



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
March 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 my Missionary Sisters,

I greet you all in the matchless name of Jesus Christ our Risen Savior.

I would like to thank you all for the marvelous work that has been done on behalf of moving missions forward.

ALL I know is that the Ninth District is indeed the best and “They not like us!”

As we continue to move missions forward, we are excited to share that we are beginning our first Ninth District Book Club (for our YPD’ers and Missionaries). I know and understand the power of reading and learning. It opens so many doors and helps us to process fact from fiction. I presented this idea to our WMS Episcopal Leadership Team after attending the Executive Board Meeting in California. We had a wonderful presentation from the Political Action Commission on what our responsibility should be in light of “book banning” here in the United States. Thus, my idea!!! Mrs. Carter is chairing our Ninth District Initiative and will be sending more information out very soon. We must model what we preach. Our first book is written by our very own Mrs. Linda Lowrey. The title is “Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom”. Everyone will have an opportunity to purchase the book and will be provided enough time to read this selection. We will then celebrate the author in an awesome culminating activity during our upcoming CEC.

STAY TUNED and STAY WOKE

Missionaries, please take advantage of the many programs we have planned this conference year! It’s so important to restore ourselves and continue to learn something new and do God’s work in a more meaningful way. Make every effort to join us on a zoom or in person. We are continuing to move missions forward; therefore, I am looking forward to joining the Alabama River Region next weekend for their Annual Institute Day in Prattville! Many thanks to the hard-working people of this great conference for their time, energy, and effort!

I am truly looking forward to you all meeting President Whiting and I at your respective Institute Days in the annual conferences and at Bishop McAllister’s Mid-Year Meeting. Thank you, President Whiting, for your leadership and sharing all important information for all to have and plan accordingly so that we may fully support our many ministry efforts. I also want to thank President Whiting for organizing the District WMS Store along with Catherine.... All but a few items have been distributed. More items will be offered and ordered in the near future.

Let us continue to do God’s work in a more excellent way. Let us not grow weary in well doing. Thank you, Lord, for the energy you provide. Our work indeed is all Divine!

Sincerely,
Supervisor McAllister





Greetings,

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

As we approach this glorious season of Easter, let us remember to put God first in all things. The resurrection of our Lord reminds us of His unfailing love, grace, and power. It is through His sacrifice that we find our strength to move missions forward and continue our work of service and ministry.

I encourage each of you to remain steadfast in your faith, always seeking to love unconditionally, as Christ has loved us. Our mission is to serve, uplift, and support those in need, just as Christ did. In this season of renewal and hope, let us be revitalized in our commitment to moving forward in mission and ministry, ensuring that God's love reaches every corner of our community and beyond.

May the spirit of Easter fill your hearts with joy and peace as we continue to carry out the work to which we are called. Let us reflect His light in all we do, loving one another and serving with purpose, compassion, and grace.

As we celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection, let us also extend that joy to those we encounter. Let us be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing hope and healing to those who are hurting, and showing His love to all through our actions and words. In everything we do, let our mission be guided by the love and example of our Savior, who calls us to love without condition and to serve without hesitation.

Blessings to each and everyone of you as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

In Christ's love and service,

**Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally**

April

2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		YPD "Executive Board Meeting" 7pm cat		Your Health Is Wealth "Black Maternal Health" 7pm cst		ARR WMS Conference Institute
6	7	B2B ends	8	9	10	11
		YPD "Mental Health" Seminar 7pm cst		Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst		Connectional WMS "Virtual Inaugural Institute"
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	President Whiting's Birthday PME Dialogue 7pm cst		Conference YPD Meeting 7p cst		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter				9th District Mid-Year Renaissance	HIV Clinic Donation	Hotel Montgomery, AL CLO Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
27	28	29	30			



9th District BOOK CLUB

Who: Missionaries and YPD'ers 12 years or older and those who love to read books.

What: We will read as an Episcopal District which will enhance our knowledge about our rich history as a people.

When: Beginning May 5, 2025 until June 30, 2025 to complete your reading.

