



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS

May 2024

Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, President

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Supervisor

The Right Reverend Harry Lee Seawright, Presiding Prelate

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



Happy May to All,

Time is moving swiftly. We completed 3 of this year's WMS Conference Institutes. The Conference Presidents, YPD Directors, and their teams presented strong programs. In this season of graduations and awards programs, attendance remained relatively stable. I appreciate the people who sacrificed to attend and support these institutes. I extend thanks to the churches, pastors, and local societies that served as hosts. The overriding message for the institutes' series seems to focus on the importance of training. I look forward to the Southwest and Southeast that are scheduled for May 25th and June 1st, respectively.

As the Whiting Administration unfolds, our Episcopal President remains dedicated to the task. Through her meetings with presidents, vice presidents, commissions, and the finance team, all missionaries should be moving forward in their roles. God blesses me to serve in the 9th District where the WMS makes missions happen in word and deed. Thank you, President Whiting and your team.

In this ministry of service, sometimes the people who do the most work receive little or no recognition. Please know that I am grateful for everyone who serves. I especially salute local presidents, local societies, and area chairpersons. Without your commitment and cooperation, our missionary efforts wouldn't be as effective. Thank you!

Several WMS and YPD members celebrated academic graduations. Congratulations to all of you. High school graduates are stepping into a new arena of employment, military service, or academics. For college graduates, life will soon be "life-ing" in ways you never imagined—you'll begin to understand the people who raised you—and you will rise to meet the challenges.

I salute parents, guardians, relatives, and all the people who encouraged and supported our graduates. Graduates, remember the role the AME Church played in your upbringing. Be *intentional* about sharing your time, talents, and financial blessings with your church. Join the WMS, the Young Adult Missionaries, the Lay Organization, RAYAC, the Sons of Allen, or other ministries. Bring new ideas to help ministries continue to progress. I, and many others, want you to stay with the AME Church.

Let's remember our WMS members who are not able to attend meetings. Call them. Send them a card. If possible, visit them. Remind them of how much the WMS appreciates their contributions to missions.

God is faithful!

Rev. Sherita



Greetings,

This is the day the Lord has made and we are glad about it!

Ninth District WMS, you are moving Missions Forward continually blessing others. The Conference Institutes thus far have been phenomenal.
Keep Blessing Others!

You continue to show your love for others with the projects that you do in your local churches, on the Area level, and in the Conferences. It is exciting to see how you are blessed and how you share your blessing with others.
Keep Blessing Others!

Let's continue to "Lend a Hand, Lift Others Up, and Link Communities". Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, you continue to serve one another with whatever gift you have received.
Keep Blessing Others!

Our Young People are to be commended for their commitment. YPD Directors, your labor of love and sacrifice does not go unnoticed. Continue to do what God had called you to do.
Keep Blessing Others!

Proverbs 11:25 AMP version says "The generous man is a source of blessing and shall be prosperous and enriched, And he who waters will himself be watered reaping the generosity he has sown".
Keep Blessing Others!

Remember,
God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

Sherryl Whiting

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT *Quadrennial Gala*

In Honor of Bishop Harry L. & Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright



"We Thrive Together"

MARRIOTT HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER
JUNE 14, 2024 | 6:00 PM (CST)

The Marriott Hotel Room Block is Under "Send Off Celebration AME Church 2024"
\$189.00 per night. Reservations are to be made directly with the Marriott Hotel
by May 15, 2024 | 1-800-228-9290 or 334-290-1235

Attire: Semi-Formal | Plated Meal | Live Music | Door Prizes
Dancing | Vegan Options



MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
AT CAPITOL HILL (THE LEGENDS)
2500 Legends Circle | Prattville, AL 36066

TICKET PRICE
\$125
PER PERSON

The 9th Episcopal District will have a table for this event.
If you would like to sit at the table please send your money by May 29, 2024,
1st pay, 1st seat
to
Catherine Jordan 525 Barron Rd Troy, AL 36081 or CashApp \$9WMSAME
Please indicate Celebratory Breakfast



SAVE-THE-DATE

The Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT THE SEAT OF THE

2024 General Conference for our

Sesquicentennial **CELEBRATORY BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 @ 7:00AM

