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## Connectional WMS-AMEC Leadership

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Greetings!

It is my pleasure to salute the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as we take part in this momentous occasion, The 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference. The theme of this occasion, "From Legacy To Mission" could not be more apropos to the work of this wonderful organization.

We have all experienced a period of time in the last year and a half which has strengthened our faith and increased our spiritual aptitude. We have all witnessed some challenging and devastating events which impacted many people in a debilitating way. I am so pleased to have been a spectator with the opportunity to be a part of the marvelous restorative work of the Women's Missionary Society. Your dedication and commitment are a true testament of your faithfulness to all of Christendom. It is clear that the WMS lives and breathes the mandate that Jesus Christ has admonished: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

As we embrace our theme, it is my prayer that we will examine and use our legacy as a foundation for continuing and impactful mission work that will allow our world to flourish in the favor of God and advance the cause of Christ.

We thank our President, Dr. Deborah Taylor King and her officers and the members of the WMS for the tremendous and tireless work that they are doing around our Zion and the world, particularly in these trying times. You are making a significant difference to so many lives and in so many ways.

We pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon this General Conference and upon all of the attendees. ye have done it unto me.

Sincerely,

**Bishop John F. White**

Chairman of Global Witness & Ministry  
Chairman of the General Conference Commission  
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## Greetings

**To:** Senior Bishop Adam J. Richardson; Bishop Michael Mitchell, President of the Bishops' Council; Bishop Wilfred Messiah, President of the General Board; Bishop John F. White, Commission Chair, Global Witness and Ministry; All Esteemed Bishops and Supervisors; Dr. George Flowers, Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry; General and Connectional Officers; Clergy, Laity, Missionaries, Young People and all assembled at the 51st Session of the General Conference

The Connectional WMS Officers, Executive Board members, Administrative Committees, Staff and the entire constituency of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church salute you for the unwavering support that you have continued to provide during these unprecedented times.

We extend thanks and appreciation to our Commission Chair, Bishop John F. White and Executive Director, Dr. George Flowers for their stellar leadership and partnerships.

Special thanks to Dr. Shirley Cason Reed (9th) for her contributions to this report and support during my transition to the presidency, as well as the constant encouragement and support from Former Connectional Presidents Mother Delores Kennedy Williams (5th) and Dr. Shirley Hopkins Davis (8th).

We solicit your prayers as we bring closure to this 51st Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference. And, we move forward as an **"Unmovable, Unshakable and Unstoppable Force"** with the determination to profoundly fulfill, **"God's Commission, Our Mission, Our Calling."**

Ain't No Stopping Us Now!



Deborah Taylor King, President

Women's Missionary Society - African Methodist Episcopal Church



# 2016-2020 Financial Summary

## Episcopal District Budgets Paid

(Periods run from April to March)

District	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
2	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
3	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	\$21,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
5	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
6	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
7	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
8	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
9	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
10	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
11	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
12	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
13	\$13,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
14			\$1,000.00	
15	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
16			\$1,000.00	
17	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
18	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
19			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
20		\$740.00	\$1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,740.00</b>	<b>\$155,000.00</b>	<b>\$149,000.00</b>

## Sustentation paid to Districts 14-20; 4(India) – Work of Missions

District	2017	2018	2019	2020
4	\$6,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	\$6,525.00
14	\$6,000.00	\$5,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$12,120.00
15	\$6,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$5,700.00	\$8,000.00
16	\$6,000.00	\$5,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$9,200.00
17	\$6,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,000.00
18	\$6,000.00	\$5,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$8,000.00
19	\$4,200.00	\$5,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00
20	\$4,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$5,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,200.00</b>	<b>\$45,600.00</b>	<b>\$41,700.00</b>	<b>\$65,845.00</b>

\*\*In August 2021, the Connectional WMS-AMEC had a 25% reduction in their monthly sustentation from the AME General Church.\*\*

# The Work And The Witness Of The Presidents – Dr. Shirley Cason Reed’s Era

## **Bishop Sarah Frances Davis Women’s Missionary Society Outpatient Health Clinic**

President Shirley Cason Reed, Connectional Officers, Commissioners, Missionaries, WMS office staff and fellow supporters filed in a caravan of 25 SUVs to travel up the mountaintop of Nan Michel and Delice, Haiti. and attended the dedication ceremony for the Bishop Sarah Frances Davis outpatient health clinic on October 30th, 2017. The three-star clinic is now open, complete with an operative water tower and solar panels, accepting patients and offering quality healthcare to the local residents.

On November 14, 2016, 16 months after the resounding commitments, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed broke ground in Quest Department, Delice, Haiti for a WMS-sponsored women's medical center. Did she imagine the response to her vision would have gotten this type of response? “Never!” said Dr. Reed. “But it just goes to show when God gives you a vision and you act on the vision, He sees it through.”





# YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS (YAM) SUMMIT

Young Adult Members Summit in  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
Increased membership of Young Adult  
Members to over

# 7,000



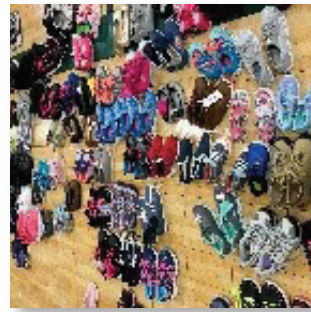
## Missionaries Initiating Transitional Efforts (M.I.T.E.) disaster relief/emergency preparedness

### Andriette Bryant, Commissioner

Our Zion continues to exercise collaborative efforts through monetary donations, Hands-On rescue relief initiatives, distributions and support. M.I.T.E. remains committed to its present proactive mission design and further seeks to explore applications for long-term recovery planning, to secure more expedient transitions from “disaster to deliverance”.

### o Relief for Hurricane Harvey in Texas

Soon after the assessment of damages caused by Hurricane Harvey, President Reed traveled to Texas, sleeves rolled up, ready to work. Joining forces with Bishop Vashti McKenzie, Supervisor Stan McKenzie and First Vice President Deborah Taylor King. President Reed came and witnessed the devastation of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Medical professionals and other Texas leaders joined us as we encouraged people, volunteered at shelters, provided supplies and financial assistance to those severely impacted by the storm. Our missionary “boots-on-the-ground” project assisted in providing relief and much needed assistance for over 600 people. The WMS distributed cash, gift cards, blankets, and over 500 pairs of new shoes to those affected by the damages.



### o Relief for Irma in Florida

Immediately after we provided relief for Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma left a catastrophic impression in Florida. With millions left without power and historic levels of flooding, President Reed and the WMS provided funds for the 11th Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop A.J. Richardson and Supervisor Connie S. Richardson to assist relief efforts for members of that district.

### o Relocation assistance

was provided to retired Bishop Frederick Talbot and Supervisor Dr. Sylvia Talbot from the Virgin Islands to Nashville, Tennessee, after extreme weather-related devastation.

### o Disaster Relief Concert

Special thanks to Ms. Stephanie P. Flamer, Mr. Darryl Nichols for organizing and presenting the disaster relief project, and the musicians and vocalists who offered their time and talent to participate in the project. All of the proceeds of this event were donated to assist those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. Boots on the Ground in Texas, Alabama and South Carolina.

The International Women's Missionary Society AMEC present

**\$25 Donation**

**Disaster Relief**

**BENEFIT CONCERT**

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Concert @ 6 o'clock p.m.  
Doors open at 5 o'clock p.m.

**Mount Moriah AME Church**  
2204 Bay Ridge Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21403

- **Lupus “Put on Purple” Campaign - contributed over \$15,000 to the Lupus Society**
- **Provided over \$25,000 of Sickle Cell kits to Reverend Dr. Miriam Burnett, International Health Commission, AME Church**
- **Presidential “I See You” Awards were presented to people working behind the scenes to support the WMS-AMEC in these initiatives.**

# Executive Board Meetings

## The Women's Missionary Society - - General Meetings

### **EBM 2017 – The Galt House, Louisville, KY**

*Host Episcopal Team:* Bishop Jeffery and Dr. Susan Leath

*District President:* Ms. Gwen Dillihunt

*District YPD Director:* Ms. LaTanya Germany

*General Theme:* "Rise Up... Speak Up.. Impact!"

### **EBM 2018 – The Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, MD**

*Host Episcopal Team:* Bishop James and Mother Arelis Davis

*District President:* Ms. D. Faye Conley

*District YPD Director:* Ms. Annette Dockery

*General Theme:* "Continuing the Ministry of Jesus Christ"

### **2019 – The 19th Quadrennial Convention – Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio**

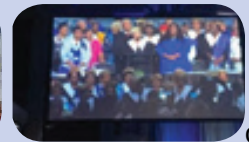
*Host Episcopal Team:* Bishop Frank and Supervisor Marlaa' Reid

*District President:* Ms. JoAnn Harris

*District YPD Director:* Ms. Quereda Covington

*General Theme:* "Transforming Lives... Building Communities..  
Impacting the World"

*Highlights:* Celebrating Greatness: The Retirement Celebration of Supervisors of Missions – Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young, Dr. Stan McKenzie, Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram – and the Celebration Outstanding Service and Sacrifice of Dr. Shirley Cason Reed.



