



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
July 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 have begin our 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.

The Ninth District is indeed reading!

We must model what we talk about. I am excited to share that next week during the Christian Education Congress, we will have our culminating activity of sharing in a discussion about our first book written by our very own Missionary, Mrs. Lynda Lowrey. The title is “Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom.” Please make sure you have finished reading it by next Tuesday, July 1, 2025 and please be sure to bring your book with you. I am excited because we will hear directly from the author herself!

Many thanks to the Book Club Chairperson, Mrs. Jackie Carter and the entire committee. Once the second novel is selected, we will share out.

STAY TUNED and STAY WOKE

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, beloved sisters of the **9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society!**

With a heart full of gratitude and purpose, I am elated to introduce a sacred and significant moment in our district's journey. It is with great excitement and reverence that we officially introduce the **Deana Young McAllister Leadership Institute** — a powerful new initiative birthed from a vision of equipping, inspiring, and elevating the next generation of missionary leaders.

Named in honor of a trailblazing servant-leader who exemplifies grace, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to our work, this institute will serve as a wellspring of knowledge, mentorship, and spiritual growth for women across our churches. This Institute is being led by our former Episcopal Presidents, Sisters Susie Bonner and Hattie Nathan. Serving on the steering committee is a representative from each of our annual conferences (Sisters Yvonne Saxon-ARRAC, Mary Porter-NWAC, Evadna Moment-SEAC, Sharon Massingale-NEAC, and Philonese Reed-SWAC).

We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for those who feel called to be part of this dynamic leadership experience. Participation in the institute requires a submitted application, and we encourage every eligible WMS member with a heart for service and leadership to apply.

As we embrace this new beginning, we are also overflowing with excitement for our **Week of Service and Love** (July 21-27, led by our First Vice-President, Ebony Smith. This is a sacred time set apart to live out our mission through acts of compassion, outreach, and unwavering love. This is more than a week on the calendar, it is a divine opportunity to embody the heart of Christ through hands-on ministry.

Whether through feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, caring for the sick, mentoring our youth, or simply offering a listening ear, each gesture echoes the heart of Christ and the spirit of missionary work.

The 9th Episcopal District WMS has always stood strong in faith, fierce in service, and united in love — and this week, we continue that legacy with boldness and joy.

May God bless each of you richly as we lead, serve, and love together. **THE WORK IS ALL DIVINE!**

In Christ's love and service,

Sherryl Whiting

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



The banner features a dark red background with a gold border. On the left, a circular seal of the Ninth Episcopal District is visible. Below it, a photo of Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr. and Mrs. Deana Young McAllister is shown. The main title '2025 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS' is in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, the subtitle 'CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN REAL TIME: Connecting Our Faith to Our Culture' is in white. A quote from Acts 5:42b NIV is centered. The dates 'June 30, 2025 - July 3, 2025' are in large gold letters. The location 'Alabama A&M University' and its address are at the bottom. On the right, six circular portraits of speakers are arranged in two rows of three, each with a caption below.

2025 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN REAL TIME:
Connecting Our Faith to Our Culture

"They never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah."
Acts 5:42b NIV

June 30, 2025 - July 3, 2025

Alabama A&M University
4900 Meridian St N., Huntsville, AL 35811

Hosts
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Supervisor of Missions

Speakers:

- Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, Jr., Seventeenth Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Dr. Jay Augustine, St. Joseph AME Church, Durham, North Carolina
- Pastor Gregory McLeod, Gaines Chapel AME Church, Phenix City, Alabama
- Pastor Smokie Norful, Victory Cathedral Worship Center, Bolingbrook, Illinois
- Pastor Stephen Green, Greater Allen Cathedral AME Church, Jamaica-Queens, New York

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Ninth Episcopal District
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

June 25, 2025

Good evening, Ninth Episcopal District Family,

I pray all is well with you and your family. As we continue to endure the current heat wave affecting much of the United States, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. We are no strangers to intense summer temperatures here in Alabama, but this season has brought unusually hot weather in many of the communities where we reside.

In light of this, I want to offer a suggestion, not as a mandate, but as a ministry opportunity. If your church is equipped and you feel that your house of worship can accommodate my request, please consider opening your doors as a cooling station for your members and the surrounding community. Designated hours could be established where individuals can come and find relief in a cool and safe space. This small act of hospitality could have a great impact on the lives of those who are most vulnerable in this weather. I thank you in advance for your compassion and care.

Secondly, Supervisor Deana and I are extremely excited about our upcoming 2025 Christian Education Congress (CEC), that will take place June 30th through July 3rd on the campus of Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama. We are anticipating a powerful experience filled with anointed preaching, inspiring music, engaging workshops, and meaningful moments through CDMC, our Jesus Jordans, and the Jam Fest. You don't want to miss this special moment.

As we prepare, I want to share a few important notes regarding attire for the week:

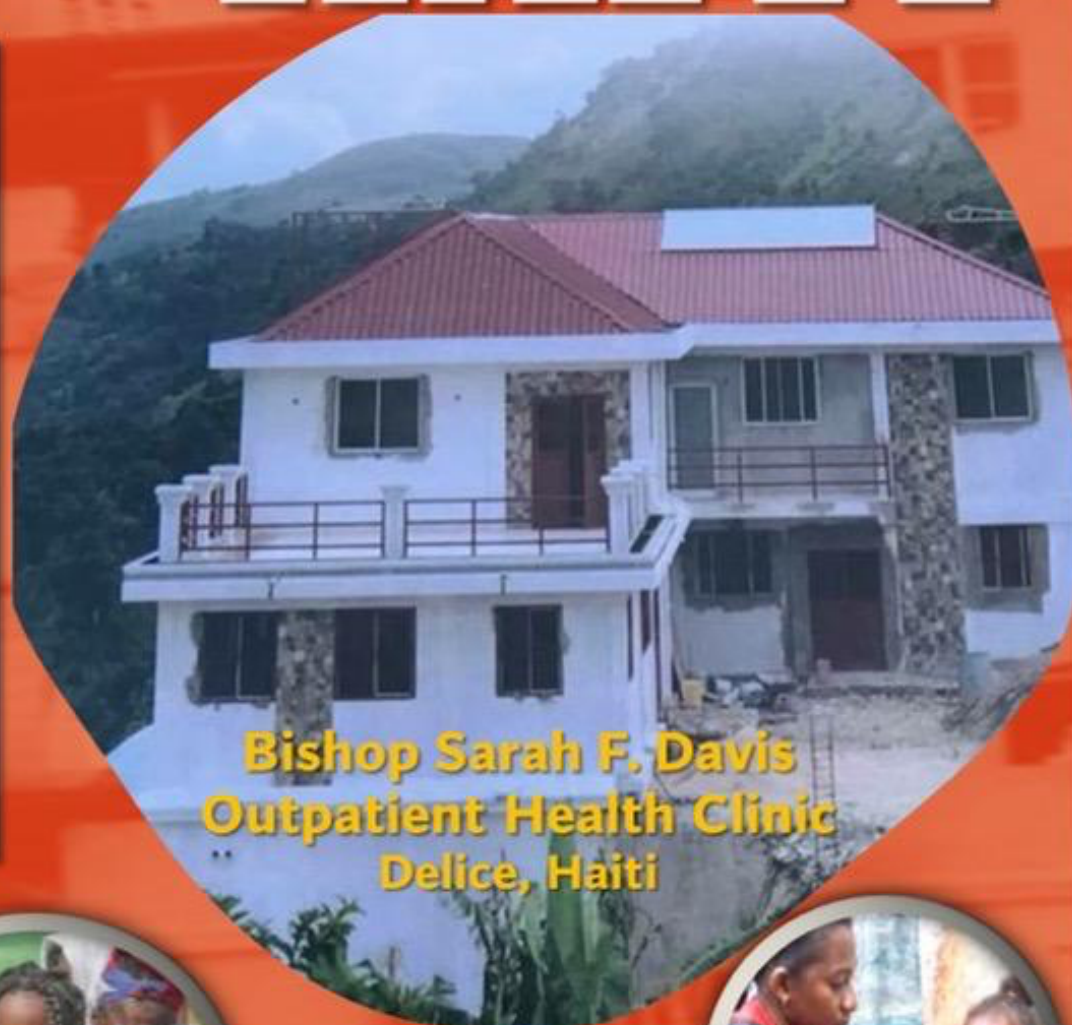
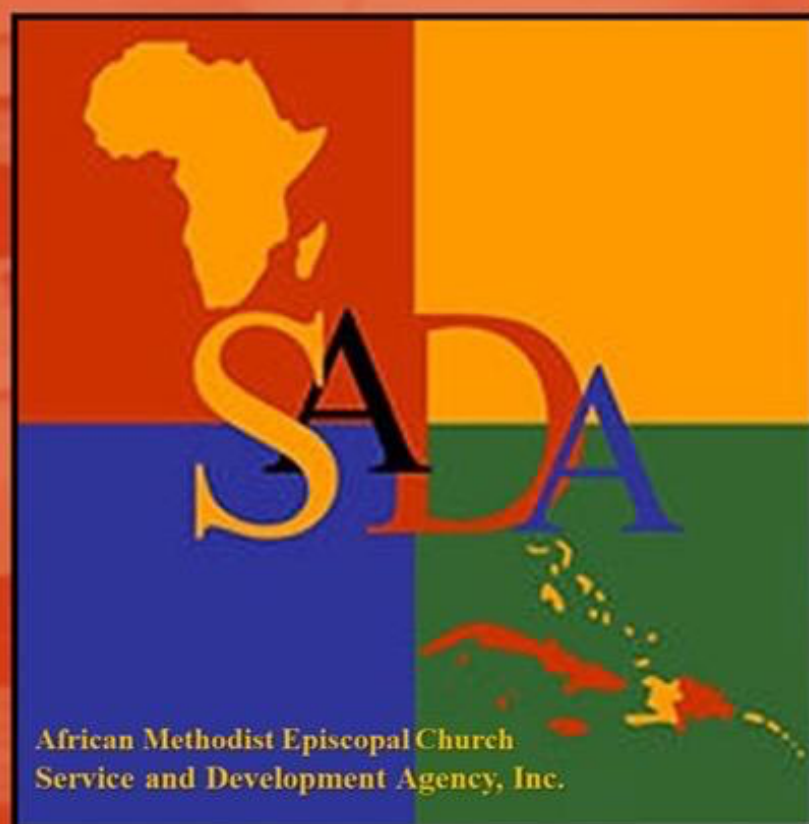
- All laity and youth are encouraged to dress down in respectful and comfortable attire throughout the week. It is summertime, and we want everyone to be at ease while enjoying the fullness of this experience.
- On Monday evening, for the Opening Worship Service at 7:09 PM, we are asking the following:
 - Pastors to wear their Methodist black with clergy collar.
 - The Bishop, visiting Bishop, Presiding Elders will wear clergy collars and robes.
- For all other worship services (Morning Glory, Hour of Power, Tuesday evening service, and Wednesday Morning Glory):
 - Program participants are asked to wear standard church attire.
 - No clergy collars are required for these services.
 - Laity are encouraged to continue in comfortable attire throughout the week.

We are believing God for a powerful time together. Come with expectation. Come with joy. Come ready to learn, to grow, and to experience God in fresh and transformative ways.

We look forward to seeing each of you this Monday as we begin this sacred and exciting journey together.

