



MISSIONS FORWARD

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**The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
August 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. Many thanks to you all for the marvelous work done on behalf of moving missions.

ALL I know is that the Ninth District continues to “Mind our Missionary Business”

Our series of annual conferences is upon us! We are excited to meet you all at your respective annual conferences and learn about the marvelous work that has gone forth and the lives saved. Please be in prayer for each other as we begin traveling across our state.

Calling all Future Leaders in the WMS!

Missionaries, I am extremely excited about our leadership institute scheduled to begin this fall. I am looking for women of all ages (young and evolving) who are members of the Women's Missionary Society and looking to enhance their interpersonal and leadership skills to enhance our work for missions. I am looking for mission minded women. It promises to be an amazing program led by our Deans, Mrs. Hattie Nathan and Mrs. Susie Bonner. It is my honor to have such a wonderful program named after me. I am grateful. We must sustain our work and train others to lead. Please join us for this wonderful ministry opportunity. See your conference branch presidents for more information.

STAY TUNED and STAY WOKE

Thank you, President Whiting, for your leadership and sharing all valuable information. Missionaries, plan accordingly so that we may fully support each other in Kingdom building.

Lastly, let us continue to do God's work in a more excellent way by continuing to mind your missionary business.

Yours truly,

Supervisor





Greetings to the Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society

Grace and peace to each of you, my sisters in Christ. As we gather in this blessed season of preparation for our upcoming YPD and WMS Conventions, I greet you with a heart full of gratitude and anticipation. God has entrusted us with a sacred mission, and together, we continue to walk in the light of His calling—serving, uplifting, and transforming lives for the Kingdom.

We are called not only to maintain the work we've been given but to press onward with renewed vision and vigor—moving missions forward in both word and deed. The world around us is changing, and our communities face new challenges every day. Yet, we know the God we serve equips us with wisdom, compassion, and resilience to meet these needs in ways that bring glory to His name. We are not here to stand still—we are here to advance the cause of Christ.

Our YPD, the heartbeat of our future, reminds us that the work of missions spans generations. As we prepare for these conventions, let us intentionally pour into our young people—teaching them the values of service, justice, and faith. They are not only the leaders of tomorrow; they are leaders now, and our example will shape how they carry the torch long after we have passed it on.

The Women's Missionary Society has always been a force of faith in action. We have prayed together, served together, and sometimes labored under heavy burdens together. But every step forward has been by the grace of God. As we approach these gatherings, let us commit ourselves once again to being His hands and feet in the world—steadfast, unshakable, and united in purpose.

So, Ninth District, let us prepare with joy, pray with expectation, and show up ready to do the work. May these conventions renew our spirits, deepen our fellowship, and equip us for the next leg of our mission journey. With Christ as our guide, there is no limit to how far we can go.

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

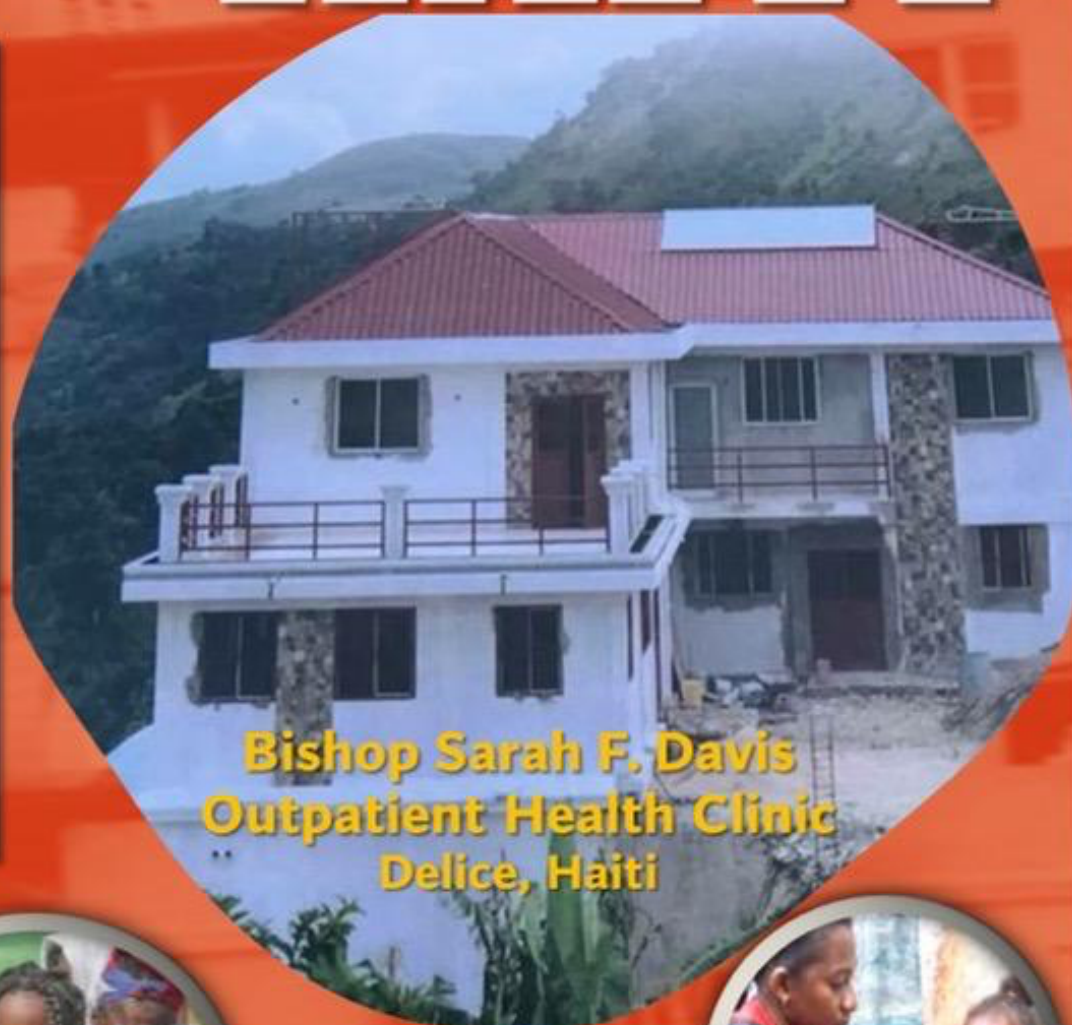
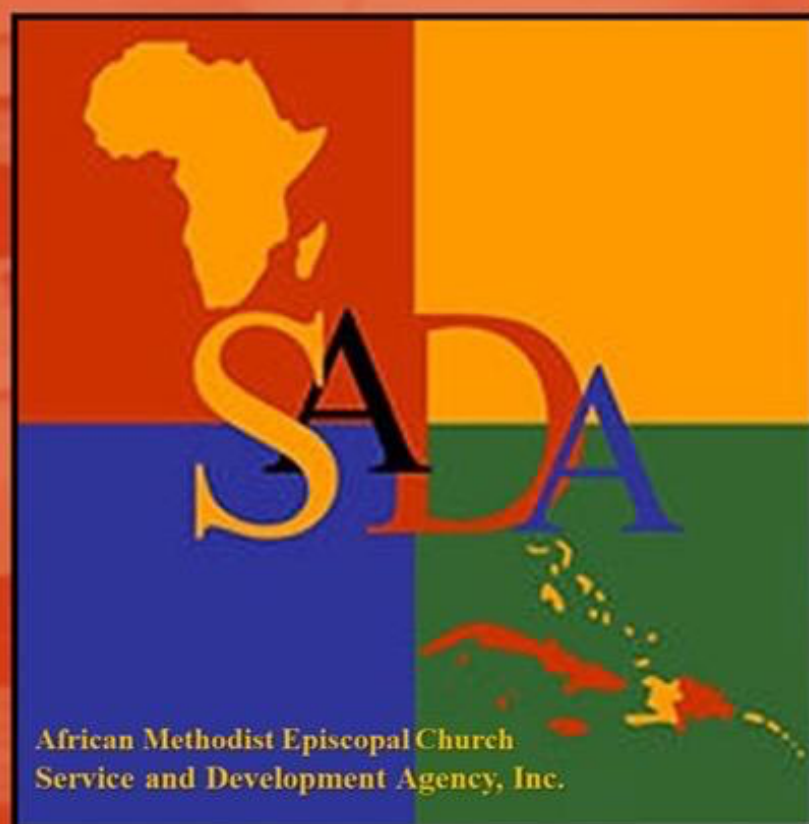
In Christ's love and service,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President