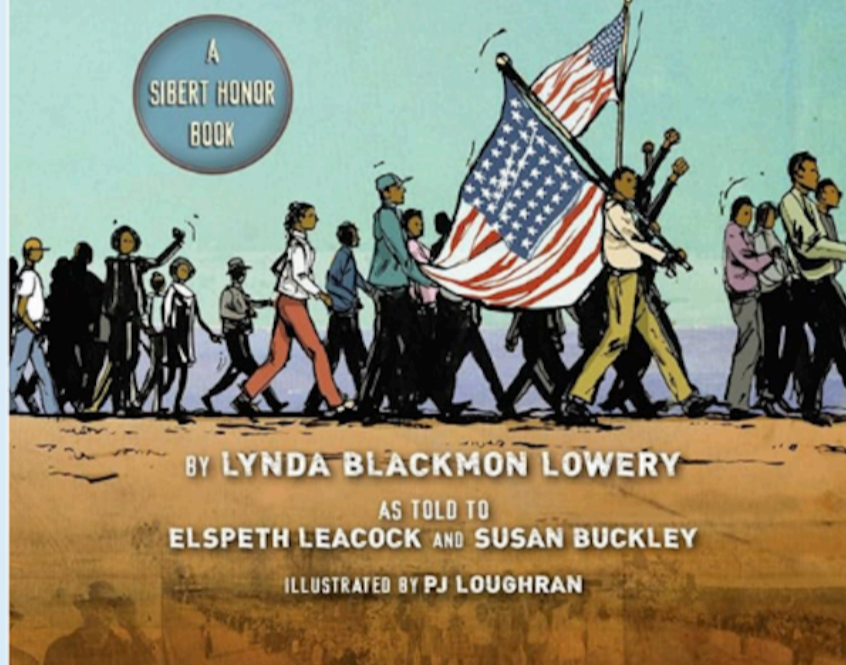
Where: You may read wherever you like to read. We will have a District Wide Book discussion at CEC.

Why: We are exposing our District family to books that may or may not be banned from libraries or schools.



TURNING 15 ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

MY STORY OF THE 1965
SELMA VOTING RIGHTS MARCH



BOOK PRICE: \$11

You may purchase this book at Mid-Year



WMS STORE



Yes!

WE ARE OPEN

Today

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS

[Ninth District WMS Store](https://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org)



PLEASE VISIT OUR STORE!

9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org

There is something for everyone.

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Zoom ID: 635 562 9583

Password: 7Zylyk

**Thursday
April 3,
2025
7P.M. CST**



9th Episcopal District WMS

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

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



Connectional Women's Missionary Society African Methodist Episcopal Church

Lenette Williams-King, Connectional 2nd Vice President
Dr. Deborah Taylor King, Connectional WMS President
Bishop Silvester Beaman, Chair Global Witness and Ministry

The Commission On Mission, Education and Interpretation
of the Women's Missionary Society
is excited to announce it's
Inaugural Virtual Institute

"Bind Us Together, Lord"

Date: April 12, 2025

Time: 9:00 - 1:00 EST

Cost: \$25.00 Districts 1-13

\$13.00 Districts 14-20

Please join us for a half day of learning through Bible study and workshops focused on ensuring we continue to be united as one in the body of Christ.

Workshop Topics:

Write For You
Ask Dr. Monica
Let's Get Packin'
Social Media Dos and Don'ts
Status of Black Women's Health
Charcuterie Board Luncheon
And So Much More!!!



Please go to the link below to register:
<https://form.jotform.com/250527977331159>



PME DIALOGUE

"Building a Supportive Village"
- TRANSFORM

Tuesday
April 15, 2025
7pm



Delnora Bell
Northeast Conference
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
Passcode: 273380

WRITERS NEEDED!

