



# 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.*



Grace and peace to the missionaries of the Ninth Episcopal District!

Christ has Risen! He has risen indeed!

It is my sincere hope and prayer that each of you experienced a blessed and joyous Resurrection Sunday. I trust your time spent with family and friends was filled with love, reflection, and gratitude as we celebrated the victory of our risen Savior. As the Word reminds us, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matthew 28:6).

I extend heartfelt appreciation to Sister Clara Jackson, President of the Northeast Conference Women's Missionary Society, and her entire team for hosting an outstanding Institute at Nichols Chapel in Phenix City. With nearly 100 participants in attendance, it was a powerful and enriching gathering that truly reflects our commitment to excellence in mission work.

Also, heartfelt appreciation is extended to Sister Mattie Frizzell, President of the Alabama River Region Conference Women's Missionary Society, and her entire team for hosting an exceptional Institute at Murdock Chapel in Pike Road. Their gracious hospitality, thoughtful planning, and unwavering dedication created an atmosphere that was both inspiring and spiritually enriching for all in attendance.

We now look ahead with great anticipation to the Northwest Conference Institute on Saturday, April 18th in Tuscaloosa. I encourage each of you to support and participate as we continue to grow, learn, and serve together.

Following these meetings, President Whiting and I look forward to greeting you at the Bishop's Mid-Year Meeting in Montgomery, April 23rd–25th. Please note that Missionaries and YPD will convene on April 23rd. If you have not secured your hotel reservations, I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Additionally, let us remain attentive and engaged as we begin organizing and preparing to host the YPD Connectional Leadership Training Institute (LTI) this summer in Montgomery at the Renaissance Hotel. This is a significant opportunity for the Ninth Episcopal District to shine. We will need everyone actively involved as we extend a warm and excellent welcome to our Connectional family. Stay tuned for additional details.

As we move forward together, let us remain steadfast in our mission, remembering the charge given to us in 1 Corinthians 15:58:

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..."

Thank you in advance for your continued dedication as we strive to move missions forward with excellence.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done!

Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister

Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society

"Only what you do for Christ will last"





Greetings, beloved sisters of the Women's Missionary Society of the 9th Episcopal District.

It is with deep joy and gratitude that I extend warm salutations to each of you, women of faith, compassion, and unwavering commitment to service. Your collective spirit continues to shine as a beacon of hope, demonstrating what it means to be the hands and feet of God in a world that so desperately needs love in action.

We gather in recognition of the powerful work you do, not only within your local communities, but also in the broader mission field where your voices uplift, encourage, and advocate for those who might otherwise go unheard. Your dedication reflects a rich legacy of service, grounded in faith and carried forward through intentional acts of kindness, justice, and outreach.

Today, we especially emphasize the vital importance of participating in Bread for the World letter writing. This sacred act of advocacy allows your voices to rise beyond the walls of the church and into places where decisions are made that affect the lives of the hungry and marginalized. Each letter becomes a testimony of faith in action, a declaration that we are called not only to pray, but also to speak, to act, and to stand in the gap for our brothers and sisters in need.

In that same spirit of compassion and action, we also lift up the urgent call to support the human trafficking initiative. By donating gift cards, you provide practical and immediate assistance to survivors, offering them dignity, choice, and a pathway toward restoration. Additionally, we encourage you to encourage our young people to seize every opportunity for growth and service, apply for the Handy Simmons Scholarship, and to lend their voices and creativity by writing for the WMS Curriculum and the YPD Gazette. Their ideas, testimonies, and perspectives is vital to shaping the future of this great work.

May you continue to be strengthened, encouraged, and united in this great mission. As we move missions forward, know that your labor is not in vain, and your voices matter. May God bless each of you abundantly as you serve, advocate, uplift, and inspire, continuing to make a lasting impact for generations to come.

