

# MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS  
January 2025

*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,

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



*Supervisor McAllister*



*President Whiting*

We are incredibly grateful to the Women's Missionary Society for lending a hand in our efforts to make a lasting difference. Your support has been a beacon of light, guiding us through challenges and helping us reach new heights in our mission. By standing alongside us, you have played a pivotal role in lifting others up, offering tangible help and spiritual encouragement to those in need. Your hands-on involvement and deep compassion have made an immeasurable impact, and we are so thankful for your continued commitment.

The Women's Missionary Society's dedication to lifting others is evident in every project you touch. Whether it's providing essential resources, offering prayers, or sharing your time and talents, you've empowered countless individuals to rise above their circumstances. The love and care you extend have created a ripple effect, inspiring those who have benefited to extend that same kindness to others. Your partnership has not only made lives better but has fostered a spirit of community that is both powerful and enduring.

What is truly remarkable is how the Women's Missionary Society has helped link communities, bridging gaps between people and fostering unity in a way that strengthens us all. By connecting us with those in need, and by coming together as a unified force, you've created a network of support that extends far beyond what we could accomplish on our own. Your willingness to connect and collaborate across boundaries has created lasting change that will continue to resonate for years to come. We are deeply thankful for everything you do to bring people together and lift them up.

We are profoundly grateful to the Women's Missionary Society for consistently putting God first in all that you do. Your unwavering faith and commitment to His mission have been a guiding force in moving our shared work forward, inspiring all of us to reach higher and push further in spreading His love. Your willingness to serve others, regardless of their circumstances, is a reflection of God's own boundless love for us all. Thank you for loving without limits, for showing up with open hearts, and for always moving forward with God's mission at the center of it all.

We look forward to seeing each of you during our Founder's Day in Birmingham!

Love and Blessings,  
**Supervisor Deana McAllister**  
**President Sherryl Whiting**



Ninth Episcopal District | African Methodist Episcopal Church

*Join Us for*



# FOUNDER'S DAY 2025

"We've Come This Far By Faith" - THE LEGACY OF AME SOCIAL ACTIVISM FROM THEN TO NOW-

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

**St. John AME Church | 708 15th St. North | Birmingham, AL 35203**

**Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor**



**Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram**

10:00 AM  
Worship Service  
Preacher



**Rev. Dr. Mark K. Tyler**

2:00 PM  
Symposium  
Lecturer

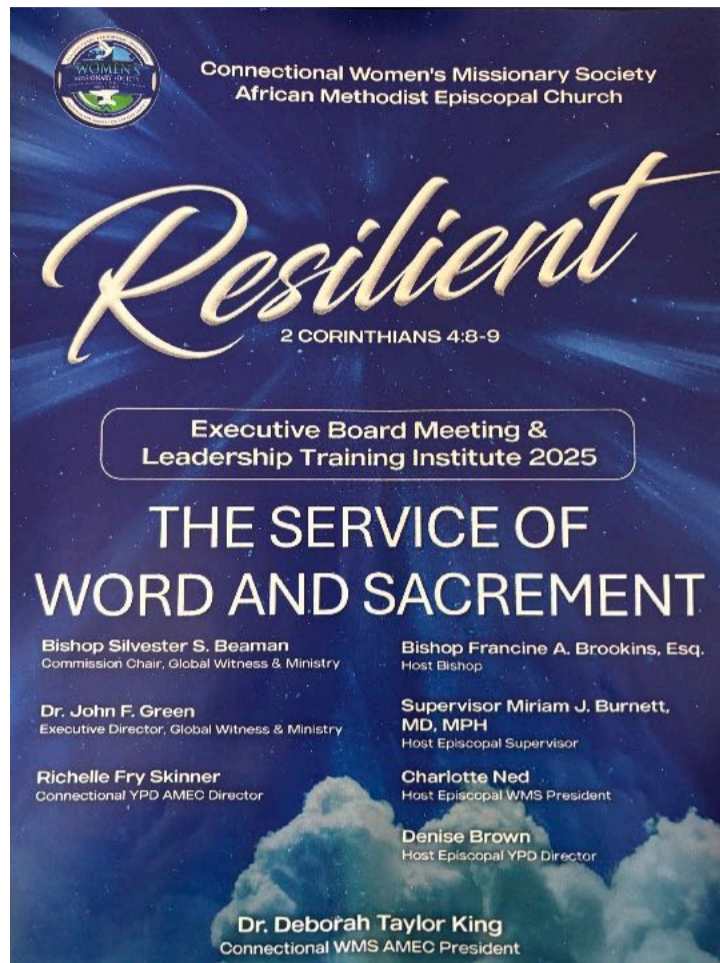
**BISHOP JULIUS H. MCALLISTER, JR. & SUPERVISOR DEANA Y. MCALLISTER**



# Highlights from the Connectional WMS Executive Board Meeting

January 22-25, 2025

Orange Grove, California



Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.  
leads the Apostle Creed during  
The Service of Word and Sacrement



