



MISSIONS FORWARD

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

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 Women's Missionary Sisters,

First, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the participants, workers, and young people who helped make our Episcopal Leadership Training Institute at Gaines Chapel and Nichols Chapel AME Churches in Phenix City on February 28th such a tremendous success. With nearly 600 people in attendance, we experienced a marvelous time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. As the Psalmist declares, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

Under the outstanding leadership of our Episcopal YPD Director, Mrs. Deborah Weatherspoon, the YPD Episcopal Executive Board independently conducted their Business Meeting. Additionally, YPD'ers between the ages of 2–26 participated in Self-Denial Expression Workshops, led by our conference YPD Directors, in preparation for full participation at both the Episcopal and Connectional levels this spring. It is a blessing to witness our young people growing in faith, leadership, and service as they remember the words of 1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." Thank you to Rev. and Mrs. McCleod, Pastor and First Lady of Gaines Chapel along with Mrs. Dorothy Nesbitt, local WMS President and Mrs. June Horne, local YPD Director. Also, thank you Rev. Wendell Jones and Ms. Angela Jones for the overflow and organizing of your church for learning support!

We were also blessed by a thought-provoking presentation from Rev. Virgil Woods on the topic of technology and its impact on worship, with wonderful engagement from our young people. With his guidance and the support of our Executive Board, a host welcome video for the upcoming Connectional LTI in Montgomery has been created. It is truly marvelous and reflects the creativity and dedication of our youth and leadership.

Please note that at our upcoming Mid-Year Meeting we will have Episcopal YPD shirts available, along with our selected Ninth District Youth Book Club selection, "Sassy Discovers the AME Church". In addition, the YPD Cardigan Sweater will be available through the WMS store. These resources help us continue strengthening the identity, learning, and mission of our youth.

We are grateful for the 14 women who joined us at the State Capitol to advocate for continued legislative support for Alzheimer's research, care, and funding. Wearing purple—the color of awareness—we stood proudly representing the Ninth District and our continued commitment to community advocacy and compassionate service. As we are reminded in Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Lastly, I look forward to greeting the DEYM Leadership Institute participants this coming Saturday in Montgomery, Alabama at St. John's A.M.E. Church. This will be our second in-person session, and I am pleased to report that my reading homework is complete! I am excited for our discussion of the book "Jesus CEO" as we continue growing as servant leaders. My sincere thanks to Mrs. Hattie Nathan, Mrs. Susie Bonner, and the entire steering committee for their excellent planning and implementation of the curriculum. We are truly learning together.

Let us continue pressing forward in faith and mission. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Indeed, we are growing and shining brightly for the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,

Supervisor





Grace and peace to the remarkable women of the 9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society,

During this special season of Women's Health Month, we pause to celebrate not only your dedication to ministry, but also the strength, wisdom, and care you bring to your families, churches, and communities. As women who live by the guiding principle of *God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally*, your commitment to faith and service continues to uplift and inspire generations.

Women's Health Month reminds us that caring for our bodies is an important part of honoring the life and purpose God has given us. As women of faith, you have long understood the value of nurturing not only the spiritual well-being of others, but also the physical and emotional wellness of the women around you. Through encouragement, education, and compassionate outreach, you truly move **missions forward**, helping others live fuller and healthier lives.

The Women's Missionary Society of the 9th Episcopal District has always stood as a beacon of service and sisterhood. With **God first** as your foundation, your dedication to ministry extends far beyond the walls of the church, touching communities through prayer, advocacy, and acts of love that reflect Christ.

Today we celebrate you—the caregivers, the leaders, the prayer warriors, and the difference makers. Your ability to **love unconditionally** strengthens families, empowers communities, and demonstrates the heart of true Christian service. May this month remind each of you to care for yourselves as faithfully as you care for others.

Thank you for your unwavering faith, your tireless service, and your commitment to uplifting others everywhere. May God continue to bless the women of the 9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society with strength, wellness, and renewed purpose as you move forward in faith and fellowship.

Yours in Mission and Service,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
"The Work Is All Divine"

Always Moving forward with Excellence!

The Ninth Episcopal District

MID-YEAR MEETING 2026



April 23-25, 2026

7 PM



Bishop Frederick WRIGHT

Presiding Prelate of the Fourth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

FRIDAY APRIL 24

FRIDAY APRIL 24

MID DAY HOUR OF POWER

12 PM



Presiding Elder Michelle GOODLOE

Connectional President of the Presiding Elders Council
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: St. John's AME Church

807 Madison Ave., Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Reverend Roosevelt Williams, III & Reverend Shelia Williams, Pastors



Scan the QR Code to book your reservation by:

APRIL 5TH

EPISCOPAL LEADERS

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



Big Bethel AME Church



Laura L. Turner Women's Missionary Society &
Young People's and Children's Division



Annual Day
Sunday, March 22, 2026

@10am

"Intentional"

1 Corinthians 15:58



All members are invited
to learn more about
the LLT WMS immediately
following worship service
in the Fellowship Hall



Guest Speaker
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister



Supervisor of Missions
Ninth Episcopal District

Mrs. Braunwin Camp, WMS Local President

Big Bethel AME Church

220 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
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@BigBethelAMEChurch



Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Senior Pastor
Michelle Drake, Executive Director

March

2026

February						
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Women's History Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Bishop McAllister's Birthday	WMS Advocacy Day at the Capitol Your Health Is Wealth	9th Social Justice Night Brown Chapel, Selma	9th Founder's Day Brown Chapel, Selma
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9th Bloody Sunday Brown Chapel, Selma				"PJ's and Purpose" Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst		DYM LI Cohort Meeting 10am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	PME Dialogue		Conference YPD Director's Meeting/ Ex Board 6p/7p cst	9th Sons of Allen Men of Valor Conference Allen Temple, Bessemer	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Commission on Mission Ed & Int "Are You Ready, Get Ready on Purpose"		YAM sponsored Temp Check				
29	30	31				
YPD "Let's Talk Finances"						B2B Virtual Tutoring Every Tuesday 5:30p cst





The graphic features a blue background with a gold WMS seal in the top left and a gold seal for the 9th Episcopal District in the bottom right. The text 'WMS STORE' is in large black letters with a white starburst to the right. Below it, 'Yes!' is written in a white cursive font. The words 'WE ARE' are in large pink letters, and 'OPEN' is in large white letters. 'Today' is written in a white cursive font to the right of 'OPEN'. A pink starburst is on the left side. At the bottom, it says 'CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS' and 'Ninth District WMS Store' in white text.

WMS STORE ✨

Yes!

WE ARE OPEN

Today

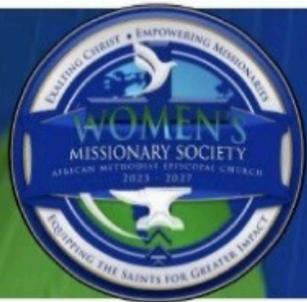
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS

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.

New items: YPD t-shirt & Sweater





Connectional Women's Missionary Society African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Bishop Michael L. Mitchell
Chair, Global Witness & Ministry

Deborah Taylor King
Connectional WMS President

Rev. Dr. John F. Green
Executive Director, Global Witness & Ministry

Bread for the World 2026 OFFERING of LETTERS

To: WMS Episcopal District Presidents
Cc: Episcopal Supervisors
Date: February 12, 2026
Re: 2026 Offering of Letters - Bread for the World

Greetings Sisters:

I pray that you and your family are doing well! Our rich partnership with Bread for the World continues as we embark on our initiative for this year. The focus remains the same - Eradicating Hunger.

