

**Connectional Women’s Missionary Society  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 2025**

January 22 – 25, 2025

Hyatt Regency Hotel Garden Grove, Orange County, California

***THEME: “Resilient”***

**BIBLICAL FOUNDATION:**

*“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;  
persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians Ephesians 4:8-9*

**PLENARY SESSION I – OPENING BUSINESS SESSION**

**Thursday, January 22, 2025**

The session opened at 7:37 AM with Morning Manna by Dr. Djuana Duncombe-Paden, Connectional Worship Director.

Selection: “Tis so sweet to Trust in Jesus” #440

Prayer of Invocation: Sister Phyllis Wonson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District Worship Director

Prayer Response: “I Trust in God” #453

Scripture: Psalms 20: 6-9 (NIV) - Sister Rosemary Range, 9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Worship Director

Word of the Day: Dr. Djuana Duncombe Paden, Connectional WMS Worship

The Opening Plenary Session of the 2025 Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by President Dr. Deborah Taylor King. Our Opening Song of Empowerment “Plea from Africa” and “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*” was played via video (WMS Style). President King called for the Tanner-Turner Commission Chair, Mrs. Anita Brannon, to present the Service of Remembrance.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Tanner-Turner Memorial Service Chair, Anita Brannon, introduced the Service of Remembrance, which began with a Necrology video recording that remembered those who transitioned from the districts since the 2024 Executive Board Meeting. Following the video, Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. spoke in remembrance of Bishops, and Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell remembered Supervisors and Life Members.

**ROLL CALL**

Prior to the opening of the Plenary Session, the Secretarial Team—Recording Secretary Therese’ Ann Baker, Assistant Recording Secretary Yvette Smart-Paul, and Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton—conducted the roll call as Board Members took their assigned seats. Secretary Baker called the names of Executive Board Members (EBMs) only. Of the 103 EBMs, 72 were present (69.9%), thereby constituting a quorum. A copy of the roll is included as Attachment A (Beginning on Page 12) and was presented as the first order of business.

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Chair recognized First Vice President Charolett Biggs Martin to present the agenda. Vice President Martin informed the Executive Board that, due to the Los Angeles wildfires, the Program Committee recommended the following modifications to the printed program distributed for this Executive Board Meeting (EBM):

1. The Host District activity was changed to a prayer vigil for families impacted by the wildfires.
2. The “Missionary on the Move” activities were shifted.

President King invited any further additions to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted as amended.

## MINUTES

President King recognized Minutes Approval Committee Chairperson Sherry Peyton to report on the status of the minutes. Chairperson Peyton informed the assembly that the 2024 Executive Board Minutes had been reviewed and approved by the Minutes Approval Committee and were posted on the Connectional WMS-AMEC website.

President King then appointed the following individuals to serve on the Minutes Approval Committee:

1. Sherry Peyton, Chair (8th District)
2. Dr. Calvin Clay (11th District)
3. Yvette Smart-Paul (16th District)

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND GREETINGS

President King recognized Commission Chair Bishop Silvester S. Beaman, who extended greetings to the 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Bishop Beaman then introduced the 5th District Host Episcopal Team—Bishop Francine Brookins and Supervisor Reverend Dr. Miriam Burnett—to offer words of welcome on behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. Bishop Brookins and Supervisor Burnett noted that, due to the ongoing wildfires, their attendance would be intermittent; however, the 5th District would be fully represented, including the Episcopal President, First Vice President, and four (4) Retired Supervisors.

Additional greetings were offered by Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Senior Bishop, and Dr. John F. Green, Executive Director of Global Witness and Ministry.

## AFFILIATES' GREETINGS AND RECOGNITION

Ms. Sharon Smith Banks, Chair of Affiliates and Ecumenical Relations, recognized and introduced **Angelique Walker-Smith of Bread for the World**. Ms. Walker-Smith expressed gratitude to the WMS for its continued support of Bread for the World's mission. Inspired by a recent meeting with Dr. Bernice King, she encouraged the assembly to “stay on mission” and invited everyone to join in celebrating 50 years of advocacy through the launch of the Nourish Our Future campaign.