COLUMBUS, OH

PREMIUM TABLE & SPONSOR: \$1,200.00
GENERAL TICKETS: \$100.50

150 YEARS OF MISSION AND SERVICE
**CELEBRATING A LEGENDARY PAST...
CASTING A PHENOMENAL FUTURE**

BISHOP MICHAEL L. MITCHELL, COMMISSION CHAIR, GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY
DR. JOHN F. GREEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY
DR. DEBORAH TAYLOR KING, CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC PRESIDENT
MRS. RICHELLE FRY SKINNER, CONNECTIONAL YPD AMEC DIRECTOR



FISTULA CAMPAIGN 2024

“Because We Care”

Mother's Day
May 12, 2024

Help give a woman a new life!
by Donating to the Fistula Campaign
“Surgery is the only cure.”

Donations should be sent to your Conference!
Thank you for your generous donations to this year's campaign!



RECYCLE
for
SIGHT



JOIN YOUR
NGO LIAISON
IN COLLECTING
USED EYEGLASSES

ANY STYLE

ANY COLOR

ANY SIZE

**DONATE
TODAY!**

We are collecting used eyeglasses for our fellow sisters and brothers in Congolese. Feel free to gather your used eyeglasses, or purchase from your nearest dollar store to be of support.

All donations can be delivered to your District Liaison by

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Hello Missionaries of the 9th Episcopal District,

It is time again to participate in Bread for the World. As you may know this is a letter writing campaign that works to combat hunger. Each Episcopal District is being asked to submit a minimum of 100 letters online. On your smartphone, SCAN the QRS code below. On your computer please navigate to ol.bread.org, select write and fill out the information. You will receive an email confirmation that your letter was received. Upon receipt of your email confirmation, please forward it to Vp1st9@yahoo.com. Thank you for all that you do to move missions forward!

Yours In Service,
Ebony Reeves Smith
1st VP WMS 9th District



OFFERING of LETTERS

**Put your faith into action with
Bread for the World's Offering of Letters!**

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations, and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger.

By taking part in Bread for the World's 2024 Offering of Letters, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

Your letter matters. Combined with others from your church, campus, or organization—and joined with the voices of thousands of advocates across the country—your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decision makers to pursue a world without hunger. God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.

Prayer of the Day

God of love,

*We gather this day to worship you:
to hear your word proclaimed,*

*to pray for our neighbors,
near and far,*

*and to offer the gift of our voices
—and our words*

*so that children around the world
have enough nourishing food
that they will thrive.*

Amen. —



How to participate in Offering of Letters

Join Bread for the World in pursuing a world without hunger.

Please take a few minutes to write your members of Congress. Urge them to help families and children experiencing hunger and poverty—no matter where they live.

Sample letters can be found to print or send by email at ol.bread.org.

9th Episcopal District WMS

MS. EBONY SMITH, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT 9TH DISTRICT WMS

MS. SHERRYL S. WHITING, PRESIDENT 9TH DISTRICT WMS

REV. SHERITA MOON SEAWRIGHT, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR 9TH DISTRICT

THE RIGHT REV. HARRY L. SEAWRIGHT, PRESIDING BISHOP 9TH DISTRICT



P R E S E N T S

Your Health Is Wealth

Motherhood & Mental Health

Finding and keeping the balance.

7 P.M.
CST

Zoom ID: 864 2565 0621

Passcode: 194368

**23RD
MAY
2024**

**Rev. Dr. Cassandra
Clariett, DMin, MSSW,
LCSW-TN,AZ,GA**

**April Saffold,
MS, MCAP, ICADC,
ALC**

**MeLisa Ford,
LPC**



The American Theatre of BEing Foundation



The Toney Stewart Scholarship Fund



SUITED FOR SUCCESS

FROM THE CLOTHING LINE OF

HENRI FAYE'S CLOSET



MISSION

Suited For Success is part of celebrated Actress and Educator Dr. Toney Stewart's initiative to implement a scholarship fund for high school and college-age students pursuing an undergraduate and graduate education or career in performing arts.

As crucial as attaining a college degree is for career seeking graduates, having a successful in-person encounter with a potential employer is equally as crucial as first impressions are lasting ones that can seal the pathway towards success.



Bestowed with over 150 suits, ties, belts, shirts, and slacks from Henri Faye's Closet of Georgia, it is our desire to provide new attire to any performing arts student seeking career opportunities within the job marketplace.



✉ TSScholarship24@gmail.com
🌐 <http://www.tcmictoneystewart.com>

THE GOAL

Our goal is to partner with as many sorority/ fraternities, celebrities, churches, civic and community organizations, to join us in growing Suited For Success in a nationally sustained campaign.

"As an educator, actress, and businesswoman, suiting up for success is a key factor for our youth's next steps in their professional lives"

-Toney Stewart



THE STORY

In June of 2023, Dr. Stewart was contacted by the heir of Henri Faye's Closet, whose family matriarch wanted her store of new men's suits and accessories to be put in Dr. Stewart's trust to make sure that high school and college aged young men would be able to get new clothing for their further educational and career pursuits.

HOW IT WORKS

Starting locally in the state of Alabama as part of Dr. Stewart's 501(c)3 Theater of BEing Foundation and The Toney Stewart Scholarship Fund, the organization plans to issue these new suits to any performing arts students whose academic officials, church, or community leaders would recommend a student for this head start.



9th District

PME DIALOUGE

**"THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AND
THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY"**



**Presented by
Sis. Delnora Bell**

**May 18, 2024
4 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID:
865 1030 9337
Passcode: 657696**

**Dial In:
+13126266799**

***Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Rev. Sherita M. Seawright, Episcopal WMS Supervisor
The Right Rev. Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate***



Join us for our **B2B**
Back-To-Basics

End of SCHOOL Year



VIRTUAL TUTORIAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.

Hosted By

The Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society

And Young People's and Children's Division

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, Chair

Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon, Co-Chair

Mrs. Sherryl Whiting, WMS Episcopal President

The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright

WMS Episcopal Supervisor

The Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Ninth Episcopal District

Zoom Info.

Meeting ID:

838 8406 8348

Passcode:

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Thank You Writers!

The following were submitted to the Connectional PME Director:

Northwest Alabama Conference

Arthenia Lewis - "Tips for Champions for Our Youth"

Rosemary Range - Lesson - "Journey From Thought~To Mind~To Action"

Southeast Alabama Conference

Ramadanah Jones - "A Litany for the Protection of Our Children"

Northeast Alabama Conference

Rev. Brandon Thornton - Call To Worship

Southwest Alabama Conference

Earnestine Kelly - "A Prayer for Our Youth", "Litany for Our Youth", & "Reflections"

YPD SUBMISSIONS

Alabama River Region Conference

Jordan Bellamy - Poem - "We are Here, Meet Us There"

Northwest Alabama Conference

Jordyn Shannon - "Thank God, Prayer"

Ninth Episcopal District of the
African Methodist Episcopal Church

Young People's & Children's Division

of the Women's Missionary Society

YPD DIRECTOR'S TRAINING

Mrs. Hattie Nathan, Presenter

Date: May 30, 2024

Time: 7:00 cst

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 812 9312 2477

Passcode: 173121

TRAINING SESSION:

YPD Motto & Mission

Your Role as YPD Director

Effective Leadership

Building an Effective Program

Questions & Answers



MORE INFORMATION

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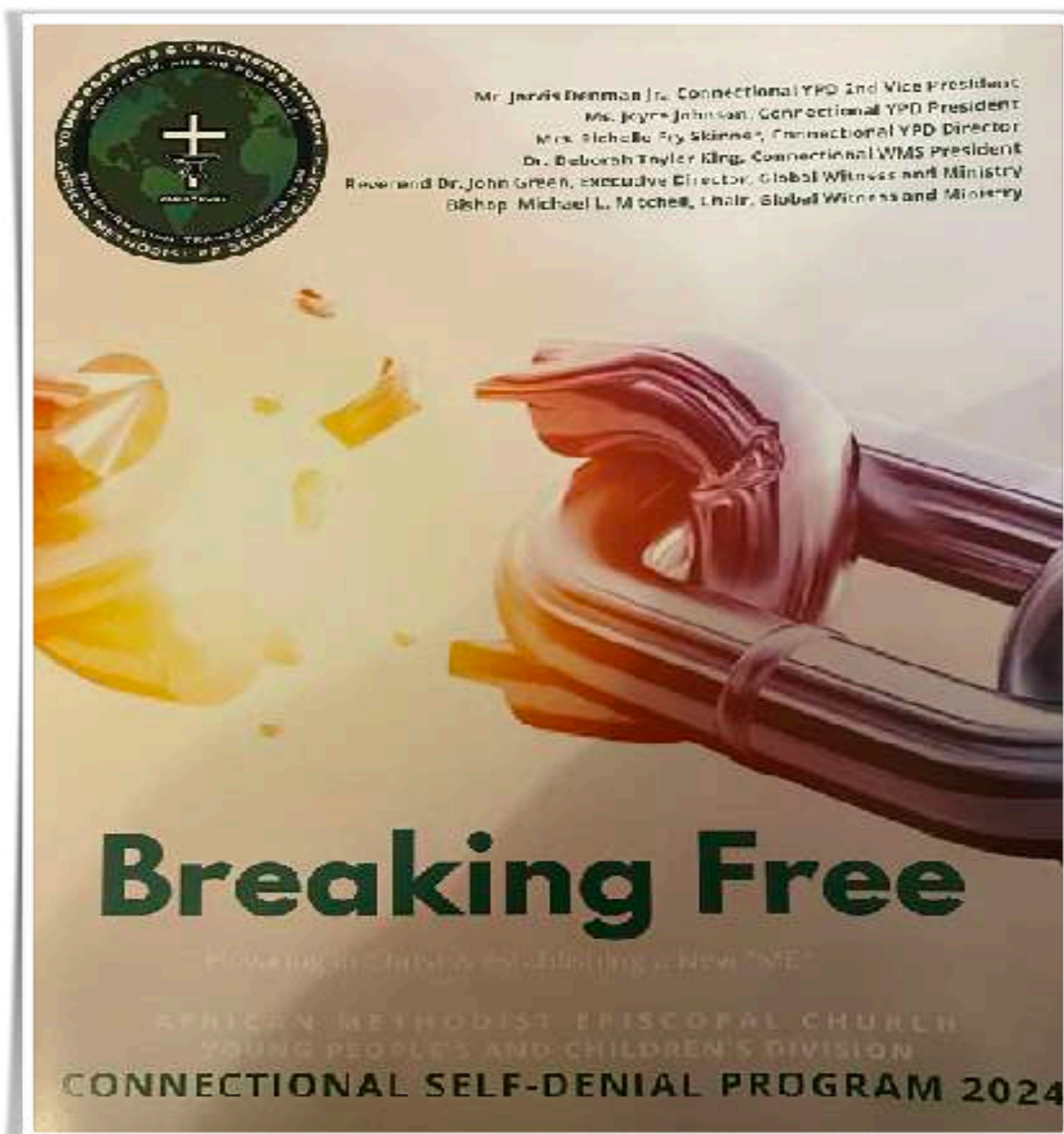
Joshua Williams, Jr., YPD President
Debra Scott Weatherspoon, YPD Director

Sherryl Whiting, WMS President

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Rt. Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate

Please encourage participation and support!



May 7-14, 2024
Self Denial

Kits are available!

Please encourage
participation from the Local
Church to the Episcopal
District!

