

**Connectional Women’s Missionary Society
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 2024**

January 24 – 27, 2024

Marriott Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

THEME: “Exalting Christ-Empowering Missionaries – Equipping the Saints for Greater Impact”

FOCUS: Rising to Ensure Justice, Equality and Global Impact!

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION:

“To equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Ephesians 4:12

PLENARY SESSION I – OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

Thursday, January 25, 2024

The session opened with Praycation by Dr. Djuana Duncombe-Paden, Worship Director.

The Opening Plenary Session of the 2024 Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by President Dr. Deborah Taylor King. Our Opening Song of Empowerment “*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

The Memorial Service proceeded as follows: Call to Remembrance, solo, “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”, by Mrs. Brenda Hurst; prayer by Mrs. Shirley Tuggle; and the scripture, *Lamentation 3:22-24*, by Mrs. Shavon Clark Harris. The Service of Remembrance continued with a Necrology Video remembering the lives of Life Members from the Districts who transitioned since the 2023 Quadrennial. The closing song was “*Let the Church Say Amen.*”

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken by the Secretarial Team, Recording Secretary Therese’ Ann Baker, Assistant Recording Secretary Yvette Smart-Paul and Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton, prior to the opening of the Plenary Session as Board Members took their assigned seats. Before the beginning of the session, Secretary Baker called only the names of EBM members. Sixty-eight (68) of one hundred (100) Executive Board members were present (68%), which constituted a quorum. Attachment A (*Page 10*) is a copy of the roll 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. First Vice-President Martin informed the Executive Board that the agenda was distributed via QR code, to allow viewing by electronic devices. President King asked if there were any changes or objections to the agenda. There were no objections, thus the agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES

President King recognized Minute Approval Committee Chairperson Sherry Peyton, to inform the assembly of the status of the minutes. Sherry Peyton reported that the 2022 Executive Board Minutes and the 2023 Quadrennial Convention Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Minutes Approval Committee and posted on the Connectional WMS-AMEC Website.

President King appointed the following individuals to the Minutes Approval Committee:

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Host Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell and Supervisor Cordelia D. Mitchell, 12th Episcopal District Leadership, greeted and welcomed the 2024 Executive Board Meeting and expressed the 12th District's excitement and unity in being the host for this meeting.

Greetings were given by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Senior Bishop and Dr. John F. Green, Global Witness and Ministry Executive Director.

AFFILIATES' GREETINGS AND RECOGNITION

Ms. Sharon Smith Banks, Affiliates and Ecumenical Relations Chair, recognized and presented Ms. Mira J. Washington, National President, Church Women United who greeted and thanked the WMS for our continual commitment to women and girls fighting for our rights and place, especially in the workplace. She thanked the WMS for fighting for world peace, healthcare, social justice, hunger, and being a voice for the voiceless.

SELECTED OFFICERS' REPORTS

All reports were given via video presentation.

The Vice Presidents' Reports

1st Vice President, Charolett Biggs Martin, highlighted her resolve to engage women in addressing current critical issues through building, birthing, bridging, and branding through interactive videos of real life issues including: the education Race in America; a woman's right over her own body; conducting podcasts on voting issues and human rights; and global input of putting action in a vibe to address Alzheimer's disease; changes in COVID; and accomplishments that occurred under the Commission on Christian Social Action.

2nd Vice President, Lenette Williams King, highlighted activities and accomplishments that occurred under the Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation, including chairing the development of a pictorial reflection history book covering over 150 years as a Women's Missionary Society, along with Historiographer-Statistician Dr. Monica Dillihunt.

3rd Vice President, Sanjena Clay, highlighted activities and accomplishments that occurred under the Commission on Membership and Recruitment, along with the Episcopal Districts' 3rd Vice Presidents and members of the Commission on Membership and Recruitment. The focus for the 2023-2027 Quadrennial is "Get in the Game."

