



MISSIONS FORWARD

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The Official Newsletter of the 9th Episcopal District WMS
September 2025

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 my Missionary Sisters,

I greet you all in the matchless name of Jesus Christ our Risen Savior. Many thanks to you all for the marvelous work done on behalf of moving missions.

**ALL I know is that the Ninth District continues to
“Mind our Missionary Business!”**

Our annual conference series are upon us. Please be in prayer for each other as we begin traveling across the state.

We had a wonderful time at our first annual conference, the “Mother Conference”, in the Alabama River Region. Many thanks to Mrs. Frizzell for her wonderful spirit and graceful leadership as the conference branch president. Our Annual Night in White service was spirit-filled and uplifting. A huge success! The Young People in that conference are amazing. Under the leadership of Ms. Hazel Bellamy, we had over 130 young people registered and at least 80 singing in the choir. To God be the Glory! Many thanks to everyone who played a pivotal role in making this an experience to be remembered. We are excited to meet you all this Saturday, in Birmingham for the Northwest Conference Annual YPD Day. Please be in prayer for each other as we begin traveling across our state.

Calling all Future Leaders in the WMS!

Missionaries, I am extremely excited about our leadership institute scheduled to begin this fall. I am looking for women of all ages (young and evolving) who are members of the Women’s Missionary Society and looking to enhance their interpersonal and leadership skills to enhance our work for missions. I am looking for mission minded women. It promises to be amazing, led and directed by our Deans, Mrs. Hattie Nathan and Mrs. Susie Bonner. It is my honor to have such a wonderful program named after me. I am grateful! We must sustain our work and train others to lead. Please join us for this wonderful ministry opportunity. See your conference branch president for more information. Applications are due today, September 1, 2025. If you know someone who would benefit, please encourage them to join this ministry experience.

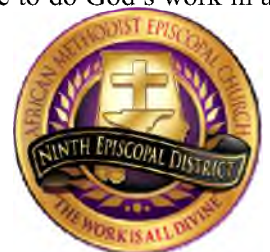
STAY TUNED and STAY WOKE

Congratulations to our very own Missionaries and Ninth District Family Members for winning their respective political aspirations. Ms. Janataka Holmes won the Opelika City Council Ward 2 and Ms. Beverly Smith was elected to the Clayton City Council District 4. Praise the Lord! There is still so much work to be done politically, but we thank God for these victories.

Thank you, President Whiting, for your leadership and sharing such valuable information through the district newsletter. Missionaries plan accordingly so that we may fully support each other in Kingdom building and continue to do God’s work in a more excellent way by continuing to mind your missionary business.

Yours truly,

Supervisor





Greetings to the Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society!

It is truly a blessing to gather once again in this season of annual conferences. As we continue to walk together in faith and service, we give thanks for the vision, strength, and commitment that carry us forward. Each gathering reminds us that our labor is not in vain, for we are part of a greater work God has called us to do.

We celebrate the dedication of our young people in the YPD on Saturdays, lifting them up as they grow in leadership, service, and discipleship. Their energy and passion remind us that the future of the church is bright when rooted in Christ. Through their witness, we see fresh hope and a renewed call to keep pouring into the next generation.

On Tuesday nights, we come together for the WMS “Night in White”, united in purpose and clothed not just in garments, but in the spirit of holiness and service. We also look forward to each conference with anticipation, knowing that every gathering strengthens our unity and deepens our mission. As we support one another from YPD to WMS, each conference builds upon the other, lifting us higher in faith, fellowship, and service. This grounds us, reminding us of the shoulders we stand on and the legacy we continue to build.

As we move forward, let us remain committed to doing all things with excellence. Excellence is not about perfection, but about faithfulness—about showing up, giving our best, and trusting God with the rest. Together, we are shaping communities, strengthening families, and carrying out the mission of Christ with both courage and grace.

May we never forget our guiding words: “God first, missions forward, love unconditionally”. These three pillars keep us anchored, focused, and united. As we continue this journey, let us walk boldly, serve joyfully, and love deeply, knowing that God is with us every step of the way.

May God bless each of you as we “**Always Move forward with Excellence**” because the **Work Is ALL Divine!**

In Christ's love and service,

Sherryl Whiting

Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President

“God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally”

September

2025

Sickle Cell Awareness Month

August							October						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
						NW YPD Annual Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		NW WMS Annual Day	Northwest Alabama Annual Conference			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	PME Dialogue 7pm cst				SE YPD Annual Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		SE WMS Annual Day	Southeast Alabama Annual Conference			
28	29	30				
		B2B Begins				

We are encouraging each Annual Conference to support each “Night In White” as well as our YPD’ers!





Save the Date

DECEMBER 13-14, 2025

THE ANNUAL WMS *Convention*

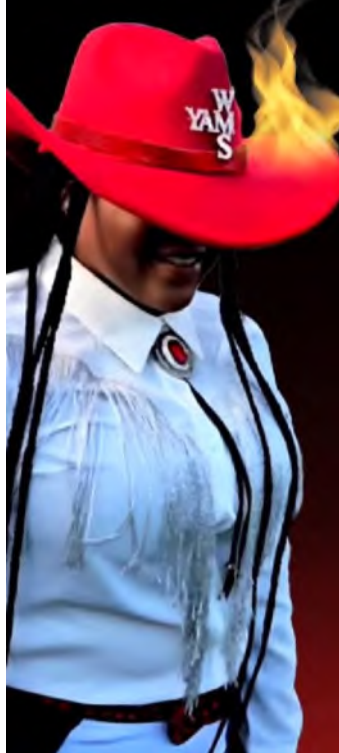
Location: TBD

Registration: \$100

**Please mark your calendar and
plan to join us for a powerful
time of fellowship, worship,
and service!**



CONNECTIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS



FRESH *weekend* FIRE

BLAZE

FUELED BY PURPOSE

"FOR THIS REASON I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO
FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN YOU"

2 TIMOTHY 1:6

SEPT. 27-28

JANITA FERGUSON
CONNECTIONAL WMS MEMBER AT LAROF



CONNECTIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS

FRESH *weekend* FIRE

SEPT. 27 - 28

BLAZE

FUELED BY PURPOSE

Worship Song: "Refiner"
by Maverick City Music

FRESH FIRE ITINERARY

Saturday Morning
Conference Community Service Project
(Wear WMS YAM T-shirt)

Saturday Evening
Sisterhood Outing

Sunday
YAM Take Over Sunday (Local)
Recruitment Day (Fresh Fire Attire)

FRESH FIRE ATTIRE:

Denim	Red heels/Shoes Optional
White Blouse/Shirts	Cowboy Hats

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,
which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

Fresh Fire Scripture 2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)



36th ANNUAL NGO CONFERENCE

EMPOWERING GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND.
NO ONE CLAIMED THAT ANY OF THEIR POSSESSIONS WAS THEIR
OWN, BUT THEY SHARED EVERYTHING THEY HAD.
-ACTS 4:32 (NIV)

FIGHT TODAY
FOR A BETTER
TOMORROW

Register today!



October
18th
2025

9:30AM EST
8:30AM CST
6:30AM PT
3:30PM ET
1-Day Virtual Conference

Local Passion. GLOBAL impact!

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

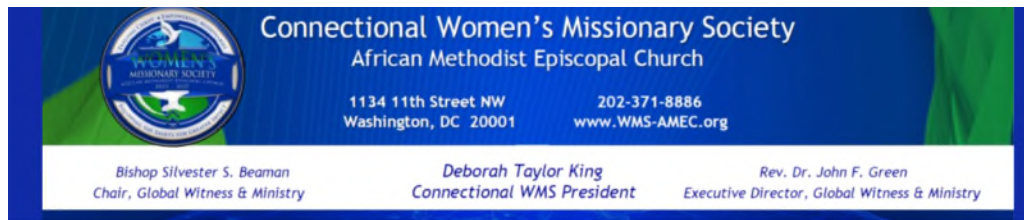
Dr. Deborah Taylor King
CONNECTIONAL WMS AMEC PRESIDENT

Ms. Brittini A. Peters
UN NGO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Shawn M. Ross
UN NGO MAIN REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Tanisha Thomas
UN NGO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE





Connectional WMS AMEC Skills Bank Initiative *We Need Your Input*



Good Day,

We are building a stronger, more connected society and we need your help!

Please take a few minutes to complete our Skills Bank Form by clicking the link box below. This form helps us identify the unique talents, experiences, and interests within our membership so we can better engage, support, and serve one another.

Your input will allow us to match skills with opportunities, create meaningful programs, and ensure every member has a chance to contribute in ways that align with her strengths.

Thanks in advance for sharing your gifts with us!