Our Offering of Letters campaign can be done online via email. No letters to write. No need to look up Senator's names and addresses. No need for stamps. Just click on the QR Code on the attached flyer and fill in your name, address, and other info on the form that opens. The information submitted will automatically find your senators and send them an email from you. And you will receive an automatic reply email thanking you for your message. So easy—and it will be done within minutes!

We are asking every Episcopal District to start now and get at least one hundred members to complete and submit the online form. To help confirm the number of letters sent by WMS members, please ask each participating member to forward the email acknowledgment they receive to a designated WMS officer.

Please submit the email acknowledgment to Ebony Moore:

1stvp9@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Join the Connectional WMS-AMEC in the



OFFERING of LETTERS

Put your faith into action with
Bread for the World's Offering of Letters!

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations, and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger.

By taking part in **Bread for the World's 2026 Offering of Letters**, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

Your letter matters. Combined with others from your church, campus, or organization—and joined with the voices of thousands of advocates across the country—your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decision makers to pursue a world without hunger. God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.

Prayer of the Day

God of love,

We gather this day to worship you;
to hear your word proclaimed,

to pray for our neighbors,
near and far,

and to offer the gift of our voices

-and our words

so that children around the world
have enough nourishing food

that they will thrive.

Amen. 🍞



How to participate in the Offering of Letters

Join Bread for the World in pursuing a world without hunger.

Please take a few minutes to write your members of Congress. Urge them to help families and children experiencing hunger and poverty—no matter where they live.

Scan the QR code or visit Bread.org/WriteNow to email Congress.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**2026 WMS CONNECTIONAL
HANDY SIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP**



The Connectional Handy Simmons Scholarship packets are available. Contact your WMS Conference President or designee, Area WMS Chairperson, and Local Church President.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

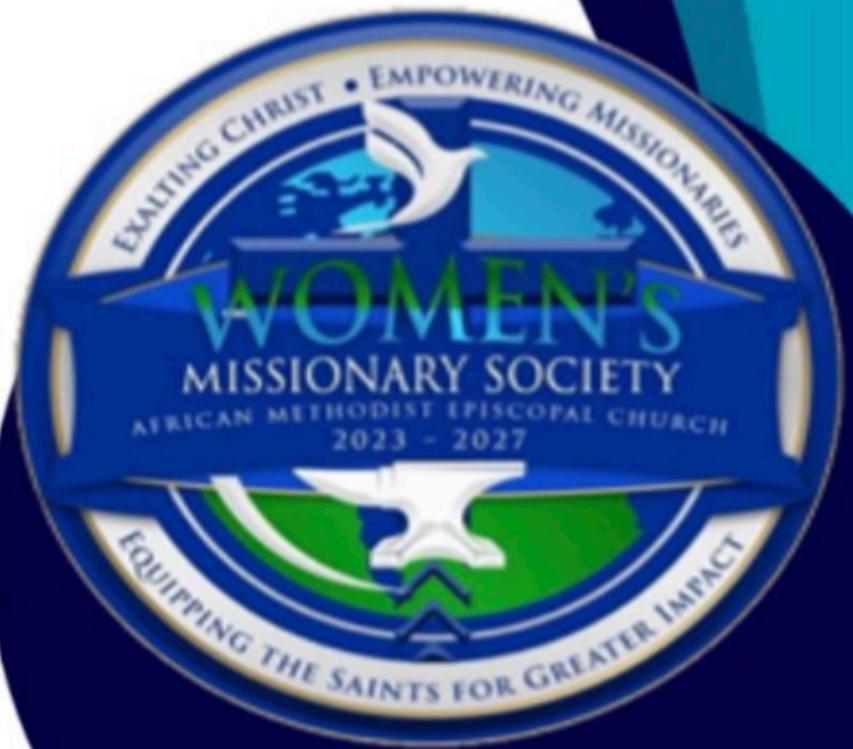
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026
Completed packets are due.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026
Scoring Begins

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026
The winner will be selected and name given to the Ninth Episcopal District President and Supervisor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026
The Scholarship Committee will prequalify the recipient and the packet will be sent by email to the WMS Scholarship Connectional Chair.