## The 9th Episcopal District Reports

We were blessed to have  
Retired Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr.  
and  
Retired Supervisor Joan McAllister  
stand with us as we made our first report  
under the leadership of  
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.  
and  
Supervisor Deana Young McAllister

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

THANK YOU 9TH DISTRICT FOR ALL THAT YOU  
DO TO MOVE MISSIONS FORWARD!

The report was possible because of YOU!

Upcoming Executive Board Meeting  
2026 - Baltimore, Maryland

Quadrennial Convention  
2027 - Dallas, Texas

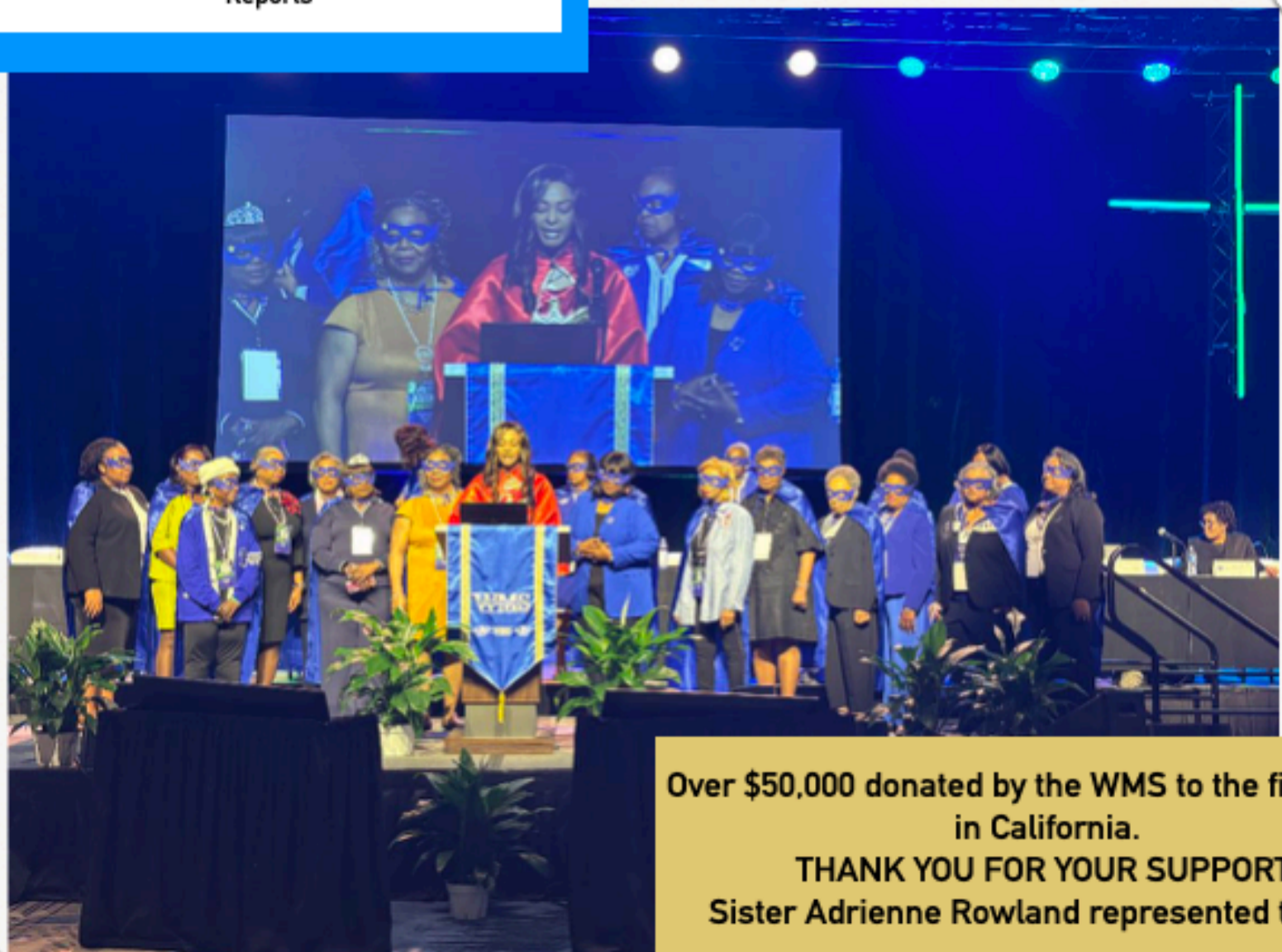
Please plan to attend!