“God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally”

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



**Bishop Sarah F. Davis
Outpatient Health Clinic
Delice, 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





Psalm 91:1-2. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust.

DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Texas faced deadly flooding on July 4th, leaving many missing and prompting urgent search and rescue efforts.

Storms and a weakening tropical system have battered the Gulf Coast, especially in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

The Northeast—including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia—has also been overwhelmed by flash flooding.

In the 17th and 18th Episcopal Districts, communities are suffering from mudslides, severe flooding, and massive rainfalls, displacing families and destroying infrastructure.

Our global family is hurting—and the time to act is NOW.

Join us in prayer, service, and giving.

Let's be the hands and feet of Christ during these trying times.

Bishop Silvester S. Beaman, Commission Chair, Global Witness & Ministry

Dr. Deborah Taylor King, Connectional WMS President

Charolett B. Martin, Connectional WMS 1st Vice President

Annie G. Simmons, Committee Chair

Connectional Disaster Relief Preparedness

August

2025

July							September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30	31			28	29	30				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst <i>Life Member Directory</i>	YPD Distribution of Books to Local Title One Schools	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Supervisor McAllister's Birthday	PME Dialogue 7pm cst	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	Conference YPD Meeting 7p cst		ARR YPD Annual Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		ARR WMS Annual Day	Alabama River Region Annual Conference			
24	25	26	27	28		
		YPD "Putting Down Your Devices" Seminar				



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

Ninth Episcopal District
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 _____

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!

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!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

BACK-TO-BASICS

VIRTUAL TUTORIAL PROGRAM

Focus Areas: Reading & Math

Via ZOOM

Every Tuesday

5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Start Date: September 23, 2025

Grades 1st-5th



All registration and volunteer forms can be found
on the 9th Episcopal District WMS website.
Click resources, tutoring, and select an application.
<http://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org>

Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society
and Young People's and Children's Division

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, WMS Episcopal 2nd Vice President

Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon, WMS Episcopal YPD Director

Mrs. Sherryl Whiting, WMS Episcopal President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Presiding Prelate

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BACK 2 BASICS

Tutorial Program

Tuesday Only



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

TUTORS NEEDED!



WE NEED YOU!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Make a lasting impact in a child's life
- Support education in your community
- Earn volunteer hours (if applicable)
- Be part of a meaningful initiative

Let's get back to the basics and move forward together one student at a time.




Mary Wells Porter, Chair
(205)344-3358

Debra Scott Weatherspoon, Co-Chair
(251)214-4371

CLASS TIME
5:30-6:30 p.m.

JOIN TIME
Zoom Drivers 5:00 p.m.
Tutors 5:15 p.m.
Students 5:20 p.m.
Dismissal 6:30 p.m.

 WMS

VIRTUAL TUTORIAL PROGRAM CALENDAR 2025-2026

MOTTO

I CAN


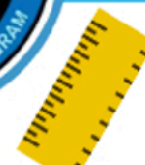
YOU CAN

**WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

	October	November	December	January	February	March
September		4	2		3	3
	7		9	13	10	10
	14	18	16	20	17	17
23 START DAY	21			27	24	24
30	28					31

B2B Student Recognition Celebration
Sunday, May 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

April 7, 2026 is the Last Day.

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

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

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

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Women's Missionary Society
Young People's and Children's Division
2023-2027

YPD HANDBOOK

THEME;
TRANSFORMATION: TRANSENDING IN 3G



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 EPEISCOPAL 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*

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

NORTHWEST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

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

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

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

NORTHEAST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

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

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA *Annual Conference*

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

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!



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