2026 STUDY GUIDE THEMES/TOPIC

General Theme:

A Global Urgency: The Dimensions of Health and Wellness

Geographic Theme:

Uganda

9th District Topic:

Elderly Care

Worship/Devotion Submissions

Consider the General Theme and Geographic Theme, but write specifically on our topic: Elderly Care Litanies, Poems or Cover Illustrations for the theme can be included as well as other creative interpretations: pictures, drawings, musical expressions, etc.

GUIDELINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

FORMAT:

Title, Author's name, Episcopal District and Conference.
Also include a recent photograph, email address and phone number.

WHAT TO SEND:

All should be sent via email as attachments in a word document.
Photos should be sent with high resolution and preferably plain backgrounds as jpg or png file attachments.

WRITINGS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 2025 TO

Cheryl Robinson-Sutton: crobsutton@bellsouth.net
and Sherryl Whiting: srs@comcast.net

Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal WMS Supervisor
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“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” B.B. King

SELECT
A
SCHOOL



IDENTIFY
SPECIFIC
NEEDS

ESTABLISH CONSISTENT
COMMITMENT

SHARE YOUR WORK!

Please send pictures of your work to:

bdavis3010@aol.com

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, Episcopal 2nd Vice President
Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
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9th District Women's Missionary Society

TEMP CHECK

TUESDAY YAMS EDITION



Meeting ID: 872 0842 9489

Passcode: 990788



The Second Tuesday of Every
Month @ 7 pm cst

Need a safe space to
dialogue? Come check in with
us!

Ms. Janataka Holmes, Episcopal Member-At-Large
Mrs. Sharon Massingale, Episcopal 3rd Vice President
Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal WMS Supervisor
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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9TH EPISCOPAL

Young People's & Children's Division

Debra Scott Weatherspoon
Episcopal District YPD Director

2024-2025

9th Episcopal District YPD Officers

PRESIDENT

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TRINITY WILSON - ARR

MEMBER AT LARGE

JOI DEMPSEY - SW

YPD Executive Board Meeting

April 1, 2025

7pm via zoom

9th Episcopal District



LET'S TALK:

Youth & Young Adult Mental Health

Ms. Keshonda Nobles

**SAMUEL CHAPEL AME CHURCH
PRICHARD, ALABAMA**

- Sources of mental health problems
- Mental health issues faced by young people
- Warning signs of different conditions
- Ways to get help
- and much more