**Dr. D'juana Paden**  
Connectional WMS Worship Director  
Leads the Morning Mana



**Dr. Monica Dillihunt**  
Connectional WMS Historiographer-Statistician  
Reports



**Over \$50,000 donated by the WMS to the fire victims  
in California.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**  
**Sister Adrienne Rowland represented the 9th!**



# SUPERVISORS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

## We have a Supervisor who sings!



Members of our delegation

# 2025 COMMISSION MEMBERS

## COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>Deana Young McAllister</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>Sherryl Whiting</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Ebony Smith</b>	<b>1st VP</b>
<b>Mary Porter</b>	<b>2nd VP</b>
<b>Sharon Massingale</b>	<b>3rd VP</b>
<b>Evelyn Beasley</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>
<b>Marge Simmons</b>	<b>Assist. Rec. Secretary</b>
<b>Joyce O'Neal</b>	<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>
<b>Catherine Jordan</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Jackie Carter</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Debra Weatherspoon</b>	<b>YPD Director</b>
<b>Cheryl Robinson-Sutton</b>	<b>PME Director</b>
<b>Mary James</b>	<b>Historiographer-Statistician</b>
<b>RoseMary Range</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
<b>Janataka Holmes</b>	<b>At-Large Member</b>
<b>Bettye West</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>
<b>Mattie Frizzell</b>	<b>ARR President</b>
<b>Thomasine Jackson</b>	<b>NW President</b>
<b>Martha Roseboro</b>	<b>SE President</b>
<b>Elaine Burton</b>	<b>NE President</b>
<b>Rosemary Lamar</b>	<b>SW President</b>
<b>Sherlene Leonard</b>	<b>ARR Local President</b>
<b>Demetria Scott</b>	<b>NW Local President</b>
<b>Jewel Woodard</b>	<b>SE Local President</b>
<b>Linda Williams</b>	<b>NE Local President</b>
<b>Jean Daffin</b>	<b>SW Local President</b>

**COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>Deana Young McAllister</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>Sherryl Whiting</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Ebony Smith</b>	<b>1st VP-CHAIR</b>
<b>Maggie Koroma</b>	<b>ARR Local President</b>
<b>Tionne Cohill</b>	<b>ARR Member At Large</b>
<b>LueEllen McCrary</b>	<b>NW Local President</b>
<b>Rose Williams Edwards</b>	<b>NW Member At Large</b>
<b>Alfredia Wiley</b>	<b>SE Local President</b>
<b>Rometha Norton</b>	<b>SE Member At Large</b>
<b>Debra Marshall</b>	<b>NE Local President</b>
<b>Clara Jackson</b>	<b>NE Member At Large</b>
<b>Ola Fox</b>	<b>SW Local President</b>
<b>Kenesia Cade</b>	<b>SW Member At Large</b>

**COMMISSION ON MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>Deana Young McAllister</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
<b>Sherryl Whiting</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Mary Porter</b>	<b>2nd VP-CHAIR</b>
<b>Mary James</b>	<b>Historiographer-Statistician</b>
<b>Cheryl Robinson-Sutton</b>	<b>PME Director</b>
<b>RoseMary Range</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
<b>Betty Davis</b>	<b>Chair of Missionary Magazine</b>
<b>Mary Salaam</b>	<b>ARR Local President</b>
<b>Dannie Perry</b>	<b>NW Local President</b>
<b>Dana Doster</b>	<b>SE Local President</b>
<b>Rhonda Robinson</b>	<b>NE Local President</b>
<b>Betty Philen</b>	<b>SW Local President</b>

## COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

NAME	POSITION
Deana Young McAllister	Supervisor
Sherryl Whiting	President
Sharon Massingale	3rd VP-CHAIR
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Joyce O'Neal	Corresponding Secretary
Rosetta Brock	ARR Local President
Edwina Hampton	NW Local President
Mary Moncrief	SE Local President
Roberta Benton	NE Local President
Raven Dodson	SW Local President
Donna Johnson	At-Large Member-ARR
Brittany Perry	At-Large Member-NW
Beverly Smith	At-Large Member-SE