In His Name because of Christ and Calvary,
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Support AME-SADA & Provide **HELP** *for* **HAITI**



As a result of an executive order, the 90-day freeze on USAID has, in reality, become permanent. Consequently, AME-SADA Haiti had to do the following:

- ❖ *Fire 200 employees, including physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, drivers, health agents, etc.;*
- ❖ *Suspend all services to about 190,000 people (vaccinations, prenatal visits, well-baby visits, all outreach services);*
- ❖ *Suspend all services for HIV/AIDS patients including orphans and vulnerable children;*
- ❖ *Suspend all malnutrition recuperation programs for about 500 children/month*

WAYS TO DONATE

Mail: Checks payable to AME-SADA to
WMS-AMEC, 1134 11th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Givelify: Connectional Women's Missionary Society
of the AME Church

Robert Nicholas, Executive Director, AME-SADA
Deborah Taylor King, Connectional President, WMS-AMEC



July

2025

June						
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31						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	CEC Huntsville, AL (Alabama A & M University)				Independence Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Connectional Lay Biennial Atlanta Marriott Marquis Atlanta, GA					Connectional YPD LTI
		YAM Temp Check 7p cst			Connectional YPD LTI	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Connectional YPD LTI	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	PME Dialogue 7pm cst				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Week of Service and Love	Week of Service and Love	Week of Service and Love	Week of Service and Love	Week of Service and Love	Week of Service and Love
27	28	29	30	31		
Week of Service and Love		Conference YPD Meeting 7p cst		Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst		





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

**We want to place an additional order for
Cardigans, we need 50, please order today!**

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



DEANA YOUNG MCALLISTER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



MISSION STATEMENT

The Leadership Institute is designed to identify women with leadership potential and prepare them to assume meaningful leadership positions in the Women's Missionary Society.

VISION

The Leadership Institute will help women develop leadership and interpersonal skills and abilities that will make them better contributors to the Women's Missionary Society.

GOALS

The Leadership Institute cohorts will participate in eight sessions over a one-year period, scheduled in collaboration with the Ninth Episcopal District meetings. Sessions will be in person and virtual.

An application is required by September 1, 2025 to participate in the Leadership Institute. The application can be found on the WMS website: 9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org under Resources, Links & Forms

Steering Committee

Mrs. Susie Bonner & Mrs. Hattie Nathan – Deans
Mrs. Yvonne Saxon – ARRC Mrs. Mary Porter – NWAC
Mrs. Evadna Moment – SEAC Mrs. Sharon Massingale – NEAC
Ms. Philonese Reed – SWAC

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

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African Methodist Episcopal Church
Women's Missionary Society
Deana Young McAllister Leadership Institute

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE APPLICATION

Complete this application (with all required signatures) and return it to Susie Bonner at
P.O. Box 644, Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127 or email her at s.jonessusie@yahoo.com by September 1, 2025.

NAME		AGE
ADDRESS	CITY & STATE	ZIP
EMAIL	PHONE	CELL
LOCAL CHURCH	CITY	
PASTOR	LOCAL PRESIDENT	

My WMS/YPD Involvement includes (Attach your resume to include your active WMS/YPD involvement):

I believe I have leadership potential because (Attach additional page if needed):

One thing I hope to gain from this experience is:

Two of my personal strengths are:

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____
Local President's Signature _____ Date _____
Conference President's Signature _____ Date _____
Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society A Week of Service and Love

JULY 21- JULY 27, 2025

JULY 21

Covered In Love

Donate blankets and socks to nursing home and or senior center of choice.

Feeding the Soul

Donate non-perishable items to a local foodbank or your organization of choice.

JULY 22

JULY 23

7 p.m. cst

Wellness Works

Join our virtual workout session!

Zoom ID: 856 2389 4102

Password: 646263

Virtual Game Night

Join our YAM lead virtual game night. Zoom

ID: 86874077993

Password: 430100

JULY 24

7p.m. cst

JULY 25

Helpful Hands

Donate clothes, art supplies, household items, shoes or baby items to organization of choice.

