



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
July 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,

It is my prayer that each of you is enjoying the blessings of God and continuing to serve faithfully as we move missions forward together.

We are eagerly gearing up to welcome and host the **Connectional Young People and Children's Division Leadership Training Institute (LTI)** in the beautiful and historic city of Montgomery, Alabama. What a tremendous honor it is for the Ninth Episcopal District to serve as host for this important gathering of our Connectional family. Bishop McAllister and I invite each of you to join us at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel as we work together to extend genuine Christian hospitality and ensure that every guest feels the warmth, love, and fellowship of our District. Let us welcome them with excellence as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

We are also excited to continue celebrating the growth of our Women's Missionary Society through the addition of new missionaries. I warmly invite you to join me for our **Membership Tea on August 22nd**, as we recognize and welcome those who have answered the call to missionary service. This special occasion will be a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement, and celebration as we continue strengthening our Society for the work ahead.

Finally, our **third series of Annual Conferences** will begin very soon. During these conferences, we will elect delegates and alternates to represent the Ninth Episcopal District at the upcoming **Women's Missionary Society Quadrennial Convention** next summer in Dallas, Texas. If you are prayerfully considering serving in this capacity, please be sure to submit your **Intent Form** to your respective Nominating Committee Chair in a timely manner. Your willingness to serve is appreciated as we prepare for this important season in the life of our Society.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment, faithful service, generous spirit, and steadfast dedication to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Because of your prayers, sacrifices, and labor of love, we continue to **move missions forward in excellence** throughout the Ninth Episcopal District and beyond.

May God continue to bless each of you, your families, and your ministries.

Respectfully,

Supervisor Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor
Ninth Episcopal District
Women's Missionary Society
African Methodist Episcopal Church





Greetings Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society Family!

Grace and peace be unto each of you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we prepare to embark upon our **Week of Service and Love**, July 27 through August 2, I greet you with a heart filled with gratitude, expectation, and excitement. This special week is more than a calendar of activities, it is an opportunity for each of us to intentionally demonstrate the love of Christ through acts of service, compassion, and outreach in our homes, churches, and communities. Together, we will put our faith into action as we continue to live our district theme: "**God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally.**"

Throughout this week, we will make a meaningful impact by reaching beyond the walls of our churches. Whether we are encouraging caregivers, praying for those in need, feeding families, supporting Black-owned businesses, planting seeds of hope, collecting school supplies, or helping to increase voter awareness, every act of kindness becomes a witness to God's love. As reminded in **1 John 3:18**, "*Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*" May each day inspire us to serve with joyful hearts, knowing that even the smallest act of love can transform a life.

As we conclude this Week of Service and Love, we will also begin preparing our hearts and minds for our upcoming **Annual Conferences** across the Ninth Episcopal District. Annual Conference season is a time of worship, fellowship, learning, and renewed commitment to the mission God has entrusted to us. It is an opportunity to celebrate the work being accomplished throughout our conferences, strengthen our sisterhood, and equip ourselves for even greater service in the months ahead.

I encourage every missionary to come to your Annual Conference prayerfully prepared, fully engaged, and ready to support the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Let us arrive with hearts of unity, spirits of excellence, and a willingness to serve wherever we are needed. As we gather across our conferences, may we encourage one another, welcome new members, celebrate our accomplishments, and continue building a legacy of faithful service for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the mission of Christ and the work of the Women's Missionary Society. I look forward to witnessing the countless ways God will use each of you during this Week of Service and Love and throughout our Annual Conference season. May the Lord bless every act of kindness, every prayer offered, and every hand extended in love. Together, let us continue moving forward in faith, always remembering that **the work is all divine.**

Serving Christ Together,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting

President, Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society

God First • Missions Forward • Love Unconditionally

July
2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			9th Christian Education Congress YAM sponsored event			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		YAM sponsored Temp Check	Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	Conference YPD Director's Meeting/ Ex Board 6p/7p cst	DYM LI Cohort Meeting Virtual 7:30pm		Connectional YPD/LTI Renaissance Hotel, Montgomery, AL	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Connectional YPD/LTI Renaissance Hotel Montgomery, AL	AME WIM Quadrennial Conference, Sheraton Charlotte Hotel Charlotte, NC					
		PME Dialogue				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Commission on Mission Ed & Int "Celebrating Black Women"	Week of Service and Love					





The banner features a blue background. In the top left is the WMS logo with a cross and the text "WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH" and "CONFIDENT MISSIONS FORWARD LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY". To the right of the logo is the text "WMS STORE" in large black letters, followed by a white star. Below this is "Yes!" in a white cursive font, then "WE ARE" in large pink letters, and "OPEN" in large white letters. To the right of "OPEN" is "Today" in a white cursive font. Below the main text is a pink star and the text "CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS" in small white letters. At the bottom center is the text "Ninth District WMS Store" in white, underlined. In the bottom right is the Ninth District WMS logo with a cross and the text "AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH", "NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT", and "THE WORK IS ALL DIVINE".

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.



We need 100 Missionaries to PLEDGE
at each PLEDGE level.

\$50 MINIMUM PLEDGE

\$75

\$100 (200 Missionaries)

OTHER (200 Missionaries)

ALL MONIES DUE
BY 8/31/2026
cycle 1

CASHAPP#-\$9WMSAME

Make all checks and money
orders payable to : Ninth
Episcopal District WMS

MAIL TO:

CATHERINE JORDAN

525 BARRON ROAD

TROY, AL 36081

334-372-1231

Email:

9WMS2024@gmail.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

MAKE A PLEDGE

ROAD

TO

QUADRENNIAL

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
WOMEN'T MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Please submit pledge card to your Conference
WMS President along with your donation!*



9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WMS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

I PLEDGE A DONATION OF \$..... TO
THE NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Conference.....Address:.....City..... Zip.....Phone.....

Date:.....

PAYMENT METHODS

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Episcopal District WMS

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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Minimum Pledge \$50.00
\$75.00
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Other.....

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

LEADERSHIP

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr. - \$100

Supervisor Deana Young McAllister - \$100

Sanjena Clay - \$100

Alabama River Region

Mattie Frizzell - \$100

Yvonne Saxon - \$100

Vaoma Walker - \$100

Lucille Perkins - \$75

Valeria Bright - \$50

Northeast

Clara Jackson - \$100

Hattie Nathan - \$100

Linda Williams - \$100

Southwest

Cheryl Robinson Sutton - \$100

Mary James - \$50

Jean Daffin - \$50

Northwest

Susie Bonner - \$100

Evelyn Beasley - \$100

Southeast

Sherryl Whiting - \$100

Michelle Sherrod - \$100

Tonita Williams - \$50

Claudia Anderson - \$50

Rosalind Little - \$100

Vera McCarter - \$50

Helen Grant - \$100

Marge Simmons - \$50

*Please keep those pledges coming through
August 31, 2026*



**WOMEN'S
MISSIONARY SOCIETY**
OF THE
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT



Week of
SERVICE and LOVE

July 27 – August 2, 2026

	7/27/26	COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS – VOTER OUTREACH	
	7/28/26	ENCOURAGEMENT MATTERS – SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS	
	7/29/26	WORD WEDNESDAY – PRAYING FOR OTHERS	
	7/30/26	FEED A FAMILY – TAKE A MEAL TO SOMEONE IN NEED OR DONATE ITEMS TO YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK	
	7/31/26	COMMUNITY CARE DAY – SUPPORT A LOCAL BLACK BUSINESS	
	8/1/26	TILLING THE SOIL – PLANT OR WORK IN YOUR GARDEN	
	8/2/26	HELPFUL HANDS – SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE	

GOD FIRST • MISSIONS FORWARD
LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

*“Let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.” – 1 John 3:18*



REFLECTION AND PURPOSE: SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 | 7pm (C.D.T.)



Sis. Beverly Postell
11th Episcopal District P.M.E. 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

QUADRENNIAL THEME CONTEST

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



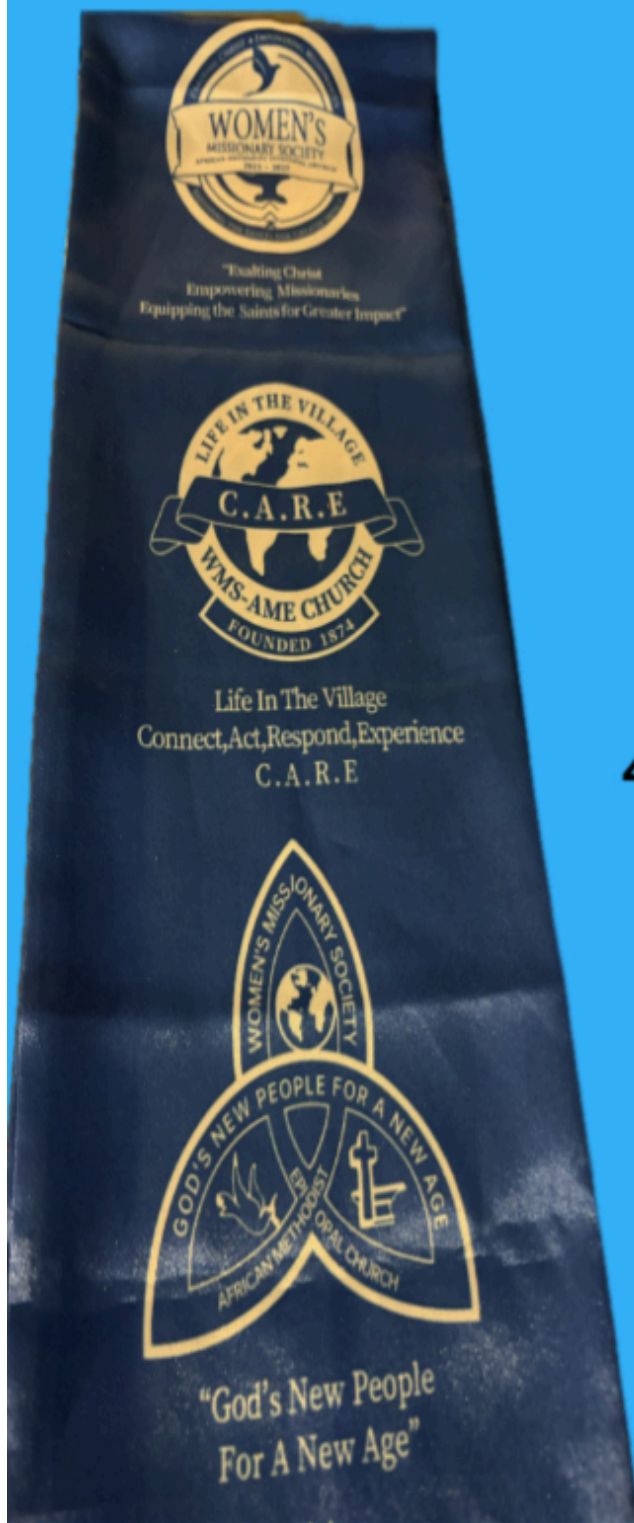
CONTEST RULES

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



Some Previous themes

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)



**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.
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!



9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

You Are
INVITED!

We invite every woman to join a sisterhood
committed to faith, fellowship, and service.
Together, we are making a difference
for Christ and His Kingdom!

JOIN A LEGACY OF
Faith in Action



WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Deepening our relationship with God.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Building lasting relationships and sisterhood.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MISSIONS
Serving our communities and the world.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Equipping women to lead with purpose.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE
Answering God's call to make an impact.



TOGETHER WE:

- ✓ **SHARE** God's love through mission work.
- ✓ **SUPPORT** ministries that strengthen our churches and communities.
- ✓ **DEVELOP** leaders for today and tomorrow.
- ✓ **ENCOURAGE** one another in faith and service.

“Here am I: send me.”

— ISAIAH 6:8

Deana Young McAllister
Supervisor

Sherryl Whiting
President

Evadna Moment
3rd Vice President
(Membership and Recruitment)

ONE MISSION. ONE SISTERHOOD. ONE PURPOSE.

We are called to strengthen our faith and
sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ
by service and witness in the world.



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

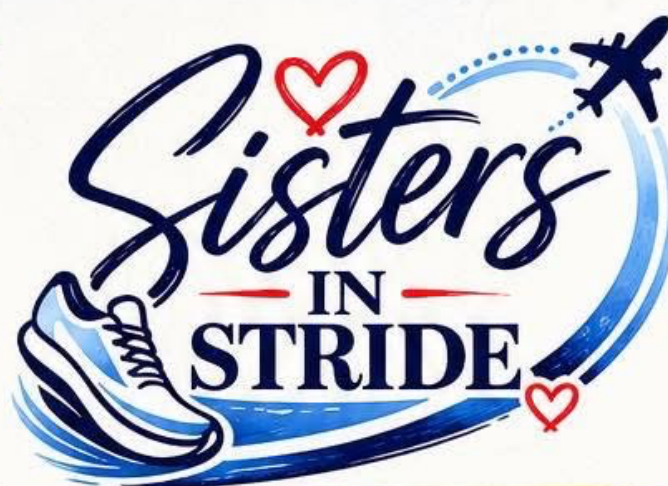
TICKETS
\$25.00

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

Please see your Conference President to get your ticket.
Thank you in advance!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP *and* JOINED?



A YAM WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

FAITH. FITNESS. FELLOWSHIP.
SISTERHOOD. PURPOSE. ♥

YOUR DISTRICT *Sisters in Stride* GROUP?

1



CLICK THE LINK
and register!

2



CLICK ON YOUR
DISTRICT LINK
and download
the app *Step Up*.

3



JOIN YOUR
DISTRICT
SISTERS IN STRIDE
GROUP.

Connect, encourage, and
compete with sisters
from your district! ♥

4



GET READY TO WALK,
CONNECT, AND HELP
YOUR DISTRICT REACH
THE TOP OF THE
LEADERBOARD! 🏆 ♥

EVERY
STEP
COUNTS.
.....
EVERY
SISTER
MATTERS. ♥



STEP UP
YOUR HEALTH.
YOUR JOURNEY.
YOUR STEPS.

LET'S WALK TOGETHER IN PURPOSE! ♥



FAITH
Our Foundation



FITNESS
Our Focus



FELLOWSHIP
Our Strength



SISTERHOOD
Our Power



EVERY STEP COUNTS. EVERY SISTER MATTERS. WALKING TOGETHER IN PURPOSE.



WMS YAM

THE CONNECTIONAL YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS
— PRESENT —

Sisters IN STRIDE

A YAM WELLNESS CHALLENGE

JUNE 15 – AUGUST 15
61 Days of Movement

GOAL:
1 BILLION
COLLECTIVE STEPS

OPEN TO
ALL WMS SISTERS

FAITH | FITNESS | FELLOWSHIP

Ready to stride with your sisters?
Download the **STEP UP APP**
and join your **DISTRICT SISTERS IN STRIDE GROUP**
after signing up to participate!

- Track your progress
- Encourage fellow sisters
- Help us reach **1 BILLION COLLECTIVE STEPS TOGETHER!**

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

EVERY STEP COUNTS.
Every Sister Matters.
Walking Together in Purpose.

Every step strengthens our minds, bodies, and spirits as we grow together in faith and sisterhood.

DISTRICT CHALLENGE!
Which district will get the most steps?

- ✓ Register through the link <https://forms.gle/2uMTAunA1HhM7JL6A>
- ✓ Download the Step Up App
- ✓ Join your District Group
- ✓ Get ready to help us reach 1 Billion Collective Steps!

<https://link.thestepupapp.com/5Y6ij5> -9th District link directly

Let's walk together in faith, fitness, fellowship, and sisterhood.

Join our FB Community Group

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/199iY7qu4L/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Sisters
— IN —
STRIDE

THE JOURNEY TO **1 BILLION**

WORKOUT *Class*

SATURDAY  **AT 12:00 PM EST**

 9:00 AM PT	 12:00 PM EST	 6:00 PM WAT
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Join us via
zoom

MEETING ID:
834 2642 8646

PASSCODE:
650073



Dress *Comfortable* and get ready
to burn more calories with your
Sister in Stride Community!



♥ ONE STEP. | ONE DAY. | ONE PURPOSE. ♥



LTI ATTIRE

PRE-LTI: JULY 15 - 17 LTI: JULY 17 - 19



CONNECTIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION 2026 LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
YPD T-SHIRT & ANY BOTTOMS



THURSDAY, JULY 16
PILGRIMAGE T-SHIRT & ANY
BOTTOMS



FRIDAY, JULY 17

DAY ATTIRE
DISTRICT ATTIRE



OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE
OFFICIAL GREEN & WHITE



SATURDAY, JULY 18

DAY ATTIRE
LTI 2026 T-SHIRT
& KHAKIS



EVENING ATTIRE
FORMAL ATTIRE



LIP SYNC BATTLE
DISTRICT DECADE
80s, 90s, & 2000s ATTIRE



SUNDAY, JULY 19
SUNDAY'S BEST GREEN & WHITE



**BASED ON THE DISTRICT'S
LIP SYNC BATTLE SONG**

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!

Annual Days

August 29th - YPD
September 1st - WMS
Alabama River Region
Ward Chapel, Prattville

September 12th - YPD
September 15th - WMS
Northwest
St. Paul, Smithfield

September 19th - YPD
September 22nd - WMS
Southeast
Hines Chapel, Dothan

October 3rd - YPD
October 6th - WMS
Northeast
St. John, Fort Mitchell

October 17th - YPD
October 20th - WMS
Southwest
Bethel, Mobile

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