



MISSIONS FORWARD

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**The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
December 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.*



Merry Christmas Missionaries!

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we joyfully celebrate during this holy season. To God be the glory, for the great things He has done and continues to do through the work of Missions in the Ninth Episcopal District.

As we enter this blessed holiday season, we pause to reflect on what a marvelous and productive year we have shared. Your dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to Christ-centered missions have truly made a difference.

I invite each of you to join me at our Annual State Meeting at St. Paul AME Church, Smithfield, where we will elect our new Episcopal Officers, review our ongoing work, and set new and exciting goals for the upcoming Conference year.

We are honored to have our Presiding Prelate Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., the 144th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of our Zion, preach the word of God on Friday night. On Saturday morning, we will begin promptly with our business session as we continue strengthening the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Looking ahead, please also prepare to join us in Baltimore for our WMS Executive Board Meeting. I am—no, we are—immensely proud of all we have accomplished this year, and we are excited to present our second annual report with gratitude and anticipation for what the Lord will yet do. We humbly ask that you stand with us as we make our second report of service to the Connectional church.

So, grab your calendar, mark these important dates on your consideration and let us finish 2025 strong as we step boldly and faithfully into 2026.

Grace and Peace,

Supervisor McAllister





Dear Sisters of the Women's Missionary Society,

As we prepare our hearts and minds for this year's WMS Convention, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. Your commitment to the mission and ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church continues to shine as a powerful witness of faith in action. Thank you for answering the call to gather, to learn, and to serve, your presence strengthens our collective work.

I want to personally thank every one of you for registering for the convention. Your willingness to invest time, energy, and spirit into this gathering reflects the deep love you have for the communities you serve. It is your dedication that fuels the ongoing mission of transformation, healing, and hope around the world.

I am truly looking forward to seeing you on December 12th. There is something uniquely inspiring about being in the company of women who are united by purpose and passion. May our time together be fruitful, empowering, and filled with renewed vision for the days ahead.

Your support of compassionate projects continues to move missions forward in profound ways. Whether through outreach, advocacy, or acts of kindness that often go unseen, your work is a blessing to countless lives. Thank you for being vessels of compassion and instruments of God's love.

As we approach this joyful season, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the peace of Christ fill your homes, may hope light your path, and may the coming year bring abundant grace and renewed strength for the work that lies ahead.

With gratitude and love,

Sherryl Whiting

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

December

2025

Angel Tree & Tutwiler Prison Ministry

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 Wear Red for HIV AIDS Awareness	2	3	4	5 Conn-MSWAWO+PKS Executive Board Meeting	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 9th District 41st WMS Convention	13
14	15 WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	16 Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst PME Dialogue 7pm cst	17	18 YPD EB 6:30p cst YPD Director's Meeting 7:30p cst	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas Day		
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	B2B Virtual Tutoring Every Tuesday 5:30p cst		



Please contact your Conference President to Register:

Alabama River Region: Mattie Frizzell 334-201-8897

Northwest: Thomasine Jackson 205-213-4966

Southeast: Michelle Sherrod 229-534-1380

Northeast: Clara Jackson 706-718-7652

Southwest: Rosemary Lamar 251-525-4874



**Register Now for the
41st Annual
WMS State Convention**

*“Women of Faith,
Leading with Vision and Purpose”*

**“Write the vision and make it plain”
Habakkuk 2:2**

December 12-13, 2025

St. Paul AME Church - Smithfield, AL

Rev. Brian Blackwell, Host Pastor

Registration is \$100

Please register through your Conference WMS President

See you there!

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
will bring the Word on Friday night!**



**Attire: Friday Night - White
Saturday - Christmas Colors**

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION

Friday, December 12, 2025

7:00 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, December 13, 2025

8:30 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. Registration and Breakfast

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Deana Young McAllister Leadership Institute Orientation

10:00 A.M. - 10:25 A.M. The Meditation Moment/Tanner-Turner Remembrance

10:25 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Call to Order and Establishment of Protocol

10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. Greetings

Northwest Conference WMS President

Northwest Conference YPD Director

Episcopal YPD Director

Episcopal WMS President

Episcopal WMS Supervisor

Presiding Bishop

10:45 A.M. - 12:25 P.M. Business Session

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Episcopal District Officers' Video Report

Episcopal WMS President

1st Vice-President

2nd Vice-President

3rd Vice-President

Young Adult Members (YAM)

Episcopal YPD Director

Conference President's Report

Convention Registration Report

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

Installation of Officers

12:25 P.M. - 12:40 P.M. Compassionate Care Project

12:40 P.M. - 12:55 P.M. Comfort Break with Snacks

12:55 P.M. - 1:10 P.M. Unveiling of 2026 Goals

1:10 P.M. - 1:35 P.M. Presentation of the DYM Leadership Institute Cohort

1:35 P.M. - 2:15 P.M. 9th District Bookmarks Book Club Author's Moment

2:15 P.M. Missionary Benediction



Please plan to attend! Registration is open!

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.

The **ANGELS** have arrived and the information has been disseminated! Throughout the District, children of incarcerated parents will receive gifts of their asking.



CHRISTMAS
blessings

THANK YOU WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Revitalizing Faith and Dreams Renewed

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 | 7pm



Debra Scott Weatherspoon
9th District 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
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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	\$	
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	TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER	\$	

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

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



NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

YPD
Director's Retreat

DESTIN, FLORIDA

for more information contact

MICHELE GREENE WILSON

(251)591-0627

HAZEL BELLAMY

(334)531-6646

FEBRUARY

| 6th - 8th |

2026

DEBRA SCOTT WEATHERSPOON,
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT YPD DIRECTOR

Save
the Dates

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S
DIVISION



T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST DUE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7 DAY PRAY SERIES

JANURARY 1ST - 7TH

**YPD EXECUTIVE BOARD LETTER
OF INTENT DUE**

JANUARY 15TH

YPD DIRECTOR'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 6TH - 8TH

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 8th

EPISCOPAL LTI

February 28th



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