



MISSIONS FORWARD

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



Missionaries & YPDers,

DISCLAIMER: This is Reverend Sherita's opinion.

While analyzing last week's presidential debate, I thought about a familiar story from *The Holy Bible*.

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "*Martha, Martha,*" the Lord answered, "*you are worried and upset about many things,* ⁴² *but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.*" -- Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

As a registered Democrat, my heart ached for President Biden. As a human being, my heart ached for former President Trump. Clearly the debate showed many weaknesses; however, in our sick culture, seemingly, the greater the weakness, the stronger the criticism. The last few rounds of national politics emphasized personal attacks over issues.

During the televised event, I saw one man who stuttered, looked physically weak and mentally slow. That same man seemed to have a good heart and cares about our country and democracy. He listens and knows how to govern. He listens. He admits not having all the answers.

The other man, a convicted felon, seemed erratic, angry, mad, vengeful, committed to not answering the questions asked, and focused on himself. He admitted calling and talking to leaders of governments that restrict basic freedoms. Many of his responses were not true. Liars lie!

Since last week, I've heard many calls for President Biden to bow out of the presidential race. Let's be careful! These chants are distractions. President Biden brought our country out of the pandemic, helped stabilize our economy, fought for what matters most in America, and tried to bring unity from factions. He is not perfect: I don't agree with all his policies, and I know we can be a better nation. Leaders lead!

In the scripture, Mary sat at Jesus's feet and focused on the one thing needed, listening to Jesus and feeding her spirit. Martha was distracted by things that held no spiritual value. Jesus directed Martha to what mattered most.

Wake up! Project 2025 Presidential Transition Project is a plan to limit our individual freedoms while strengthening the conservative agenda. Focusing on the debate distracts us from what's at stake: our freedom. Past behavior can be a good indicator of future actions. Our country has seen both candidates in action in their official capacities as chief executive. Let's vote! Spread the word: don't be distracted from the real issues. Vote!!!

Please read Project 2025!

God is faithful!
Rev. Sherita



Greetings,

Thank you for all that you do to move Missions Forward in the 9th Episcopal District!

The week of July 22-28, 2024, we are planning a “Week of Service and Love” across the District. During this week, the focus on moving missions forward becomes a transformative endeavor that goes beyond immediate actions to cultivate sustainable impact and meaningful change. It begins with a concerted effort to identify pressing needs within communities, whether they be social, economic, or environmental. Missionaries should collaborate closely with local organizations and stakeholders to devise comprehensive strategies that address these challenges effectively and compassionately.

Central to moving missions forward during this week is the empowerment of individuals and communities through education, skill development, and capacity-building initiatives. Moreover, the week serves as a catalyst for fostering enduring relationships based on trust, respect, and mutual understanding. Missionaries and community members should collaborate as partners in progress, sharing ideas, resources, and experiences to co-create sustainable solutions. This collaborative approach will not only amplify the impact of individual efforts but also nurture a sense of ownership and pride within communities, empowering them to continue driving positive change long after the week concludes.

During this “Week of Service and Love”, the impact will extend far beyond immediate relief; it will cultivate lasting connections and inspire positive change in both the WMS and the recipients of our service. Through acts of love manifested in service, Missionaries will demonstrate a profound belief in the inherent dignity and worth of every individual. This week will exemplify the power of empathy and solidarity, demonstrating how collective efforts can bring about meaningful transformations in communities. Ultimately, moving missions forward during the “Week of Service and Love” serves as a beacon of hope and a testament to the enduring power of compassion in making the world a better place for all.

I am looking forward to seeing the pictures of service and love intertwined that enriches the giver and the receiver.

Blessings and Love,

Sherryl Whiting

God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

“Lend a Hand, Lift Others Up, and Link Communities”

9TH DISTRICT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

*Happy
Birthday*

July 19

SUPERVISOR

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright



Birthday blessings can be sent to:
1133 Greymoor Road
Shoal Creek, AL 35242
Cashapp: \$MommyMaNa

If you would like to purchase a ticket,
please send money to:

Catherine Jordan 525 Barron Rd
Troy, AL 36081 or

CashApp: \$9WMSAME

Please indicate Celebratory Breakfast

The 9th District table is full, tickets
purchased will be open seating.



