Members of the National Convocation Executive Board traveled to Ghana, West Africa, March 14 to March 24. Those on the mission included Patricia B. Maples, President; Jesse Jackson, VP; Karen Barrett, Secretary; R. Wayne Calhoun and Sheila Spencer, Merger Staff; Sandra Gourdet, Africa Executive with Division of Overseas Ministries; Doris Speaks, Administrative Assistant; and Timothy James, Administrative Secretary. Other board members and persons affiliated with the National Convocation traveling included: Alice Lakes Anderson, Yowanda Bowens, Sheryl Nelson, Jeanetta Cotman, Joyce James, Sherwin Lewis Nelson, Barbara Jane Bowens, Dwayne and Beverly Bell and Suzanne Robinson from the United Church of Christ. The total group consists of twenty-six travelers. This was a collaborative effort with Disciples Home Missions, Division of Overseas Ministries, National Convocation, and Moja Travelers.

This journey was part of the Spring Executive Committee Meeting of the National Convocation Board. Mission and service projects included commissioning three water wells in the area and delivering donations from Americans to Ghanaians, Girls and Women self-breast examination instructions, adolescent and children blood pressures, boys to men session. Some of the donations were pillowcase dresses made by members of Light of the World Christian Church (shown to the right).

The group held a Reflection Meeting with Queen Mother, Dr. Beryl Dorsett and Africa Area Executive Sandra Gourdet. There was time for worship in congregations of various denominations; sharing with the Christian Church Council Overseas Ministries; a visit to the Cape Coast Slave Dungeon and “The Door of No Return”. Everyone was deeply moved during their time in Ghana.