# February

2025

**Heart Health Month**

**January**

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**March**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
National wear <b>RED</b> day		<b>“Job Readiness” Virtual Seminar 7p cst</b>				<b>9th District Founder’s Day YPD Letters of Intent due &amp; Day of Service</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering</b>	<b>WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst</b>			<b>Conference President’s Meeting 7:30p cst Skills Bank</b>		<b>CDMC Orientation Tea</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<b>PME Dialogue 7pm cst</b>		<b>Conference YPD Meeting 7p cst</b>		<b>9th District YPD LTI</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	
		<b>YAM Game Night 7pm cst</b>				<b>B2B Virtual Tutoring Every Tuesday 5:30p cst</b>





# 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.

# Women's Missionary Society 9th Episcopal District

# GO RED FOR WOMEN



On February 7, 2025



Send pictures of activities to  
[1stVP9@gmail.com](mailto:1stVP9@gmail.com)

- Cardiovascular diseases kill over 50,000 Black women annually.
- Among Black women ages 20 and older, nearly 59% have cardiovascular disease.
- Stroke is the leading cause of death among Black women.
- Black women also tend to have higher rates of obesity and diabetes, which puts them at greater risk for high blood pressure and heart disease.
- Only 39% of Black women are aware that chest pain can be a sign of a heart attack; only 33% recognize that pain spreading to the shoulder, neck, or arms is another potential heart attack sign.

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*



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

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&  
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Orders are now  
being accepted from WMS members.  
Please place all orders by Saturday, February 1, 2025,  
through your Conference President.

Regular Print - \$25.00

Large Print - \$35.00

Bundle - \$55.00 (One Large Print and One Regular Print)

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, Episcopal Second Vice President

Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal President

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Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.

Presiding Prelate

**JOIN US FOR OUR**

# **EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR**

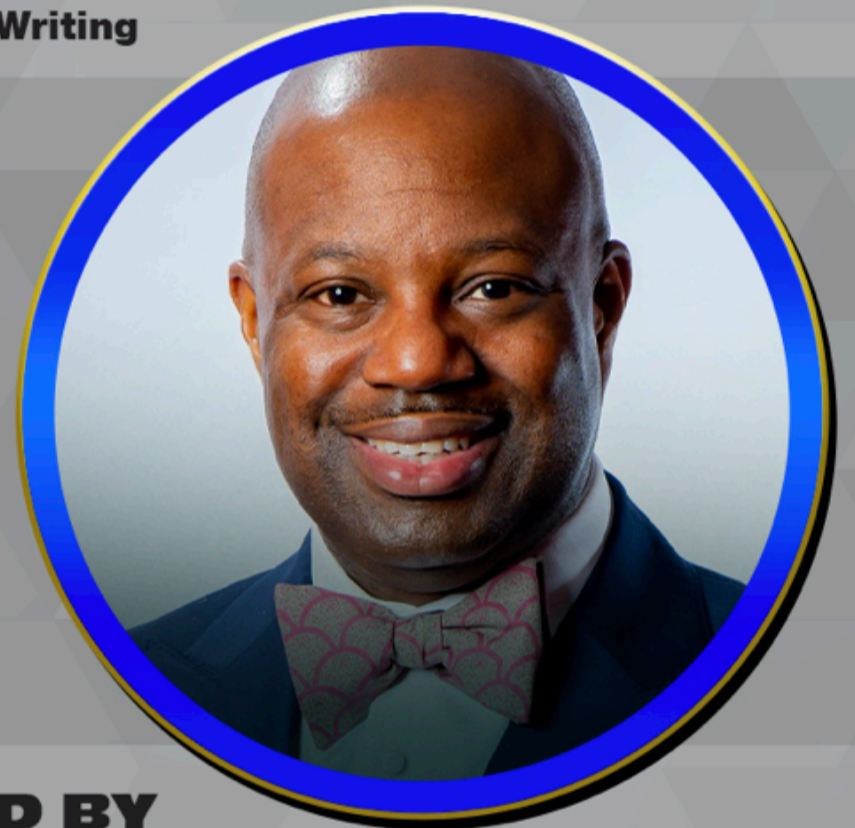
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 | 7PM**

**DO YOU REALLY WANT THE JOB?**

- **Completing the Application**
- **Interviewing Skills**
- **Resume Writing**

**PRESENTER**

**DR. CARL  
CUNNINGHAM, JR.**



**HOSTED BY**

**The Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society  
Commission on Mission Education 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**  
**Mrs. Deana Young McAllister | WMS Episcopal District Supervisor**  
**Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr. | Presiding Prelate**