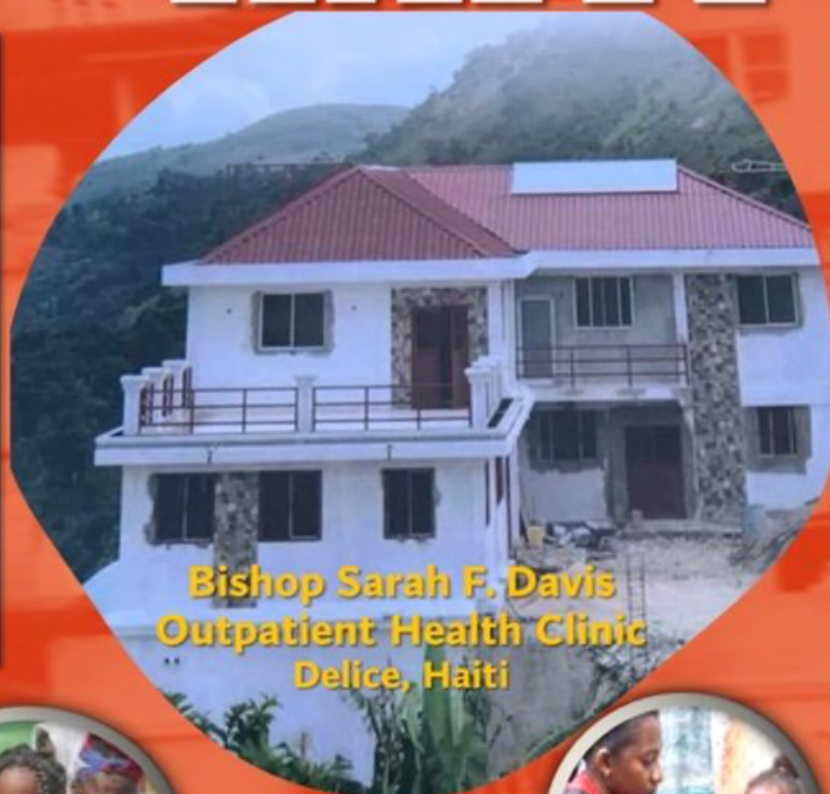
Sincerely,
Natalie Horton
Connectional Skills Bank Chair

Sanjena V. Clay
Membership and Recruitment Commission Chair

[CLICK HERE for the Skills Bank Form](#)

"Exalting Christ - Empowering Missionaries - Equipping the Saints for Greater Impact"
"To equip His people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
Ephesians 4:12

Support AME-SADA & Provide **HELP** *for* **HAITI**



**Bishop Sarah F. Davis
Outpatient Health Clinic
Delice, Haiti**



As a result of an executive order, the 90-day freeze on USAID has, in reality, become permanent. Consequently, AME-SADA Haiti had to do the following:

- ❖ Fire 200 employees, including physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, drivers, health agents, etc.;
- ❖ Suspend all services to about 190,000 people (vaccinations, prenatal visits, well-baby visits, all outreach services);
- ❖ Suspend all services for HIV/AIDS patients including orphans and vulnerable children;
- ❖ Suspend all malnutrition recuperation programs for about 500 children/month

WAYS TO DONATE

Mail: Checks payable to AME-SADA to
WMS-AMEC, 1134 11th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Givelify: Connectional Women's Missionary Society
of the AME Church

Robert Nicholas, Executive Director, AME-SADA
Deborah Taylor King, Connectional President, WMS-AMEC



Annual Conference Compassionate Care Project

9th District Women's Missionary Society Pillow Ministry

Sharing God's comfort, peace, and love one pillow at a time.

Comfort Pillows

Travel-Sized Pillows

Prayer Pillows

Suggested Organizations

- Women's shelters/domestic violence survivors
- Nursing home residents
 - Foster children
 - Homeless shelters
- Mission trip donations
- College students



Please see your Conference President for charity of choice.

Ms. Ebony R. Smith, Episcopal Women's Missionary Society 1st Vice President

Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal Women's Missionary Society President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Each Conference is asked to choose an organization, donate pillows, and to be creative!

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPIRIT OF LUKE

Pushing Missions Forward

Volunteers Needed!

Join Us



**Free Food
Cancer Screening
Clothes Closet**



Clio, Alabama

Oct 4, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Lue Ellen McCrary, Chair

Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

Are You a Quilt Maker?