Tuesday, April 8, 2025



7:00 p.m. cst



Zoom



JOIN US



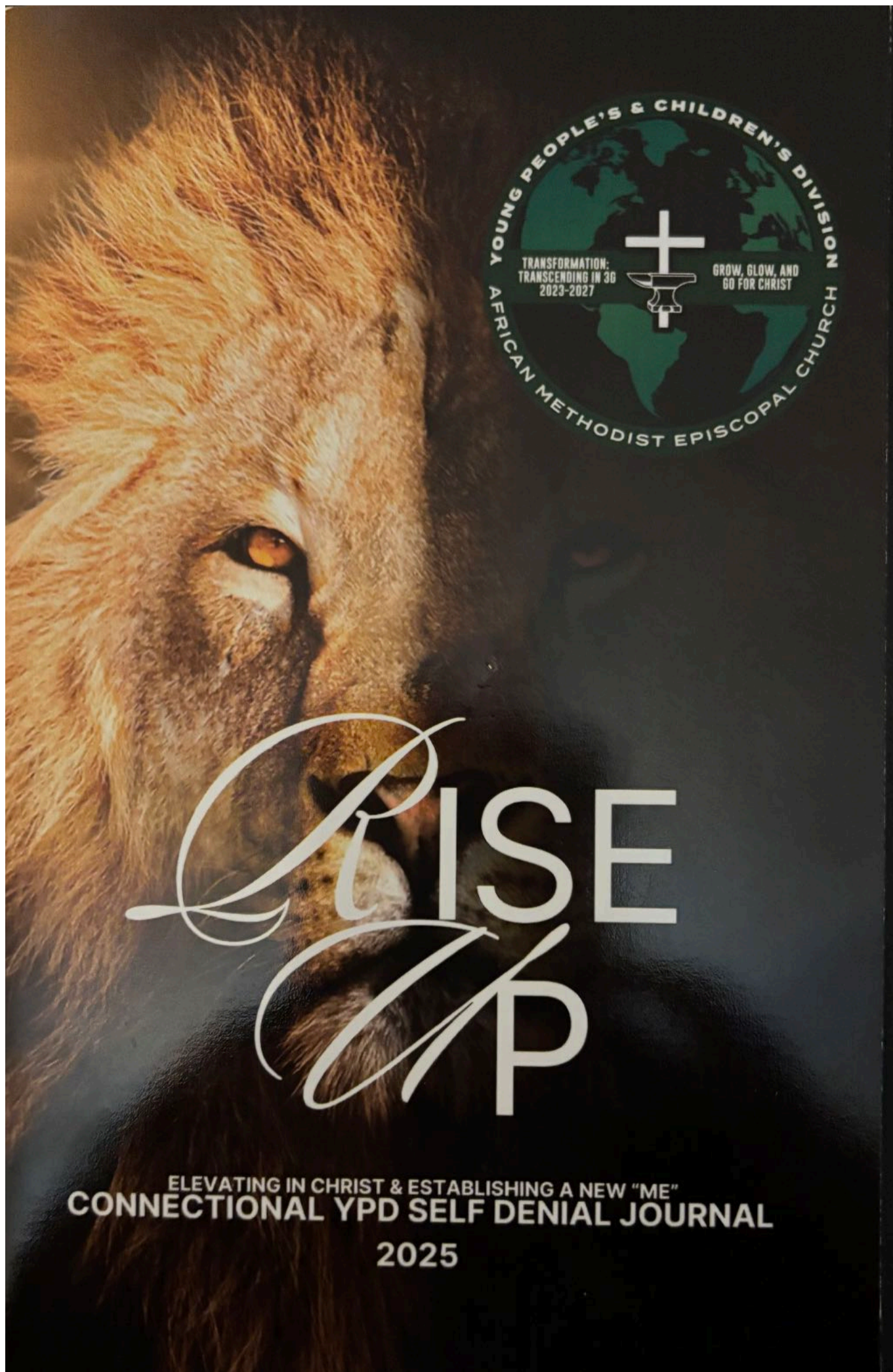
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Miss. Jamia Eaves, Episcopal YPD President
 Mrs. Debra Scott Weatherspoon, Episcopal YPD Director
 Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
 Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
 Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Thank you, for preparing the Young People for Self-Denial!

*The Episcopal District Elimination/Award Ceremony will be held on May 14, 2025 via zoom.
Conferences will announce the date and time of their eliminations.*



NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Young People's & Children's Division
of the Women's Missionary Society



YPD Initiative:
At-Home Library

****Research Overview**:** Studies have consistently shown that children who reside in homes with extensive home libraries tend to read more frequently, develop advanced reading skills, and achieve higher levels of education compared to their peers who have limited access to books. This correlation remains significant even after accounting for variables such as parental education levels. Notable research conducted by Crook (1997), de Graaf et al. (2000), and others (including Georg, 2004; Park, 2008; Teachman, 1987) highlights the positive impact of book availability on children's literacy development and educational attainment.

****Rationale for the Initiative**:** The primary objective of this initiative is to enhance a literacy-rich environment in homes, particularly in economically challenged households. By providing access to a diverse range of books, the program aims to foster a love for reading among children, thereby helping to bridge the reading gaps that often exist in underserved communities.

****Program Goal**:** The initiative seeks to empower designated students by supplying them with age-appropriate books to establish an at-home library. This approach is designed not only to enhance individual literacy skills but also to promote lifelong reading habits.

****Distribution Plan**:** Each conference will coordinate the procurement and distribution of books, ensuring that a local Title 1 school is selected in collaboration with the Episcopal District Young People's & Children's Division (YPD) Director, the Conference Director, and the Connectional Literacy Chairperson. The distribution will consist of five carefully chosen books, one tote bag for easy transport, and a bookmark to encourage reading.

