exhibits or health conferences or workshops. Efforts will be made to encourage these programs in an outreach frame of reference beyond religious, denominational or racial lines.

8. HEALTH CAREERS RECRUITMENT AND COUNSELING CONFERENCES

This kind of program has been one of the most effective activities of the Medical Director in past years. Encouragement of this type of program will continue into the next quadrennium, perhaps as a technique of health observance week.

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9. CONTINUED COOPERATION AS CONSULTANTS WITH DOUGLAS HOSPITAL AND WITH HEALTH PROGRAMS OF AME-SPONSORED NURSING HOMES AND EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

10. EXTENDING THE HEALTH CARE IMAGE OF AFRICAN METHODIST INTO THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

The Medical Director has no plan to stop his involvement on the national scene at the highest level of private and government concern for improvement of the nation's health.

These contacts will continue to be used for the benefit of our church membership along with that of the total American community. Similar efforts, where possible, will be continued in the foreign missionary areas.

11. A PROCESSED FOOD AND DRUG DISTRIBUTION PROJECT TO OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARY AREAS AND THE HOME MISSION FIELDS OF THE RURAL SOUTH

Through the facilities of CARE for foreign service and with the help of pharmaceutical houses, and with our direct efforts in the poor and deprived areas of the rural south, the church has a great and long neglected opportunity to carry practical aid along with our evangelism. The Medical Director will attempt to develop a program by a "Laymen's Health Foundation," jointly with the Connectional Laymen's Organization.

The Medical Director has proposed such a program several times in the past. It is hoped that such a program could become a reality during the quadrennium 1968-72.

12. WE RECOMMEND AND WILL PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH SPONSORED COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PLANNING GROUPS

It is high time that the "health consumer", the patients themselves, participate in the planning of the health care which they receive, especially in the ghetto and rural areas.

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CONNECTONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

BUDGETARY STATEMENT

YEARLY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

	<u>Present</u> <u>1964 - 1968</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>1968 - 1972</u>
Honorarium - Medical Director	\$ 600.00	\$1,200.00
Honorarium - Assistant Director	-	400.00
Secretarial Service	450.00	800.00
Travel	700.00	850.00
Publication	-	350.00
Postage, Telephone and Supplies	<u>250.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00

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"It is bad that a man should be ignorant; it is very bad that he should be poor; but what is surely worse is that he should have poor health for this prevents him from doing anything much about his ignorance or his poverty."

"Infant mortality of non-white is twice as high as that of whites. Life expectancy in America is 7 to 10 years longer for whites. Neither is actually due to the fact of Race. Knowledge of the laws and practices of healthful living alone can markedly change these figures."

"Help establish health guilds in every church or health committees in local Boards of Christian Education, Missionary Societies, or Social Center programs."

"Reduce Negro Infant and Maternal death rates by Education for Health"

We are proposing a laymen's processed foods and drugs distribution project in rural south and foreign missionary areas, to relieve hunger and suffering from disease.

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