



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS

August 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.*



Wow! Where did the time go? 2024 seemed so far away!

At our first official gathering I promised to do my best. I asked you to respect me and promised to respect you. I asked you to work with me. Thank you for doing your part.

You supported your local church's activities and Annual and District Conferences. We fell short with fundraising; yet God provided. Your presence at Connectional WMS and YPD events increased my joy. I appreciate the many sacrifices to you made for missions.

God blessed me to join an *active* Episcopal WMS and YPD. Through existing programs your commitment allowed God's love to shine brighter. Accepting challenges and stepping into the unfamiliar paid big dividends from the following new initiatives:

- The Extensive Christmas Giveaway
- Back to Basics
- Adding a Women's Conference to the Annual Meeting
- A Week of Service and Love
- Young Adult Missionaries Retreat

Thank you to:

- Episcopal President Sherryl Whiting
- Episcopal YPD Director Debra Scott Weatherspoon
- Episcopal YPD President Joshua Williams
- Immediate Past Episcopal President Susie Bonner
- Immediate Past Episcopal YPD Director Djuana Duncombe-Aden
- Immediate Past YPD Episcopal President Kierra Giles
- All Past and Current WMS and YPD Officers, Members, and Associate Members at All Levels Who Served from 2016-2024

Thank you, Bishop Seawright, for granting me the privilege of serving as Episcopal Supervisor for the Ninth Episcopal District. I appreciate your love and support. Shari, Matthew, and Cameron, thank you for your encouragement in this journey.

Ninth District, our time together proved to be a good ride! Since you were the first Episcopal District for which I served as Episcopal Supervisor, you taught me major parts of my role. With your help, guidance, instruction, and support, we made a positive difference.

As I serve in another place, you will remain in my heart.

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 Service and Love” and the YAM’s Retreat were awesome! We have an Educational Seminar as well as other programs coming and we encourage you to participate and support.

As we move forward, how can we say thanks to The Seawrights’ for ALL they have done for the Ninth Episcopal District? We are going to miss them and we pray God’s blessings upon them!

We extend our deepest gratitude for the remarkable dedication and selfless service they have shown in their Christian ministry. The Seawrights’ unwavering commitment to helping others and sharing the teachings of Christ have made a profound impact on our community. The countless hours they have devoted, the prayers they have offered, and the guidance they have provided have all been a beacon of hope and inspiration.

Their actions exemplify the true spirit of Christian love and compassion. It is evident that they serve not for recognition, but out of a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of those around them. Their kindness and generosity reflect the heart of Christ and encourage all of us to strive for greater faith and compassion in our own lives.

Thank you once again for your incredible service and for being a living testament to the power of faith. Your work is a blessing to many and serves as a reminder of the profound impact one can have through their commitment to Christian values. May you continue to be uplifted and strengthened in your journey, knowing that your efforts and leadership are deeply appreciated and cherished.

Blessings and Love,

Sherryl Whiting
God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

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



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July 31, 2024

Our Democracy Matters!!

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8*

We, the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church are saddened to learn of President Biden's decision to decline the nomination for reelection as President. We appreciate President Biden's hard work leading this country, creating jobs, expanding healthcare for all, passing gun safety laws, and student loan relief, along with appointing the first African American woman to the Supreme Court among just a few accomplishments. Thank you for your commitment to advancing justice for all.

We must stand firm to protect our rights and our democracy. We have the power to defeat Project 2025 and the opponent. We stand in unity with the Council of Bishops in supporting President Biden's endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee. This endorsement is the path forward for our country. We are ready to mobilize, educate, and vote for a strong democracy.

We must... watch, fight and pray!

Deborah Taylor King
President

Lisa Whigham Johnson
Political Action Chair

"Exalting Christ - Empowering Missionaries - Equipping the Saints for Greater Impact"
"To equip His people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
Ephesians 4:12



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!!





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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
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**DR. WYCONDIA
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HOSTED BY

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

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Ms. Sherryl Whiting | WMS Episcopal District President
Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright | WMS Episcopal District Supervisor
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**MEETING ID: 842 5877 3318
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ADOPT-A-SCHOOL * CLASSROOM



Celebrate Back-to-School

PLEASE SHARE PICTURES WITH
THE COMMISSION BY



September 15, 2024
Email to: bdavis3010@aol.com

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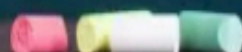
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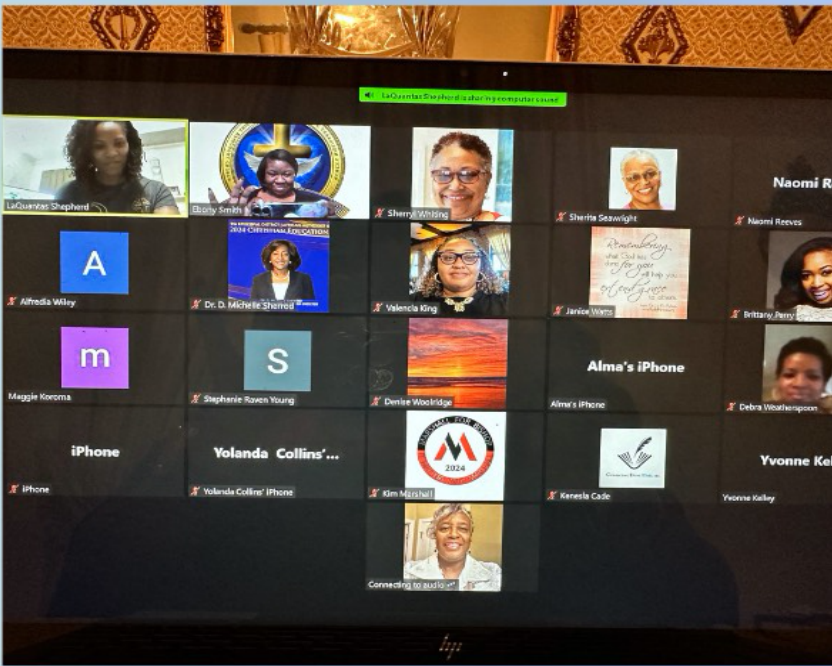
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St. John's and St. Paul (Montgomery)
Local WMS work together to **PAY IT FORWARD-** They collected and distributed care packages to residence of the Rosa Parks Senior Apartments in Montgomery. Loving and sharing with the community.



Week of Service and Love
2024



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WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

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Local President Marge Simmons walking during the virtual **Faith, Works and Wellness session** - July 24, 2024 - while in Birmingham babysitting grandson.



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YAM RETREAT 2024



Young Adult Missionaries Donated to “Village of Promise”

It is a Family Advancement Center founded in 2011 to address the needs of children and families in distress, high-poverty Northwest Huntsville neighborhoods. The Village of Promise empowers families to break the cycle of poverty using a targeted, multigenerational approach that provides age-based and need-related programming so families can conquer challenges, achieve dreams, and contribute to their community



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](#)

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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