Tilling The Soil

Volunteer at a community garden or plant your own garden.

JULY 26

JULY 27

Missions Matters

Recognize a missionary in your church for their dedication to missions.

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

Annual Conference

Compassionate Care Project

9th District Women's Missionary Society

Pillow Ministry

Sharing God's comfort, peace, and love one pillow at a time.

Comfort Pillows

Travel-Sized Pillows

Prayer Pillows

Suggested Organizations

- Women's shelters/domestic violence survivors
- Nursing home residents
 - Foster children
- Homeless shelters
- Mission trip donations
- College students



Please see your Conference President for charity of choice.

Ms. Ebony R. Smith, Episcopal Women's Missionary Society 1st Vice President

Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal Women's Missionary Society President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Each Conference is asked to choose an organization, donate pillows, and to be creative!

Please contact your President if you would like to order a book!

The Bookmarks

READING CLUB

*Women's Missionary Society
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Ninth Episcopal District*

PRESENTS BOOK ONE TO BOOK LOVERS!

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom
Author, Mrs. Lynda Blackmon Lowery

PRICE: \$11.00



- Visit the display and purchase a book during the Mid-Year Conference.
- Begin Reading May 5, 2025, until June 30, 2025.
- Book Lovers, read wherever you like to read!
- Meet Mrs. Lowery, a member of Ward Chapel AMEC in Selma, Alabama, for a Districtwide discussion of the book at CEC.

Read the story of a trailblazer, the youngest person in the 1965 Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, who fought alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African Americans.

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EMBRACE YOURSELF UNIQUE SELF:

Discover Purpose & Acceptance

**Tuesday
July 15, 2025
7pm**



Cynthia Murray Green
Alabama River Region Conference
W.M.S. 3rd Vice-President

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

Save the Date

A fun time to relax
with friends, good
food and to be
entertained.



\$10 Donation
Requested for
Book Scholarships

Around the World with the WMS: A Cultural Fun Day

Each Conference
will Represent the
Culture of their
Assigned Country

DATE: August 2, 2025

TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00 PM CST

*PLACE: Washington Chapoel AME
Church Parish House, Tuskegee, AL*

Everyone is
INVITED - See
YOU There!!!



Mrs. Sharon Massingale, Episcopal WMS 3rd VP
Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal WMS Supervisor
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr., Presiding Prelate

9th District WMS HAPPY JULY CELEBRATIONS



WMS Celebrate - It's Your Birthday

- If you were born in July, your birthstone is ruby, the white lily is your flower, and your Zodiac sign might be Cancer or Leo.
- Kevin Hart, Jennifer Lopez, and Princess Diana were born in July.

WMS Celebrate - It's Your Anniversary

- Did you know that the first anniversary is celebrated with paper, the 25th is known as the silver anniversary, and the 50th is the golden anniversary?

Celebrate WMS Members with Disabilities

- July is recognized as Disability Pride Month as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed ensuring their civil rights.

We Celebrate WMS Members' July Events

Mrs. Sharon Massingale, WMS Episcopal 3rd VP
Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, WMS Episcopal President
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Episcopal Supervisor
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr., Presiding Prelate

Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready!

The 9th Episcopal District is making a QUILT!



*Please start gathering WMS t-shirts
(Local, Area, Conference, Episcopal)*

Additional Information is coming!

