



NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Dear 9th Episcopal District WMS and YPD,

Thank you for your participation in the 2020 combined virtual Annual WMS and YPD Conventions. This year's events were new in so many ways. However, with the help of God and lots of technologically astute people, the 9th Episcopal District fared well.

President Susie J. Bonner, Episcopal WMS President, thank you for leading the charge to make the best of our meeting platform. Upon realizing the severity of the pandemic, you immediately sought ways to make our conventions a reality. I am grateful to each Annual Conference president. Presidents Mattie M. Frizzell, Thomasine Jackson, Dorothy Sconiers-Bevel, Stephanie Bender, and Betty W. Davis, you did a great job in leading your conferences. Your respective ministry reports showed the power of being committed to doing God's work.

Episcopal YPD Director, Debra Scott Weatherspoon, you embraced your new role as. Thank you for your support. YPD Directors Hazel Bellamy, LaVarne McReynolds, Ebony Reeves Smith, Annie (Pat) Bell, and Michele Greene joined to make the annual convention successful. Miss Kierra Giles, Episcopal YPD President, thank you for your input and leadership.

Our tech team made the dream work! Led by Dr. Monica Dillihunt, Mrs. Adrienne Rowland, and Mrs. Tamara Bonner Royster, you included and trained persons from each Annual Conference to assist in making sure our day ran smoothly. Thanks to all of you.

Southwest WMS, thank you for the very appropriate tribute to President Betty W. Davis who ended her tenure. Immediate Past President Davis, I enjoyed working with you. With your presidency ending, I welcome President Rosemary Lamar and look forward to our time together as part of the WMS team.

Congratulations again to the new Life Members who were recognized during the convention. As of October 5, 2020, I welcome our newest Life Members: Alice D. Cornett, Anita Culpepper Floyd, Charlie M. Evans, Vera M. McCarter, Linda L. Simpson, Brenda M. Smith, Lillie Smith, and Thelma S. Snodgrass. Please send your Conference President a picture of you wearing your stole and pin, and holding your certificate. You will be recognized at our Annual Meeting in December.

I am grateful to local societies, areas, and conferences. You are the heartbeat of our WMS. Bishop Seawright, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Episcopal Supervisor. Missionaries and YPDers, if I missed thanking you by name or position, please know I thank you too.

Thank you to Episcopal First Vice President Adrienne Rowland and Mrs. Ann Clemons for helping senior missionaries to vote. If you live in Alabama, and are already at least 18 years old ***or will be 18 years old on or before election day***, please register to vote! The deadlines are: October 19 online; mail-in registrations

postmarked by October 19; or if registering in person, October 19 by close of business. Absentee voting applications must be received by close of business on October 29. If you mail your absentee ballot, it must be postmarked by November 2. If possible please download the absentee ballot application; make a copy of your photo ID, and take the application and ID to your designated county location, and vote on site by 5pm on November 2.

Episcopal 2nd Vice President Mary Wells-Porter and Episcopal YPD Director Debra Scott Weatherspoon are leading the 9th District WMS Virtual Tutoring Initiative. Please contact them. They welcome appropriate and serious inquiries.

Our 9th District WMS Executive Board meeting (with state election of officers) is scheduled for November 12, 2020. This zoom meeting begins at 7pm Central Time. Our WMS Annual meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2020; this zoom meeting will convene 10am – Noon. International WMS President Deborah Taylor King will be our featured guest speaker. Registration for the Annual Meeting is \$25. You must register through your respective conference. Registration ends November 15, 2020.

Finally, I pray you are well and staying safe. Social distancing, frequent handwashing, masks, and other precautions are the order of the day. Please do your part in preventing the spread of Covid-19.

Thank you for all you do to make our WMS & YPD the greatest!

God is faithful,

The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright