



# MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS  
**November 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 Missionaries of the Noble Ninth District,

I would like to first say thank you so very much for making the former series of annual conferences amazing and for a wonderful turnout for the planning meeting. What a time! Thank you, Madame President Whiting, Episcopal Officers, Conference Branch Presidents and Officers along with YPD Conference Directors for the time energy and effort in making sure that all of our annual conferences were executed with excellence. In addition, I would like to thank you all for the large numbers of Missionaries who joined us for planning meeting in Montgomery. We were able to hear all of the Episcopal Officer's reports and vote and approve our budget for the upcoming conference year.

As we prepare for our upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Annual District WMS Convention, we first ask that every Missionary be in prayer for God to move in a unique and wonderful way as we gather in Troy, Alabama. Next, if you have not registered, please do so as soon as possible through your Conference Branch President. I am calling for **ALL** Missionaries to join us. We want to make sure that we are adequately prepared for everyone who attends. There will be no on site registration.

Lastly, it is important to note that during our time in Troy, we will elect our Episcopal Officers and share our goals for the upcoming conference year.

**There is much work to be done and we are stronger together.**

Blessings,

Supervisor McAllister





Greetings,

Thank you for ALL that you do to support Missions!

As we gather together in this season of Thanksgiving, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, and we are especially thankful for the incredible work that each of you do in advancing His mission. Your unwavering dedication to serving others embodies the true spirit of love, compassion, and faith. The selflessness and commitment you demonstrate in spreading God's word and helping those in need are a testament to the strength of your belief and the depth of your compassion.

We are deeply appreciative of the countless hours of service and support that you give, whether through organizing outreach programs, supporting mission projects, or offering prayers for those who are hurting. Your work goes beyond just the physical acts of service; it is a beacon of light that reflects God's love in a world that often feels dark.

This year, as we reflect on all that we are thankful for, let us not forget the powerful impact of the Women's Missionary Society. We inspire others to live out their faith and to love and serve others each day. Our commitment to missions and outreach reminds us that the work is all divine.

We also want to take a moment to recognize the bonds that unite us. Our shared vision, mutual encouragement, and deep sense of sisterhood are invaluable. It is through our unity that so many lives are transformed, and it is through our collaborative efforts that we can collectively make a difference. Together, we exemplify the power of community and the importance of coming together for a greater purpose.

As we continue to move forward in the Mission that God has called us to, may we always be reminded of the abundant blessings He has given us. May our hearts remain filled with gratitude, and may we continue to support and uplift one another as we strive to be faithful servants of His love. Thank you for all that you do and for being a shining example of Christ's love in action.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you and thanks for moving Missions Forward in the Ninth Episcopal District!

Love and Blessings,

**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!!



## *ATTIRE information:*

*Wednesday: We will travel in the Indigo Button Down Shirt with black bottom.*

*Opening Worship Service - White with Corsage*

*Thursday: On the day that we read our report, we will wear the Royal Blue Pearl Trimmed Cardigan with White*

*Friday: Black with the 9th District Scarf*

*Saturday: White with Corsage*

*All of the items (Royal Blue Pearl Trimmed Cardigan, 9th District Scarf, Indigo Button down Shirt) can be found and purchased in the Ninth District Store by going to [9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org](http://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org) and clicking on the green banner (Ninth District WMS Store)*



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF THE AME CHURCH

**INTRODUCING OUR  
SESQUICENTENNIAL  
Collection**


*Celebrating*  
**150**  
YEARS OF  
MISSION  
AND SERVICE

AVAILABLE ONLY  
THROUGH  
PRE-ORDERING



**PRE-ORDER YOURS TODAY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC OFFICE



Connectional Women's Missionary Society  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Washington, DC 20001      www.WMS-AMEC.org

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell      Deborah Taylor King      Rev. Dr. John F. Green  
Chair, Global Witness & Ministry      Connectional WMS President      Executive Director, Global Witness & Ministry

**INTRODUCING  
WMS AMEC BLING BADGES  
Now Available for Order**



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

# 2024 PME DIALOGUE December 13-14, 2024 \*\*YOU CAN NOW REGISTER\*\*



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## 2024 CONNECTIONAL MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION VIRTUAL DIALOGUE INSTITUTE FOR MISSION STUDY 2026

THEME: A GLOBAL URGENCY!  
THE UNIVERSAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH & WELLNESS  
GEOGRAPHICAL THEME: UGANDA

### DECEMBER 13 - 14, 2024

DECEMBER 13TH - For District PME

Directors/Connectional Officers/Episcopal Leaders Only

DECEMBER 14TH - All PME Writers & Supporters

GUEST SPEAKER:

REV. DR. ANN MARIE BENTSI-ADDISON D.Min, MSN, CNM  
Executive Director AME Church International Health Commission

SCAN TO REGISTER



BISHOP SILVESTER S. BEAMAN, Commission Chair, Global Witness & Ministry

DR. DEBORAH TAYLOR KING, Connectional WMS AMEC President

MRS. ALISHA R. MARRIOTT, Connectional WMS AMEC PME Director

Registration Fee: \$75.00 | Registration Ends 12/1



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS



# FRESH FIRE RETREAT

JANUARY 24-25, 2025  
ORANGE COUNTY, CA

**JAN  
24**

**7:00PM**  
*Le Diner En Bleu*

**10:30 PM**  
*Girls' Pajama night*

**JAN  
25**

**8:00 AM**  
*Supervisors' Prayer Breakfast*

**1:00 PM**  
*Sisterhood Building Activity*

**6:00 PM**  
*Sisterhood Fellowship*

**REGISTRATION  
LINK**



**SCAN ME**





Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society



# ANNUAL CONVENTION

## *Celebrating* **40 YEARS OF SERVICE**

*Renew Restore Refresh*

**TROY UNIVERSITY**  
**Lamar Higgins Ballroom**  
600 University Ave | Troy, AL 36082

**DECEMBER**  
**6-7**  
**2024**



Please REGISTER with your  
Conference Branch President  
The Registration is \$100  
Looking forward to seeing you!

*We are excited about The  
Ninth Episcopal  
District's 40th Annual  
WMS Convention. It is  
thoughtfully designed  
this year to "Stir Up  
The Gifts". The 40th  
Convention hopes you  
will be excited  
spiritually, mentally and  
inspired to Move  
Missions Forward.*

*Agenda*  
  
*Friday-Attire (Christmas Colors):*  
3 P.M. Welcome Program  
7 P.M. Christmas Concert  
  
*Saturday-Attire (White):*  
8 A.M. Continental Breakfast  
1 P.M. EmpowerHER Luncheon

TROY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS  
SHELIA JACKSON & FRIENDS  
**CHRISTMAS**  
CONCERT

DEC 06 | 7PM



**SIKORSKY**  
A LOCKHEED MARTIN COMPANY  
Mr. Homer Wright

Troy United Women's League  
**TUWL**  
United We SERVE!

**TROY BANK & TRUST**  
Member FDIC

*glw*  
A Legacy Foundation & more

**JRL**  
JOHN R. LEWIS LEGACY INSTITUTE  
Good and Necessary Trouble

*Boys*  
Green Hills  
Funeral Home

CROSBY THEATRE 601 UNIVERSITY AVENUE TROY, AL 36082

We will attend the concert during our WMS Convention and the Tickets will be available once you get to Troy.





# WMS STORE



*Yes!*

# WE ARE

# OPEN

*Today*

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS

[Ninth District WMS Store](#)



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*Click on the link above or type the information below in your browser.*

*[60rtex-4f.myshopify.com](https://60rtex-4f.myshopify.com)*

## PLEASE VISIT OUR STORE!

## There is something for everyone.

The **ANGELS** have arrived and the information has been disseminated!



*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

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

# The MISSIONARY MAGAZINE

**Please place all orders by January 15, 2025 through your  
Conference President.**

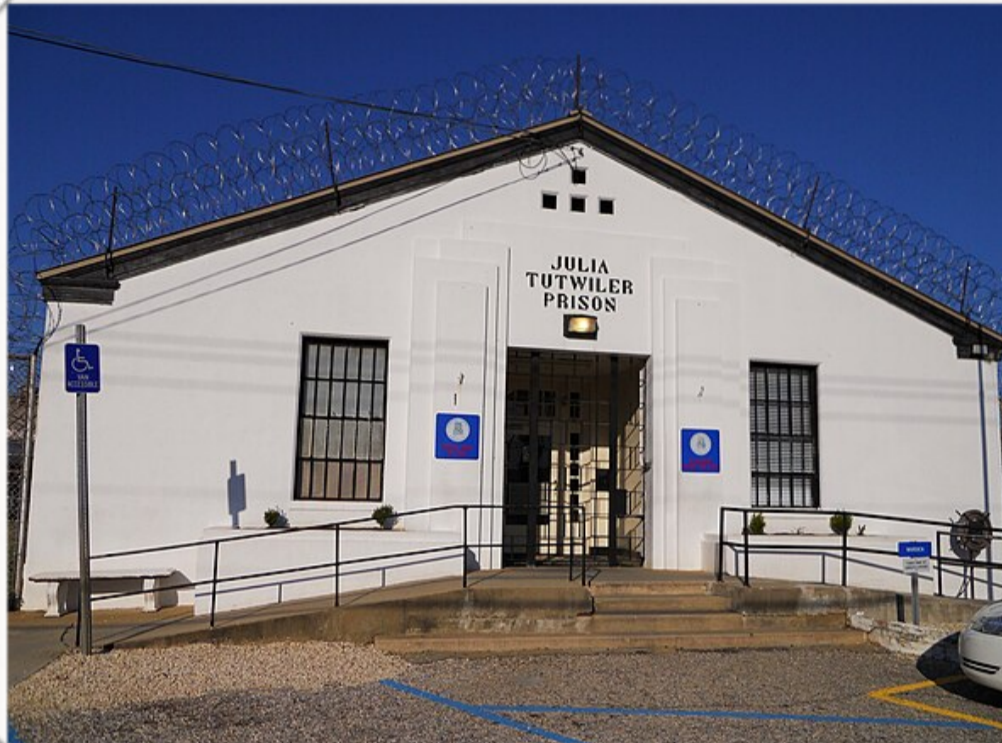
**COST: \$25.00**

**Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, 2nd Vice President  
Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal President  
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INFORMATIVE RESOURCES FOR THE WMS

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## *Tutwiler Prison Ministry*



The **Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women** is a prison for women of the [Alabama Department of Corrections](#) (ADOC), located in [Wetumpka, Alabama](#). All female inmates entering ADOC are sent to the receiving unit in Tutwiler. Tutwiler houses Alabama's female [death row](#), which qualifies it for the "maximum security" classification.



Registration is Open  
for  
Back-to-Basics



**VIRTUAL  
TUTORING  
ENROLL NOW**

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.



# CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!



## Sarah Allen Missionary Society, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church Turkeys Available for Thanksgiving

The Sarah Allen Missionary Society (SAMS) has received a generous donation of turkeys for the Thanksgiving holiday. The turkeys will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

The turkeys will be available for pickup from  
Metropolitan A.M.E. Church  
1518 M Street, Washington, D.C.

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**  
**10:00 am to Noon**

To reserve a turkey, please contact the church  
202-331-1426

or Contact Sister Janice Murray - (240) 505-5656  
email: thebeastmeister@gmail.com



Northwest Alabama Conference  
Young People's and Children Division

**PRESENTS**

# 3G MIXER

YPDers Serving Local Needs,  
Spreading Global Change

**POOL - FUN - FOOD - GAMES**

UAB RECREATION CENTER  
1501 University Blvd.  
Birmingham, AL 35233

**November 23, 2024**  
**11 AM - 3 PM**

Please bring non-perishable donations for Greater Birmingham Ministry.  
For more information contact [nwacypd.org](http://nwacypd.org) 205.616.7802

*Northwest Conference Branch  
Women's Missionary Society  
African Methodist Episcopal Church*

## YULETIDE BREAKFAST MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

\$5 PER PERSON

PRAYING

PLANNING

WRAPPING PRESENTS

Saturday December 14  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

ANGEL TREE WRAPPING BEGINS AT 7:30 AM

Event Location: Daniel Payne Community Plaza  
1500 Daniel Payne Drive Birmingham, AL 352

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