****Grade-Level Assignments for Book Provision**:** The conferences will supply books tailored to the specific educational needs of students based on their grade levels:

- ****Alabama River Region**** – Kindergarten
- ****Northeast Alabama Conference**** – Second Grade
- ****Northwest Alabama Conference**** – Third and Fourth Grades
- ****Southeast Alabama Conference**** – Fifth Grade
- ****Southwest Alabama Conference**** – First Grade

****Initial Support and Future Funding**:** The Episcopal District YPD Director will contribute the initial set of tote bags for this initiative, marking the first step in the program's rollout. To ensure sustainability and the continued success of the at-home library program, plans are in place to seek additional support through donations from private individuals and businesses, as well as various available grants. This proactive approach will help secure the necessary resources to expand and enhance the literacy opportunities for children in the community.

"Foster a Love for Reading"



Ninth Episcopal District

Young People's & Children's Division



AT-HOME LIBRARY Initiative



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Donations: \$9thypdamec

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
**YOUNG PEOPLE'S
& CHILDREN'S DIVISION**
OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY



SAMARITIAN'S PURSE

<https://store.samaritanspurse.org/all-products>

SHOP NOW

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MS. SHERRYL WHITING, EPISCOPAL WMS PRESIDENT
MRS. DEANA YOUNG MCALLISTER, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
BISHOP JULIUS HARRISON MCALLISTER, JR., PRESIDING PRELATE



YPD Projects

• **Haiti - Greta Home & Academy**
• Your gift goes towards providing a child with a quality education, school supplies, housing, nutritious food, and loving care at the Greta Home and Academy.

• **Shared Cost \$15**
• **#013962**

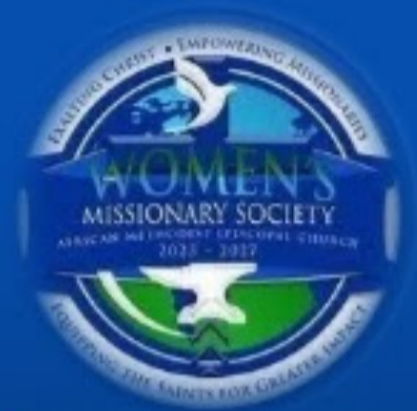
• **Building Schools,
Building Hope**
Equips teachers and rebuilds or renovates schools in areas hit hard by poverty or natural disaster
Shared the cost \$100
#013752

**Operation Christmas Child
Planting Gospel Seeds in
Ghana**
helping to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to isolated mountain communities
Shared Cost \$10
013477

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

Save the Date

Johns Chapel AME Church
Allie Lee Clark Sconiers WMS
Annual Missionary Day



Guest Speaker
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister,
9th Episcopal District Supervisor

Come
WORSHIP
With Us On
April 27, 2025



2:30 P.M.

"God first, Missions Forward, Love unconditionally"



Sister Tionne Cohill, Guest Messenger

*Ethel M. Howard Women's Missionary Society's
Annual Day
Sunday, April 13, 2025—10:30 a.m.*

*St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
Sister Mary Salaam, President, Ethel M. Howard WMS
Sister Mattie Frizell, President, Alabama River Region WMS
Reverend Dr. Agnes Lover, Lead Pastor
Sister Sherryl Whiting, 9th Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Supervisor, 9th Episcopal District
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr, Presiding Prelate*

706 E. Patton Avenue - Montgomery, AL-334.286.8577

**The Bryant-Carter-High Missionary Society of
Lee Chapel A.M.E Church**

will host

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL 2"

A Musical Concert

May 17, 2025 @ 2pm cst

**Scripture: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: Make a loud noise,
and rejoice, and sing praise. (Psalm 98:4)**

****Register your Church Youth, Adult Choir,
or Praise Team****

**Please contact: Jackie Carter
Phone: (334)-332-0077
Email: carteja24@gmail.com**

**Sis.Jackie Carter, Missionary President
Rev.James Parker, Pastor**

Please keep ALL of our
SICK and SHUT-IN
as well as 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