CELEBRATING A LEGENDARY PAST
150 YEARS
CASTING A PHENOMENAL FUTURE - 1874-2024

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

****Suggested Attire for Breakfast - African or White****



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**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE AME CHURCH**

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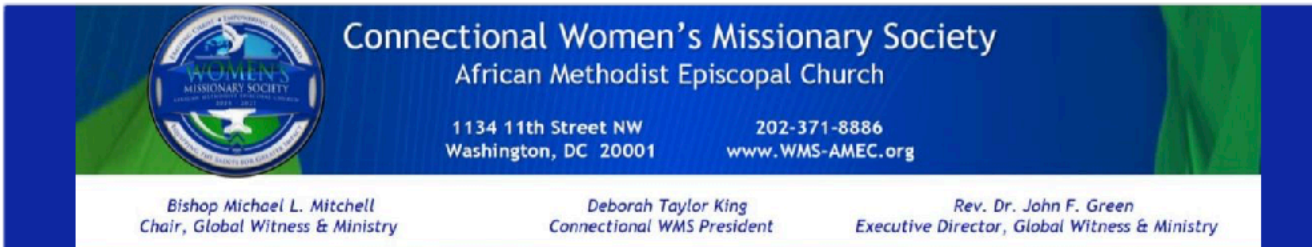

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH


2025
**CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC
EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
AND TRAINING SESSION**

SAVE-THE-DATE
JANUARY 22-25, 2025

Hyatt Regency Garden Grove, Orange County, CA
REGISTRATION TO OPEN NOVEMBER 1ST
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



 **Connectional Women's Missionary Society**
African Methodist Episcopal Church

1134 11th Street NW 202-371-8886
Washington, DC 20001 www.WMS-AMEC.org

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**WMS
AMEC**

Dr. Deborah Taylor King
International President
10th Episcopal District - Life Member

HUNGER Awareness



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Hunger is the world's number one health risk. It kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.



1 in 7 people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

925 million people do not have enough to eat; 98% of them live in developing countries.



65% of the world's hungry live in only seven countries: India, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Ethiopia.

Under-nutrition contributes to 5 million deaths of children under 5 each year in developing countries.

There are more hungry people in the world than the combined populations of the United States, Canada, and the European Union.



This month do something to fight global hunger. Raise awareness by updating your status with one of the hunger facts above using #Endhunger.

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

THANK YOU!

Over 700 Eyeglasses were donated to support the NGO project led by Sister Dianne Battle



SPEAKER

**ROSETTA S.
BROCK**



PROMOTING MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Dialogue

20

JULY
2024

4:00 PM

JOIN US

ZOOM MEETING ID: 86510309337

PASSCODE: 657696

MS. SHERRYL S. WHITING, EPISCOPAL WMS PRESIDENT
REV. SHERITA M. SEAWRIGHT, EPISCOPAL WMS SUPERVISOR
THE RIGHT REV. HARRY L. SEAWRIGHT, PRESIDING PRELATE

9th District Women's Missionary Society

A WEEK OF SERVICE AND LOVE

JULY 22- July 28, 2024

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**22
JULY**

Pay It Forward

Distribute toiletry bags and non-perishable items to those in need.



**23
JULY**

What's Love Got To Do With It?

Distribute snack bags to those in need to your organization of choice.



**24
JULY**

Faith, Works & Wellness

Staying strong to push missions forward. Join our virtual workout! 6 p.m. CST
Zoom ID: 83800610186 PW: 046912



**25
JULY**

Virtual Game Night

6 P.M. CST

Zoom ID: 85097525633 PW: 369196



**26
JULY**

Day Of Service

Donate clothes, art supplies or non-perishable items to your organization of choice. Volunteer at a community center.



**27
JULY**

Tilling The Soil

Volunteer at a local community garden or plant your own garden.



**28
JULY**

Fellowship Is What I Do

Recognize a missionary in your local church for their dedication to missions.

Sis. Ebony R. Smith, 1st VP 9th District WMS

Sis. Mary Wells-Porter, 2nd VP 9th District WMS

Dr. Sharon Massingole, 3rd VP 9th District WMS

Sis. Sherryl S. Whiting, President 9th District WMS

Rev. Sherita Moon Seowright, Episcopal Supervisor 9th District

The Right Rev. Harry L. Seowright, Presiding Bishop 9th District

The Noble Ninth Young Adult Members

Presents

July 26-28, 2024



LEVEL UP



[Register Here](#)

St. John AME Church
229 Church Street NW
Huntsville, AL 35801

Deadline: July 12, 2024

Registration: \$50

Sis. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor
The Rt. Rev. Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate



JOIN US FOR OUR

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 | 7PM

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- The Alabama Literacy Act
- Alabama Graduation Requirements
- ACT Test Taking Strategies

PRESENTERS



**DR. KIMBERLY
WALKER**



**MRS. BRENDA
NICHOLAS**



**DR. WYCONDIA
WEST**

HOSTED BY

**The Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society
Commission on Mission Educational and Interpretation**

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter | WMS Second Vice President
Mrs. Cheryl Robinson-Sutton | WMS Educational Seminar Chairperson
Ms. Sherryl Whiting | WMS Episcopal District President
Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright | WMS Episcopal District Supervisor
Bishop Harry L. Seawright | Presiding Prelate



zoom

**MEETING ID: 842 5877 3318
PASSCODE: 311 212**



Kierra Giles, Connectional YPD Reading & Literacy Chair 9th Episcopal District

Calling all young people 2-26 to participate in the Connectional YPD R.I.S.E. - Reading Initiative for Scholastic Excellence! **It's not too late to join** this transformative ministry event to reduce the "Summer Slide."

Summer slide, also known as summer learning loss, is the tendency for students to lose some of the academic skills they've gained during the previous school year over the summer break. This can include a decline in reading ability and other skills.

Please review the flyer and access the R.I.S.E. Tools for Success here, which includes Bookmarks, a Reading Log, and an Active Reader Guide!

Please submit reading suggestions and questions to:
ConnectionalYPD23@gmail.com!

AME Church Authors' Catalog

Are you a member of the AME Church who has published literature for children, youth, and young adults ages 2-26? Great! We need you! We ask that you join the AME Church Authors' Catalog! Please complete the link below to provide your information!

If you have any questions, please send an email to:
ConnectionalYPD23@gmail.com!

[AMEC Authors' Catalog - Submission Form](#)



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE READING & LITERACY COMMITTEE OF
THE CONNECTIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION
PRESENTS

2024 R.I.S.E.

Reading Initiative for Scholastic Excellence

READING WEDNESDAYS

JUNE 5TH, JUNE 19TH, JULY 3RD & JULY 17TH

Tune in as YPDers share their favorite short stories and poems.



FEATURED AUTHOR FRIDAYS

JUNE 14TH, JUNE 28TH, JULY 12TH & JULY 26TH AT 10:00 AM CST

Join us on Instagram live as we spotlight AMEC authors. Learn more about their literary works and journeys.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1ST-JULY 31ST

- Read and comprehend as many literary works as possible between June 1st and July 31st
 - Log the books that you have read using the QR code. Each YPDer should only submit 2 forms. First Submission deadline June 30th @ 11:59 pm CST. Second Submission deadline is July 31st @ 11:59 pm CST
 - Awards:
 - Book Giveaway for Top Reader in each YPD age division
 - Final Top 3 Readers in each age division on August 5th:
 - Mother Sunbeams receive an Award Package
 - Allen Stars, Youth Auxiliary, and Young Adults
- 1st Place Reader: \$150
2nd Place Reader: \$100
3rd Place Reader: \$50



CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

KUDOS! Southwest Alabama Conference WMS “FEEDING PROGRAM”

Katie's Kitchen, a proud initiative of Metropolitan AME Church, delivers food on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, providing meals to those in need.



KATIE'S KITCHEN
METROPOLITAN A.M.E. CHURCH
FEEDING
THE HUNGRY
Bringing Warmth to Every Heart
Isaiah 58:10-12

Continued
Southwest Alabama Conference WMS
“FEEDING PROGRAM”



Samuel Chapel
AME Church
FEEDING
PROGRAM

Bethel AME Church
FEEDS 100!



NEED ASSISTANCE?
**FREE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION**

June 22 | 10 AM
BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
714 SAVANNAH STREET
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Bethel A.M.E. Church is partnering with Feeding the Gulf Coast to distribute free food to families and individuals in need.



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!



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