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





The Connectional Handy-Simmons Scholarship Award

Eligibility:

1. Active members of the AME Church and the Young People's Division.
2. Current Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors who are presently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.
3. Current First-year college students pursuing an Associate or Technical Degree.
4. High school students enrolled in a college Dual Enrollment Program pursuing an associate or technical degree. The student must receive both a high school diploma and an associate college degree upon graduation.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Academic performance
2. Quality and level of church participation
3. Leadership and extracurricular activities
4. Reference letters
5. Financial Need

Application Requirements:

1. Completed application (typed or scanned into computer).
2. Two Official Letters of Recommendation by:
 - a) Local church Pastor
 - b) Local YPD Director (or) Local Missionary President
3. Copy of most recent official transcript
4. A competitive essay written in accordance with current connectional theme provided.

Applicants must submit all requested materials to your district's designated Education and Scholarship Handy-Simmons Scholarship Commissioner or Conference Branch President or her designee.

Applications must be accurate and completed according to the directions in order to be considered.

Essay must be type-written error free and written to the current theme. No application will be considered if it is

- (1) incomplete
- (2) missing references or signatures
- (3) containing incorrect essay theme
- (4) missing current college transcript and/or
- (5) submitted after the deadline.

Certification *

I have read and understand the Eligibility Requirements, the Criteria for Selection and the Application Requirements

QUADRENNIAL THEME CONTEST



**Calling All Missionaries!
The Quadrennial Theme Contest
is now open!**



Some Previous themes

CONTEST RULES

1. Theme must be original and not previously published.
2. Theme must be Biblically-based.
3. Theme must be supported by Scripture reference.
4. Theme must be submitted with an 100 words or less explanation.

**The winning theme will be used
for the 2027-2031 Quadrennium
and will appear throughout
the Connection!**

PLEASE SEND YOUR THEME TO:

Mary Wells-Porter via email at mwp1200@gmail.com

Deadline for Submissions: October 15, 2026



NAME THE THEME

Quadrennial Theme Contest

Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Calling all missionaries!

Do you love the work of missions? Are you creative? Would you like to make a positive impact in the Women's Missionary Society? If you answered "Yes" to these questions, the Connectional Women's Missionary Society needs you!!

The Connectional Quadrennial Theme Contest is now open, and we want your participation!

Contest Rules

1. The theme must be original and not previously published.
2. The theme must be Biblically based.
3. A Scripture Reference must support the theme.
4. The theme must be submitted with a 100-word paragraph or less of explanation.

The winning theme will be used for the 2027-2031 Quadrennium and will appear throughout the Connection! The winning submission and your name will become a part of our legendary history!

Some past themes include:

"Called, Committed, Compelled to Serve"

"God's New People for A New Age"

"Transforming Lives, Building Communities and Impacting the World"

"Empowered by Christ for a Change"

Is your answer still "yes?" If so, please complete the information below and email your submission to:

Mary Wells-Porter via email at mwp1200@gmail.com

The deadline for submission is: **October 15, 2026**

Please note that an impartial panel of judges will review the submissions and select the winner.

Name:

Episcopal District:

Supervisor:

Bishop:

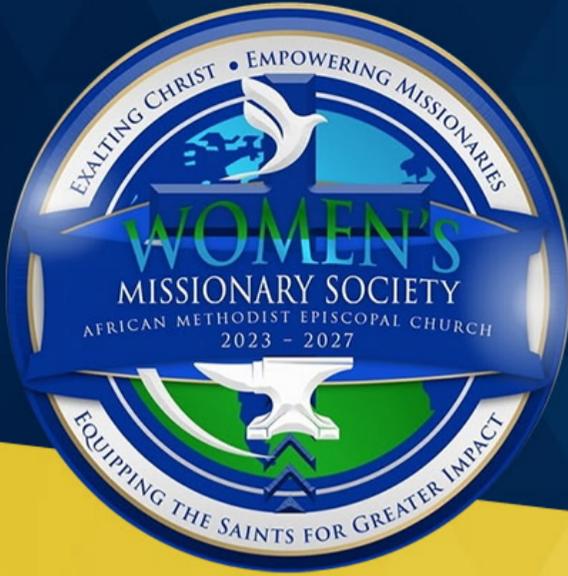
Local Church/Pastor:

Missionary Society President:

Email Address:

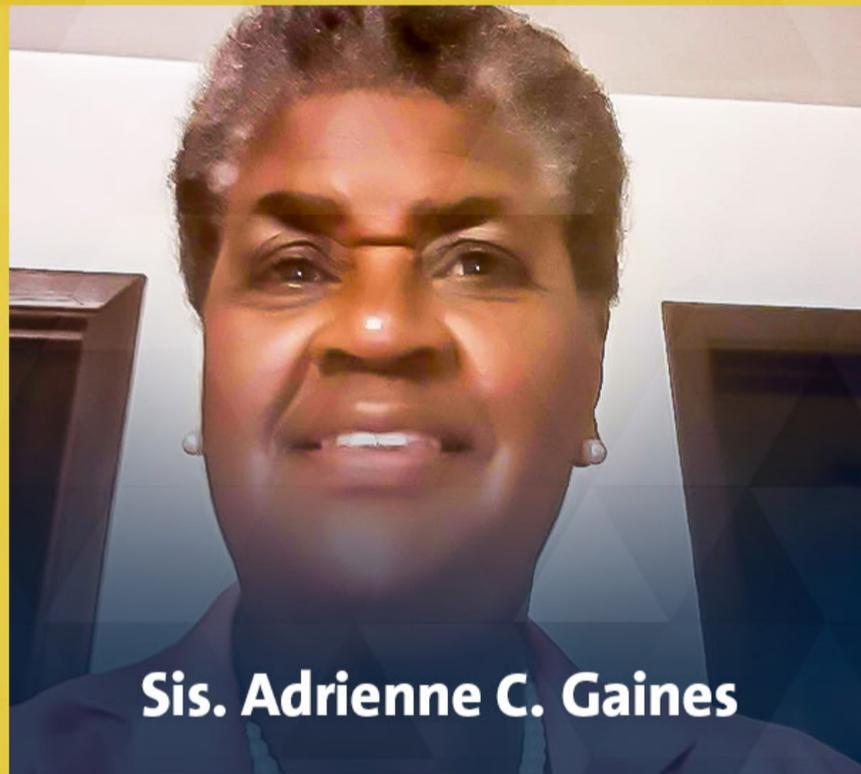
Phone Number:

(Following the selection of the winning theme, the search will begin for the theme logo and original theme song)



Spring Cleaning and Sustainability **REGENERATION**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 7pm



Sis. Adrienne C. Gaines

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: 811 0011 2669
Passcode: PME

The Lesson in on the next 3 pages!



HYMN

Higher Ground- (Album: Natural Wonder by Stevie Wonder) Planetary Health

LESSON 2



An Environmental Urgency

Adrienne C. Gaines
5th Episcopal District PME Director

Scripture Reference:

- **Genesis 1:26, 28**
- **Genesis 2:15**
- **Genesis 1:1&10**
- **Psalm 24:1**
- **Romans 8:19-21**

Lesson Focus:

- Environmental Wellness is Holistic Health
- Stewardship, Not Exploitation
- Responsible Consumption is Our Duty

Introduction

Planetary Health is a concept that emphasizes the interconnectedness of human health, the health of natural systems, and sustainable practices. Planetary health recognizes that the health of the planet and human health are deeply intertwined.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth, and God saw that it was good. Everything that God created was beautiful. The air (no pollution) was clean. The plants reproduced without any additives, because the soil did not contain artificial chemicals.