- **Building** - Reevaluate and develop programs and services focused on recruiting new members, reclaiming inactive members and retaining current members.
- **Birthing** – The office of the 3rd Vice President will collaborate with the Chairpersons of Membership and Recruitment and the Member at Large to develop new and renewed ways to innovatively engage Members, Life Members, Young Adult Missionaries (YAMs) and Associate Members.
- **Bridging** - Create innovative programs to reach members worldwide with a focus on including members in Districts 14 - 20 and YAMs.

- **Branding** – Support the mission goals and the organization by aligning programs emphasizing areas of retention and recruitment to promote the sale of the “official” WMS Membership Cards with “member only” benefits.

The Member at Large Report

Ms. Janita Ferguson, Connectional Member-At-Large, highlighted activities, and accomplishments, including:

- October - Pink Power Awareness Month encouraged young adults and adult members to act against breast cancer by connecting with over 1000 missionaries throughout the month for events, including: Pink Table Talk featuring former Member-At-Large and Breast Cancer survivor, Erica Alston, and Pink Sunday showcasing Members and YAMs across the connection rocking the color of PINK to close the month.
- December - Winter Wonder Yam sponsored and hosted virtual activities led by the Episcopal District Member-At-Large with each day blessed with different activities, including Christmas Jeopardy, Cookie Decoration Contest, Scavenger Hunt, Caroling, Storytime and Comedy Night. YAM’s first Mission Project ‘Gifts of Warmth’ collected and distributed over 2,400 scarves, hats, gloves, and other warm items. Over 100 gift bags filled with African American Products were distributed to students at Shorter College.
- Young Adult Member Theme: **Sisters Leading And Yearning to SERVE and IMPACT others (SLAY)** will have a core focus on Health and Wellness, Voter Turnout and Educational Enrichment.

The YPD Report

Mrs. Richelle Fry Skinner, Connectional YPD Director accompanied by YPD President Joyce Johnson, highlighted activities and accomplishments for the first six months. The new YPD Quadrennial Theme was announced: **Transformation: Transcending in 3G - Go, Glow and Grow for Christ**. The 2023 Self-Denial Theme was “*Clean Hands*”. The 2024 Theme is “Breaking Free”. The Self Denial Winners for 2023 were announced. See Attachment B (*Page 13*) for a listing of the Winners.

The Promotion and Missionary Education

Mrs. Alisha Marriott, Connectional PME Director, highlighted activities, and accomplishments, including:

- A PME District Director in every District and 100% representation at the PME Dialogue event.
- Growth achieved with over 18,000 yearbooks and resources being sold.
- Request for 170 PME Books for Districts 14-20.
- Through the support from the local church - Allen Temple AME Church, Mount Vernon, New York and Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, White Queens, New York, \$1,000 was contributed towards that book goal.

The History Book Update

Dr. Monica Dillihunt, Connectional Historiographer/Statistician, gave a synopsis of her report on the status of the History Book. The WMS History Book (with over 3,000 pages) will be available at the General Conference. Over 1,000,000 pictures were collected at the Quadrennial. A QR code will be on display throughout the meeting for continued capturing of pictures.

The Foundation Report

Mrs. Judith Bluiitt Redd of the 10th Episcopal District presented the report for The Foundation Board. \$77,000 was raised from the Foundation Walk at the 20th Quadrennial Convention.

The Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ms. Chandelle R. Ivy gave the financial report and budget for the 2023-2027 Quadrennial Year. The WMS Endowment Fund is managed by the Britton Group of Merrill Lynch. The Women's Missionary Society demonstrated sound fiscal management and accountability measures shown in the audit completed March 31, 2023, by the independent accountant firm of Abrams Foster Nole & Williams, P.A.

The budget for the Women's Missionary Society was presented for the Quadrennial years April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2027 for acceptance by the Executive Board. The entire financial statement for The Women's Missionary Society as well as highlights are in the full report included in the 2024 EBM Virtual Booklet. Treasurer Chandelle Ivy moved the adoption of the budget on behalf of the Commission of Administration for this Executive Board. President King asked the members of the Commission on Administration to stand with her, and it was moved that the Executive Board adopt the budget. Following a second, the motion passed. The Budget was adopted by the Commission on Administration for the 2024 year.

