



MISSIONS FORWARD

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



Ninth District Missionaries!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” – Psalm 107:1

As summer comes to a close and we begin a new conference year, my heart is filled with gratitude for the many ways God has blessed the Women's Missionary Society of the Ninth Episcopal District. We have witnessed His faithfulness throughout the summer months, and now we look forward with great expectation to all He has in store for us. To God be the glory!

One of the highlights of this month will be our Ninth Episcopal District WMS New Members' Tea on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at St. Johns AME Church. This special occasion will allow us to warmly welcome our newest missionaries into our district family and celebrate the continued growth of our missionary movement. If you have not already done so, please contact your Conference President to purchase your ticket. I look forward to spending this wonderful afternoon with each of you.

August also marks the beginning of our third series of Annual Conferences. Bishop McAllister and I are excited to worship and fellowship with each conference as we celebrate another year of faithful service. I am especially looking forward to hearing the inspiring reports from our Women's Missionary Society and our Young People's Division as we continue Moving Missions Forward in Excellence. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to serving Christ through missions and for demonstrating His love in your local churches and communities.

As we continue preparing for the Connectional Quadrennial Convention in Dallas, Texas next summer, I ask each of you to prayerfully consider supporting our Ninth Episcopal District Capital Campaign. If you have not yet made your financial pledge, there is still time to participate. Please remember to fulfill your commitment by August 31, 2026. Every gift—large or small—makes a meaningful difference as we work together to support our district's participation in this important Connectional gathering. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your continued investment in the ministry of missions.

As we enter this new conference year, let us move forward with renewed faith, joyful hearts, and a steadfast commitment to God's work. Together, we will continue to serve as Christ's hands and feet, sharing His love and transforming lives throughout the Ninth Episcopal District.

Thank you for your faithful service rendered to help welcome the Connectional YPD to Montgomery in July. You were present and so gracious and helpful.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, strengthen your hands for service, and grant you a fruitful and Spirit-filled conference year.

Yours in Christ,

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





A Season of Service, Celebration, and Gratitude

What a blessing it is to journey together as the Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church! As we move through this special season of service and fellowship, we pause to wish our Supervisor a very **Happy Birthday!** We thank God for her life, leadership, and continued commitment to the work of the church.

To our Supervisor, **thank you** for your service. Thank you for the countless hours, prayers, sacrifices, telephone calls, meetings, travels, encouragement, and words of wisdom that often take place behind the scenes. Thank you for standing with the Women's Missionary Society, supporting our work, challenging us to grow, and encouraging us to continue making a difference in the lives of God's people. Your service is a testimony that leadership is not simply about a title, it is about a willing heart, a servant spirit, and a commitment to the work God has called us to do. May God bless you with many years filled with joy, strength, peace, and renewed purpose as you continue to serve God and His people.

As we journey through this series of Annual Conferences, we are reminded of the strength and beauty of the AME connection. From conference to conference, we gather to worship, fellowship, conduct the business of the church, celebrate accomplishments, and prepare for the work that lies ahead. These gatherings give us an opportunity to reconnect with one another, share our missionary experiences, and be reminded that although we serve in different places, we are united by one mission and one calling, to serve God by serving His people.

The work of the Women's Missionary Society continues to be a powerful expression of Christ's love in action. Through outreach, advocacy, education, evangelism, benevolence, and community service, we touch lives and bring hope to those who are hurting or in need. Every meal prepared, every family encouraged, every young person supported, every community touched, and every prayer lifted represents the hands and heart of missionary service. Thank you for saying yes to the work and for allowing God to use you as instruments of His love.

As we continue moving missions forward, let us never lose sight of the reason we serve. Missionary work is not simply another responsibility on our calendars, it is a ministry of compassion, commitment, and faith. There will be times when the work is difficult and the sacrifice is great, but our labor is never in vain when it is done for the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your willingness to serve, your faithfulness to the mission, and your commitment to making a difference wherever God has planted you.

During this Annual Conference season, may we continue to encourage one another, strengthen one another, and celebrate the good work God is accomplishing through the Women's Missionary Society. May we leave every conference renewed, refocused, and ready to serve with greater purpose. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your service, your sacrifice, and your love for the mission. Together, let us continue moving forward with excellence—**God first, missions forward, and love unconditionally.**

Serving Christ Together,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting

President, Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society



The Women's Missionary Society
of the 9th Episcopal District

WISHES

Supervisor
Deana Young McAllister

A VERY

Happy Birthday!