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

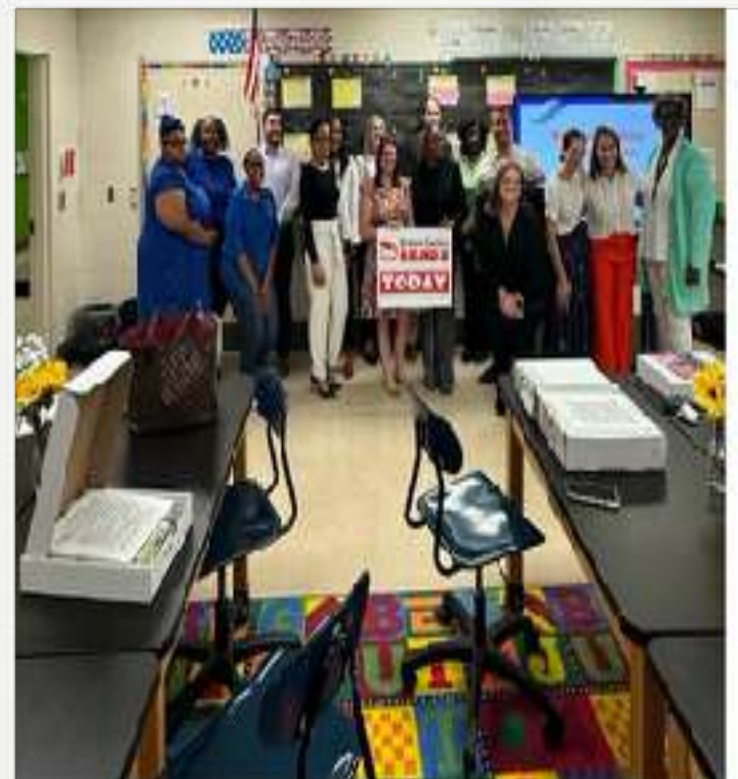
May 25th
Southwest
ST. Paul, Mobile

June 1st
Southeast
Johns Chapel, Enterprise



Way to Go

Northwest Alabama Conference WMS
BETTER BASICS READS!



DAY AT THE CAPITOL!

Northwest & Northeast Alabama Conferences



What about a WMS Day at the Capitol meeting and talking with our Legislators?

A Time to let our voices be heard!

KUDOS to the Southeast Alabama Conference WMS FOOD BANK PROJECT Packing food for those in NEED!



Northeast Alabama Conference

hosted a

Prayer Breakfast

What a spirit-filled time!

Our very own Connectional Worship Leader,
Dr. Djuana Duncombe-Paden
was the speaker and was exceptional!!!



YAMS participating in Conference Institutes



"Suited for Success"
Donation

CONGRATULATIONS

Sis. Betty W. Davis!

Let's congratulate her on being Voted by other volunteers as
"the person to brighten the day"

presented by

Feeding the Gulf Coast!

Metropolitan AME Church is peacock proud and so are we!



Northwest Alabama Conference Young People's & Children's Division **Leadership Training Institute**

Jordan Chism, NWAC YPD President - Mrs. LaVarne McReynolds, NWAC YPD Director
Mrs. Thomasine Jackson, NWAC WMS President - Mrs. Sherryll Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor - Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate

Theme: Breaking Free

Thursday, June 20 Opening Worship Service
Friday, June 21 Memorial & Graduation Observances, Workshops, Hotel Check-in,
Saturday, June 22 Spare-Time Entertainment & Urban Air
Sunday, June 23 Morning Worship Service



Registration: \$25/person
Registration Deadline: May 24, 2024
Register with you Local YPD Director
Support the YPD by purchasing a LTI T-shirt: \$15

Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - 6931 Division Avenue - Birmingham, AL 35206
Hilton Garden Inn Trussville - 3230 Edwards Lake Parkway - Birmingham, AL 35235
Spare Time Entertainment - 3600 Roosevelt Blvd - Trussville, AL 35235
Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park - 3695 Roosevelt Blvd, Trussville, AL 35235

Please keep ALL of our
BEREAVED FAMILIES



in your prayers!



COVID-19

STILL RELEVANT?

"As long as there is a COVID-19 outbreak somewhere in the world, there is going to be something new that emerges."

- Nathan Grubaugh, PhD, an epidemiologist at the Yale School of Public Health

Current Variants - HV.1 & JN.1

Descendants of Omicron

Highly transmissible

Detected by COVID-19 tests

Protect yourself - TEST, ISOLATE, BOOST!



Bishop Michael L Mitchell, Commission Chair, Global Witness & Ministry
Dr Deborah Taylor King, International WMS President
Mrs Charolett Biggs Martin, Commission Chair, Christian Social Action