See the 2024 EBM Virtual Booklet for the complete reports of all the Elected and Appointed Officers.

PANEL DISCUSSION: HEALTHY CONNECTIONS: A CULTURAL RESPONSE ON BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Dr. Linda Frazier, WMS Health and Wellness Chair, was the Moderator.

Panelists:

- Dr. Zelda West Jones, Family Practice
- Dr. William Greenfield, Arkansas
- Mrs. Kenya Eddings, 12th District Health Commission

Background information the 3 panelists was presented in the EBM 2024 Agenda and Virtual Booklet

- Discussions began outlining how some of the issues laid the groundwork for Black Women's Health followed by related topics shared by the panel:
- In the 1840's in Alabama, there was a Physician James Marion Simms who performed painful experiments on enslaved Black women and teenagers without anesthesia. These procedures were done on these women without consent. It is now time for Black Women to reclaim their bodies and what is done with their bodies. We must advocate and speak up for ourselves. If we feel uncomfortable when going to the doctor, we can take someone with us and write questions down. That's one way of advocating for ourselves, and it's important for us to do that to reclaim our bodies.
- Dealing with "Implicit Bias" and how it impacts Black Women's Health. Making a judgment before knowing someone's actual health status causes issues with getting proper referrals. We have the right to advocate for ourselves and choose a different doctor or provider if we experience implicit bias.
- Public Health and Social Determinants of Health. This includes residential segregation, which can sometimes impact the type of care received by women. Where we live, where we work, and what we eat are some of the things that we must change in America. We must vote to be able to change the legislation for women so that we can have the necessities of life to decrease the mortality rate.
- Heart Disease is the #1 cause of death for all Americans, #1 cause of death for Black people more than COVID. Heart Disease has claimed more lives than COVID. When we think about heart disease, we think of blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and weight. It is important for us to know our numbers to make changes and be the best version of ourselves. We must know where we are starting from to know where we are going.

- Weathering is when the body has gone through so much that it starts to break down. Stress, racism, and economics start wearing the body down and over time, this starts affecting blood pressure, weight is gained, and chest pain begins, but you keep going and fail to stop, rest, and take time out for self-care.

Confirmation of Appointments for Offices

It was voted and approved for Ethel Willis from the 6th Episcopal District to serve as a Trustee for the Foundation Board and officially elect Yvette Smart-Paul from the 16th Episcopal District to serve as Connectional Assistant Recording Secretary for the Women’s Missionary Society.

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. Tickets for the Friday Night “Just Kickin’ It” Affair can be collected at the membership and recruitment table.
- Presidential Luncheon honoring The Episcopal Districts Presidents, “Presidential Jewels - Sparkling their Brilliance Throughout the World.”

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM by Madam President.

Re-adjournment was set for 2:45 PM.

PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON

The Theme: “Presidential Jewels – Sparkling Their Brilliance Throughout the World”

1st Vice President Charolett Biggs Martin was the Luncheon Chair. Celebration Leaders were Mrs. Margaret Preston, Retired News Anchor and Retired President of AT & T Arkansas. The President’s Luncheon recognized and honored our Episcopal District Presidents with a Coronation – “Crowning of Our Jewels.” Conference WMS Presidents, Area Chairs and Local Presidents were also recognized and will receive a Commemorative “8-Year Presidents” Pin. Entertainment was provided by Saxophonist Blake Smith; Prayer in Song “In Jesus Name” by Kate Nichol²² was sung by Mrs. Ann Smith, 12th Episcopal District WMS Worship Director; Scripture - Matthew 5:16 read by Andriette Bryant, Connectional Chair – MOM Demand Action; The Greeting and Occasion by Dr. Sharon Fletcher, Connectional Chair – Evaluations; Musical Selection “One Moment in Time” by Stephanie Crawford, 2nd Vice President, Oklahoma Conference (12th); Song of Celebration “Wind Beneath My Wings” by Dr. Djuana Duncombe Paden, Connectional WMS AMEC Worship Director; Poem by Amanda Gorman “For There is Always Light” read by Ms. Kelly Shelton, Connectional Chair-Membership & Recruitment; and Blessing of the Food by Evangelist Jackie Ross-Roy, Connectional Chair – Prayer Support.