The campaign, which focuses on supporting women and children, expanding the Child Tax Credit, advancing global nutrition, and aiding students impacted by hunger and poverty, will launch virtually on February 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. EST via [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org). Ms. Walker-Smith closed with a heartfelt appeal for the WMS to continue demonstrating the resilience God has instilled in us.

## SELECTED OFFICERS' REPORTS

**All reports were given via video presentation.**

## VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

**First Vice President Charolett Biggs** Martin presented her Annual Social Action Calendar, which features approximately 25–30 nationally acclaimed topics organized by month to spotlight critical issues such as Health, Alzheimer's, Domestic Violence, Cancer, AIDS, Social Justice, Family Life, and Hunger Eradication.

She also highlighted ongoing initiatives including Monthly Awareness Flyers, Self-Care E-Blasts, “Staying Connected,” and “MOM” (Missionary on the Move). Collaborative efforts with Affiliate Groups and Ecumenical Partners were emphasized, including Bread for the World, Black Women's Agenda (BWA), National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), MITE (Disaster Relief), MDA (Mothers Demand Action), Health & Wellness, Child/Youth Advocacy, and Political Action.

**Second Vice President Lenette Williams King** reported on the activities and accomplishments under the Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation. She noted that timelines have been established, and goals identified for the remainder of the quadrennium.

- 2025 - Plans to hold a virtual institute (similar to the NGO and PME formats).
- Spring 2026 - Plans to hold an in-person institute.
- 2027 - Quadrennium plans to hold an Authors Pavilion, Art and Craft displays, demonstrations, and performing arts opportunities for missionary education, and dinner theater.

**Third Vice President Sanjena Clay** presented the Women’s Missionary Society’s strategic plan and accomplishments in membership and recruitment. Under the 2023–2027 Quadrennial theme, “**Get in the Game,**” the Commission focuses on four pillars—**Building, Birthing, Bridging, and Branding**—to attract new members, reactivate inactive ones, and retain current members. These efforts include innovative engagement across all districts, with special attention to Young Adult Members (YAMs), and the use of digital platforms to expand reach and impact.

Highlighted initiatives include:

- **More Than the White Dress** – Promoting intergenerational mentorship, self-care, and lifelong learning programs.
- **Member Me Please** – Reimagining recruitment, reclamation, and retention strategies through membership rallies and professional/self-improvement workshops.
- **Securing Our Sisterhood** – Facilitating thoughtful dialogue on sustaining missionary societies, with consideration for the financial and assembly needs of both current and future members.

## MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT

**Ms. Janita Ferguson, Member-at-Large**, presented a report highlighting recent activities and upcoming initiatives aligned with the theme **SLAY** (*Sisters, Leading and Yearning to Impact Others*).

Key accomplishments included:

- **Women’s History Month Events** focused on mental health, featuring valuable insights from Dr. Rikeshia Fry Brown.
- **Voter Education and Turnout Drives** in preparation for the 2024 Presidential Election.
- **Fresh Fire Weekend**, a community outreach and spiritual gathering that successfully recruited over 360 new Young Adult Members (YAMs).

Looking ahead, Ms. Ferguson announced two major initiatives:

- **Project She Leads** – A training program designed to empower young women with leadership skills and confidence.
- **The Hive** – A community platform for storytelling and shared experiences, aimed at uplifting women and fostering connection and leadership development.

## YOUNG PEOPLE’S AND CHILDREN’S DIVISION (YPD) REPORT

**Mrs. Richelle Fry Skinner, Connectional YPD Director**, accompanied by **YPD President Joyce Johnson**, reported on the ongoing transformation and accomplishments of the Young People’s and Children’s Division (YPD). Now in its second year of transformation, the YPD is focused on cultivating hearts and minds to be more Christlike.

Key accomplishments include:

- Mission Outreach – YPD CARES: Hundreds of YPD volunteers donated time, food, funds, and supplies to support children, students, and the unhoused.
- 2024 “Breaking Free” Self-Denial Campaign: Engaged 133 participants, resulting in 20 winners and \$12,000 awarded in Self-Denial funds.
- Connectional YPD Officers Retreat held to plan the 2024-25 ministry year.
- Episcopal Directors Retreat titled “*Can a Sister Get a Little Help,*” was planned and aimed at equipping directors to lead youth closer to Christ and increase leadership capacity.