**Share your knowledge and
talent with the 9th
Episcopal District Women's
Missionary Society.**

Text, Email or Call

Mary Wells-Porter

WMS Episcopal Second VP

205-344-3358

mwpl200@gmail.com



9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church



God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4:10

HEARTS OF COMPASSION MINISTRY

Guided by 1 Peter 4:10, we are called to serve with love, using our God-given gifts to bless others. The mission of Hearts of Compassion Ministry is to show the heart of Christ through acts of kindness, encouragement, and care. We strive to be faithful stewards of God's grace by, uplifting hearts, and bringing hope to those facing life's challenges, all for His glory.

Reporting Process for Sick, Shut-In, and Bereaved Members

To ensure our members receive timely support and encouragement, all Area Chairpersons are asked to report any sick, shut-in, or bereaved members by completing the Hearts of Compassion Ministry Member Care Form.

Please click the link below to submit your report to the Worship Director:

[CLICK HERE](#)

This process ensures **Supervisor Deana McAllister, President Sherryl Whiting**, and our **Worship Directors** are made aware when situations arise affecting our members, allowing us to provide appropriate outreach and ministry support.

Thank you for helping us serve with compassion and excellence.

Sister Rosemary Range, Worship Director
Sister Sherryl Whiting, President
Sister Deana McAllister, Supervisor
Bishop Julius McAllister Jr., Presiding Prelate

Women's Missionary Society

Training September 16, 2025 7pm via Zoom



OVERCOMING CHALLENGES THROUGH FAITH: *IGNITE*

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | 7pm



Cheryl Sutton
9th 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: 830 6582 4364
Passcode: 273380

Back-To-Basics Tutorial Program

REGISTRATION OPENS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

GO TO:

<http://9thepiscopaldistrictwms.org>

Click the following:

- Resources
- Tutoring
- Select an Application

Tutoring Begins

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

IT IS B2B TIME!



NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BACK 2 BASICS

Tutorial Program
Tuesday Only



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
TUTORS
NEEDED!

**WE NEED
YOU!**



WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Make a lasting impact in a child's life
- Support education in your community
- Earn volunteer hours (if applicable)
- Be part of a meaningful initiative

Let's get back to the basics and move forward together one student at a time.

Mary Wells Porter, Chair
(205)344-3358

Debra Scott Weatherspoon, Co-Chair
(251)214-4371

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
BACK-TO-BASICS
VIRTUAL TUTORIAL PROGRAM

Focus Areas: Reading & Math

Via ZOOM

Every Tuesday

5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Start Date: September 30, 2025

Grades 1st-5th



SCAN ME



**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

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 2025-2026



MOTTO
I CAN
YOU CAN
WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

	October	November	December	January	February	March
September		4	2		3	3
	7		9	13	10	10
	14	18	16	20	17	17
23	21			27	24	24
30 START DAY	28					31




B2B Student Recognition Celebration
Sunday, May 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

April 7, 2026 is the Last Day.

CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2025



**Bishop Julius H.
McAllister, Jr.**



**Supervisor Doana
Young McAllister**

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF

ALABAMA RIVER REGION
Annual Conference

SATURDAY AUG 16 YPD ANNUAL DAY	TUESDAY AUG 19 WMS ANNUAL DAY	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY AUG 20-22 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES
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HOST CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S A.M.E. CHURCH
807 Madison Avenue // Montgomery, Alabama 36104

HOST PASTORS The Reverend Roosevelt & The Reverend Shelia Williams	HOST PRESIDING ELDER The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Densons
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NORTHWEST ALABAMA
Annual Conference

SATURDAY SEPT 6 YPD ANNUAL DAY	TUESDAY SEPT 9 WMS ANNUAL DAY	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY SEPT 10-12 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES
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HOST CHURCH
BRYANT CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH
3125 Spaulding Street SW // Birmingham, Alabama 35221

HOST PASTOR The Reverend Damien Littlejohn	HOST PRESIDING ELDER The Reverend Gloria A. Hall
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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA
Annual Conference

SATURDAY SEPT 20 YPD ANNUAL DAY	TUESDAY SEPT 23 WMS ANNUAL DAY	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY SEPT 24-26 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES
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HOST CHURCH
ST. JOHN A.M.E. CHURCH
901 Dale Road // Eufaula, Alabama 36027

HOST PASTOR The Reverend Carlton Worthen	HOST PRESIDING ELDER The Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III
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NORTHEAST ALABAMA
Annual Conference

SATURDAY OCT 4 YPD ANNUAL DAY	TUESDAY OCT 7 WMS ANNUAL DAY	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY OCT 8-10 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES
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HOST CHURCH
SAINT LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH
1308 Auburn Street // Opelika, Alabama 36801