PLENARY SESSION II – BUSINESS SESSION

Mrs. Charolett Biggs Martin, 1st Vice President, Presiding

The session convened at 3:05 PM.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS’ STEWARDSHIP REPORTS – “Planning & Preparing for this New Quadrennial”

The first reports were given by Districts 1- 7. Each District had video presentations highlighting their mission work based on at least 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 that give the total number of members, number of Young Adults, number of new members were added since 2022 EBM and total number of Conferences were published in the EBM 2024 Virtual Booklet.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS BREAK

At 4:05 PM “We Pray for More” (Ntokozo Mbambo). The break lasted fifteen (15) minutes.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS’ STEWARDSHIP REPORTS (continued)

1st VP Martin called for the continuation of District Reports with the same time stipulations and presentation protocol previously given. Districts 8 - 10 gave their reports and due to a Medical Emergency, President King adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM with a reminder of the 12th Episcopal District Host Event - Denim, Chucks & Pearls. Doors were scheduled to open at 7:00 PM. Plenary III will begin at 8:00 AM with Praycation, and the 10th Episcopal District will begin their Report.

PLENARY SESSION III - Friday, January 26, 2024

Mrs. Charolett Biggs Martin, Connectional 1st Vice President, Presiding

PRAYCATION

Praycation began at 8:00 AM EST under the direction of Worship Director Dr. Djuana Duncombe Paden. It began with the song “Speak to my Heart”, followed by a prayer; the song “I am Pressing on the Upward Way”; Scripture - Ephesians 4:11-14 and the closing song, “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

1st Vice President Charolett Biggs Martin called the Business Session to order at 8:27AM.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS’ STEWARDSHIP REPORTS (continued)

1st Vice President Charolett Biggs Martin called for the continuation of District Reports with the same time stipulations and presentation protocol previously given. Districts 11, 10, 12, 13 and 14 gave their reports in that order.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS’ STEWARDSHIP REPORTS (continued)

2nd Vice President Lenette Williams-King, Presiding, with the continuation District Reports from 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Prayers were offered for Supervisor Irene Daniels in the loss of her mom.

MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE (MOM) INITIATIVES REPORT

Ms. Adrienne Quickley, MOM Chair, presented the following report, expressing that donations were still being received. Four (4) agencies were chosen as recipients

MOM Initiative 1: Union Rescue Mission – Dorcas House

MOM Initiative 2: Watershed Human and Community Development Agency

MOM Initiative 3: Carter’s Crew

MOM Initiative 4: Ronald McDonald House

The initial report of MOM funds received:

Union Rescue Mission – Dorcas House	\$15,710.00
Watershed Human and Community Development	\$3,100.00
Carter’s Crew	\$15,393.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$2,557.00
TOTAL	\$36,760.00

Total Missionaries on the Move Donations: \$39,380.00

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- Total Monetary Donations (Cash, Checks, and Gift Cards): **\$35,390.00**
- Total In-Kind (Items) Donation: **\$1,370.00**
- Total being donated to AME SADA: **\$2,620.00**

A listing of individual Episcopal District donations can be seen in Attachment C (*Page 14*).

HEALTH AND WELLNESS BREAK

At 10:19 AM, “Believe for It” by CeCe Winans. The break lasted fifteen (15) minutes.

