



# MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS

**September 2024**

*Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, Episcopal President*

*Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor*

*Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., 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.*



**Dear Members of the Noble Ninth Episcopal District WMS,**

**I bring you greetings as the new Episcopal Supervisor of the very mighty Ninth Episcopal District. As we begin our series of five annual conferences, please know that I am eagerly and truly looking forward to getting to know each of you personally as we work the plans that God compels us to do!**

**I am grateful for the support of our very capable and exceptional Episcopal President, Sister Sherryl Whiting. She has worked overtime to welcome and assist me as we transition in as your new episcopal leadership team.**

**As we begin our work this conference year, I am also looking forward to learning more about the projects and ideas that are near and dear to our missionaries here in the Ninth District. I am confident that the leadership teams in each conference are prepared and willing to assist us as we move even higher in missions.**

**Congratulations on the exciting work that has been done. May God's grace and mercy afford us renewed passion and energy for the work that we will do in the life of African Methodism and in missions.**

**Blessings,**

**Supervisor McAllister**



**Greetings,**

The 9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society is pleased to WELCOME Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr, Supervisor Deana Young McAllister, and their three sons (Julius III, Colin McKinley, and Dylan David Jeremiah). Their leadership and guidance are eagerly anticipated, and we are confident that their vision and experience will greatly enrich our collective journey. We are looking forward to working alongside them and learning from their expertise. As they settle into their new positions, our team is pleased to support them in every way possible. In the 9th, we value open communication and collaboration and are excited about the fresh perspectives they bring. We believe that together we can achieve great things and foster a nurturing and dynamic environment.

**Together Everyone Achieves More!**

As we approach our Annual Conference meetings, I wanted to express my strong support for these gatherings. They provide an invaluable opportunity for us to come together, share insights, and collaboratively address the challenges and opportunities facing our community. The diverse perspectives and collective expertise that these meetings bring are crucial for driving forward our goals and ensuring that we remain aligned in our mission.

**Together Everyone Achieves More!**

I am confident that our time together will foster meaningful discussions and lead to actionable outcomes that benefit us all. Your participation and engagement are key to the success of these meetings, and I encourage everyone to contribute openly and constructively. Let's seize this opportunity to strengthen our connections and advance our shared objectives with enthusiasm and dedication.

**Together Everyone Achieves More!**

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

**Again, Together Everyone Achieves More!**

**Blessings and Love,**

**Sherryl Whiting**

**God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally**

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





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!!




CELEBRATING A LEGENDARY PAST  
**150 YEARS**  
- 1876-2024 -

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE AME CHURCH

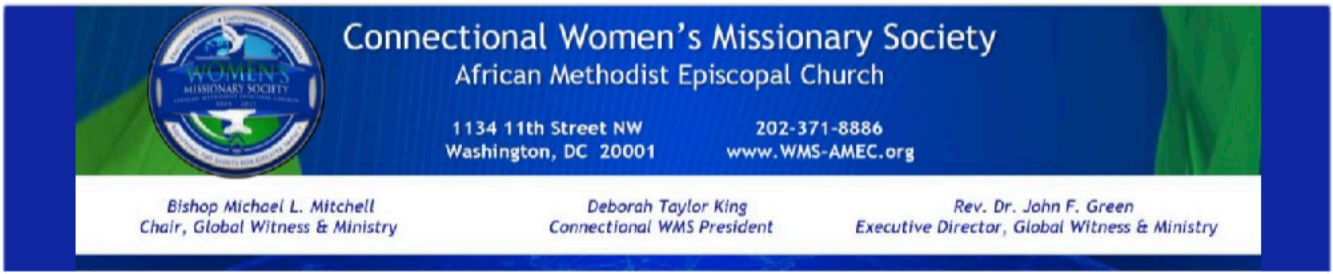
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# 35th Annual NGO CONFERENCE

## "CHANGING THE GLOBAL FORECAST"

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*  
-2 Chronicles 7:14

OCTOBER 19TH, 2024

**REGISTER NOW**



**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell**  
COMMISSION CHAIR,  
GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY

**Dr. Deborah Taylor King**  
CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC PRESIDENT

**Mrs. Shawn M. Ross**  
UN NGO MAIN REPRESENTATIVE

**Ms. Brittini A. Peters**  
UN NGO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

**Mrs. Tanisha Thomas**  
UN NGO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE



# 9TH DISTRICT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Celebrates 40 Years of Service  
Annual Convention

# SAVE THE DATE

12.6.2024-12.7.2024

Empowering Women for Service

1 Peter 4:10

To be held at  
Troy University in Troy, AL  
Hotel information forthcoming  
Registration \$100.00

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African Methodist Episcopal Church  
9th District Women's Missionary Society  
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Recruit  
New  
YAMS

JOIN THE  
Connectional  
Young Adult Missionaries  
for

Recruit  
New  
YAMS

# FRESH FIRE

## *Weekend*

September 21-22, 2024

### THEME

**Empowered Women,  
Empower Women**

SATURDAY  
Plan  
community  
service project  
for the morning  
and YAMS  
social for the  
evening.

SUNDAY  
ATTIRE  
Blue Jeans,  
White  
Blouses/T-Shirts,  
and Red Heels

**Scripture: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Psalm 46:5 (NIV)**

Local churches, support the YAMs by letting them help plan and participate in the worship service for "Fresh Fire Sunday".



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL \* CLASSROOM



# Celebrate Back-to-School

PLEASE SHARE PICTURES WITH  
THE COMMISSION BY



September 15, 2024  
Email to: [bdavis3010@aol.com](mailto:bdavis3010@aol.com)

Teacher  
Appreciation

9th Episcopal District  
Women's Missionary Society  
Commission on Mission Education  
and Interpretation

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, 2nd Vice President  
Mrs. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal President



Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate



Registration is Open  
for  
Back-to-Basics



**VIRTUAL  
TUTORING  
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AREAS OF FOCUS  
READING & MATH GRADES 1-5

**TUTORING IS FREE**



**START DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**  
**TUESDAY ONLY**  
**5:30-6:30 P.M.**



All registration forms can be found on the 9th Episcopal District WMS website at <http://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org>. Click Resources, Tutoring, and select Application or scan the QR Code.







September 7, 2024

Dear Conference Presidents,

I greet you in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please share the instructions and requirements for the submission of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) letters of intent with members of your conference. The instructions are for persons who aspire to an Episcopal WMS Office, in the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Please note before sending a letter of intent for any said position, it is highly recommended that each person examines herself for qualification purposes as the duties of the positions require a magnitude of voluntary responsibilities.

Please help us reach qualified and willing ladies to serve in leadership roles for each office of the WMS (except for the WMS Episcopal President and Episcopal Director of the Young People's and Children's Division). These positions, however, are appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District, Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. No person shall be permitted to hold more than one (1) elected or appointed office beyond the Local Level or to hold the same office more than two (2) consecutive quadrennials, or eight (8) years.

The available WMS positions are "First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, PME Director, Historiographer-Statistician, Worship Director, Parliamentarian, and Member-at-Large (age 18-40)." Additional information is available in the 2020-2024 Constitution & Bylaws of the Women's Missionary Society and the Young People's and Children's Division of the AME Church. The election will be held on **December 7, 2024**.

- **November 1, 2024**, is the deadline date to submit letters of intent with the original signature of the Pastor, Conference President, and the Local Church WMS President.
- Email all letters to the WMS Nominating Chairperson, with a copy (cc) to the Episcopal WMS President, and Episcopal WMS Supervisor. Mail hard copies for record-keeping to the Nominating Committee Chair, signed by the Pastor, Local and Conference Presidents.

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Sincerely,

Cattie Epps  
Nominating Committee Chairperson

# CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

## Annual Conference WMS Conventions

September 14th  
Alabama River Region  
St. Paul, Montgomery

September 21st  
Northwest  
Alabama A & M University, Huntsville

October 5th  
Southeast  
St. Paul, Ozark

October 19th  
Northeast  
Nichols Chapel, Phenix City

October 26th  
Southwest  
Gaines Chapel, Atmore





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