



# MISSIONS FORWARD

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



## Summer Greetings to the Missionaries of the Ninth Episcopal District

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

As we enter this wonderful season of summer, my heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect upon the excellent Missionary Institutes that have been held across our District. What a tremendous blessing it has been to witness missionaries gathering together for learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

I extend sincere thanks and appreciation to each of our Conference Presidents, their leadership teams, and all of our workshop presenters for their tireless efforts in planning and executing meaningful and impactful institutes. Your dedication to excellence and your commitment to the work of missions have strengthened our District and inspired us all to continue serving God's people with passion and purpose.

I would also like to thank each of you who have been praying and supporting our Capital Campaign initiative. As we continue raising funds to supplement and support our delegation attending the upcoming Quadrennial Convention in Dallas, Texas, next summer, I encourage every missionary to make a financial pledge to the Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society. There is still time to participate in this important effort.

Each Conference President has pledge cards available. Once completed, please return your pledge card so that we may accurately account for all commitments and monies received. Together, we can ensure that our District is well represented and prepared for this significant Connectional gathering.

As summer begins, the Ninth District remains busy! Bishop McAllister and I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Christian Education Congress (CEC) on the beautiful campus of Alabama A&M University, June 29 through July 2. If you have not yet registered, there is still time to do so. We anticipate a rich and rewarding experience as we gather to learn, grow, and strengthen our faith together.

Additionally, don't forget that we will culminate our District-wide reading of *Sassy Discovers the AME Church* by B. A. Johnson during CEC. Sister Johnson, a member of St. John AME Church in Huntsville, Alabama, will join us to engage both our YPD and WMS participants. If you have not already secured your copy, I encourage you to do so, read the book, and come prepared for an exciting discussion.

Thank you for all that you do each day to move missions forward throughout the Ninth Episcopal District and beyond. Your service, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment continue to make a difference in the lives of God's people.

May God bless you and your families with a safe, restful, and productive summer season.

**Love first and lead second!**

Yours in Mission,

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





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

It is with great joy and gratitude that I extend warm greetings to each of you. As your President, I am continually inspired by your unwavering commitment to the work of missions, your steadfast faith, and your dedication to serving God's people. Your prayers, sacrifices, and acts of compassion are making a meaningful difference in our churches, communities, and beyond.

As we journey together in ministry, let us remain encouraged by the promise found in God's Word that our labor is never in vain. Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, and every service rendered in love contributes to the advancement of God's Kingdom. Though challenges may arise, we can move forward with confidence, knowing that God is strengthening and guiding us every step of the way.

I celebrate the spirit of unity that continues to characterize our missionary society. When women of faith come together with a shared purpose, extraordinary things happen. Our collective strength, wisdom, and commitment enable us to meet needs, uplift others, and serve as instruments of hope in a world that desperately needs the love of Christ.

Let us also embrace this season as an opportunity for growth and renewal. May we continue to deepen our relationship with God, sharpen our vision for ministry, and seek fresh ways to impact the lives of those we serve. The future is bright when we place our trust in the Lord and remain faithful to the calling He has given us.

I encourage each of you to keep your hearts open to God's direction and your hands ready for service. Remember that your presence, your gifts, and your willingness to serve matter greatly. You are valued, appreciated, and uniquely equipped to fulfill the mission that God has entrusted to us as women of faith.

Thank you for your continued dedication, faithfulness, and love. Together, let us move forward with courage, hope, and expectation, believing that God will do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask or think. May His blessings rest upon each of you, your families, your local societies, and the entire 9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society as we continue to serve for His glory.