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
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr., Presiding Prelate



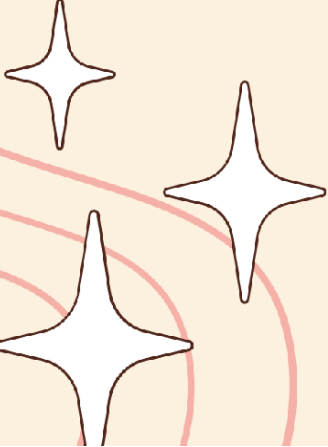
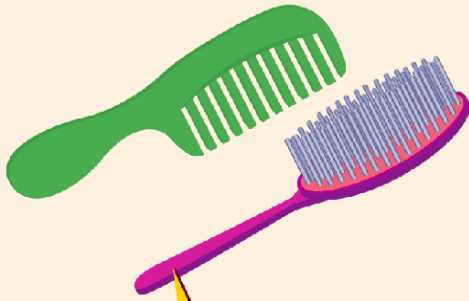
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9th Episcopal District
Young People's & Children's Division
of the Women's Missionary Society

CONNECTIONAL YPD CARES PROJECT

HELP US SHARE DIGNITY—ONE COMB AND BRUSH AT A TIME

The 9th District YPD is collecting 150 combs and 150 brushes for the LTI to support individuals in need. Please consider contributing today!

YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



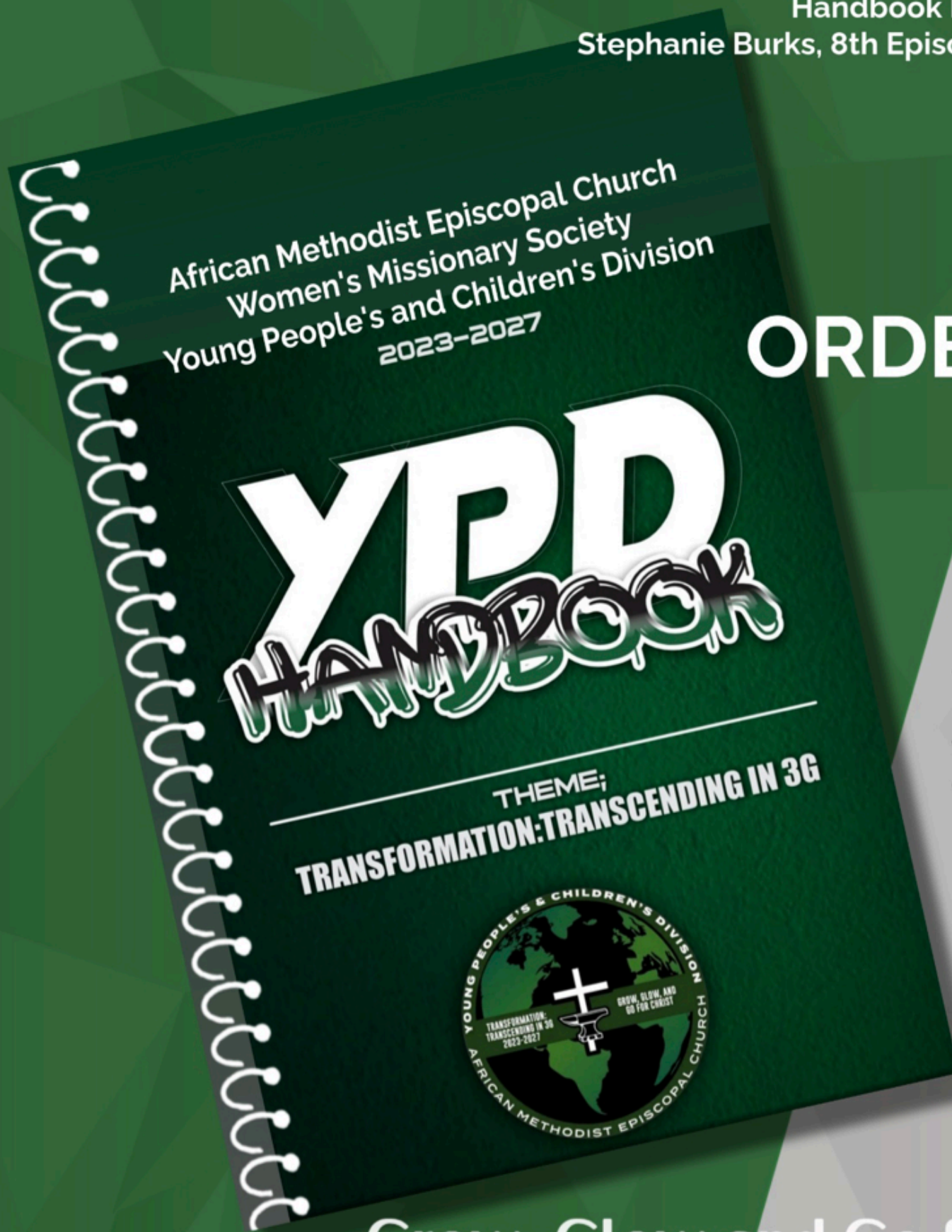
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!

