



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
January 2026

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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.



Happy New Year, My Missionary Sisters!

God is so good—we made it to 2026! As we step into this new year, let us do so with gratitude for God's faithfulness and great expectation for what lies ahead.

As Women of the Women's Missionary Society, God is calling us to move missions forward with excellence. In preparation for all that He has divinely appointed for our service to Christ, He is asking us to let go—let go of fear, no matter how small or familiar. He is calling us to extend genuine forgiveness, freeing our hearts so that we may be fully available as vessels for His work.

God is also reminding us to lead and serve without the desire for accolades or applause. Our focus—our thrust—is kingdom work: serving God's people with humility, purpose, and obedience. We must remain mission-minded, solution-oriented, and forward-thinking as we faithfully tend to our “missionary business.”

I am looking forward to gathering with you soon—first at our upcoming WMS Executive Board Meeting in Baltimore, and then as we continue onward to our Episcopal LTI. What a joy it is to labor together in love and unity!

Thank you for all that you do for Christ and His Kingdom. May God bless you richly in this new year.

With love and gratitude,

Your Supervisor





Dear Sisters of the Women's Missionary Society,

Grace and peace to each of you, and Happy New Year! As we step into this new year, we give God all the glory and honor, putting God first, committing ourselves to move missions forward, and pledging to love unconditionally in all that we do.

On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, we extend sincere gratitude to everyone attending the Connectional Executive Board Meeting, and a heartfelt thank-you to those who also served and supported the 9th Episcopal District's 41st Annual Convention. Your faithfulness, leadership, and dedication to the work of missions does not go unnoticed.

We are pleased to announce that the WMS Store is open, and we encourage everyone to make their purchases in preparation for the Quadrennial Convention in Dallas, Texas. The attire available through the WMS Store allows us to present a unified appearance, not only at the Quadrennial, but also as one body within the 9th Episcopal District. Through this uniformity, we demonstrate order, excellence, and connectional unity, while also supporting the vital projects and programs of our district.

We also ask for your support of our young people by registering for and uplifting the Episcopal District YPD/LTI. This ministry is vital to developing Christian leadership for the future of our church. Additionally, we are in need of volunteers for the Connectional YPD/LTI, and we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can serve.

As we move forward in this new year, let us continue to walk in faith, serve in love, and remain steadfast in our mission, **God first, missions forward, and love unconditionally.**

Always Moving forward with Excellence!

With gratitude and love,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
“The Work Is All Divine”

Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

FOUNDERS'



Bloody Sunday Weekend

FRIDAY
MARCH 6
SOCIAL JUSTICE
NIGHT

SATURDAY
MARCH 7
FOUNDERS' DAY
PROCLAIMER

SATURDAY
MARCH 7
SYMPOSIUM
LECTURER

SUNDAY
MARCH 8
BLOODY SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE PROCLAIMER

6
PM

10
AM

1
PM

9
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DR. JAMAL H. BRYANT
BRYANT
New Birth Missionary Baptist
Church
Atlanta, Georgia



BISHOP FRANK M.
REID III
The 138th Elected and
Consecrated Bishop
African Methodist Episcopal
Church



DR. JOHN
THOMAS III
The Editor of the Christian
Recorder
African Methodist Episcopal
Church



BISHOP JULIUS H.
MCALLISTER, JR.
The 144th Elected and
Consecrated Bishop
African Methodist Episcopal
Church

Brown Chapel AME Church

410 Martin Luther King St
Selma, Alabama 36703

**Friday March 6th through
Sunday March 8th, 2026**

Reverend Dr. Leodis Strong, Host Pastor

Can be seen on the following:

Facebook: 9th Episcopal District AME Church

Website: Ninthdistrictamec.org

EPISCOPAL LEADERS

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



January

2026

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				New Year's		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Church Growth Seminar, Mother Bethel, Philadelphia, PA			Conference YPD Director's Meeting/ Ex Board 6p/7p cst		
	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst		DYM LI Meeting			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MLK Day	Your Health Is Wealth "Human Trafficking" and YAMS		PME Dialogue	DYM LI Cohort Meeting St. Johns, Montgomery 10am	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			WMS Executive Board Meeting - Baltimore, Maryland			
				*****Bishop's Council Retreat*****		

B2B Virtual Tutoring
Every Tuesday
5:30p cst





Connectional Women's Missionary Society African Methodist Episcopal Church

Executive Board Meeting & Training Session 2026

January 28 – 31, 2026 - Marriott Waterfront - Baltimore, MD

Biblical Foundation: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Theme:

"Intentional" Agenda - Bird's Eye View

Pre-Meeting Activities

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Supervisors' Council Meeting
A.M.E. SADA Board Meeting
Commission on Administration
REGISTRATION & VENDORS OPEN

Foundation Board of Trustees
AI + Faith: How Believers Can Create, Lead, and Influence with Tech
The Presidential Book Signing – Pictorial Reflection
The Opening Service of Word and Sacrament; Attire: White w/2023 Quad Pin

Thursday, January 29, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
(doors open 7:00 p.m.)

10:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
(doors open 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
(doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

Other Activities

2:00 p.m.

Plenary I - Opening Business Session

Panel Discussion: "Unseen Battles: Exploring Crohn's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) in Women of the African Diaspora"

President's Luncheon (included in registration)

"Celebrating Our 'Fascinating' Conference Presidents"

Plenary II - Business Session

District Stewardship Reports - Districts 1 – 7 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
District Stewardship Reports - Districts 8 – 13 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2nd District Host Event

Theme: "Chesapeake Casual with a Touch of Charm" – Ticket: \$75

YAM Event: Sparkle Circle

Plenary III - Business Session

District Stewardship Reports - Districts 14 – 20 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
MOM Initiatives;
Panel Discussion – Black Women in Politics

Leadership Training Sessions - Leading & Serving with Intent

"Getting Started, Staying Strong, & Getting It Done"

The Life Members & YAMs Event

Theme: Retro Rewind – Back to the 70's; Attire: 70's; Tickets: \$125

The Supervisor's Prayer Breakfast (Attire: White)

Theme: "Steadfast in Prayer" - Colossians 4:2

YPD Directors Training & Retreat

Theme: "Intentional Women – Unstoppable Impact"
Registration – \$100 (dinner & breakfast included)

WMS-AMEC Executive Board Meeting 2026

2026

****REGISTER TODAY****
2026 WMS-AMEC
Executive Board Meeting
January 28-31, 2026



All roads are leading to the 2026 WMS Executive Board and Training Session. We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord.

Please see the links below to access the meeting registration. You can secure your hotel room/lodging once you have completed your registration. That information will be in your registration confirmation email.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!!!
Registration Fee is \$340.00.

****GOOD NEWS: Regular Registration Fees are still here. You can still register at a rate of \$340.00 for Districts 1-13. Don't miss the opportunity . . . Register Today!!****

Getting to EBM 2026 - The airport for you to arrive into is Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). For those traveling by train, please use the Baltimore Penn Station.

For those that have already registered, please be certain that you have completed the Travel Form from the 2nd Episcopal District to secure your ground transportation. Please see the link below.

See you in Baltimore, MD!!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!!](#)

[2026 WMS EBM TRAVEL FORM](#)

The attire for the meeting:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: White

THURSDAY: Black of your choice with our District Flower

FRIDAY: District Sweater with white top and navy pants, fascinator for the luncheon

SATURDAY MORNING: White

2nd DISTRICT EVENT: Business Casual, Nautical Colors

LIFE MEMBER & YAM EVENT: 70's



WMS STORE

Yes!

WE ARE

OPEN

Today

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS

Ninth District WMS 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 deadline for ordering the Sweater, Cardigan, 9th District Ensemble & Royal Blue Dress is February 3rd. These items will be a part of our Quadrennial Attire. If you plan to attend Quadrennial or just want the items, please place your order by February 3, 2026.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

ZOOM ID: 86384385619
PASSCODE: HEALTH

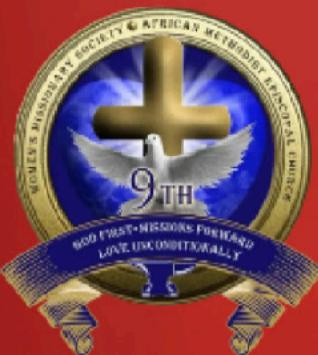
BEARING WITNESS: A CONVERSATION ON ENDING *HUMAN* TRAFFICKING

TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026
7 PM CST

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Women's Missionary Society Ninth Episcopal District



Friday February 6, 2026

National

WEAR RED DAY



Roughly 60% of Black women (ages 20+) have cardiovascular disease.

CVD causes over 50,000 deaths annually in Black women and is a leading cause of maternal mortality.

Black women have the highest rates globally, with over 58% affected, yet only about 25% have controlled blood pressure.

Please email all pictures of your activities to 1stvp9@gmail.com

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Building Bridges of Faith and Love **EMPOWER**

Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 7pm



Sis. Joyce O'Neal

PLEASE JOIN!