When we look at what God created, the Heavens and the Earth, and the Fullness of it all, we experience Gladness and Sorrow at the same time. We see and smell destruction, but we also see the beauty, smell the scents of green grass, budding flowers, and trees, and taste the fruits and vegetables grown in soil prepared for natural growth before humanity destroyed the land.

"The Earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." This planet is not merely our home; it is the **stage for God's redemptive plan**. What God so carefully created and

declared "good" is now being tragically **mismanaged**. The actions have gravely impacted creation, causing distress that will affect the well-being of future generations. Our planet is in trouble. Our **health** depends on the state of the **natural systems** upon which we live, systems established by God "In the Beginning." We now find ourselves in a **combustible situation**, within an environment that no longer functions reliably to sustain our very existence. We are currently scrambling to preserve the essential life support systems of a world that God originally designed for wholeness and abundance.

The Lesson

Environmental Wellness is one of eight dimensions that contribute to overall health and Wellness. This dimension encompasses all areas of health that relate to the environment and, in turn, how the environment can impact human health.

Environmental Wellness focuses on our relationship with the natural world and our environment, including protecting natural resources and promoting sustainability. Living in closer harmony with the world and our community can improve our environmental well-being.

Wellness begins with our immediate surroundings. Our mental condition, emotional well-being, and productivity are all influenced by our personal space. Environmental health encompasses not just our own space but also the bigger communities' geographic areas and the entire planet. Environmental Wellness is living in a caring, healthy environment and being aware of and respectful of the environment we live in. The environment we live in significantly influences how we feel. People who live in nations with a lot of rain and overcast days, for

For example, may experience seasonal depression, which can damage their emotional, social, and spiritual health, among other things.

The environmental dimension of Wellness refers to an individual's relationship to their surroundings. It focuses on finding a harmonious relationship with the earth by recognizing that humans have a responsibility to protect the environment, which, in turn, affects our health and well-being. The fundamental principles are demonstrating respect for nature and living species and commitment to a healthy planet. Environmental Wellness focuses on our relationship with the natural

world and our environment, including conserving natural resources and promoting sustainability. The eight dimensions of well-being are mutually codependent. If any one of these dimensions are neglected over time, it will adversely affect the others.

Stewardship and Responsible Consumption

God created the earth and entrusted us with its care. From the very beginning, He gave humans dominion over animals, plants, and natural resources (Genesis 1:26). God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden "to work it and keep it", emphasizing the care and maintenance of the environment. However, dominion does not mean exploitation – it means stewardship, responsibility, and care.

The Bible portrays humans as stewards of the Earth, entrusted with its care and management, not just ownership. This responsibility extends to both the natural world and its resources. Genesis 2:15 and Genesis 1:28 highlight this duty.

Christian stewardship involves not depleting the world's natural resources and ensuring the planet is cared for and preserved. As stewards of God's creation, Christianity teaches that humans have a responsibility towards the environment. Christians have a duty to do what they can to be environmentally responsible.

God expects humans to act as stewards and caretakers of the Earth, protecting and managing it for the benefit of all, rather than exploiting it. This responsibility involves using resources wisely, conserving nature, and living in a way that minimizes harm to the environment. The Bible portrays humans as having dominion over creation, but this is not a license to destroy, but rather a responsibility to care for and cultivate it.

Responsible Consumption

Responsible consumption involves making informed decisions about what we buy and use, considering the environmental, social, and economic impacts of our choices.

Being a good steward of the Earth involves making a *conscious choice* to protect and care for our planet, which includes reducing consumption, using resources efficiently, and advocating for environmental sustainability. Our key actions must consist of reducing waste, conserving water and energy, and choosing sustainable products.

We can reduce our consumption by using what we

actually need and avoiding unnecessary purchases. We can reuse items and give them a second life by repurposing, donating, or finding creative uses for them.