**Yours in Mission and Service,**

*Sherryl Whiting*

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

**Always Moving forward with Excellence!**

## **Sister Jackie Carter**

Episcopal Financial Secretary  
Women's Missionary Society



With heartfelt sympathy, we remember our dear sister who has gone home to be with the Lord. Her faith, kindness, and unwavering devotion was a blessing to us all, and her presence will be deeply missed.

We take comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and that she now rests in His eternal peace. Her legacy of love, service, and commitment to God's work will continue to inspire us.

May God's grace and peace surround her family and loved ones during this time. We lift them up in prayer, trusting that the Lord will provide comfort, strength, and hope in the days ahead.



**Visitation:**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 2p-6p

**Services:**

Thursday, April 16, 2026 11a

**Harris Funeral Home**

515 S 6th Street  
Opelika, AL 36801

The Ninth Episcopal District

# MID-YEAR MEETING 2026



April 23-25, 2026

**7 PM** **FRIDAY APRIL 24** **FRIDAY APRIL 24** **12 PM**  
MID DAY HOUR OF POWER

**Bishop Frederick WRIGHT**  
Presiding Prelate of the Fourth Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

**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

The **WMS** and **YPD** will meet together  
Thursday-April 23, 2026 2pm  
Room-Montgomery 7 at the Renaissance  
Looking forward to seeing each of you!

Ninth Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church



Save the Date  
**CHRISTIAN**  
EDUCATION CONGRESS  
FOR THE NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

June 29 - July 2, 2026

MONDAY  
**JUNE 29**  
OPENING  
WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY  
**JUNE 29**  
WORKSHOP PRESENTER

TUESDAY  
**JUNE 30**  
WORSHIP SERVICE AND  
WORKSHOP PRESENTER

TUESDAY  
**JUNE 30**  
MORNING GLORY  
WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY  
**JULY 1**  
MORNING GLORY  
WORSHIP



REV. DR. MARCUS D.  
**COSBY**  
Wheeler Avenue  
Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas



REV. EDUARDO  
**CURRY**  
Greater St. Luke  
AME Church  
Charleston, South Carolina



REV. MATTHEW  
**WATLEY**  
Kingdom Fellowship  
AME Church  
Silver Spring, Maryland



REV. DR. CARMEN  
**ELLERBEE**  
St. Mark  
AME Church  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



REV. ROSALIND  
**AMOS**  
St. Stephen  
AME Church  
Mobile, Alabama



*Hosts*

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

**Alabama A&M University**

4900 Meridian St N.  
Huntsville, AL 35811

June 29 - July 2, 2026



# April

2026

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31						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Commission on Administration Meeting 7p cst		Northeast WMS Institute
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter			Music and Christian Arts International Conference	Christian Arts International Conference		Alabama River Region WMS Institute Murdock Chapel
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Conference YPD EBM 6pm cst	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst		President Whiting's Birthday DYM LI Cohort Meeting Virtual	Conference YPD Director's Meeting 7p cst		Northwest WMS Institute St. Mark, Tuscaloosa
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		PME Dialogue		9th Mid-Year Meeting, Renaissance Hotel Montgomery, AL		
26	27	28	29	30		
						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 Ninth 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. 'WE ARE' is in large pink letters, and 'OPEN' is in large white letters. 'Today' is written in a purple cursive font. A pink starburst is on the left. At the bottom, it says 'CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS' and 'Ninth District WMS Store' with a white underline.

WMS STORE ✨

Yes!

WE ARE

OPEN

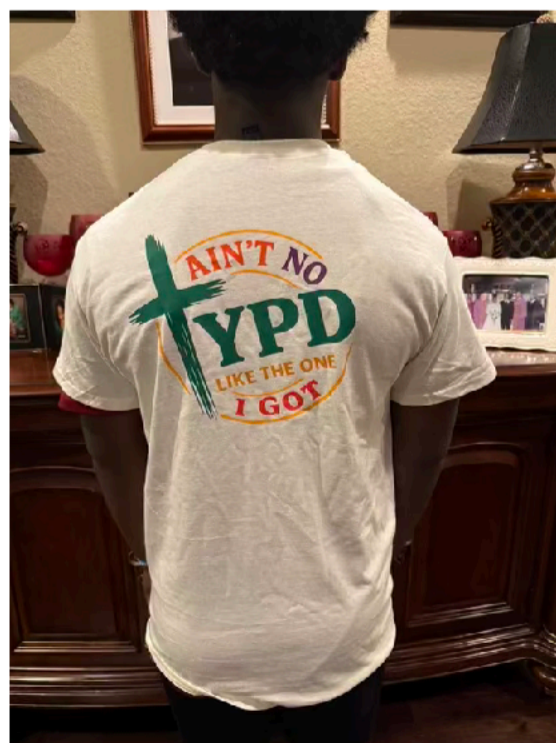
Today

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS

Ninth District WMS Store

To order, go to [9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org](http://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*



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

MIDYEAR  
COMMPASSIONATE CARE  
PROJECT

# BEARING WITNESS: ENDING *HUMAN* TRAFFICKING

THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2026

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SOUTHWEST: MCDONALDS GIFT CARDS

NORTHWEST: WAFFLE HOUSE GIFT CARDS

NORTHEAST: CIRCLE K GAS CARDS

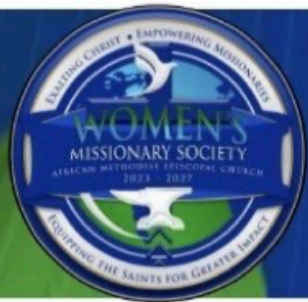
SOUTHEAST: WALMART GIFT CARDS

9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT: MCDONALDS GIFT  
CARDS

WE ARE ASKING EACH WMS SOCIETY  
FOR A MINIMUM OF \$50 WORTH OF  
GIFT CARDS.

Mrs. Ebony R. Moore, Episcopal 1st Vice President  
Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President  
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor  
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr., Presiding Prelate





## Connectional Women's Missionary Society African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Washington, DC 20001

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[www.WMS-AMEC.org](http://www.WMS-AMEC.org)

*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](mailto: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](https://Bread.org/WriteNow) to email Congress.



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

**SAVE THE DATES!**

*Thursday* April 30, 2026  
All applications are due.

*Friday* May 8, 2026  
Scoring Begins

*Monday* May 25, 2026  
The winner will be selected.

*Friday* June 26, 2026  
The Scholarship Committee  
will prequalify the recipient.

*Friday* June 26, 2026  
The winner's packet will be  
sent by email to the  
Connectional Scholarship Chair.

**Email completed applications to  
Mary Wells-Porter  
mwp1200@gmail.com.**





## 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.

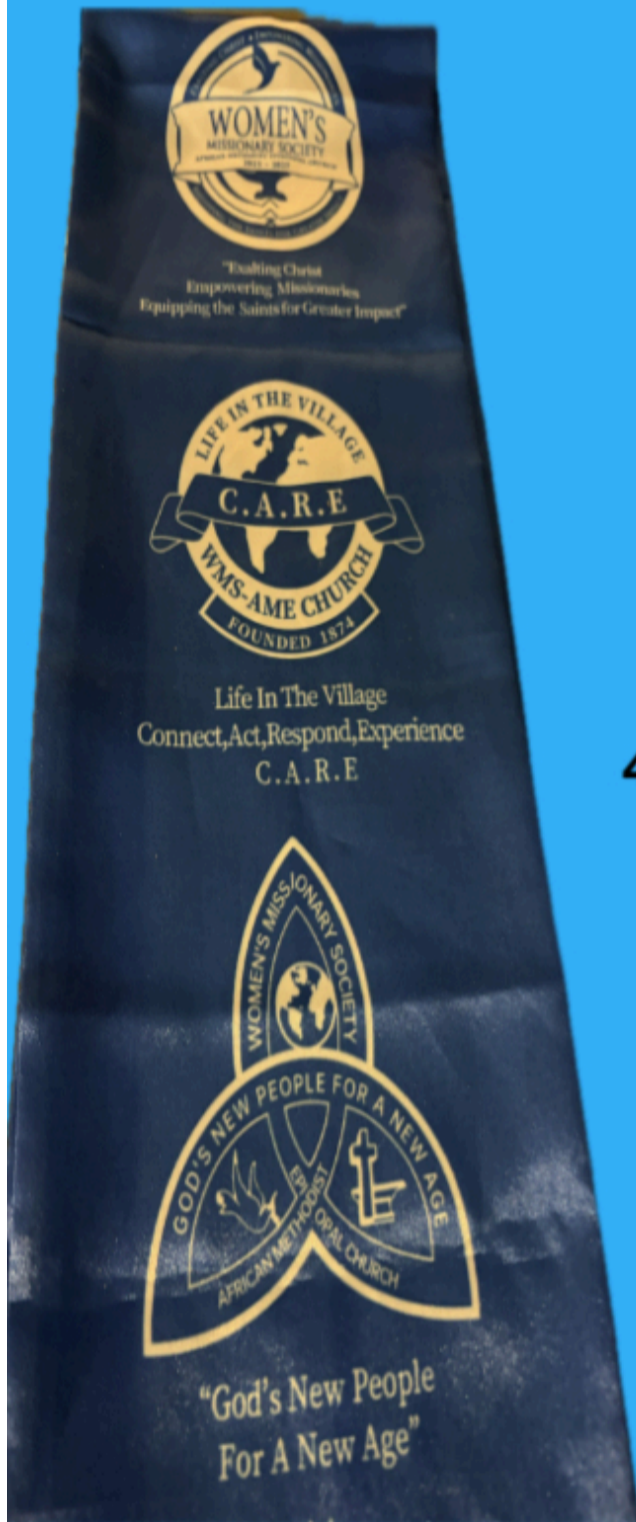
### Certification \*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

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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)*



# Planning and Stewardship **SUSTAINABILITY**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 7pm**



**Sis. Philonese Reed**  
SWAC PME 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: 811 0011 2669**  
**Passcode: PME**



**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
Ninth Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**WMS CONNECTIONAL T-SHIRT QUILT PROJECT**

**NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT T-SHIRT QUILT PROGRESS**

1. The WMS Connectional quilting instructions were followed. See the prior emails.
2. Quilter: Mrs. Priscilla Armstead, Florence, AL
3. T-Shirt Designer: Your Dream is Our Dream Marketing. Patrick and Anika Riley are the owners.
4. Thirty WMS Ninth District Initiatives were selected by the T-Shirt Committee.
5. The Episcopal Vice-Presidents and the Episcopal YPD President are responsible for the panel designs for the T-Shirt Quilt.
6. The T-Shirt Quilt designs are to be sent by email to Mary Wells-Porter at [mwp1200@gmail.com](mailto:mwp1200@gmail.com).
7. The T-Shirt Quilt will be royal blue and white, WMS colors. The panels will be royal blue and white and maybe a few other colors added. The Committee will decide at the next meeting.



**WHAT'S NEXT?**

**PREPARE THE T-SHIRT QUILT INITIATIVE DESIGNS!**



# 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](mailto:cropsutton@bellsouth.net)  
and Sherryl Whiting: [srsw@comcast.net](mailto:srsw@comcast.net)



It's A  
**TEA** Party

*Theme: Roots and Wings*

"Celebrating Faith, Service, and Sisterhood"

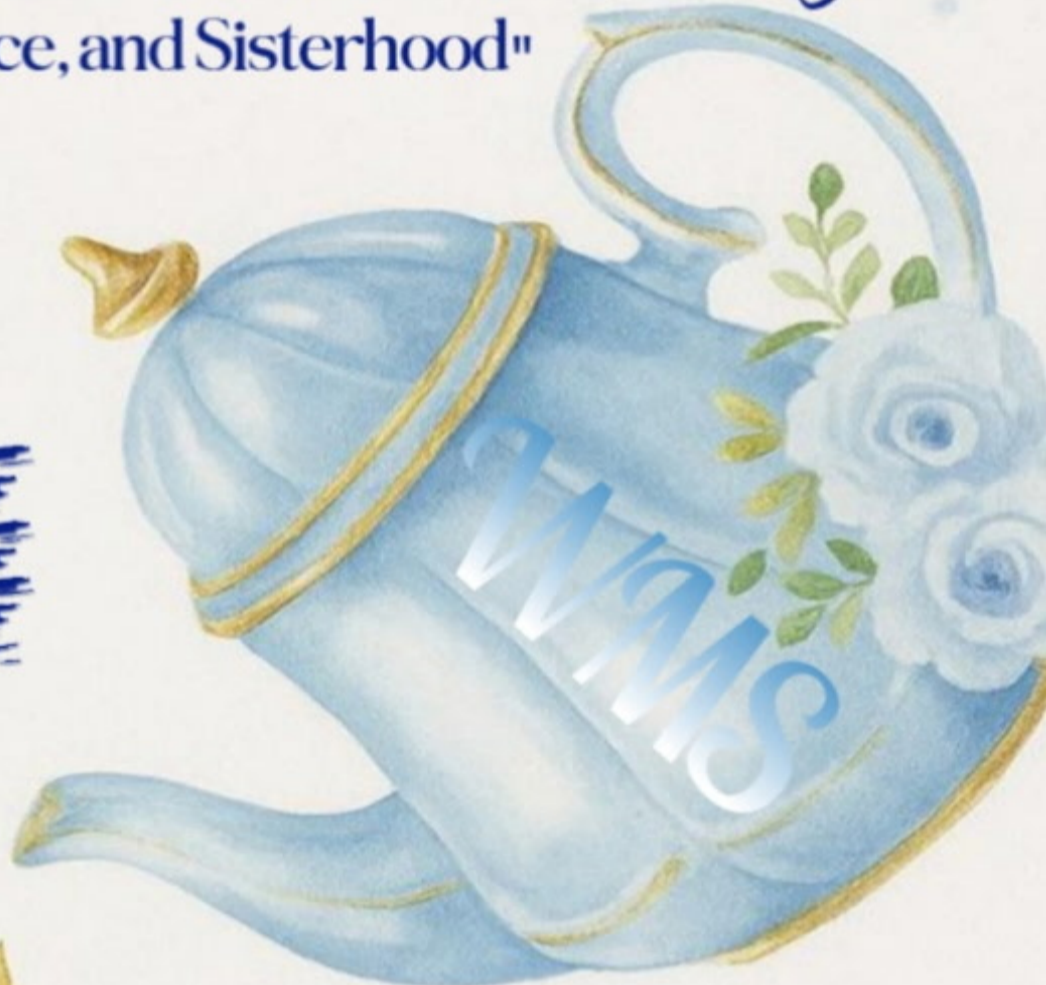
Ninth Episcopal District  
Women's Missionary Society  
cordially invites you to the  
Membership Tea

**August 22, 2026**  
**1:00 p.m.**

St. John's AME Church  
807 Madison Ave,  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**TICKETS**  
**\$25.00**

An afternoon of tea,  
treats, and  
togetherness



Hosted By  
Ninth Episcopal District  
Women's Missionary Society  
Mrs. Evadna Moment  
3rd Vice President  
Ms. Sherryl Whiting  
WMS Episcopal President  
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister  
Episcopal Supervisor  
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Jr.,  
Presiding Prelate

# Calling all YPD Writers!

LOCAL - AREA - CONFERENCE- DISTRICT  
NEWS ARTICLES NEEDED!

The theme for our April Gazette is "What's in Your Gift Bag?" inspired by Romans 12:6 (NIV): "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith."

As we continue to nurture and develop the gifts God has placed within us, this is our moment as a Connection to unite those gifts for Kingdom impact. When submitting your article, let your words reflect both the theme and the empowering message of our guiding scripture.

## Submission Requirements:

- AGES 7-12, 50-100 WORD RANGE
- AGES 13-26, 100-150 WORD RANGE, PROVIDE TWO (2) PICTURES TO SUPPORT THE ARTICLE
- BE RELEVANT TO THE THEME OF THE UPCOMING GAZETTE
- MUST STATE THE AUTHOR (NAME, DISTRICT, AND POSITION (IF ANY))
- MUST BE SUBMITTED BY [CYPDGAZETTE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CYPDGAZETTE@GMAIL.COM):
  - APRIL GAZETTE: SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 15TH
  - JULY GAZETTE: SUBMIT BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>
  - OCTOBER GAZETTE: SUBMIT BY AUGUST 15TH

## To Subscribe:



- Complete the Subscription Form
- Submit the subscription fee:
  - \$5 for YPD members, 2-26
  - \$15 Adults 27+
- For group subscriptions of 10 or more, please submit a request to [connectionalypd23@gmail.com](mailto:connectionalypd23@gmail.com).

**9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION  
OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**



# SELF-DENIAL!

*celebration*

**MAY 14, 2026**

**6:00PM CST / 7:00PM EST**

**SCRIPTURE**

**2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7**

**ZOOM:**

**MEETING ID: 318 440 6391**

**PASSCODE: 9YPDAME1**

Miss. Jamia Eaves, Episcopal District YPD President  
Mrs. Debra Scott Weatherspoon, Episcopal District YPD Director  
Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President  
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal District Supervisor  
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Episcopal District Presiding Prelate

**UNLOCKING ME: I SURRENDER**

9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
Young People's & Children's Division  
of the Women's Missionary Society



# Let's Talk: Finance

Plan Your  
Future  
Today.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it".

Malachi 3:10

June 7, 2026  
6:00 PM CST

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 828 0729 5956

Passcode: 316827



Sis Jamia Eaves, Episcopal District YPD President  
Sis. Debra Scott Weatherspoon, Episcopal District YPD Director  
Sis. Sheryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President  
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, 9th Episcopal District Supervisor  
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., 9th Episcopal District Presiding Prelate

**REGISTER NOW!**

OPEN APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2026 - JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026

CONNECTIONAL YPD

CONNECTIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Lit in Faith*

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN DIVISION

QR CODE

**JULY 17, 2025 - JULY 19, 2025**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA - RENAISSANCE HOTEL**

**REGISTRATION**

- The listed registration costs are for Regular Registration. The \$25 discount for Early Registration (April 1 - 30) will be applied automatically, before checkout.
  - Early Registration is open through Thursday, April 30th.
  - Regular Registration is Friday, May 1 - Monday, June 15th.
  - We will not have on-site registration or name changes.
  - Registration for the Pilgrimage closes Sunday, May 31st.
- Connectional YPD Officers and Districts 14-20 will be sent an Access Code to register.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** - The link is in the Confirmation email after registration is complete.

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center  
201 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, Alabama

**Room Rate: \$209.60** (inclusive of \$179.00 room rate + 15% Taxes + \$2.25 + \$1.50 Tourism Fee)

**Reservation deadline is MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Rooms booked without submitting registration will be canceled. The listing will be compared weekly.
- All rooms must be reserved under the unique name of a registered LTI attendee.
- Rooms booked with the same name and the primary guest will be canceled.
- Accommodations before Thursday night are reserved for persons registered for the Pilgrimage.
  - A separate link will be sent to those registrants.
  - Attendees do not need to make 2 separate reservations.

# CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

## CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

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!**



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