HOST PASTOR The Reverend AMonique Summers	HOST PRESIDING ELDER The Reverend Raymond B. Swafford
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SOUTHWEST ALABAMA
Annual Conference

SATURDAY OCT 18 YPD ANNUAL DAY	TUESDAY OCT 21 WMS ANNUAL DAY	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY OCT 22-24 BUSINESS SESSIONS & WORSHIP SERVICES
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HOST CHURCH
SAMUEL CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH
717 W Prichard Avenue // Prichard, Alabama 36104

HOST PASTOR The Reverend Vernon McLeod	HOST PRESIDING ELDER The Reverend Charles Lewis
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Ninth Episcopal District
PLANNING MEETING

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
NOV 20-22

VENUE
RENAISSANCE HOTEL
Montgomery, Alabama

WMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	The Pre-Registration/Registration and Breakfast
9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	The Moments of Devotion
10:00 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	The Call to Order/Acceptance of Agenda/Establishment of Protocol
10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	The Tanner Turner Memorial Service
10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.	The Welcome - Host WMS President - Host YPD Director - Host Pastor - Host Presiding Elder
	The Greetings - Conference WMS President - Conference YPD Director
10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	The Business Session - Roll Call (Episcopal. Super & President, Connectional, Episcopal & Conference Officers and Life Members) - Transfers - New Members - Acceptance of Minutes (send out prior to Annual Conference) - Financial Report (include in booklet) - Life Membership Waiting List - President's Report (written report in booklet) - YPD Director's Report (written report in booklet) - Registration Committee Report - WMS, New Members, Transfers, Observers, Clergy - Credential Committee Report - WMS, New Members, Transfers - Nominating Committee Report - Election of Officers (Episcopal President) - Installation of Officers (Supervisor)
11:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Compassionate Care Project (Pillow Ministry)
12:00 P.M. - 12:05 P.M.	Announcements and Recognition of Visitors
12:05 P.M. - 12:15 P.M.	The District Speaks
12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Transition to Luncheon
12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Recognition Luncheon
4:30 P.M.	Conference Roll Call (Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.)
7:00 P.M.	The Worship Experience (Night in White) - Pinning of New Members



YPD ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration & Welcome Packet Distribution and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - Praise & Worship

- Prayer
- Worship through Dance/Song
- Meditation
 - YPDers

9:30 AM – Monique Gonzalez Memorial Service

9:45 AM - Greetings

- Host WMS President
- Host YPD Director
- Host YPD President
- Host Pastor
- Conference Director
- Conference YPD President

10:00 AM – Breakout Sessions (2.5hrs)

- Mother Sunbeams (2-6) -
- Allen Stars (7-12) –

10:10 AM - Business Session: Call to Order, Adoption of the Agenda, and Establishment of Protocol

- Roll Call (Connectional YPD Officers, Episcopal YPD President, Episcopal YPD Officers (*residing within the conference*), Area YPD Presidents, Conference YPD Officers)
- Reading of the Minutes – YPD Secretary
- Financial Report – YPD Treasurer
- Seating of Delegation (Ages: 13 – 25)
- Reading of Reports
 - Statistical Report
 - Registration Report
 - Credential Report
 - Nomination Report
- Election of Officers

Compassionate Care Project

YPD ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CONTINUED

11:10 AM - Break/Transition (10 minutes)

11:20 AM – Breakout Session

- **Youth Auxiliary** - *Conflict Resolution*
- **Young Adult** - *Financial Stewardship*
- **Observers** (WMS, Lay, Yams, RAYAC & Ministers)
 - Building a Bridge to the Young People's & Children's Division
 - YPD Outreach Projects with each division of the church

11:50 AM - Break/Transition (10 minutes)

12:00 Noon – Breakout Session

- **Youth Auxiliary** - *The Effects of social media, Cell phones, and gaming on the brain*
- **Young Adult** - *Coping Strategies: Protect Your Mental Health*
- **Observers** (WMS, Lay, Yams, RAYAC & Ministers)
 - Leadership Workshop: "Empowering Young Leaders"
 - Fundraisers (appointing a lead person)

12:30 PM - Snack Break / All YPDers Reconvene to General Body

12:40 PM – YPDers/Observer synopsis of Breakout Session

1:00 PM – Worship Service (Keynote Speaker)

- Opening Song/Hymn
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Introduction of the Speaker
- Song/Hymn
- Speaker/Messenger
- Call to Discipleship
- Offering (\$10)
- Closing Remarks & Missionary Benediction

2:00 PM – Lunch

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