We can reduce Waste and Consumption through strategies such as proper recycling. We can gather information about our local recycling program, encourage our community to sort recyclables correctly, and devise plans to reuse various items and donate items we no longer need or use to others and local organizations.

Many states, particularly in the West, have water usage restrictions. There are watering regulations due to limited water resources and concerns about drought. We can conserve water by taking shorter showers, fixing leaks, and being mindful of our water use. Energy conservation is another critical component. There are simple things we can do to help, like turning off lights when we leave a room, unplugging electronics when not in use, and using energy-efficient appliances.

We can reduce food waste by composting food scraps, using reusable bags and water bottles, and avoiding single-use plastics.

There is an interconnection between Stewardship and responsible consumption; they are complementary. Stewardship involves managing the environment that God has blessed us with, while responsible consumption focuses on individual actions and choices as Good Stewards.

Lesson Summary

God has given us authority over creation, but this comes with the responsibility to care for it. We have to learn to manage our resources wisely rather than over-consuming or wasting them. We have to balance the earth's resources while still taking care of them. We have to protect our Mental and Emotional Well-being. We need to incorporate Planetary Health Practices and Principles into our daily lives.

Reflect and Discuss:

- How can we balance using the earth's resources while still taking care of them?
- How can our food choices reflect God's call to care for creation?
- Have a discussion and plan ways to recycle and reuse waste.

- Plan ways to incorporate Planetary Health Principles in our Daily Life.

Mission Thrust:

- Examine the eight dimensions of health and Wellness and their interconnectedness.
- Discuss the Harmony and Balance of our Planet Earth and the spiritual dimension of a healthy Planet.
- Have a discussion and plan ways to recycle and reuse waste.
- Plan ways to incorporate Planetary Health Principles in our Daily Life.

Missionary Benediction

In the name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Resources:

1. The Holy Bible
2. James Madison University <https://www.jmu.edu> CO2 Action
3. <https://www.co2actions.us> <https://www.wikipedia.org/>



WRITERS NEEDED!

2026 STUDY GUIDE THEMES/TOPIC

General Theme:

Fulfilling The Great Commission in an Unpredictable world

Geographic Theme:

Somalia

9th District Topic:

Loving The World

Worship/Devotion Submissions



Consider the General Theme and Geographic Theme, but write specifically on our topic: Loving the word Litanies, Poems or Cover Illustrations for the theme can be included as well as other creative interpretations: pictures, drawings, musical expressions, etc.

GUIDELINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

FORMAT:

Title, Author's name, Episcopal District and Conference.
Also include a recent photograph, email address and phone number.

WHAT TO SEND:

All should be sent via email as attachments in a word document.
Photos should be sent with high resolution and preferably plain backgrounds as jpg or png file attachments.

WRITINGS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 2026 TO

Cheryl Robinson-Sutton: cropsutton@bellsouth.net
and Sherryl Whiting: srs@comcast.net



Save the Date

LTI 2026

07/17 - 07/19



| MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA | Hosted by the 9th District

RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1st



Tuesday, July 14th - Thursday, 16th

Year 1 of our *Sankofa-Zakar Freedom School* includes hands-on experiences through the *Alabama Civil Rights Pilgrimage*. Participants will travel to historic sites in Alabama - Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.

Pre-LTI History No Mystery Learning Experiences

Thursday, July 16th
Equal Justice Initiative - The Legacy Sites

"The Power of History is in Telling the Truth"

Participants will experience American history at the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, and Freedom Monument Sculpture Park.

Additional information to follow!

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

April 4th

Northeast

Nichols Chapel, Phenix City

April 11th

Alabama River Region

Murdock Chapel, Pike Road

April 18th

Northwest

St. Mark, Tuscaloosa

May 16th

Southeast

Parks Chapel, Dothan

May 30th

Southwest

St. John, Kushla



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