HANDY SIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Handy Simmons Scholarship Chair, Sister Deana Young McAllister, made the following report, presenting the Handy Simmons Scholarships. Each recipient in Districts 1-13 will receive \$1,500.00 and Districts 14-20 will receive \$500.00. The recipients from Districts 1-13 for 2023 were announced. The recipients from Districts 14-20 will receive their awards from their Supervisor due to the scheduling of the school semester in those districts. See Attachment D (*Page 15*) for a listing of the Winners.

AME SADA UPDATES

AME-SADA Executive Director, Robert Nicolas thanked the Women’s Missionary Society for their prayers, support and financial resources. Monies received helped women with maternal health and childbirth. Mobile Units with teams of doctors, nurses and technicians established camps in a school, church, or tents for four (4) or five (5) days to provide various services. The Mobile Units served over 200,000 women, which helped in providing adequate nutrition and vaccinations to save lives for both moms and babies.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS HIGHLIGHTS

The Constitution and Bylaws Chair, Mrs. Harriet Brown Birk, Esq., highlighted items from her report via a presentation. There was representation from 19 out of 20 Districts on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and a process was followed to report on the progress of the organization, to elect officers, and to review our laws.

The Revision and Compilation Sub- Committee reviewed the 76 Proposed Amendments which were submitted within the timeline. The Committee consisted of three former Connectional WMS presidents.

- 54 Amendments were brought forward for voting.
- 22 Amendments were not brought forward (Please note that any of those 22 amendments not brought forward could have been brought to the floor at the Quadrennial Convention. There was no prohibition.)

At the Quadrennial Convention on 8/1/2023, for the first time, the proposed amendments were read one (1) time because the booklet was available and there was a capable representative from each district. 52 Amendments Passed and 2 Failed.

Constitution

- The proposed amendment to our Constitution was that Connectional WMS and YPD shall meet quadrennially, the year preceding the General Conference of the AME Church, at such place and time to be recommended by the WMS President and approved by the Executive Board not to exceed seven (7) days for both conventions. The amendment passed.

WMS Bylaws

- On the Connectional Level - 9 Proposed Amendments were presented. 8 Passed and 1 Failed (**Replacing Life Members**).
- On the Episcopal District Level - 3 Proposed Amendments were presented: 2 Passed and 1 Failed. (**Election of the President and YPD Director**)
- On the Conference Level - 2 Proposed Amendments were presented and passed.
- On the Local Level - 1 Proposed Amendment was presented and passed

YPD Bylaws

- Presented 38 Proposed Amendment and all 38 Passed.
- Connectional Level – 19 Proposed Amendments
- Episcopal Level – 1 Proposed Amendment
- Conference Level – 18 Proposed Amendments
- The amendments ensure that all levels of the YPD are aligned by officers, committees, and duties. YPD clarified conflicting language at every level and officially changed the YPD Newsletter to the YPD Gazette.

The most impactful changes at the 20th Quadrennial Convention were the time limit for the Quadrennial Convention for both the WMS and YPD; conference approval of Life Member intent; clarification of voting membership at the WMS Conference level; the alignment of YPD officers and committee duties at every level; and elevating the review and voting process to ensure compliance with our documents.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT (YPD)

The chair recognized Connectional YPD Director Richelle Fry Skinner, joined by Supervisor Alexia Fugh and the YPD Executive Board. They announced an invitation from the 5th Episcopal District to host the 2024 Connectional Learning and Training Institute (LTI) and Executive Board Meeting in Denver, Colorado, March 22-24, 2024. The LTI Mission is: Operation Expansion: Agents for Christ.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - POLITICAL ACTION

The chair recognized WMS Political Action Chair Lisa Johnson Whigham, who gave highlights of the Political Action Forum: The State of Black America: “What’s at Stake...Our Votes Matter!” held on Wednesday 1/24/2024. The Moderator was Former Senator Joyce Elliot, Arkansas State Senate, and the Panel included:

- Senator Linda Poindexter-Chesterfield, Arkansas State Senate
- Senator Stephanie Flowers, Arkansas State Senate
- Representative Jamie Scott, Arkansas House of Representatives
- Representative Joy Springer, Arkansas House of Representatives
- Representative Quanta Crews, Arizona House of Representatives
- Ms. Wanda Mosley, Black Votes Matter

The discussion was about women's reproductive rights, how we will impact the election this year, and how we protect our coworkers and people who are going to vote this election cycle. The Political Action Forum will partner with the YAMs, When we All Vote, and Black Votes Matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corresponding Secretary Peyton announced the availability of the WMS Evaluation Process on all media platforms and the WMS website. Tickets for the Friday Night “Just Kickin It” Affair can be collected at the Membership and Recruitment table. Flyers for purchasing the Sesquicentennial 150th Jewelry Collection are available for pick-up.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM by Madam President.
Re-adjournment was set for 1:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION IV - Friday, January 26, 2024

3rd Vice President Sanjena Clay called the Business Plenary Session IV to order at 1:41PM.

Ms. Sanjena Clay, 3rd Vice President, Presiding

THE GREETINGS – THE FORMER CONNECTIONAL PRESIDENTS

- The 5th Connectional President - Mother Delores Kennedy Williams
- The 9th Connectional President - Dr. Shirley Cason Reed

A LIVING LEGEND – “THE STORY OF LITTLE ROCK’S INTEGRATION”

Dr. Sybil Hampton, 1st Black to graduate from Central High

Ms. Jazmyn Bernard, Host (Park Ranger at Central High National Historic Site)

Video Presentation of the Little Rock Nine

Dr. Sybil Hampton discussed her time at Central High and being a 3rd Generation AME.

THE PRESIDENT’S IMPACT AWARD 2024

Dr. Deborah Taylor King, International President

THE PRESIDENT’S VIDEO REPORT – REFLECTIONS OF THE 20TH QUADRENNIAL

Dr. Deborah Taylor King, International President

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

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ❖ The Oldest Missionary – **Ann Garvin 1/31/1933 (5th)**
- ❖ The Youngest Missionary – **Mya Maske (2nd)**
- ❖ The Most YAMs (District) – **5th * 2nd * 6th (3 Way Tie of 5)**
- ❖ The Most Foundation Members – **2nd (1,948 Members/\$9,750) * 19th (3,000 Members/\$3,000.00)**
- ❖ The Most Membership Cards – **2nd (987 Membership Cards)**
- ❖ The Highest EBM Registrants **(1-13) - 11th (67 Registrants)**
- ❖ The Highest EBM Registrants **(14-20) - 16th (5 Registrants)**

WMS DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **1/29/2025 – 2/1/2025 WMS Executive Board Meeting (5th) Phoenix, Arizona**
- ❖ **2026 - WMS Executive Board Meeting (2nd) Baltimore, Maryland**
- ❖ **2027 - WMS 21st Quadrennial Convention (10th) Dallas, Texas**

DIRECTIVES FOR GENERAL AND LEADERS' TRAINING SESSIONS

LeaderSHIFT – “Shifting for Greater and Global Impact”

- 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 Directors
- Historiographers
- Worship Directors
- Parliamentarians
- General Population (Non-Officers)
 - Presenter – Reverend Dr. Lisa Williamson, MD, MPH
 - Topic: “Fishing Differently”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corresponding Secretary Peyton gave directives for the LeaderSHIFT Training Sessions. She announced that videos of the EBM events were available from Cecil’s Videography.