Joyce Johnson, Connectional YPD President
Richelle Fry Skinner, Connectional YPD Director

Handbook Enhancement Coordinator
Stephanie Burks, 8th Episcopal District YPD Director

ORDER NOW!

Our 2023-27 Handbook
is designed to increase
the ministry and impact
of the YPD!



Grow, Glow and Go for CHRIST!

- ✓ \$25 - Small Handbook
- ✓ \$35 - Large Handbook
- ✓ \$55 - 1 Small and 1 Large

Please contact your YPD Director **TODAY!**

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



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

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

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



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

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CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!





ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2025



SIXTEENTH SESSION OF

ALABAMA RIVER REGION *Annual Conference*

<p><small>SATURDAY</small> AUG 16 YPD ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>TUESDAY</small> AUG 19 WMS ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>WENESDAY - FRIDAY</small> AUG 20-22 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>HOST CHURCH ST. JOHN'S A.M.E. CHURCH 807 Madison Avenue // Montgomery, Alabama 36104</p>		
<p><small>HOST PASTORS</small> The Reverend Roosevelt & The Reverend Shelia Williams</p>		<p><small>HOST PRESIDING ELDER</small> The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Densons</p>

NORTHWEST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

<p><small>SATURDAY</small> SEPT 6 YPD ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>TUESDAY</small> SEPT 9 WMS ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>WENESDAY - FRIDAY</small> SEPT 10-12 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>HOST CHURCH BRYANT CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH 3125 Spaulding Street SW // Birmingham, Alabama 35221</p>		
<p><small>HOST PASTOR</small> The Reverend Damien Littlejohn</p>		<p><small>HOST PRESIDING ELDER</small> The Reverend Gloria A. Hall</p>

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

<p><small>SATURDAY</small> SEPT 20 YPD ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>TUESDAY</small> SEPT 23 WMS ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>WENESDAY - FRIDAY</small> SEPT 24-26 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>HOST CHURCH ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH 901 Dale Road // Eufaula, Alabama 36027</p>		
<p><small>HOST PASTOR</small> The Reverend Carlton Worthen</p>		<p><small>HOST PRESIDING ELDER</small> The Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III</p>

NORTHEAST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

<p><small>SATURDAY</small> OCT 4 YPD ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>TUESDAY</small> OCT 7 WMS ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>WENESDAY - FRIDAY</small> OCT 8-10 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>HOST CHURCH SAINT LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH 1308 Auburn Street // Opelika, Alabama 36801</p>		
<p><small>HOST PASTOR</small> The Reverend AMonique Summers</p>		<p><small>HOST PRESIDING ELDER</small> The Reverend Raymond B. Swafford</p>

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

<p><small>SATURDAY</small> OCT 18 YPD ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>TUESDAY</small> OCT 21 WMS ANNUAL DAY</p>	<p><small>WENESDAY - FRIDAY</small> OCT 22-24 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>HOST CHURCH SAMUEL CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH 717 W Prichard Avenue // Prichard, Alabama 36104</p>		
<p><small>HOST PASTOR</small> The Reverend Vernon McLeod</p>		<p><small>HOST PRESIDING ELDER</small> The Reverend Charles Lewis</p>

Ninth Episcopal District **PLANNING MEETING**

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
NOV 20-22

VENUE
RENAISSANCE HOTEL
Montgomery, Alabama

WMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	The Pre-Registration/Registration and Breakfast
9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	The Moments of Devotion
10:00 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	The Call to Order/Acceptance of Agenda/Establishment of Protocol
10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	The Tanner Turner Memorial Service
10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.	The Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host WMS President Host YPD Director Host Pastor Host Presiding Elder
	The Greetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference WMS President Conference YPD Director
10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	The Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call (Episcopal, Super & President, Connectional, Episcopal & Conference Officers and Life Members) Transfers New Members Acceptance of Minutes (send out prior to Annual Conference) Financial Report (include in booklet) Life Membership Waiting List President's Report (written report in booklet) YPD Director's Report (written report in booklet) Registration Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMS, New Members, Transfers, Observers, Clergy Credential Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMS, New Members, Transfers Nominating Committee Report Election of Officers (Episcopal President) Installation of Officers (Supervisor)
11:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Compassionate Care Project (Pillow Ministry)
12:00 P.M. - 12:05 P.M.	Announcements and Recognition of Visitors
12:05 P.M. - 12:15 P.M.	The District Speaks
12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Transition to Luncheon
12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Recognition Luncheon
4:30 P.M.	Conference Roll Call (Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.)
7:00 P.M.	The Worship Experience (Night in White) - Pinning of New Members



YPD ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration & Welcome Packet Distribution and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - Praise & Worship

- Prayer
- Worship through Dance/Song
- Meditation
 - YPDers

9:30 AM – Monique Gonzalez Memorial Service

9:45 AM - Greetings

- Host WMS President
- Host YPD Director
- Host YPD President
- Host Pastor
- Conference Director
- Conference YPD President

10:00 AM – Breakout Sessions (2.5hrs)

- Mother Sunbeams (2-6) -
- Allen Stars (7-12) –

10:10 AM - Business Session: Call to Order, Adoption of the Agenda, and Establishment of Protocol

- Roll Call (Connectional YPD Officers, Episcopal YPD President, Episcopal YPD Officers (*residing within the conference*), Area YPD Presidents, Conference YPD Officers)
- Reading of the Minutes – YPD Secretary
- Financial Report – YPD Treasurer
- Seating of Delegation (Ages: 13 – 25)
- Reading of Reports
 - Statistical Report
 - Registration Report
 - Credential Report
 - Nomination Report
- Election of Officers

Compassionate Care Project

YPD ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CONTINUED

11:10 AM - Break/Transition (10 minutes)

11:20 AM – Breakout Session

- **Youth Auxiliary** - *Conflict Resolution*
- **Young Adult** - *Financial Stewardship*
- **Observers** (WMS, Lay, Yams, RAYAC & Ministers)
 - Building a Bridge to the Young People's & Children's Division
 - YPD Outreach Projects with each division of the church

11:50 AM - Break/Transition (10 minutes)

12:00 Noon – Breakout Session

- **Youth Auxiliary** - *The Effects of social media, Cell phones, and gaming on the brain*
- **Young Adult** - *Coping Strategies: Protect Your Mental Health*
- **Observers** (WMS, Lay, Yams, RAYAC & Ministers)
 - Leadership Workshop: "Empowering Young Leaders"
 - Fundraisers (appointing a lead person)

12:30 PM - Snack Break / All YPDers Reconvene to General Body

12:40 PM – YPDers/Observer synopsis of Breakout Session

1:00 PM – Worship Service (Keynote Speaker)

- Opening Song/Hymn
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Introduction of the Speaker
- Song/Hymn
- Speaker/Messenger
- Call to Discipleship
- Offering (\$10)
- Closing Remarks & Missionary Benediction

2:00 PM – Lunch

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!



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