**With love and appreciation,**

*Sherryl Whiting*

**Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President**

**"God First, Missions Forward, Love Unconditionally"**

**Always Moving forward with Excellence!**

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



Registration is open via the [ninthdistrictamec.org](http://ninthdistrictamec.org) website  
**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# June

2026

## Alzheimers Awareness Month

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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31						

July						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4 Commission on Administration Meeting 7p cst	5	6
7 YPD "Let's Talk Finance"	8	9 PME Dialogue	10	11 Conference President's Meeting 7:30p cst	12	13
14	15 WMS Finance Meeting 7p cst	16 Your Health Is Wealth "Alzheimers"	17 DYM LI Cohort Meeting Virtual 7:30pm	18 Conference YPD Director's Meeting/ Ex Board 6p/7p cst	19	20
21 Emanuel Nine Remembrance	22	23	24	25	26	27
	AMEC General Board and Bishops' Council Meeting Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, Florida		AMEC Church Department of Christian Education 30th Quadrennial Christian Education & Youth Congress			
28	29	30	9th Christian Education Congress			





The banner features a blue background with a gold WMS logo in the top left corner. The text "WMS STORE" is in large black letters with a white starburst to the right. Below it, "Yes!" is written in a white cursive font. The words "WE ARE" are in large pink letters, and "OPEN" is in large white letters. To the right of "OPEN" is the word "Today" in a white cursive font. A pink starburst is on the left side. At the bottom, it says "CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR ITEMS" in white, followed by "Ninth District WMS Store" in white. A gold WMS logo is in the bottom right corner.

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.

*The WMS Sweater can be ordered!*



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*



# 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

CASHAPP#-\$9WMSAME  
Make all checks and money  
orders payable to : Ninth  
Episcopal District WMS

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



**We need 100 Missionaries to PLEDGE**

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

### Northeast

Clara Jackson - \$100

Hattie Nathan - \$100

Linda Williams - \$100

### Northwest

Susie Bonner - \$100

### Southwest

Cheryl Robinson Sutton - \$100

Mary James - \$50

### Southeast

Sherryl Whiting - \$100

Michelle Sherrod - \$100

Tonita Williams - \$50

Claudia Anderson - \$50

Rosalind Little - \$100

Vera McCarter - \$50

Helen Grant - \$100

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

# Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society



## YOUR HEALTH IS WEALTH

# Alzheimer's Awareness

16 June

7 p.m.

We remember their love,  
when they can no longer  
remember.

Zoom ID: 86384385619  
Passcode: HEALTH

Mrs. Ebony 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





# WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE  
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT



GOD FIRST • MISSIONS FORWARD  
LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

# 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

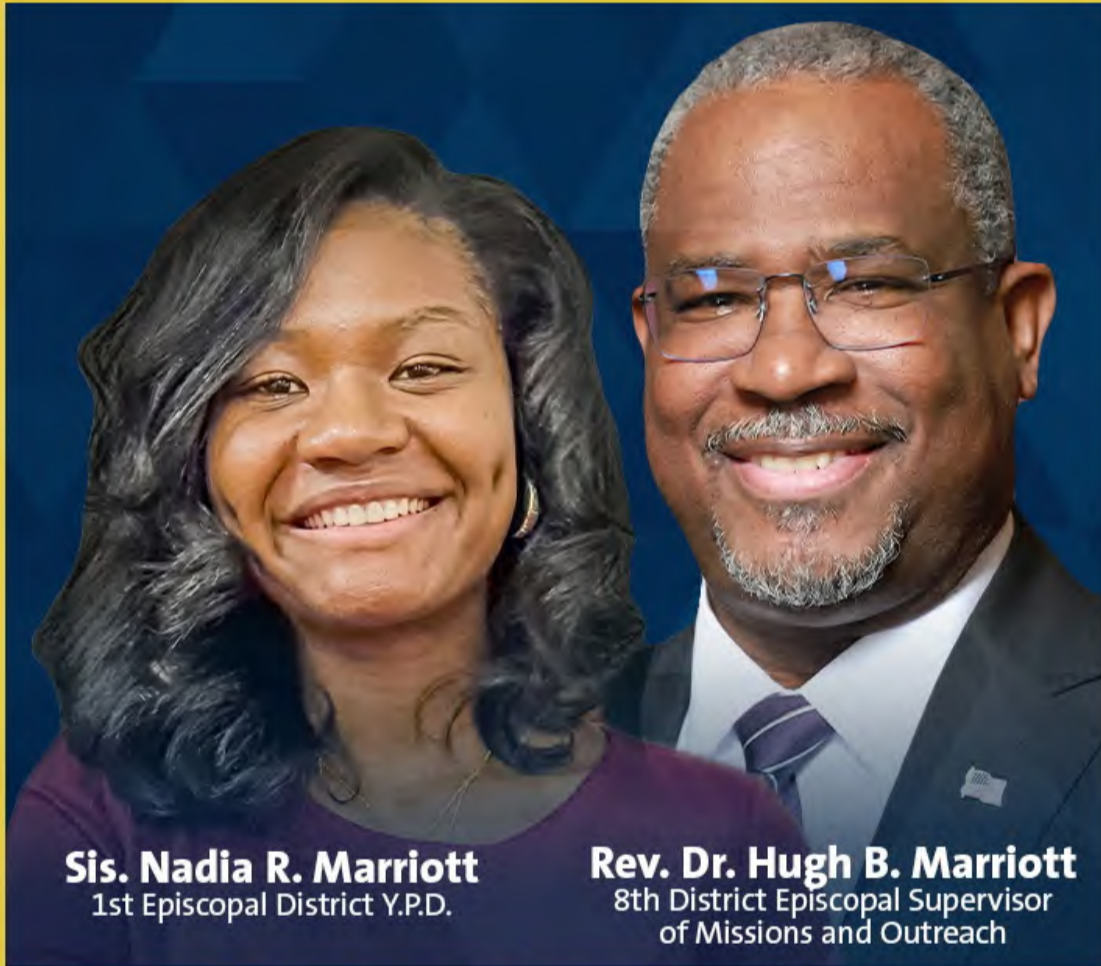


*“Let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth.” – 1 John 3:18*



# Community & Connection **BELONGING**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 7pm**



**Sis. Nadia R. Marriott**  
1st Episcopal District Y.P.D.

**Rev. Dr. Hugh B. Marriott**  
8th District Episcopal Supervisor  
of Missions and Outreach

## **PLEASE JOIN!**

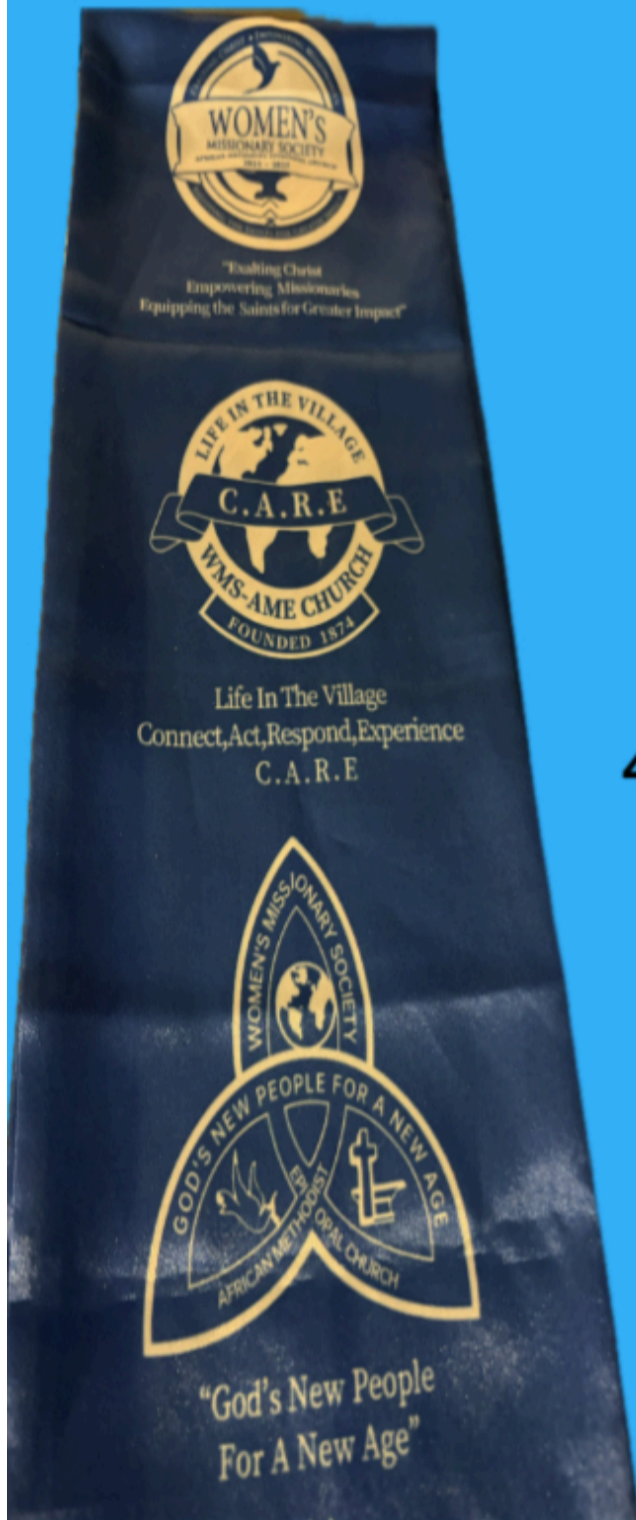
**Ms. Sherryl S. Whiting, Episcopal WMS President**  
**Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal WMS Supervisor**  
**Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0011 2669**  
**Passcode: PME**

# QUADRENNIAL THEME CONTEST



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



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.*

Name:

Episcopal District:

Supervisor:

Bishop:

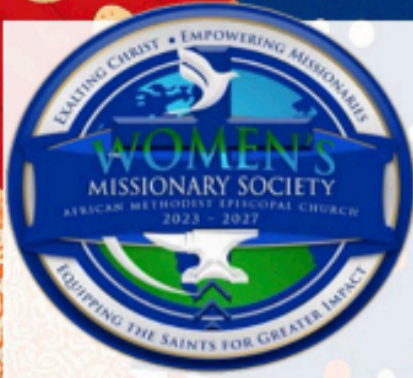
Local Church/Pastor:

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](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!**

*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**

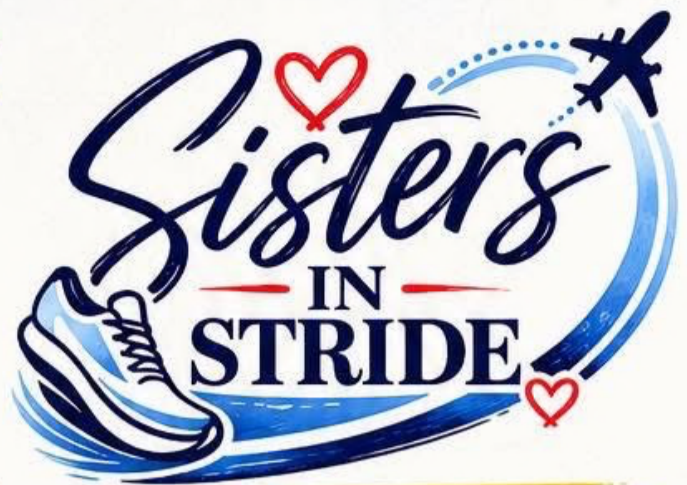
An afternoon of tea,  
treats, and  
togetherness



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.



TOGETHER, we will reach **1 Billion** collective 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!**

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?

64  
5

FAITH | FITNESS | FELLOWSHIP

- ✓ 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>

**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.**

- 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.



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**

**LTI ATTIRE**

LTI: JULY 17 - 19

PRE-LTI: JULY 15 - 17



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