Reminders given:

- **The Life Members & YAMs’ Event – “KICKIN’ IT”** 7:30PM (doors open 7:00 PM)
Ms. Sanjena V. Clay, 3rd Vice President, Chair
Ms. Janita Ferguson, Member-At-Large, Co-Chair
Tickets - \$100.00 (Proceeds will benefit Shorter College)
After Five Attire with Sneakers
- **The Supervisors’ Prayer Breakfast** – (Attire: White) 8:00 AM-10:00 AM (doors open at 7:30 AM)
Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell, President
Supervisor Winnie Zanders, 1st Vice President

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25PM

Therese’ Ann Baker, WMS Connectional Recording Secretary
Yvette Smart-Paul, WMS Connectional Assistant Recording Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A
Attendance Report**

Elected Officers		
Title	NAME	Participation Date
		1/25/2024
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	E
Former Conn. President	Dr. Jamesina Evans	A
Former Conn. President	Dr. Dorothy Adams Peck	E
Former Conn. President	Dr. Delores L. Kennedy Williams	1
District	Supervisor	Participation Date
		1/25/2024
1st	Mrs. Joan Marla McAllister	A
2nd	Mrs. Arelis Beevers Davis	1
3rd	Dr. Patricia Russell-McCloud, Esq.	1
4th	Mrs. Penny H. White	1
5th	Mrs. Alexia B. Fugh	1
6th	Mrs. Christy Davis-Jackson, Esq.	A
7th	Mrs. Phyllis N. Green	1
8th	Reverend Dr. Constance B. Wicker	A
9th	Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright	1
10th	Dr. Connie S. Richardson	1

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11th	Mrs. Marlaa Meshon Hall Reid	1
12th	Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell	1
13th	Mr. Ainsley M. Byfield	1
14th	Dr. Lister Kawimbe	A
15th	Mother Renee' Palmore Beaman	1
16th	Mrs. Winifred Houston Zanders	1
17th	Mrs. Irene M. Daniels	E
18th	Reverend Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH	1
19th	Reverend Carolyn Brailsford	1
20th	Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright	1
Ecumenical & Urban Affairs	Dr. Susan J. Leath	A
Unassigned	Mrs. Carol Messiah	1
Retired	Dr. Dolly D. Adams	A
Retired	Mrs. Vivienne Anderson	A
Retired	Reverend Rosalyn K. Brookins	A
Retired	Reverend Dr. Cecelia W. Bryant	A
Retired	Mrs. Lola Cheltenham	A
Retired	Dr. Margaret Joan Cousin	A
Retired	Mr. Claytie Davis	A
Retired	Mrs. Carrie R. Grady	1
Retired	Mrs. Flossie Walker Green	A
Retired	Mrs. Ernestine Henning	A
Retired	Mrs. Yvonne Henning-Parks	A
Retired	Mrs. Zell Hildebrand	A
Retired	Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram	A
Retired	Mrs. Mary Kirkland	A
Retired	Mrs. Beverly Thomas	A
Retired	Reverend Rowena Webster White	A
Retired	Mrs. Wilma Delores W. Williams	A
Retired	Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young	1
District	President	Participation Date
		1/25/2024
1st	Ms. Wanda T. Ringgold	1
2nd	Ms. Selerya O. Moore	1
3rd	Ms. Gloria Rodgers	1
4th	Ms. Kimberly Hamilton Foy	1
5th	Ms. Mary Mayberry	1
6th	Dr. Sylvia E. Moore	1

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7th	Mrs. Sandra A. Anderson	1
8th	Mrs. Sandra Womack	1
9th	Mrs. Sherryl Stovall Whiting	1
10th	Mrs. Gerri Earl	1
11th	Mrs. Laurastine Dunston Lemon	1
12th	Mrs. Thelma Y. Denton	1
13th	Ms. LaTanya Germany	1
14th	Ms. Jodie Reid Seton	1
15th	Ms. Crystal Jantjies	1
16th	Mrs. Junee Statia Need	1
17th	Mrs. Annie Chanda Bowa	1
18th	Ms. Nthabiseng Jankie	1
19th	Ms. Reshoketswe (Shoki) Mosuwe	1
20th	Ms. Nonkululeo Siwela	A
District	YPD Director	Participation Date
		1/25/2024
1st	Ms. Susan Butler	A
2nd	Ms. Annette Dockery	1
3rd	Ms. Sheila Floyd	1
4th	Ms. Kim C. Vaughn	1
5th	Ms. Shanelle Stewart	A
6th	Mrs. Lorilei Johnson	1
7th	Ms. Tara Simms	1
8th	Ms. Stephanie Burke	1
9th	Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon	1
10th	Mrs. Romella Jones	1
11th	Ms. Timika Fountain Coney	1
12th	Ms. La Rhonda Collins	1
13th	Mrs. Tonya Beaird Brown	1
14th	Ms. Florence Okoni Williams	A
15th	Mrs. Karman Links	A
16th	Mrs. Joan Phillips Bennett	1
17th	Mrs. Hilda Lungu	A
18th	Ms. Setsabile Hlophe-Mswane	A
19th	Ms. Mosima Tambani	1
20th	Ms. Judith Yohane	A
TOTAL in Attendance		68