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\$DeanaMcAllister3

August

2026

Women’s Equality Month

July							September						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Week of Service and Love
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week of Service and Love						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Supervisor McAllister’s Birthday	Conference President’s Meeting 7:30p cst			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst			Conference YPD Director’s Meeting/ Ex Board 6p/7p cst		Commission on Membership & Recruitment “Tea Party”	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		PME Dialogue				DYM LI Cohort Meeting 10am
						ARR YPD Annual Day Ward Chapel, Prattville
30	31					





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 "CONFESS • MISSIONS FORWARD • LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY". To its right is the text "WMS STORE" in large black letters, followed by a white star. Below this, the word "Yes!" is written in a white cursive font. The words "WE ARE" are in large pink letters, and "OPEN" is in large white letters. To the right of "OPEN" is the word "Today" in a white cursive font. Below the main text, a small white star is on the left, and the text "CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS" is in the center. 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

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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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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

Cattie Epps - \$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 9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

UNITED IN FAITH • COMMITTED TO WELLNESS • CALLED TO SERVE

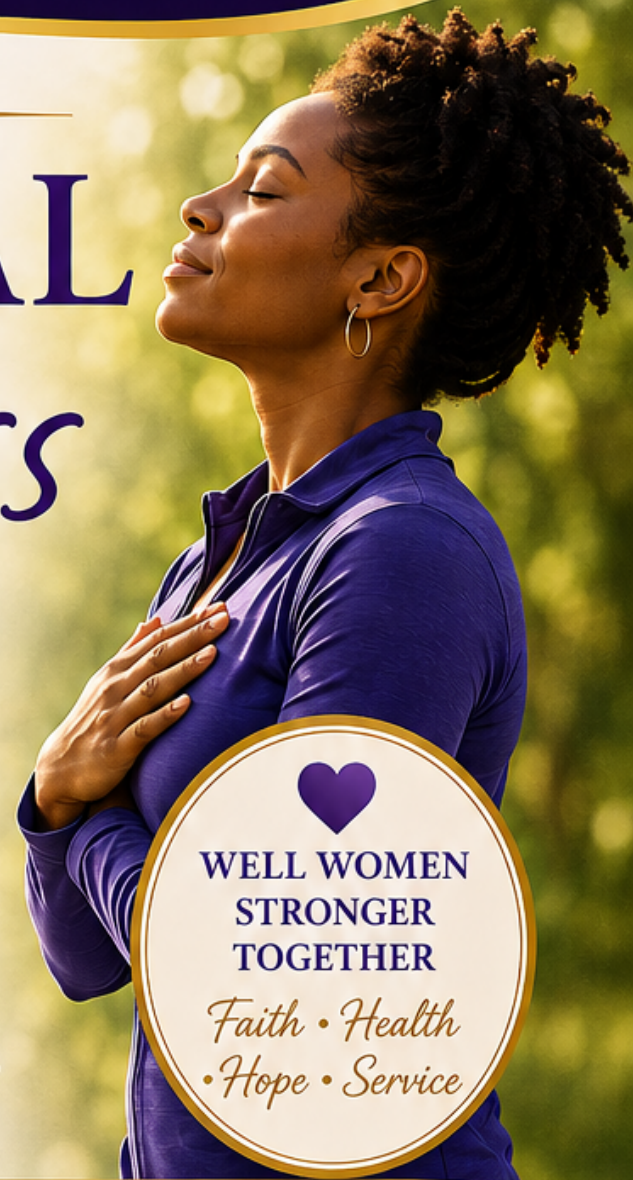


CELEBRATING NATIONAL *Wellness* MONTH

Mind. Body. Spirit. Purpose.

As Women on a Mission, we are called to care for ourselves so we can better serve others. Let us embrace wellness in every season of our lives.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
3 John 1:2 (KJV)



WELL WOMEN
STRONGER
TOGETHER

*Faith • Health
• Hope • Service*

COMMIT TO YOUR WELL-BEING



MENTAL WELLNESS

Guard your mind
with positive
thoughts.



PHYSICAL WELLNESS

Nourish your body
with good food
and movement.



SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Stay connected
to God through
prayer and study.



SOCIAL WELLNESS

Build supportive
relationships and
community.



PURPOSE WELLNESS

Live with purpose
and serve with
joy.

United in Faith. Committed to Wellness. Called to Serve.

Mrs. Ebony
Reeves Moore
EPISCOPAL WMS
1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Sherryl
Whiting
EPISCOPAL WMS
PRESIDENT

Mrs. Deana Young
McAllister
EPISCOPAL
SUPERVISOR

Bishop Julius
Harrison McAllister, Jr.
PRESIDING
PRELATE



SELF-CARE: ESSENTIAL WELLNESS FOR THE WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | 7pm (C.D.T.)



Sis. Penny Liggins
10th 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



CLASS TIME
5:30-6:30 P.M.



JOIN TIME
ZOOM DRIVERS
5:00 P.M.
TUTORS 5:15 P.M.
STUDENTS 5:20 P.M.
DISMISSAL 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL TUTORIAL PROGRAM CALENDAR 2026-2027

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	6	3	1	5	1	2
	13	10	8	12	8	9
	20	17	15	19	15	16
22 START DAY	27	24		26	22	23
29						30 LAST DAY

B2B STUDENT RECOGNITION CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2027, 4:00 P.M.

MARCH 30, 2027 IS THE LAST DAY

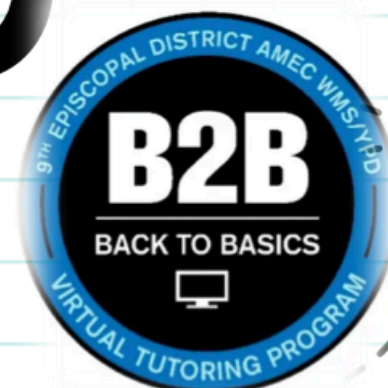




REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



BACK TO BASICS



FOCUS AREAS: READING & MATH
VIRTUAL TUTORIAL PROGRAM

VIA ZOOM
EVERY TUESDAY
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.



START DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
GRADES 1ST-5TH

All registration and volunteer forms can be found on
The 9th Episcopal District WMS website.

Click resources, tutoring, and select an application.

<http://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org>



Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society
and Young People's and Children's Division

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, WMS Episcopal 2nd Vice President

Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon, WMS Episcopal YPD Director

Mrs. Sherryl Whiting, WMS Episcopal President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Presiding Prelate



Ninth Episcopal District
Women's Missionary Society



Back 2 Basics

Tutorial Program

Tuesday Only



Volunteers Needed



Why Volunteer

- 
- ✓ **Make a Difference:** Help students improve academically and build confidence
 - ✓ **Share Your Knowledge:** Use your skills and experience to support student learning
 - ✓ **Build Relationships:** Become a positive role model and encouraging mentor.
 - ✓ **Strengthen the Community:** Invest your time in helping young people succeed in school and in life

Let's get back to basics and move forward one student at a time!

Mrs. Mary Wells-Porter, (205)344-3358
Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon, (251)214-4371

