



# The Dove

**Southeast Alabama Conference Branch WMS**  
**Dothan-Eufaula and Ozark-Troy Areas**  
Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

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## Staying Safe During COVID-19 Virus

The Officers of the Southeast Alabama Conference Branch are praying for you and the safety of your family. We are well aware that the Coronavirus is impacting all of us and our normal lives are temporarily on hold. Please listen to the medical experts during this season of uncertainty. Please use ZOOM or conference calls for your detailed interactions with others.

Wash your hands, wear your mask, and wipe things that are used by many in your homes. If you don't have had sanitizer, use Dial antibacterial soap. Please know that we are following the lead of our AMEC leaders at the Connectional, District, and Conference levels. Therefore, we are operating as business as unusual. Please be safe. Avoid large crowds.

## Annual WMS Convention

Presently, our Annual Day Convention is scheduled for September 19, 2020; of course, the pandemic will dictate if we will continue with this date. Nevertheless, we are scheduled to meet at the Johns Chapel AMEC of Enterprise, Alabama where the Reverend Willie White serves as pastor and Sister Constance Jones serves as local president. Additionally, the YPDers will meet on the same day. Sister Niki Mills serves as the local YPD director and Sister Ebony Smith serves as the Conference YPD Director. Director Smith will be informing you of the activities for the YPDers.

Our registration fee for the Annual Day is \$50 per person. Committees are being established for the planning process for the day. As you are aware, we are still obligated to pay our WMS expenses whether we meet or not; therefore, your total participation and cooperation is greatly needed in the support of the Southeast WMS ventures. Remember, just as your local church paid its expenses (whether you met or not), we too are to pay our expenses.

The 2020 WMS Institute was canceled. Please note that we paid the first half of the Southeast Conferences budget and the District honorariums for the Institute.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11**

## Remembering Our Seniors

Studies show that many Americans are depressed and some people have committed suicide. Also, remember that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Although we should distance ourselves, please ask yourself how you might help our seniors who are at risk. Some live alone, don't drive, don't have access to transportation, and don't hear from anyone. Please strive to:

1. Call a senior daily. A five-minute call is better than nothing.
2. Let them know that you are thinking of them.
3. Let them know that you care about them.
4. Offer to pick up items for them (medication, groceries, stamps, etc.)
5. Send them cards.
6. Drive by parades (balloons, signs, etc.).
7. Provide a sing alone outside of their house.
8. Ask your children to make homemade cards for them.
9. Ask your children to call them to say hello.
10. Brainstorm ideas with the YPDers and YAMs during a conference call to get ideas of what can be done.
11. Ask if they have completed their Census. If not, assist them.
12. Ask if they have filled out an absentee ballot for voting. If not, assist them.
13. Take them a hot balanced meal.
14. If the Meals on Wheels are operational in your area, strive to get the senior in your area on their list if they are not already participating.
15. Check to see if the Brown Bag Ministry is available in your area. If so, strive to get your senior in your area on their list if they meet the financial guidelines.

Caring for our elders is a privilege; therefore, show respect when interacting with them. Listen to them for they have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. Thank them for the lessons that have taught us; for their sacrifices they have made for us; and for the times they encouraged us and celebrated us.

## Southeast Fundraisers

Life Member Martha Roseboro is endeavoring to help the Southeast Conference with a fundraiser. These funds will be placed in a savings account for the 20<sup>th</sup> WMS Quadrennial. If you don't support the fundraisers, there will not be any funds available to assist individuals who plan to attend the next Quadrennial. Also, "some" will not find it necessary to call the District Office to complain about the President not giving them money. Bracelets are to be purchased at a cost of \$10 each, and information was mailed to all local presidents more than a month ago. Please try to purchase one bracelet and get your order to Sister Roseboro.



## WMS Meetings

**Please do the following for the Women's Missionary Society:**

Hold conference calls for your local meetings.

Pay your local WMS dues.

Pay your Area WMS dues.

Pay your local budgets.

Support your food banks.



**“When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.”  
Psalm 56:3**

## WMS Pins

If you want to purchase a WMS pin, I have the following that are on sale for \$10 each. To reserve one, email me your request. First come, first served.

Also, the 9<sup>th</sup> District necklaces are available for \$100 per set (earrings, necklace, and bracelets).