**zoom**

**MEETING ID: 858 7140 4255  
PASSCODE: 313 838**





# PME DIALOGUE

*Mission Education Curriculum  
2024 Edition P.11  
"The Aftermath of Misinformation  
During the Pandemic"*

**Tuesday  
February 18, 2025  
7pm**



**Philonese Nobles Reed**  
Southwest Conference  
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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### Banned Books by African American Authors

~*American Street* by Ibi Zoboi  
 ~*Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre* by Brandy Colbert  
 ~*Black Boy* by Richard Wright  
 ~*Hoops* by Walter Dean Myers  
 ~*Krik? Krak!* By Edwidge Danticat  
 ~*Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds  
 ~*Monster* by Walter Dean Myers  
 ~*On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas  
 ~*Pride: A Pride & Prejudice Remix* by Ibi Zoboi  
 ~*The Skin I'm In* by Sharon G. Flake  
 ~*Tyrell* by Coe Booth  
 ~*When Aidan Became a Brother* by Kyle Lukoff  
 ~*Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty* by G. Neri  
 ~*A Gathering of Old Men* by Ernest J. Gaines  
 ~*A Hero Ain't Nothin' but a Sandwich* by Alice Childress  
 ~*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines  
 ~*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes  
 ~*Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
 ~*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou  
 ~*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker  
 ~*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds  
 ~*The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison  
 ~*Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison

~*Beloved* by Toni Morrison  
 ~*The New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
 ~*Class Act* by Jerry Craft  
 ~*Hood Feminism* by Mikki Kendall  
 ~*The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah Jones  
 ~*Native Son* by Richard Wright  
 ~*Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin  
 ~*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neal Hurston

**Banned by Country** - *Some Bans have been lifted.*

#### Nigeria

~*In Dependence* by Sarah Ladipo Manvika

#### South Africa

~*The Lottery* by Shirley Jackson  
 ~*A World of Strangers* by Nadine Gordimer  
 ~*Why We Can't Wait* by Martin Luther King Jr.  
 ~*The First Book of Africa* by Langston Hughes  
 ~*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X with Alex Haley  
 ~*Black Power: The Politics of Liberation* by Stokely Carmichael and Charles V. Hamilton  
 ~*Soul on Ice* by Eldridge Cleaver  
 ~*The Struggle is My Life* by Nelson Mandela  
 ~*Down Second Avenue* by Es'kia Mphahlele

This is but a thumbnail of books by African American authors that have been banned. We cannot begin to list the books by other authors that have also been banned worldwide. To purchase any of these books or gain additional information about banned books, please visit the following websites.

Mahogany Books - [www.mahoganybooks.com](http://www.mahoganybooks.com)

American Library Association - [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

Black Caucus American Library Association - [www.bcala.org](http://www.bcala.org)

Harper's BAZAAR - [https://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/a45012950/banned-book-](https://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/a45012950/banned-book-list/?fbclid=IwAR3RWJjaW4FywRfzzF_lznUmADSGcWZ5ZCXJ6XigwYhZ2wUIYuHb3xpbScE)

[list/?fbclid=IwAR3RWJjaW4FywRfzzF\\_lznUmADSGcWZ5ZCXJ6XigwYhZ2wUIYuHb3xpbScE](https://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/a45012950/banned-book-list/?fbclid=IwAR3RWJjaW4FywRfzzF_lznUmADSGcWZ5ZCXJ6XigwYhZ2wUIYuHb3xpbScE)



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**Donations: \$9thypdamec**



**NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

*Young People's & Children's Division*

of the Women's Missionary Society

*Save the Date*

**EPISCOPAL**

**Leadership Training Institute**

**SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church**

**130 West 4th Street**

**Prattville, Alabama**

**Registration Fee: \$40**

\$30 Mother Sunbeam & Allen Star

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*Please register the Young People  
and  
plan to attend!*

# CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

Northwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society Presents



# Women's CONFERENCE

SISTERS EMPOWERED TO LIVE ON PURPOSE



Sisters are you ready to be Enlightened, Encouraged and Equipped. Connect with women for a spirit-filled worship, workshops and fellowships, created to educate and empower women to live their lives on purpose for Christ!

*Tickets*

**\$40**

**9 AM - 3PM**

*Saturday*

**MARCH 15 2025**

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Rev. Dr. Ronald Sterling Pastor of St. John AMEC

Mrs. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President  
Mrs. Thomasine Jackson, Conference WMS President  
Mrs. De'Journa Evans, Conference YPD Director

Please keep ALL of our  
BEREAVED FAMILLIES



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