QUADRENNIAL THEME CONTEST

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



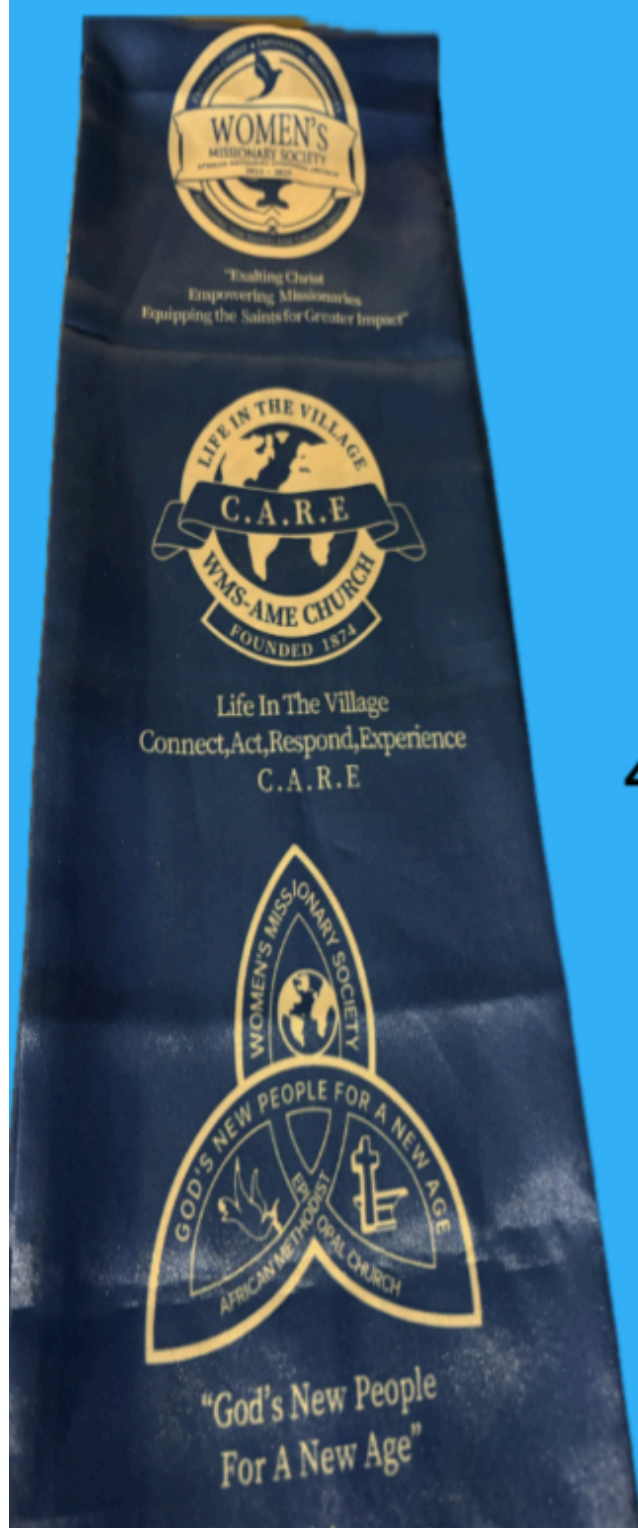
CONTEST RULES

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)



Answer the Call. Lead with Purpose.

JOIN THE SECOND COHORT OF THE
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
DEANA YOUNG MCALLISTER
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

*A year-long leadership journey for women of faith
who are passionate about ministry and mission.*



**FAITH-BASED
FOUNDATION**

*Grow spiritually while
deepening your
leadership skills.*



**EMPOWERING
SESSIONS**

*Engage in dynamic
learning experiences
with women leaders.*



**BUILD LASTING
CONNECTIONS**

*Network, collaborate,
and form bonds that
inspire.*



**SERVE WITH
IMPACT**

*Be equipped to make
a difference in your
church and community.*

*Apply
Today!*

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AUGUST 15 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

*Take the next step. Your journey of leadership
and purpose starts here!*



Apply online at: 9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org

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Ninth Episcopal District *Women's Missionary Society*

COMMISSION ON **MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT**

*Help us to
reclaim, recruit
and retain
members of our
society.*



**THERE IS
A LOT OF WORK
TO DO AND
THERE IS ROOM
FOR EVERYONE.**

*We need
you!*



Join Us.

**YOUR TIME.
YOUR TALENTS.
YOUR HEART.
MAKE AN
ETERNAL IMPACT.**



RECLAIM
those who
have drifted
away.



RECRUIT
new members
with open arms
and open hearts.



RETAIN
by building
relationships
that last.



TOGETHER
we can make a
difference for
Christ and His
Kingdom!

Deana Young McAllister
WMS SUPERVISOR

Sherryl Whiting
WMS PRESIDENT

Evadna Moment
3RD VICE PRESIDENT



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

- ✓ 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>



37TH



ANNUAL NGO CONFERENCE

EMPOWERED TO SERVE
Advancing Global Justice,
Promoting Peace &
Building Healthy Communities

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
-Micah 6:8



GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



PEACE, JUSTICE AND
STRONG INSTITUTIONS



REDUCED
INEQUALITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
10:30 AM EST



Bishop Silvester S. Beaman
COMMISSION CHAIR, GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. John F. Green
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL WITNESS & MINISTRY

Dr. Deborah Taylor King
CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC PRESIDENT

Ms. Brittni A. Peters
UN NGO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Tanisha Thomas
UN NGO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

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