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**The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
November 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 to my Ninth District Family,

To God be the Glory great things He has indeed done. We successfully finished our second series of Annual Conferences and each one of them was marvelous. Many thanks to each of our Conference Branch Presidents and their executive leadership teams for their excellent planning and preparation for sharing the work of Christ.

There is indeed so much going on in the Ninth District and so fasten your seat belts for the ride!

I am looking forward to meeting you all at our upcoming Planning Meeting in Montgomery. President Whiting and I will be excited to share out information regarding our State Meeting and the upcoming Connectional Executive Board Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland at the end of January.

The Bookmarks Book Club has selected the next novel for our reading pleasure. It is entitled "Lessons from the Front Porch Swing." Ms. Alston will be present at the Planning Meeting and will be selling and signing her book.

In addition, please be sure to register through your conference president for our 41st state meeting scheduled for December 12-13th at St. Paul Church, Smithfield under the leadership Rev. Brian Blackwell. During this meeting we will participate in our next Bookmarks Book Club review and authors discussion and also meet our Leadership Institute participants.

As you continue to read through this newsletter, please have your calendars nearby. Finally, let us remain steadfast in doing God's work in a more excellent way-by faithfully "minding our missionary business."

With love and sincere gratitude,

Supervisor





Greetings to the 9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society

It is with great joy and gratitude that I extend warm greetings to all the devoted women of the Women's Missionary Society. Each of you stands as a pillar of faith, strength, and service, carrying forward the legacy of women who have labored faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord. Your prayers, your presence, and your perseverance continue to light the way for others to follow Christ with purpose and compassion.

As we gather for this year's WMS Convention on December 12-13, 2025, at St. Paul AME Church in Smithfield, Alabama, we celebrate not only our shared mission but also the divine calling that unites us. We are thankful to Rev. Brian Blackwell and the St. Paul AME Church family for opening their doors. We are excited that Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr. will bring the preached word on Friday night. In addition, we will present the Deana Young McAllister Leadership Institute Cohort. We will share in discussion "Lessons from the Front Porch Swing" written by Phyllis Alston through our Book Club.

Under the theme **"Women of Faith Leading with Vision and Purpose"** (Habakkuk 2:2, NLT), we are called to write the vision clearly and run with it boldly. Through our worship and fellowship, may we find the courage to expand our ministry and the wisdom to do it with humility and joy. Every testimony shared and every lesson learned strengthens the collective voice of women on a mission for Christ.

I encourage each and every one of you to register for the convention through your Conference President. The registration fee is \$100. We want to build together, grow together, and serve together. Your presence and participation make a difference in the life of the Women's Missionary Society and in the impact we have across our communities.

Let this gathering be more than a meeting, it is a movement of hearts united in service. May every session inspire, every prayer fortify, and every song remind us that we labor together for a kingdom cause. I am looking forward to seeing each of you as we come together in faith, vision, and purpose to do the great work God has placed in our hands.

In Christ's love and service,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President

"God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally"

NOVEMBER 20-22, 2025

The Ninth Episcopal District

PLANNING MEETING 2025



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 20

6
PM


**Reverend Carolyn
CAVANESS**
Mother Bethel AME Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 21

9:30
AM


**Dr. Virgil
WOODS**
First AME Church
Gary, Indiana

2
PM


**Bishop Julius H.
MCALLISTER SR.**
Retired Bishop
African Methodist
Episcopal Church

6
PM


**Bishop Samuel L.
GREEN SR.**
First Episcopal District
African Methodist
Episcopal Church

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 22

11:30
AM


**Bishop Adam J.
RICHARDSON**
Retired Bishop
African Methodist
Episcopal Church

RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY

Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center

201 Tallapoosa Street • Montgomery, AL 36104

Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-236-2427 and using the group code AMC

Host Church: Saint Paul AME Church

706 E Patton Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36111

Reverend Dr. Agnes Lover, pastor



Scan the QR Code
to book your reservation by:
OCTOBER 20TH

EPISCOPAL LEADERS

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. & Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister



November

2025

October						
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December						
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28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	PME Dialogue 7pm cst		9th District Planning Meeting Renaissance Hotel Montgomery, AL		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	B2B Virtual Tutoring Every Tuesday 5:30p cst			Thanksgiving		





Please Register

DECEMBER 12-13, 2025

THE ANNUAL WMS Convention

“Women of Faith, Leading with Vision and Purpose”

Habakkuk 2:2 NLT

Location: St. Paul AME Church, Smithfield, AL

Registration: \$100

Please register through your Conference WMS President.

**We are looking forward to a powerful time
of fellowship, worship, and service!**

**Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr. will
bring the word on Friday night!**

See you there!



Attire: Friday Night - White

Saturday - Christmas Colors



Please plan to attend! Registration is open!

We are looking at the possibility of a bus.

If you are interested, please contact Hattie Nathan 706-615-9791 or your Conference President.

The attire for the meeting:

The day that we read our report, black of your choice with our District Flower.



The flower can be ordered from the 9th District Store.

*To order, go to 9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org click on the **green banner** at the top.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your Conference President or Sherryl Whiting 334-796-0154.

CALLING ALL MISSIONARIES!!!

Executive Board Meeting

November 20, 2025
1:30 P.M. - 4:55 P.M.

The Renaissance Hotel
Montgomery, AL
Room - Montgomery 7

Compassionate Care Project

We are collecting white socks.
Thanks for your support!



The **Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women** is a prison for women of the [Alabama Department of Corrections](#) (ADOC), located in [Wetumpka, Alabama](#). All female inmates entering ADOC are sent to the receiving unit in Tutwiler. Tutwiler houses Alabama's female [death row](#), which qualifies it for the "maximum security" classification.

14th
NOVEMBER



About 13.4 % of African American Men and 12.7 % of African American Women have diabetes.

Factors like genetics, obesity, and physical activity affect diabetes.

World **DIABETES DAY**

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., President Prelate



Catalyzing Change Through Innovation and stewardship Revitalize

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 | 7pm



Michelle Greene Wilson
Southwest Conference YPD 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



THE COMMISSION ON MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION
Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Women's Missionary Society

October 10, 2025

To: Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation Members, Conference Presidents, Conference Second Vice Presidents, Missionary Resource Coordinator, Promotion and Mission Education (PME) Director, and the WMS Treasurer
Subject: WMS Resource Order Information

Hello WMS Sisters!

Thank you for your dedication to serving others and supporting the activities of the WMS of the Ninth Episcopal District. You cannot achieve it by yourself; your help is essential to making amazing things a reality.

Sister Bettie Davis is the WMS Resource Coordinator. See her phone number (251-604-6262) and email address (bdavis3010@aol.com) on the Resource Order Form.

It is now time to begin plans for ordering 2025 – 2026 WMS resource materials. A fillable Resource Ordering Form is included. Note the increase (\$25.00) for the cost of the *Mission Education Study Curriculum*. **The deadline date for submitting orders is Thursday, January 15, 2026.**

1. Conference Presidents and Second Vice Presidents, you know what works for your Conference members. Continue if the process has been successful.
2. Email the final Conference Resource Order to Sister Davis and Sister Wells-Porter. Sister Davis will send final copies to President Whiting. President Whiting will forward the final copies to Sister Catherine.
3. Every Conference President sends all collected money to the Treasurer, Sister Jordan.
4. Sister Davis will combine the five Conference orders on a spreadsheet and send a copy to the Treasurer, Sister Jordan; Sister Wells-Porter, President Whiting, and Supervisor McAllister.
5. Sister Jordan, Treasurer, will inform Sister Davis when the correct amount due has been received from the Conference Presidents.
6. Sister Davis will complete an invoice for each individual order (magazines, Constitution and bylaws, among other documents) and email it to Sister Jordan.
7. Sister Jordan places the order. Sister Jordan places all orders at the same time.

It is very important that each Conference meets the deadline date, Thursday, January 15, 2025. Thanks again for the help you give the WMS!

