



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
December 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.*



Greetings Missionaries,

It is my sincere hope and prayer that this Christmas Season and the beginning of a new year will be filled with all the love and joy of Christ, our risen Savior. He is the center of our Joy!

As we approach this season with great expectations, we must remember that only what we do for Christ will last. Our work as Missionaries is great. God has called each of us as for a time such as this.

As we end 2024, what gifts will you use this year to bless others? In order to move missions forward we have to engage God's people in a more unique way. Ask yourself: What have I done to help with Kingdom Building? What resources have I found to support our mission projects? Where am I serving God's people?

Let us continue to do God's work in a more excellent way. Let us not grow weary in doing His will. Thank you Lord for the energy you provide. As we go move missions forward together, do so knowing that God's Grace is sufficient to get the job done!

Continued Blessings!

Supervisor Deana Young McAllister





Greetings,

Thank you for ALL that you do to Move Missions Forward!

As we await the coming of Christ, may your heart be filled with hope and your spirit be renewed by the beauty of the season. The holy season of Advent reminds us of the hope, peace, joy, and love that the birth of our Savior brings into the world. It is a time of waiting and preparation, not only for the coming of Christ but also for the ways He calls each of us to reflect His love in all that we do. We are reminded of the call to share the light of Christ with others-especially those in need.

We extend heartfelt greetings to each of you, with warm wishes for a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year. Christmas reminds us of the greatest gift we have received-our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose love and light guide us through every season. In this time of celebration, let us not only cherish the blessings we have, but also rededicate ourselves to the mission of sharing His love and hope with those in need.

As we reflect on the past year, we give thanks for the strength, courage, and dedication each of you has shown in serving others. Through your prayers, your acts of kindness, and your tireless work, you are embodying Christ's love in tangible ways that make a profound difference in the lives of many. Your commitment to the work of the Lord shines brightly, and we are truly blessed to have each of you as a part of the Women's Missionary Society.

Looking ahead to the new year, may we continue to be a unified body, supporting one another in our collective calling. As we move forward, may our hearts remain open to God's leading and our hands ready to serve His kingdom. We pray that this holiday season brings you peace, renewal, and an abundance of joy as we enter into another year of mission and ministry together.

God bless you all, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love and Blessings,
Sherryl Whiting
God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

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

****REGISTER TODAY****
2025 WMS-AMEC
Executive Board Meeting
January 22-25, 2025



All roads are leading to the 2025 WMS Executive Board and Training Session. We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord.

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 and clicking on the green banner (Ninth District WMS Store)



2023-2027 PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

We are pleased to present the 2023-2027 President's Circle campaign. The President's Circle is a stewardship initiative whose purpose is to empower individuals through greater access to education.

SILVER	<p>\$500.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you message from the Connectional President • Acknowledgement at the WMS Quadrennial Events • Acknowledgement during the President's Luncheon • Specially designed Convention Kit charm or money clip for men
GOLD	<p>\$750.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All SILVER benefits • Special VIP Registration Kit Check in at the Quadrennial Convention • Special seating at the Executive Board Meeting and Quadrennial Convention, President's Luncheons and special meal functions
PLATINUM	<p>\$1000.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL SILVER and GOLD benefits • Invitation to Special Quadrennial Welcome Reception. • Special gift included with registration kit • Acknowledgement on WMS website

We invite you to join The President's Circle for our current Quadrennium period.. This **OPTIONAL** fundraising initiative will go to benefit the ***WMS Handy-Simmons Scholarship.***



Connectional Women's Missionary Society
 African Methodist Episcopal Church
 1134 18th Street NW 202-371-8886
 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




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150
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 MISSION
 AND SERVICE



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC OFFICE



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



WMS STORE



Yes!

WE ARE

OPEN

Today

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[Ninth District WMS Store](#)



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

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PLEASE VISIT OUR STORE!

There is something for everyone.

Our WMS State Convention was Awesome!

Women's Missionary Society
Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
ANNUAL CONVENTION



Celebrating 40 Years of Service
"Empowering Women for Service"

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

December 6-7, 2024

Lamar Higgins Ballroom

Troy University

600 University Avenue, Troy, Alabama 36082

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We donated diapers, pull-ups, combs, tooth brushes/toothpaste, and mouthwash to the Troy Resilience Project (TRP). This project was founded in 2019 by a local pediatrician to build resilience in the children in her community. The Troy Resilience Project serves nearly 1,000 individuals in eight (8) counties. TRP builds resilience by workforce development, mental health service coordination, Healthy Families America Home Visiting, Sprout Early Learning Center and early childhood programs.

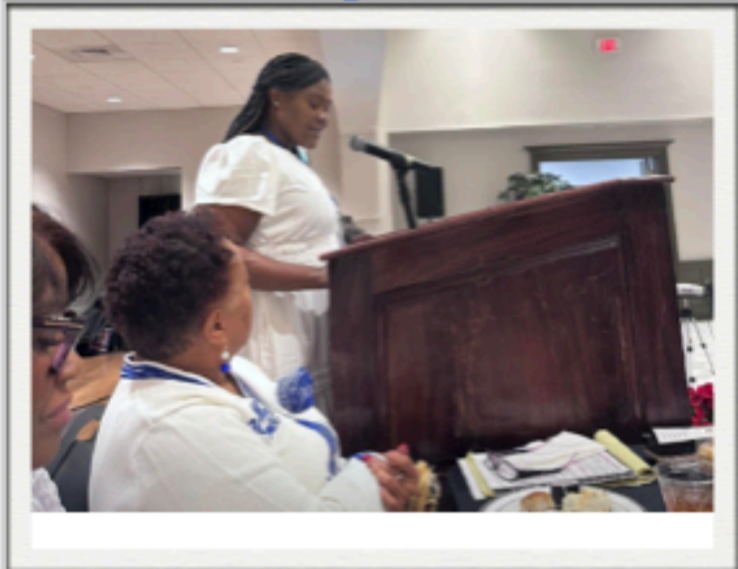
The following Officers were Elected:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Vice President | Ebony Smith |
| 2nd Vice President | Mary Wells-Porter |
| 3rd Vice President | Sharon Massingale |
| Recording Secretary | Evelyn Beasley |
| Assistant Recording Secretary | Marge Simmons |
| Corresponding Secretary | Joyce O'Neal |
| Treasurer | Catherine Jordan |
| Financial Secretary | Jackie Carter |
| PME Director | Cheryl Robinson-Sutton |
| Historiographer-Statistician | Mary James |
| Worship Director | Rosemary Range |
| Parliamentarian | Bettye West |
| Member At Large | Janataka Holmes |

Our Convention continued!

“Stir up the Gifts” workshop by our Supervisor, Mrs. Deana Young McAllister

Our first EmpowerHER Luncheon where we learned how to “Stir Up The Gifts”



Ms. Janataka Holmes-Faithfulness



Dr. Ola Fox-Joy



Mrs. Rose Edwards-Peace



Welcome Reception for Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr. and Supervisor Deana Young McAllister



The Hidden Gem Awards



The WMSY Awards



CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

JANUARY 2025

01/02/2025
7 p.m. cst

Zoom ID:
82660021697
Password:
286395

Join the Women's Missionary Society of the
9th Episcopal District as we Discuss
Cervical Cancer and You.



Ms. Ebony Reeves Smith, Episcopal 1st Vice President
Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr. Presiding Prelate



9th Episcopal District
Women's Missionary Society

Presents

Prayer Pillow Ministry

Join us in sending
students off with a
prayer to keep
their minds stayed
on Jesus.

More Info To
Come!



Ms. Lue Ellen McCrary, Chair

Ms. Ebony Smith, Episcopal 1st Vice President

Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

The ANGELS are receiving their gifts throughout the 9th Episcopal District!



Praise God for our dedicated, hard working Missionaries!

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
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.,
Presiding Prelate

INFORMATIVE RESOURCES FOR THE WMS

Hello WMS Sisters!

Thank you for your dedication to serving others and supporting the activities of the WMS of the Ninth Episcopal District. It cannot be done alone, and you always assist in making GREAT things happen.

Sister Bettye Davis is the Chair for WMS Resource Orders. See her phone number (251-604-6262) and email address (bdavis3010@aol.com) on the Resource Form. It is now time to order 2025 WMS resource materials. A fillable Resource Ordering Form is attached. The deadline date for orders is Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

1. Conference Presidents and Second Vice Presidents, you know what works for your Conference members. Continue if the process has been successful.
2. A copy of each Conference order is emailed to Sister Bettie Davis and Sister Catherine Jordan, WMS Episcopal Treasurer., by the Conference President.
3. All money collected by each Conference is sent to the Treasurer, Sister Catherine Jordan, by the Conference President or for some, the Conference Treasurer.
4. Sister Bettie will combine the five Conference orders on a spreadsheet and send it to the Treasurer, Sister Jordan.
5. When the treasurer, Sister Jordan, has received the amount due for each Conference, she will inform Sister Bettye.
6. Sister Bettye will complete an invoice for each individual order (magazines, Constitution and Bylaws, and etc,) and email it to Sister Jordan. Also, a final copy will be emailed to President Whiting and Supervisor McAllister.
7. Sister Jordan places the order.

It is very important that each Conference meets the deadline date, January 15, 2025. All orders are placed at the same time. Thanks again for the help you give WMS!

Blessings! Mary Wells-Porter
205-344-3358 / 205-349-1590

SEE ORDER FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE!



2024 - 2025 MISSION EDUCATION RESOURCE ORDER FORM
Women's Missionary Society – Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Due Date for Resource Orders: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS, SUBMIT RESOURCE ORDERS TO MRS. BETTY DAVIS: bdavis3010@aol.com / 251-604-6262
 Call Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter at 205-344-3358/205-349-1590 if you have questions or concerns.
DO NOT SEND PME, CERTIFICATES, AND YPD ORDERS TO MRS. BETTY DAVIS. SEE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TITLE/DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
WMS Magazine		\$25.00	
WMS Constitution & Bylaws Regular Print		\$25.00	
WMS Constitution & Bylaws Large Print/Spiral Bound		\$35.00	
WMS Constitution & Bylaws Bundle 1 large and 1 Regular Print		\$55.00	
WMS Bread for the World		\$25.00	
National Council of Negro Women		\$25.00	
Church Women United Donation		\$ 5.00	
Maama Kit		\$ 7.00	
Fistula Donation		\$ 5.00	
WMS Foundation		\$ 5.00	
SUBMIT PME AND CERTIFICATES ORDERS TO MRS. CHERYL ROBINSON SUTTON, PME DIRECTOR 251-422-0428 / cropsutton@BellSouth.net	QUANTITY	PRICE	
ARRC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME) Order	75	\$18.00	
NEAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$18.00	
NWAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$18.00	
SEAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$18.00	
SWAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$18.00	
WMS Certificate of Appreciation (Set of Five)		\$ 5.00	
WMS Certificates of Recognition (Set of Five)		\$ 5.00	
RESOURCE BOOKS	QUANTITY	PRICE	
<i>A Democracy of Chameleons: Politics and Culture in the Malawi, (Kachere Books) Edited By Jack Harri England Afterwards By Jack Malanje</i>		\$23.49	
<i>The Future is Faster Than You Think By Peter H. Diamandis and Steven Kotler</i>		\$13.49	
<i>The Big Nine, By Amy Ward</i>		\$12.19	
Submit YPD Resource Orders to Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon, WMS Episcopal YPD Director maurice_weatherspo@gmail.com - (251) 214-4371			
YPD Handbook		\$25.00	
CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND ORDER TOTALS			
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT:	Total Magazines Subscription Sales		\$
Address:	Total Constitutions & Bylaws Sales		\$
City/State:	Total Bread for the World Donations		\$
Zip Code:	Total National Negro Council Women Sales		\$
Telephone No.:	Total Church Women United Donations		\$
Email Address:	Total Maama Kit Donations		\$
Conference:	Total Fistula Donations		\$
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:	Mission Education Study Curriculum Sales		\$
Address:	WMS Certificate of Appreciation (Set of 5)		\$
City/State:	WMS Certificate of Recognition (Set of 5)		\$
Zip Code:	YPD Handbook Sales		\$
Telephone No.:	WMS Foundation Donation		\$
Email Address:	Total Other of Book Sales		\$
			\$
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER		\$



PME DIALOGUE

“Mis, Maland Dis: Types of Information Disorders” Mission Education Curriculum 2024 Edition P.8

Tuesday
January 21, 2025
7pm



Cheryl Robinson-Sutton
9TH Episcopal District
WMS PME Director

Please Join!

Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal WMS Supervisor
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Zoom Meeting ID: 830 6582 4364
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JOIN US FOR OUR

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

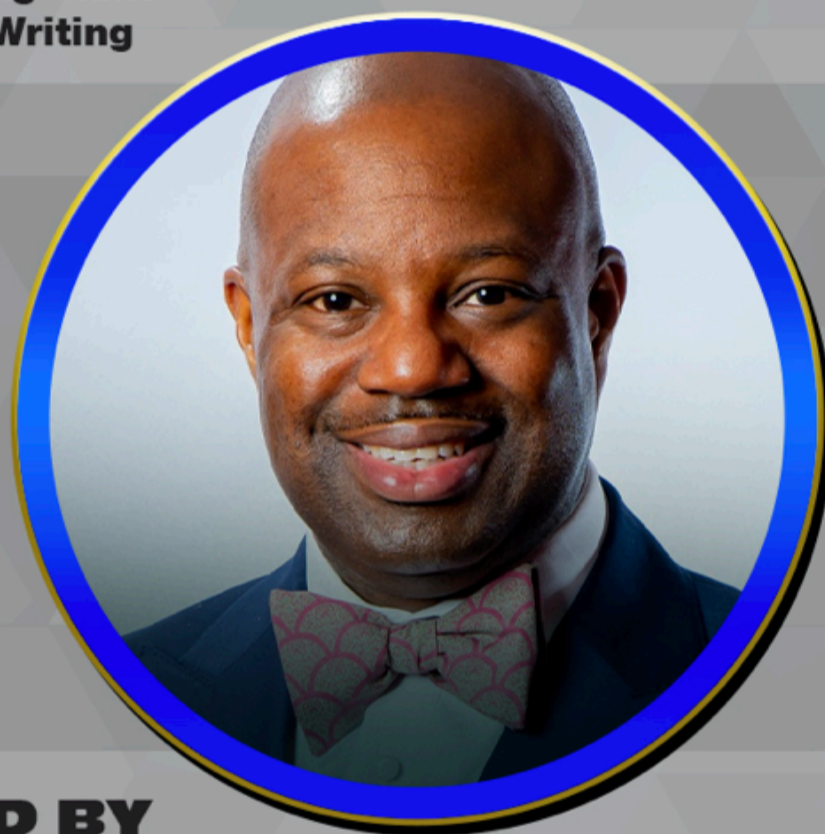
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 | 7PM

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zoom

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PASSCODE: 313 838**





GIFTS OF WARMTH

Help families in need with new socks, hats and, or gently used coats, mittens, and scarves.

Donation Deadline:

January 15, 2025

Drop Off Location:

Please See Your Conference Member-At-Large and 3rd VP

Ms. Janataka Holmes, Episcopal Member-At-Large

Mrs. Sharon Massingale, Episcopal 3rd VP

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Donations: \$9thypdamec

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS! Alabama River Region

SHARING GOOD WORKS!

Christmas came early for the dedicated scholars at The Clark Social Justice Academy, thanks to the generosity of the Pastor and WMS of Brown Chapel AME Church. This morning, each teacher received a \$25 Walmart gift card for each of their students. The thoughtful gesture was intended to support the children's needs. Just last month, Brown Chapel also sponsored an enlightening field trip to the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery for these students. Reverend Leodis Strong emphasized the importance of this partnership, noting that his church was adopted the school to ensure that every student has the resources and opportunities they deserve to thrive. He hopes that this initiative will motivate other local churches to join in and make a difference in the lives of young learners.



CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

Southwest

The Nell R. Richardson WMS of St. John AME Kushla donated six baskets of winter items to the homeless and six complete Thanksgiving Baskets to families of homeless students in the Mobile County Public School System.



Love is an action word! It shows at Antioch AME Church! Pictures are Antioch AMEC WMS sharing birthday wishes to senior members.

Kudos to members who have put in countless hours to create a "Winter Wonderland" for our YPD'ers and members to enjoy as we celebrate the ADVENT season. We remember Christ in His 1st coming on a cold winter night and anticipate His coming again. Blessings to all who continue to put in the work.



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