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**Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0011 2669
Passcode: PME**



9th
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MONTHLY PME DIALOGUE **GREAT DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP** **PLEASE JOIN US!**

Time to Order

WMS

Curriculum Guide

Deadline: February 15, 2026

Cost: \$25

Please see your Conference WMS President

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Young People's & Children's Division
of the Women's Missionary Society

9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

Grow, Glow & Go for Christ

Gaines Chapel AME Church

911 Dillingham St,
Phenix City, AL 36867

**Saturday,
February 28, 2026**

10:00 AM

Online Registration
Ages
2-12 \$40
13 and up \$50



- ✓ Self-Denial Focus
- ✓ AI Training
- ✓ Food & Fun
- ✓ Award & Recognitions

Save
The Dates

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



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Timothy 4:12

**9TH DISTRICT LETTERS OF INTENT
TO RUN FOR OFFICE DUE**

JANUARY 15TH

**COMPASSIONATE CARE PROJECT
“SCARF & HATS
FOR CANCER SURVIVORS”**

FEBRUARY 7TH

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

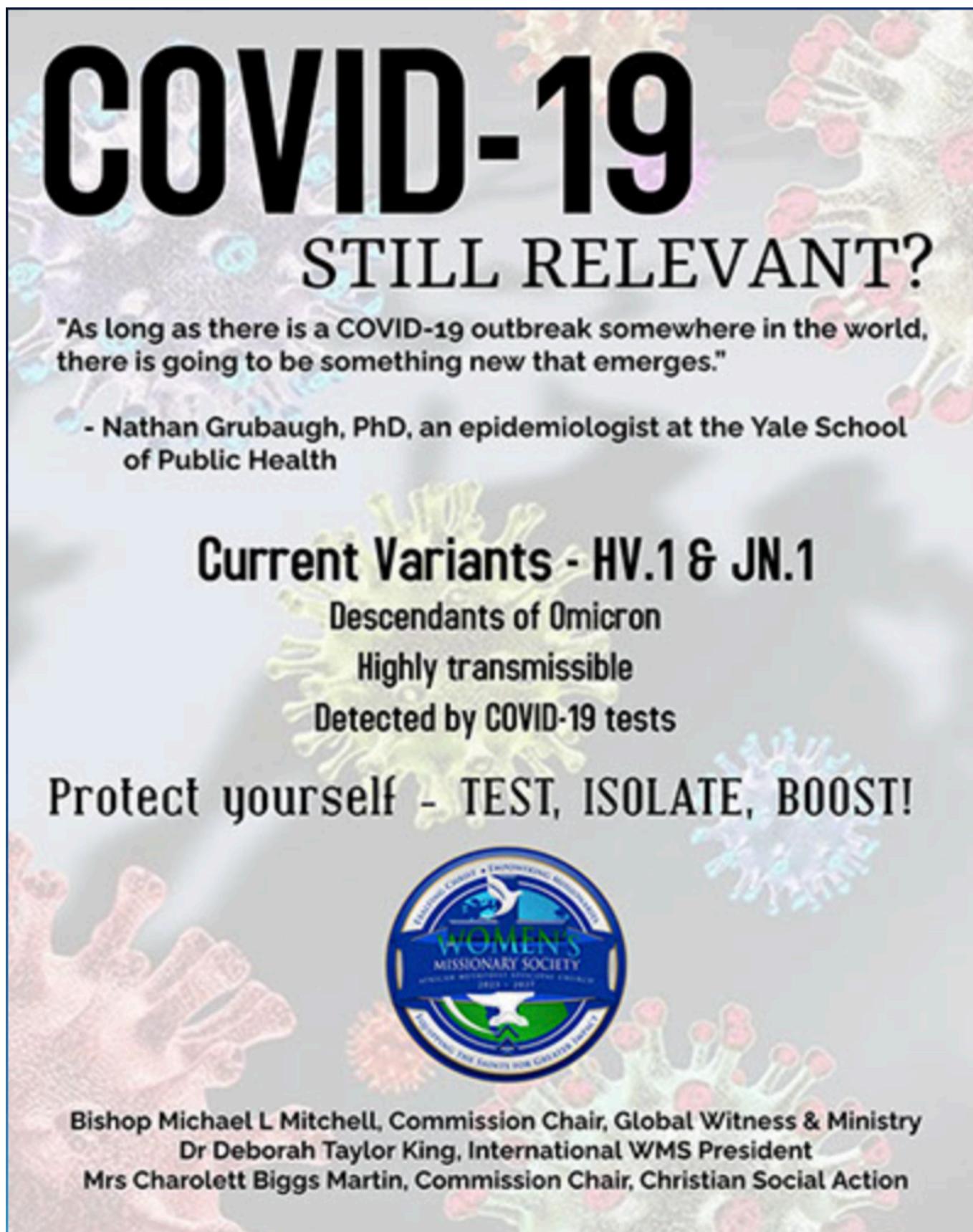
February 8th

LTI REGISTRATION DEADLINE

February 22th

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LTI

February 28th



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!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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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