Blessings! Mary Wells-Porter, Episcopal WMS Second Vice President
205-344-3358 / 205-349-1590

Catherine Jordan, WMS Episcopal Treasurer
525 Barron Road Troy, Alabama 36081
9wms2024@gmail.com



2025 - 2026 MISSION EDUCATION RESOURCE ORDER FORM

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

Due Date for Resource Orders: Thursday, January 15, 2026

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: One Large Print and One Regular Print		\$55.00	
WMS Bread for the World		\$25.00	
National Council of Negro Women		\$25.00	
Church Women United Donation		\$ 5.00	
Mama 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 / crobsutton@BellSouth.net		QUANTITY	PRICE
ARRC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME) Order	75	\$25.00	
NEAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$25.00	
NWAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$25.00	
SEAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$25.00	
SWAC Mission Education Study Curriculum (PME Order)	75	\$25.00	
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</i>			\$23.49
<i>Afterwards By Jack Malanje</i>			
<i>The Future is Faster Than You Think</i>			\$13.49
<i>By Peter H. Diamandis and Steven Kotler</i>			
<i>The Big Nine, By Amy Ward</i>			\$12.19
SUBMIT YPD RESOURCE ORDERS TO MRS. DEBORAH 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		\$



Congratulations!

Ninth Episcopal District
Women's Missionary Society

2024 - 2025 Connectional Women's Missionary Society
Scholarship Winner



Jamia Eaves

President of the Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Young People's and Children's Division



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Are you ready?

Grades 1 - 5
Reading and Math
Online FREE Tutoring !



GO TO:
<http://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org>

CLICK the following:
Resources
Tutoring
Select an Application



Contact #: 205-344-3358



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

Are You a Quilt Maker?

**Share your knowledge and
talent with the 9th
Episcopal District Women's
Missionary Society.**

Text, Email or Call

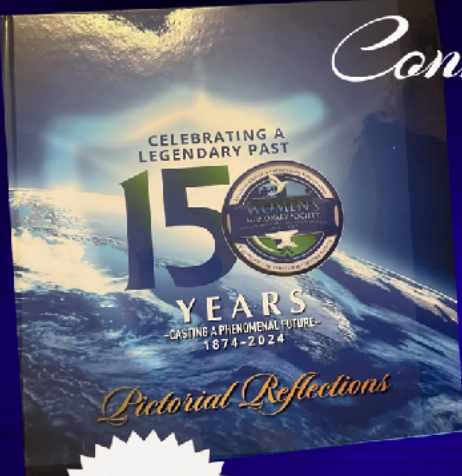
Mary Wells-Porter

WMS Episcopal Second VP

205-344-3358

mwpl200@gmail.com

Executive Board Meeting 2026



Connectional Presidents' Book Signing!



Pre-order TODAY! \$50

WMS Swag bags for on-site purchases.
Picture with Presidents
for the first 50 on-site purchases.

 Shirley Hopkins Davis #8,  Delores Kennedy-Williams #5,
 Deborah Taylor King #10,  Shirley Cason Reed #9

The Episcopal Districts Second Vice Presidents invite you to a
Historic Book Signing!

The Presidents shown above will be present to sign newly purchased
copies of our Pictorial Reflections 150 Years Anniversary Book.

**Pre-ordered autographed copies are available.
See your Episcopal District Second Vice President.*

Preorders available until November 30, 2025!

Sponsored by Episcopal Districts Second Vice Presidents

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Episcopal District: _____

Number of Books: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Method of Payment: _____

Pre-order payments can be made by
check (made out to WMS-AMEC),
cash (see Second VP) or through this link:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/DE7HNORBTHLYHWZG2RYOYRQ0>

Scan to prepay



9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Calling all Creative YPDers! Join
Our T-Shirt Design Contest!

You have the chance to win a

\$100 | **CASH
PRIZE**

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1** Create a captivating design that reflects our YPD brand
- 2** Must include YPD and 9th District in the design
- 3** Submit your design via email by December 10th

Submit all designs to the following email address:

9thepiscopaldistrictypd@gmail.com

SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS VIA EMAIL



Save the Date

**Episcopal District
Leadership Training Institute**

Saturday at 9:00
28 February 2026
Location: TBA

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