Upcoming initiatives include:

- Release of an enhanced YPD Handbook in March 2025.
- Distribution of 2025 “*Rise Up!*” Self-Denial Campaign kits.
- Development of a Directory of Episcopal District and Conference YPD Directors and Officers to improve communication with local churches.
- Planning for LTI 2025 (Leadership Training Institute), scheduled for July 11–13, 2025, in the 6th Episcopal District.

## PROMOTION AND MISSIONARY EDUCATION REPORT

**Mrs. Alisha Marriott, Connectional PME Director**, presented the Promotion and Mission Education Report, highlighting significant achievements and ongoing initiatives to advance mission education across the Connection.

Key accomplishments included:

- A 95% participation rate from 20 Episcopal Districts in the Annual Mission Education and Interpretation Dialogue.
- Development of a three-year mission study curriculum centered on diverse geographical themes:
  - 2025: Champions for Our Youth: Meet Them Where They Are! – Geographical Focus: Jamaica
  - 2026: A Global Urgency! The Universal Dimensions of Health and Wellness – Geographical Focus: Uganda
  - 2027: Fulfilling the Great Commission in an Unpredictable World – Geographical Focus: Somalia
- Strategic efforts to promote PME as a collaborative tool, including the distribution of 12,000 new study guides and expanded use of the PME Yearbook to educate, equip, and enrich both members and non-members.
- Highlights from the 2025 Yearbook Publication, incorporating digital submissions and a abundance of youth contributions such as the cover design by Faith Williams (16th District), a multilingual prayer by Imari Linnen (7th District), and a variety of historical and geographical overviews and tributes—all emphasizing a comprehensive and inclusive approach to mission education.

## HISTORY BOOK UPDATE

**Dr. Monica Dillihunt, Connectional Historiographer/Statistician**, provided a synopsis of the ongoing efforts to develop the new history book, *A Look Back Through the Years: HerStory 2004–2023*. Historical data from each Episcopal District has been successfully gathered, documenting the legacy and significant contributions of the Women’s Missionary Society (WMS). The manuscript, currently totaling 1,400 pages, is undergoing editing in preparation for print.

In addition, the WMS has compiled a photographic history featuring memorable moments from various Episcopal Districts. This tabletop booklet was made available for purchase at the 2024 General Conference and is currently sold through the WMS Branding Boutique.

Membership data has been collected from all but one district, offering a comprehensive snapshot of WMS membership:

- 63,512 Missionaries
- 1,336 Life Members
- 5,534 Young Adult Members (YAMs)
- 1,825 Associate Members
- 9,954 Foundation Members

Looking ahead, the inaugural WMS Honors: A Legends Ball is being planned for the 2026 Executive Board Meeting. This celebratory event will recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions across diverse fields.

Special honors will include:

- The Generation Next Award (ages 26–40)
- The Foundation Builders Award (ages 65 and over)

## SPECIAL GREETINGS AND RECOGNITIONS

President Deborah Taylor King introduced Presiding Elder Williams of the 5th Episcopal District, who welcomed The Honorable Stephanie Klopfenstein, Mayor of Garden Grove. Mayor Klopfenstein extended greetings and words of welcome to the Executive Board and presented certificates of recognition to Bishop Francine Brookins, Bishop Silvester Beaman, and President Deborah Taylor King.

Additionally, Jacqueline Cochran presented certificates to Bishop Silvester Beaman and President Deborah Taylor King on behalf of Governor Carol Bass, honoring their leadership and contributions.

## MISSIONARY MAGAZINE UPDATE- upload audio

**Jacqueline Mitchell Robinson, Editor, and Elizabeth Beauty Mhlongo, Associate Editor**, presented upcoming plans for the *Missionary Magazine*, outlining strategic efforts to enhance its reach, efficiency, and impact across the Connection.

Key initiatives include:

- Publishing issues of 32 to 36 pages featuring articles from across the AME WMS Connection.
- Expanding subscriptions and improving distribution to Episcopal Districts outside the United States through enhanced mailing systems and alternative delivery methods.
- Conducting a manual cleanup of the subscriber database to ensure accuracy and efficiency.
- Exploring options to transition to an automated system launch for streamlined operations.
- Launching an **Online Newsletter** in 2025 to provide timely updates and distribute time-sensitive news more effectively.

## WMS-AMEC NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) REPORT

**Shawn Ross, Main Representative of the NGO Committee**, along with Alternate Representatives Tanisha Thomas and Brittini A. Peters, highlighted key activities and accomplishments of the WMS-AMEC NGO.

A major milestone was the **35th Annual Virtual NGO Conference**, held on October 19, 2024, under the theme “*Changing the Global Forecast*” (2 Chronicles 7:14). The event featured a worship service and a lineup of distinguished speakers addressing critical environmental and social issues, drawing over 330 registered attendees. Speakers included:

- Ms. Cassandra Carmichael, Executive Director, National Religious Partnership for the Environment
- Mrs. Rhonda Mitchell, 4th Episcopal District Missionary and Trustee Board Member of the WMS Foundation
- Mr. Robert Nicholas, Executive Director, AME-SADA
- Dr. Robin Porter Smith, Environmental Justice Coordinator, AMEC
- Mrs. Lisa Johnson-Whigham, Chair, Connectional WMS Political Action Committee

In 2024, the NGO Committee also engaged in impactful international service projects, including:

- A mission trip to South Africa to deliver reusable pads donated by Ms. Janice Brown, 10th Episcopal District Liaison
- The *Period Poverty* project, led by Ms. Brenda Chimes, which raised \$56,000 and facilitated the shipment of over 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the Congolese

## TREASURY REPORT

**Treasurer Ms. Chandelle R. Ivy** presented the financial report and proposed 2025 budget via a video presentation. The 2025 budget for the Women’s Missionary Society was submitted to the Executive Board for acceptance. The full financial statement, detailed report, and budget highlights are included in the 2025 EBM Virtual Booklet. On behalf of the Commission on Administration, President Deborah Taylor King moved for the adoption of the proposed budget. The motion was carried, and the 2025 budget was officially adopted by the Commission on Administration.

*Complete reports of all the Elected and Appointed Officers are included in the 2025 EBM Agenda and Virtual Booklet.*

## STRETCH AND HYDRATE BREAK

10:20AM-10:40AM

## PANEL DISCUSSION

Title: “**Navigating the 3M’s – Menopause, Mental Health & Maternal Mortality: A Critical Dialogue for African Diasporic Women**”

Moderator: **Dr. Linda Frazier, MP, MPH – WMS Health and Wellness Chair**

Panelists:

- Dr. Concepta Namukolo Kwaleyela, PhD (participation limited due to technical difficulties)
- Supervisor Joanne E. Williams-Cooper, MD
- Supervisor Melinda Contreras-Byrd, M.Div., PsyD

Background information for each panelist is available in the EBM 2025 Agenda and Virtual Booklet.

This dynamic and timely panel offered valuable insights into the intersecting health concerns affecting African diasporic women. Key topics addressed included:

- Conception and childbirth

- The health and well-being of both mother and child
- The importance of recognizing that maternal health continues beyond childbirth
- Educating children on boundaries through “Good Touch/Bad Touch” awareness
- Mental health challenges and resources
- The dual pandemics: COVID-19 and racial injustice
- Trauma and its long-term effects
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Navigating menopause and its impact on women’s health

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

President King presented Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton. Secretary Peyton made announcements including:

- Reminder to participate in the evaluation process which can be found on the WMS website.
- Vendor Area and WMS Branding Boutique
- Presidential Luncheon – “Resilience & Style – A Vignette in Gospel & Jazz

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM by Madam President.

Re-adjournment was set for 2:00PM

## **PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martin recognizes YPD Director Richelle Fry Skinner to present the following award:

- The *Resilient Transformation Award* was presented to Gail Buck, PhD, Manager of Transportation Planning, LA Metro, for their exceptional contributions and dedication to gender equality. The YPD will be in partnership with LA Metro to implement a Girls in Transportation Council across the Connectional Church.

Luncheon Theme: Resilience & Style – A Vignette in Gospel & Jazz

The luncheon was chaired by 1st Vice President Charolett Biggs Martin, with Co-Chairs Ms. Sheila Holloway (Fifth District) and the Episcopal District 1st Vice Presidents. Celebration Leaders included Dr. Phyllis Jackson, Fifth District 1st Vice President, and Ms. Elizabeth Mhlongo, WMS Associate Editor.

The program opened with a lively Ragtime Jazz selection, followed by a Prayer and Luncheon Blessing offered by Mrs. Darlene Price (Sixth District 1st Vice President) and Mrs. Kori Beaman Cheatman (Twelfth District YAM).

A powerful oration on The Era of Gospel and Jazz was delivered by Mrs. Charolett Biggs Martin (Connectional 1st Vice President) and Mrs. Tina Hines (First District 1st Vice President).

Musical entertainment titled “Relax, Reminisce & Rejoice” was provided by Fred Dowd & Signs of the Time, culminating in a spirited segment of Dancing to the Rhythm led by Mr. & Mrs. Shaka & Lakeisha Hurd.

## **PLENARY SESSION II – BUSINESS SESSION**

**Mrs. Charolett Biggs Martin, Connectional 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Presiding**

The session convened at 2:10PM.

### **EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS STEWARDSHIP REPORTS – “RESILIENCE.”**

The first reports were given by Districts 1- 7. Each District had video presentations highlighting their mission work based on two (2) or more of the Sustainable Development Goals. The time stipulation for each report was not to exceed seven (7) minutes, including protocol. The District Accountability and Statistical Reports, which provide the total number of conferences, members, new members, YAMs, life members, associate members, and foundation members, are in the EBM 2025 Virtual Booklet.

## **STRETCH AND HYDRATE BREAK**

3:22PM-3:37PM

## **BISHOP SARAH FRANCES DAVIS FOUNDATION PRESENTATION**

**DR. RAYE ADKINS, SARAH FRANCES DAVIS FOUNDATION SECRETARY**

**MR. ROBERT NICHOLAS**

Dr Raye Adkins encouraged support of a \$2,000,000 Endowment for outreach in Haiti. The Sarah Frances Davis Foundation presented checks for SADA (\$6,000) and the Women's Missionary Foundation (\$5,000). Mr. Robert Nicholas expressed appreciation and shared insights into past mission work that the WMS supported in Haiti.

## **EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS STEWARDSHIP REPORTS (*continued*)**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martin called for the continuation of District Reports for Districts 8-13 with the same time stipulations and presentation protocol previously given.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martin recognizes YPD Director Richelle Fry Skinner to introduce our next guest.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1<sup>st</sup> President Martin presented Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton. Secretary Peyton made announcements including:

- Reminder to participate in the evaluation process which can be found on the WMS website.
- 5<sup>th</sup> District Prayer Service (LA Wildfires)
- Supporting the Vendors
- The Life Members & YAM's Event "LE DINER EN BLEU"- Dinner in Blue

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martin.

Re-adjournment is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

## **PLENARY SESSION III - Friday, January 24, 2025**

Mrs. Lenette Williams-King, Connectional 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Presiding

The session opened at 7:37 AM with Morning Manna by Dr. Djuana Duncombe-Paden, Connectional Worship Director.

Selection: "My Hope is Built" #364

Prayer of Invocation: Sister Rosie Ford, 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Worship Director

Prayer Response: "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" #403

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 28-31 (NIV) - Sister Valerie Lee, 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Worship Director

Word of the Day: Sister Marlyce Roberson-McCants, Former Connectional WMS Worship Director

Selection: "We're Blessed" Directed by: Dr. Barbara Bouie, Former Connectional WMS Worship Director

Plenary Session III was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mrs. Lenette Williams-King.

## **EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS STEWARDSHIP REPORTS (*continued*)**

District Reports continued within the time stipulations and presentation protocol previously given. District 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 presented reports. No 14<sup>th</sup> District report was presented.

### **MERCY SHIPS PRESENTATION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lenette Williams-King recognizes Fistula Committee Chair, Mrs. Janice Brown who presented Mrs. Raeanne Newquist, Global Crew Navigator Manager for the Mercy Ship Presentation. A \$40,000 check was presented to Mercy Ship by President Debra Taylor King.

### **MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE INITIATIVES (MOM) REPORT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lenette Williams-King recognizes Missionaries on the Move (MOM) Initiative Chair, Adrienne Quickley, to present her report. Ms. Adrienne Quickley, accompanied by a superhero crew of Episcopal District Presidents, thanked God for the great blessings, contributions, and donations that were still being received. All monies received will support the 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District's LA Wildfires relief efforts. A listing of individual Episcopal District donations can be seen in Attachment B (*Page 15*).

### **STRETCH AND HYDRATE BREAK**

10:00AM – 10:15AM

Ms. Sanjena Clay, Connectional 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Presiding

### **PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO READ: “*THE IMPACT OF BANNED BOOKS ON OUR COMMUNITIES*”**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanjena Clay recognized Mrs. Lisa Johnson Whigham, Political Action Chair, who presented the Moderator, Ms. KaDijah Brown, for a panel discussion on restricting access to books and the far-reaching consequences of censorship on education, freedom, and individual rights. Other panelists were:

- Ms. Carolyn Norman, President, California Librarians Black Caucus
- Dr. Shirley Weber, California Secretary of State
- Dr. Jackie Dupont Walker, Director AME Commission on Social Action

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Clay presented Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton. Secretary Peyton made announcements including:

- Reminder to participate in the evaluation process which can be found on the WMS website.
- Supporting the Vendors
- The Life Members & YAM's Event “LE DINER EN BLEU”- Dinner in Blue

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM for Lunch by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Clay.

Re-adjournment is set for 2:00PM.

### **ecoAmerica PRESENTATION**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanjena Clay recognized Ms. Jackie Dupont Walker, Director AME Commission on Social Action, who introduced ecoAmerica's Executive Director, Meighen Speiser, to share updates on Climate Change and Climate Justice resources and initiatives in partnership with the AME Church.

### **PLENARY SESSION IV - Friday, January 24, 2025**

Ms. Sanjena Clay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Presiding.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanjena Clay called the Business Plenary Session IV to order at 2:14 p.m.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. The Oldest Missionary – **Supervisor Flossie Walker Green (92 years old) (5<sup>th</sup>)**
- B. The Youngest Missionary – **Mya Maske (28 years old) (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- C. The Most YAMs (District) – 6<sup>th</sup> (10)
- D. The Most Foundation Members – 2<sup>nd</sup> (1,950 Members/\$9,780) \* 19<sup>th</sup> (3,000 Members/\$3,000.00)
- E. The Most Membership Cards – 2<sup>nd</sup> (987 Membership Cards)
- F. The Highest EBM Registrants (1-13) - 6<sup>th</sup> (87 Registrants) \* Host District 5<sup>th</sup> (151 Registrants)
- G. The Highest EBM Registrants (14-20) - 16<sup>th</sup> (5 Registrants) \* 17<sup>th</sup> (5 Registrants)

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE MEMBERS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanjena Clay acknowledged and thanked members of the President’s Circle for their contributions and encouraged others to join in enhancing scholarships given to all 20 Districts.

### **THE PRESIDENT’S VIDEO REPORT**

Dr. Deborah Taylor King, International President

President Dr. Deborah Taylor King’s Video Report was accepted with high commendation by the 5<sup>th</sup> President Mother Delores Kenndey and the 9<sup>th</sup> Connectional President Dr. Shirly Cason Reed.

### **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 2026 WELCOME VIDEO**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Clay recognizes the Second Episcopal District who presented the invitation and welcome video to come to Baltimore, Maryland 1/28/2026-1/31/2025.

### **WMS DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 2026 - WMS Executive Board Meeting (2nd) Baltimore, Maryland
- 2027 - WMS 21<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Convention (10<sup>th</sup>) Dallas, Texas

### **DIRECTIVES FOR GENERAL AND LEADERS’ TRAINING SESSIONS**

**Resilient Leadership Matters** – “Leaders Empowering Leaders”

- Presidents (All Levels)
- First Vice Presidents/Appointed Connectional Chairs
- First Vice Presidents/Appointed Connectional Chairs
- First Vice Presidents/Appointed Connectional Chairs
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- YPD Directors
- Editor
- PME Director
- Historiographers
- Worship Directors
- Parliamentarians
- General Population (Non-Officers)

Panelists: 5<sup>th</sup> WMS President Delores Kennedy Williams

8<sup>th</sup> WMS President Shirley Hopkins Davis

9<sup>th</sup> WMS President Shirley Cason Reed

Moderator: Dominique Mortimer, Esq.

Topic: “Are you a Resilient Missionary?”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Clay presented Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton. Corresponding Secretary Peyton gave directives for the Resilient Leadership Matters – “Leaders Empowering Leaders” training sessions. Announcements were also made for the following:

- Reminder to participate in the evaluation process, which can be found on the WMS website.
- Supporting the Vendors
- The Life Members & YAMs Event – “LE DINE EN BLEU” 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
  - Ms. Sanjena V. Clay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Chair
  - Ms. Janita Ferguson, Member-At-Large, Co-Chair
  - Ms. Juanita Willis, Esq., Life Member Committee Chair, Co-Chair
  - Tickets - \$125.00 \* Attire: After Five
- The Supervisor’s Prayer Breakfast – (Attire: White) 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m.)
  - Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell, President
  - Supervisor Winnie Zanders, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- YAM Retreat
- YPD Directors Retreat

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Clay for Resilient Leadership Matters training.

**Therese’ Ann Baker, WMS Connectional Recording Secretary**

**Yvette Smart-Paul, WMS Connectional Assistant Recording Secretary**

ATTACHMENT A  
**Attendance Report**

| <b>Elected Officers</b>       |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Title</b>                  | <b>NAME</b>                         | <b>Participation Date</b> |
|                               |                                     | 1/23/2025                 |
| Commission Chair              | Bishop Silvester S. Beaman          | 1                         |
| Executive Director            | Dr. John F. Green                   | 1                         |
| President                     | Dr. Deborah Taylor King             | 1                         |
| 1st Vice President            | Mrs. Charolett Biggs Martin         | 1                         |
| 2nd Vice President            | Mrs. Lenette Williams-King          | 1                         |
| 3rd Vice President            | Ms. Sanjena V. Clay                 | 1                         |
| Recording Secretary           | Ms. Therese' Ann Baker              | 1                         |
| Assistant Recording Secretary | Mrs. Yvette Smart-Paul              | 1                         |
| Corresponding Secretary       | Ms. Sherry L. Peyton                | 1                         |
| Treasurer                     | Ms. Chandelle R. Ivy                | 1                         |
| Editor, Magazine              | Mrs. Jacqueline Mitchell Robinson   | 1                         |
| Assist Editor                 | Ms. Elizabeth Beauty Mhlongo        | 1                         |
| YPD Director                  | Mrs. Richelle Fry Skinner           | 1                         |
| Historiographer               | Dr. Monica L. Dillihunt             | 1                         |
| PME Director                  | Mrs. Alisha Marriott                | 1                         |
| Worship Director              | Dr. Djuana Duncombe-Paden           | 1                         |
| Member-At-Large               | Ms. Janita Ferguson                 | 1                         |
| Parliamentarian               | Ms. Wanda M. Simms                  | 1                         |
| Former Conn. President        | Dr. Shirley Cason Reed              | 1                         |
| Former Conn. President        | Dr. Shirley Hopkins-Davis           | 1                         |
| Former Conn. President        | Dr. Jamesina Evans                  | E                         |
| Former Conn. President        | Dr. Dorothy Adams Peck              | E                         |
| Former Conn. President        | Dr. Delores L. Kennedy Williams     | 1                         |
| <b>District</b>               | <b>Supervisor</b>                   | <b>Participation Date</b> |
|                               |                                     | 1/23/2025                 |
| 1st                           | Mrs. Phyllis N. Green               | 1                         |
| 2nd                           | Ms. Yvonne Henning-Parks            | 1                         |
| 3rd                           | Reverend Dr. Constance B. Wicker    | A                         |
| 4th                           | Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright          | E                         |
| 5th                           | Reverend Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH | 1                         |
| 6th                           | Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell           | 1                         |
| 7th                           | Mrs. Arelis Beevers Davis           | E                         |
| 8th                           | Reverend Dr. Hugh Marriott          | 1                         |
| 9th                           | Mrs. Deana E. Young McAllister      | 1                         |
| 10th                          | Reverend Carolyn Brailsford         | 1                         |





**ATTACHMENT B**

***Missionaries On the Move (M.O.M.) Report-Participating Districts and Donation Amounts***

| <b>Episcopal District</b> | <b>Donations to 5<sup>th</sup> District Wildfire Relief Efforts (Monetary)</b>  | <b>Donations to 5<sup>th</sup> District Wildfire Relief Efforts (In-Kind)</b> | <b>Donations to AME-SADA</b>                     | <b>Total Donations for Missionary on the Move January, 2025</b> |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>1</b>                  | \$1,000 (Check)<br>\$25 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$1,025-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$1,025   |
| <b>2</b>                  | \$1,720 (Check[s])<br>\$15,170 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$16,890-Total Monetary Donation(s) to 5<sup>th</sup> District</b>                | (None To Report)  | \$2,000 (Check)<br><br><b>*Monetary Donation</b> | \$18,890  |
| <b>3</b>                  | \$500 (Cash)<br>\$910 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$1,410-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$1,410   |
| <b>4</b>                  | \$1,121 (Check[s])<br>\$1,175 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$2,296-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | \$350 (In-Kind Items)<br>(*Various toiletry items donated.)                   | (None To Report)                                 | \$2,646   |
| <b>5</b>                  | \$400 (Check[s])<br>\$2,460 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$2,860-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$2,860   |
| <b>6</b>                  | \$350 (Check[s])<br>\$5,230 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$5,580-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | \$250 (In-Kind Items)<br>(*Various toiletry items donated.)                   | (None To Report)                                 | \$5,830   |
| <b>7</b>                  | \$1,125 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$1,125-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$1,125   |
| <b>8</b>                  | \$575 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$575-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$575   |
| <b>9</b>                  | \$600 (Check[s])<br>\$400 (Gift Card[s])<br><b>\$1,000-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$1,000   |
| <b>10</b>                 | \$2,500 (Check[s])<br>\$1,125 (Gift Card[s])<br>\$175 (Cash)<br><b>\$3,800-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>                             | (None To Report)  | (None To Report)                                 | \$3,800   |
| <b>11</b>                 | \$2,290 (Check[s])<br>\$8,210 (Gift Card[s])<br>\$305 (Cash)<br><b>\$10,805-Total Monetary Donation(s) to 5<sup>th</sup> District</b> | (None To Report)  | \$2,500 (Check)<br><br><b>*Monetary Donation</b> | \$13,305  |
| <b>12</b>                 | \$2,160 (Check[s])<br>\$575 (Gift Card[s])<br>\$650 (Cash)  | \$180 (In-Kind Items)<br>(*Various toiletry items donated.)                   | \$500 (Check)                                    | \$4,065   |

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|   | <b>\$3,385-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>  |                         | <b>*Monetary Donation</b>                        |                    |
| <b>13</b>   | <b>1,000 (Check)</b><br><b>\$1,000-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>  | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$1,000</b>     |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>\$140 (Cash)</b><br><b>\$140-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>\$120 (Cash)</b><br><b>*Monetary Donation</b> | <b>\$260.00</b>    |
| <b>16</b>   | <b>\$500 (Gift Card[s])</b><br><b>\$500-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$500.00</b>    |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>\$100 (Cash)</b><br><b>\$100-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$100.00</b>    |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>\$200 (Check)</b><br><b>\$200-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>  | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$200.00</b>    |
| <b>19</b>   | <b>\$250 (Cash)</b><br><b>\$250-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$250.00</b>    |
| <b>20</b>   | <b>\$100 (Cash)</b><br><b>\$100-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b>   | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$100.00</b>    |
| <b>Connectional WMS Officers &amp; Supporters</b> | <b>\$1,625 (Gift Card[s])</b><br><b>\$1,625-Total Monetary Donation(s)</b><br><b>*62 Cards</b><br><b>(Varying amounts, min. \$25, Donated by Various WMS-AMEC Connectional Officers)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b> | <b>(None To Report)</b>                          | <b>\$1,625.00</b>  |
| <b>Total M.O.M. Donations</b>                     | <b>\$54,666.00</b>   | <b>\$780.00</b>         | <b>\$5,120.00</b>                                | <b>\$60,566.00</b> |

**WMS Missionaries on the Move (M.O.M.) Totals**  
following Connectional WMS AMEC Executive Board Meeting – January 2025:

Total - WMS-AMEC Missionaries on the Move Executive Board 2025 Donations: **\$60,566.00**  
(Including \$5,120-AME Sada, and \$55,446 for 5th District Fire Relief Efforts [including \$780 in In-Kind Donation Items]).