### Southeast WMS To Do List

- **Local Presidents:** Your local roll was due to the Conference President and Historiographer/Statistician before the Southeast Annual Institute. Since it was canceled, it is still due. Now that we are quarantined in our homes, this is a perfect time for the Local Presidents to make contact with their members. An Excel spreadsheet is due to the Connectional Office; therefore, please prepare your roll and send it to the SE Conference.
  - We realize that the Local WMS Roll is larger than the Area and Conference Rolls.
    - Members don't attend the Southeast Annual WMS Convention.
    - Members don't pay the Area Dues nor do they attend Area Meetings.
    - Some churches don't hold local meetings and don't collect local dues.
  - To keep one's name on the Conference Roll, one must register (pay registration fee) and attend an Annual Convention. If members don't attend:
    - They should register and send a letter to the Area Chair asking to be excused from the Convention.
    - Only the Area Chair can answer roll for members who are not in attendance; of course, they must register.
  - The Conference President will be mailing a spreadsheet to all whose email addresses she has. She is asking individuals to please assist the Local President in completing this task so that the Conference will be able to meet their deadline.
- **Email Address:** "Some" have said that they don't receive emails from the President. Please send the president an email requesting that your name be added to her database.
- **WMS Study Guide:** Rosemary Range is always asking the WMS and YPD to write articles, prayers, poems, and litnays for publication. If you haven't submitted one in the past, now is the time for you to put your pen to paper and write something. We want to thank Tia Terry and Jaala Torrence for submitting data from the SE YPD for the 2021 Study Guides.
  - Shanika Reeves will be updating us on the status of the 2020 Study Guides.
  - There is always an extra lesson in the current guides for your use.
  - The 2021 geographical theme is **Malawi**
  - The 2021 General Theme: **A Silicon Word: Its Effects of Technology**
  - Article (lesson) Format: Topic, scripture reference, prayer, hymn, lesson focus, introduction, the lesson, lesson summary, reflect and discuss, mission thrust, missionary benediction, and activities. This is the order that your lesson should be written in. When in doubt, refer to your current study guide.
- **Southeast WMS Resolutions:** Please notify 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Warren or the Conference President of any deaths in the SE WMS Family. Also, the President does not place information on the website without the request of the family. If a SE member didn't receive a resolution, it was because the SE WMS wasn't notified of the demise of a member.
  - **Transfers:** When individuals leave the SE Conference, resolutions are not written for those individuals. However, it would be courteous if the Local Society would send one to the family honoring the years of service of the member in the local society.
    - **Letters of Transfers:** When individuals leaves one local church & go to another local church; conference and transfers to another; and district, a letters of transfers should be written. Please copy the Conference's 3<sup>rd</sup> VP and President.

### WMS, Trust in God Always

“Do not worry about your life,  
what you will eat; or about your body,  
what you will wear.

Life is more than food,  
and the body more than clothes.

Consider the ravens:

They do not sow or reap,  
they have no storeroom or barn;  
yet God feeds them.

And how much more valuable  
you are than birds!

Who of you by worrying  
can add a single hour to his life?

Since you cannot do this very little thing,  
why do you worry about the rest?”

- Luke 12:22-26



“We are called to strengthen our faith  
and sent to continue the ministry of  
Jesus Christ by service and  
witness in the world.”

If you paid for a WMS Magazine and you haven't  
received it, please let the Ninth District's 3<sup>rd</sup> VP  
Mary Porter know.

### **Southeast Alabama Conference Branch 2020 WMS Officers**

**Conference President:** Dorothy Sconiers-Bevel, EdS

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Life Member Rometha Norton

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Local President Carolyn Longmire

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** Life Member Ruthie Warren

**Recording Secretary:** Mica Robinson

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**YPD Director:** YAM Ebony Reeves Smith

**YPD President:** Derrick Tiller

**PME Director:** Shanika Reeves

**Parliamentarian:** Local President Brenda Austin

**Historiographer/Statistician:** YAM Takisha Whitehurst

**Worship Director:** Claudia Anderson

**Member-at-Large:** YAM Rochelle Haggins

#### Executive Board Members

Silver Sister Emma Christian

Local President Bobbie Grubbs

Vera McCarter

Life Member Constance Jones

Local President Dorothy Phillips

#### Area Chairs

**Ozark-Troy:** Silver Sister Mary Alice Walker

**Dothan-Eufaula:** Life Member Evadna Moment

- The Connectional WMS held a **WMS-AMEC Global call to Prayer** on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 12 noon. Prayers went out for:
  - Hope and Healing of the Nations
  - The Global WMS-AMEC Family
  - The New Generation Church
  - The Young Women who are incarcerated, homeless, suffering, and marginalized during the pandemic
  - The Health Professionals, Front Line Personnel, Essential workers and Caregivers
  - For Strength, Wisdom, and Prophetic Counsel, as we charter the unknown
  - The Episcopal Leaders, Leaders on all levels, our churches and members during this pandemic
- **The National Day of Prayer** was on Thursday, May 7 and the theme verse for this year was taken from Habakkuk 2:14 which read: “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” The theme for 2020: “COVID-19 pandemic ‘precursor to revival, God’s glory.” Please pray for our nation and the world.
- **Thanks** to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Carolyn Longmire for submitting an article for the SE Conference to the Ninth District’s WMS Newsletter.