ATTACHMENT B

2023 YPD SELF DENIAL AWARD WINNERS

(INDIVIDUAL AWARDS WERE \$350; COMMUNITY AWARDS WERE \$1,500)

GROUP 2: GRADES 10-11 (AGES 15-17)

AWARDS	NAME	DISTRICT
LITERARY EXPRESSIONS – POEM	MORGAN MIDDLETON	12 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
VISUAL ARTS EXPRESSION – DRAWING/POSTER	ALIYAH CARR-SMALLS	7 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
MUSICAL EXPRESSION – INSTRUMENTAL VIOLIN	SAVONTE VAUGHN	7 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

GROUP 3: YOUNG ADULT DIVISION (GRADUATING SENIORS)

AWARDS	NAME	DISTRICT
LITERARY EXPRESSIONS – POEM	BRIANNA WATKINS	4 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
MUSICAL EXPRESSION – SONG	SEMAJ VAUGH	7 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

GROUP 4: YOUNG ADULT DIVISION (COLLEGIATE LEVEL)

AWARDS	NAME	DISTRICT
LITERARY EXPRESSIONS – POEM	IMARI LINNEN	7 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
VISUAL ARTS EXPRESSION – DIGITAL ART/PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO	ASHAYA STEWART	5 TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY SERVICE	KADIN WOOTON	1 ST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

ATTACHMENT C

Missionary on the Move District Donations

Episcopal District	Union Rescue Mission Dorcas House	Watershed Human and Community Development	Carter's Crew	Ronald McDonald House	TOTAL
1st	\$500.00				\$500.00
2nd	\$14,190.00				\$14,190.00
3rd	\$1,020.00				\$1,020.00
4th			\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00
5th				\$400.00	\$400.00
6th			\$4,218.00		\$4,218.00
7th		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
8th			\$2,090.00		\$2,090.00
9th		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
10th				\$500.00	\$500.00
11th			\$6,785.00		\$6,785.00
12th				\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
13th		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
14th	\$0				\$0
15th				\$200.00	\$200.00
16th				\$257.00	\$257.00
17th		\$0			\$0
18th	\$0				\$0
19th		\$100.00			\$100.00
20th			\$100.00		\$100.00
TOTAL:	\$15,710.00	\$3,100.00	\$15,393.00	\$2,557.00	\$36,760.00

ATTACHMENT D

2024 HANDY SIMMONS RECIPIENTS

AWARDS WERE \$1,500.00 (DISTRICT 1-13) AND \$500.00 (DISTRICT 14-20)

NAME	DISTRICT
JASMINE L. HALL	1ST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
JASON BURROUGH	2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
NADIA MATTHEWS	3RD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
SKYLAR TRADE	4TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
NYLA BUTLER	5TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
MAKAYLA WILLIAMS	6TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AMARI ROGERS	7TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
PARIS ACREARAGE	8TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
GRETA SUTTON	9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
JEREMIAH DAVIS	10TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
ISLEY MITCHELL	11TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
LAYLA FIELDS	12TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
RAIL RAMBLER	13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT