



Women's Missionary Society

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WMS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Monday, April 15, 2019

From the desk of ...

*The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor
9th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church*

April 9, 2019

Hello 9th District WMS,

I pray you and your families are well.

With the WMS Quadrennials on the horizon, I decided to touch bases with you. I am grateful for the support you give to the 9th District. Because of your commitment to the ministry, the WMS continues to do the work of missions. For that, I thank you and praise God. Please pay close attention to and follow through on the items in this email.

1. Delegates Supporting the 9th District's Activities

During the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting at Daniel Payne, the WMS met. At the meeting President Bonner and I shared information that Quadrennial Delegates and Alternate Delegates needed to know. For delegates and alternates who attended the meeting, thank you for making the sacrifice.

I understand the issue and appreciate those who were there but, due to other Mid-Year Meeting commitments, missed the meeting. Also, thank you to those who told me you could not attend.

During our last series of Annual Days, electing delegates was a major agenda item. At each Conference's election I saw many people present. Some of the attendees seemingly came to be elected or vote for their friends to serve as a delegate or alternate delegate. What is my reasoning for this conclusion? Simply put, after the election, many people left the Annual Day meeting. Some of the people who left had just been elected to represent the 9th District at the 2019 Quadrennial. I am aware that some people had other obligation. For those who, as a courtesy, asked to be excused or notified me of your pending departure, thank you.

Although the July 2019 event will be the first Quadrennial where I serve as an Episcopal Supervisor, please know that I take my responsibilities seriously. By praying, reading, listening, and discussing, I continue to find my way in this new role. However, one of my goals is to make sure the 9th District's WMS is represented to the highest degree of excellence. In order for that to happen, I need your help.

Please understand that, from my viewpoint, your helping me does not begin in Columbus, Ohio. I need you to consider your role as a delegate or alternate delegate. If you are a delegate or alternate delegate, I need you to attend Local, Area, Conference, and District activities. I know you have other obligations, but please consider the position for which you offered yourself to be elected. If you are ill or have family commitments, or other valid reasons for not attending a meeting, I understand your absence. However, consistent absences are unacceptable.

As I mentioned at the meeting, I was extremely disappointed by the absence of so many delegates and alternate delegates. The 9th District's WMS elected more than 80 delegates; less than a third attended last week's meeting.

2. Fundraising and Stipends for Delegates and Alternate Delegates

In the last few weeks, some delegates inquired about the amounts of Quadrennial stipends. Before each Annual Day's election, I clearly indicated that persons who could not afford to pay their way as a delegate to the Quadrennial should not run for a position. For previous Quadrennials I do not know the time you learned about stipend amounts. I only can operate in the present. I guarantee you that when I know the amount, you will be notified.

At the Mid-Year Meeting we discussed fundraising. If not prior to our 2018 Annual Meeting in Montgomery, then, at that meeting the 9th District learned that each WMS Conference would be responsible for raising funds. At the time fundraising was discussed, *all* 9th District WMS Conferences agreed with the plan. Since the District's fundraising strategy has not changed, the District's WMS needs to remain in agreement and raise funds. Each Conference is responsible for their fundraising efforts: this includes the Young People's Division Directors.

If the District had the funds and decided to distribute the same only to the appropriate persons who were present at the meeting or notified their Conference Presidents of their absence, many of those elected to serve would not have received a stipend. I pray you will respect your position (as well as the people who decided you should represent our District) enough to put forth the effort to make funds available for everybody who attends the Quadrennial.

3. Quadrennial Attire

The Quadrennial Attire Committee met a few months ago. Because of the nation's economic climate at that time (the United States government shutdown) the committee considered ways to limit spending for attire.

The decision for dress for the Quadrennial is as follows:

- 2 days we wear white with pearls
- 1 day, black pants or skirt with a yellow top or jacket (if tee is worn black or white)
- White pants or skirt with a black top or jacket /yellow flower (Suggest that this be the day of the President's Report) If tee is worn white or black
- All black with yellow flower
- The blue scarfs will be worn with "all black".

4. 3rd District Gala Tickets - Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm - \$75.00

5. Life Memberships

I received the Life Membership letters, certificates, and stoles for Missionaries:

- Diane H. Battle
- Susie Jones Bonner
- Annie Doria Flowers
- Angeline Y. W. Giles
- Virginia Margrete Lawson Simmons
- Glenda Henderson Skipper

Congratulations, new Life Members!

I hope I addressed the major concerns and answered your questions. *After reading this notice*, should you need more information, please contact your Conference President. Then allow your Conference President adequate time to give you the correct response. I call on all of us to respect each other and the positions you desired or elected your Christian sisters to serve. Thank you!

God is faithful!

Quadrennial Yellow

Click on this link for the color yellow. We do not want gold. **Should be this color or lighter.**

<https://www.neimanmarcus.com/p/caroline-rose-plus-size-gauze-knit-draped-jacket-prod200440074>



Refer to above link above



Belk Nine West Stretch Wide Lapel

Fly Away Jacket

Daisy \$69.30

**THIS JACKET IS AVAILABLE IN WOMEN & PLUS SIZES
at the Galleria Belk and on line.**

Women sizes UPC 0093487222522 (XL) Style – 10711488

XS, S, M, L, XL

Plus sizes – 0093487222577 Style – 10711490

1X, 2X 3X

The Nine West jacket is still in ample supply and can be purchased up to size 3X at the Galleria Belk or on-line. I hope this is helpful. Happy shopping.



Some ladies have ordered this jacket is from JC Penney. The largest size is XXL. Others, whatever their choice might have been.

Brand – Worthington

Misses and Tall sizes \$70.00 (Buy one, get one for one penny)

Let's Celebrate!

BIRTHDAY PARTY FUNDRAISER

April 27, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Bryant Chapel AMEC
3125 Spaulding Street SW
Birmingham, AL 352221

Missionaries Sisters, Church Members, and Friends
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Designated missionary sisters will be representing the 12 months of the year using that's month's gemstone color for decorating their table. Come and enjoy:



Food
Decorations
Music
Dancing
Prizes
And More!!!

Elected Delegates, Life Members, Alternates and Observers

Must Haves for the 2019 Quadrennial

Yellow Flowers \$15

Blue Scarf \$10

Please pay along with your NWAC WMS Institute registration. Items will be available at Institute.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1) **April 27th @ 4pm....** Fundraiser - **Bryant Capel AMEC...ALL persons are asked to participate...be there or get your donation to Treasurer Angie Giles or President Pat.**

2) **April 30 Bios for All Life Members and recent photo sent to President Smith:**

Patricia R. Smith

603 Candle Lane

Birmingham, Alabama 35214-4821

3) **May 1th – Deadlines**

a. Conference Institute Registration \$25.00

b. First half or all local WMS Budgets/

c. Quadrennial Funds for flower \$15 and scarf \$10.

d. Jacket/Blazer can be found at JCP in store or online...was on sale mock double breast or single button (pineapple.

4) **May 2nd National Day of Prayer – Daniel Payne Community Plaza**

5) **May 12th – Mother's Day – Fistula Campaign** – please asked if an offering may be taken up for Fistula

6) **May 18th – Conference Institute – Payne Chapel AMEC** – attire; Conference Polo or Oxford shirt white bottom...if you have not purchased please contact President Pat

7) **Quadrennial Travel** – Please note that the Southeast Conference WMS has a Bus roundtrip fare is \$205.00 . With deposit of \$25.00 will stop in B'ham @ Flying J/Dennys for pkup.

8) **July 6, 2019 DEADLINE for LETTERS of INTENT – ALL CONFERENCE POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE...especially President, VP's 1 & 2 (as we have served 8 years). I encourage you to Pray about it...Missions must continue and it begins with YOU.** Letters of Intent should be mailed to:

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9) If you are Attending the Quadrennial please complete your housing/hotel stay as all hotels are filling up/