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### **EBM 2020 – The Hilton Hotel – Houston, Texas**

*Host Episcopal Team:* Bishop Vashti and Dr. Stan McKenzie

*District President:* Ms. Gerri Earl

*Host YPD Director:* Ms. Romella Jones

*General Theme:* "God's Commission. Our Mission. Our Calling"

*Highlights:* **Sankofa:** In Celebration of the 75 Year Merger – The Foundation MissionWalk2020 – The Future of Black America Symposium – The Authors' Pavillion

## Executive Board Outreach - Missionaries on the Move Recap 2016-2020

### Lenette Williams-King, MOM Commissioner

Year 2017 MOM Projects: Louisville, KY	St.Mark A.M.E. Church West End School Louisville Rescue Mission Family & Children's Place Center Wayside Christian Mission House of Ruth Ronald McDonald House	\$9,100 \$3,700 \$3,000 \$4,000 \$2,500 \$3,795 in kind \$500 <b>Total: \$26,595</b>
Year 2018 MOM Projects: Baltimore, MD	Bea Gaddy Family Center ShareBaby Future Care Nursing Center Karis Shelter for Woman Turn Around Shelter RISE SEED	\$5,640 \$4,350 \$3,465 \$3,065 \$2,775 \$2,950 \$2,850 <b>Total: \$25,095</b>
Year 2019 MOM Projects: Columbus, OH	YMCA Family Center Ohio Federation for HESJ AME University District 14 AME Church District 15 Columbus Agency	\$7,329 \$10,508 \$8,792 \$7,271 \$150 <b>Total: \$34,050</b>
Year 2020 Projects: Houston, TX	Target Hunger The Mission of Yahweh Paul Quinn College AME-SADA Elnita McClain Center Ronald McDonald Dress for Success	\$2,055 \$1,550 \$3,070 \$8,090 \$3,690 in-kind blankets \$500 in-kind suits \$54,825 <b>Total: \$73,780</b>

## Total Financial Impact Years 2016-2020 \$179,603 Missionaries on the Move Recap 2016-2020

**Year 2017 –**  
**Year 2018 –**  
**Year 2019 –**  
**Year 2020 –**

We were blessed to make a financial impact of \$26,595 in Louisville, KY.  
We were blessed to make a financial impact of \$25,095 in Baltimore, MD.  
We were blessed to make a financial impact of \$34,050 in Columbus, OH.  
We were blessed to make a financial impact of \$73,780 in Houston, TX.





## WMS Foundation, Inc. & Foundation Walk

The WMS Foundation, Inc. continues to raise funds to support global missions in Episcopal Districts 14-20 and AME India (4). In 2019, WMS Foundation (WMSF) paid \$600 per month stipend to each of districts 14-20 and AME India (4) in support of their mission initiatives. These distributions were made possible by membership dues and donations received from WMS members and other donors.

To raise funds to support the continuation of the monthly stipends, the WMSF Board sponsored **MissionWalk2020** at the site of the WMS Executive Board meeting in Houston, Texas, January 29 – February 1, 2020. MissionWalk2020 was a 3K walk-a-thon held at Tom Wussow Park just four blocks from the Hilton Hotel North, headquarters for the Executive Board Meeting. The event was held at 6:00 am on Friday, January 31, 2020. Each WMS Conference Branch President was asked to register a team of 15 participants with each person raising a minimum of \$100 each. Every person who met the minimum fundraising goal was eligible to receive the MissionWalk kit that included a custom windbreaker, beanie, and flashlight.

34 teams were registered and 200+ excited and energized persons participated in the walk-a-thon. The total funds raised was \$72,095—just \$27,905 short of the \$100,000 goal. After the walk-a-thon, the MissionWalk Planning Team announced and distributed awards of certificates, medals and trophies to the top team, individual and district fundraisers. Bags of healthy snacks of bananas, halo oranges, granola bars, Gatorade and bottled water were also provided for participants.

### According to the WMS Constitution & Bylaws, Article X, Section 1 (a-b), (page 4):

“... all members of the WMS shall be encouraged to pay annual WMS Foundation membership dues. Membership dues in the amount of minimum \$5 (Districts 1-13) and minimum \$1 (Districts 14-20) shall be paid by December 31 each year.

WMS Foundation, Inc. is a duly authorized 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax exempt.

Support paid to Districts 14 – 20; 4(India) from the WMS Foundation		
DISTRICT	Apr 2018 – Mar 2019	Apr 2019 – Mar 2020
4 (India)	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
14	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
15	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
16	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
17	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
18	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
19	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
20	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,200.00</b>	<b>\$57,600.00</b>





## Connectional Young People's and Children's Division Wanda Ringgold, Connectional YPD Director

**To: The Bishops and Supervisors of the Church, Bishop John F. White, Commission Chair, Dr. George Flowers, Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry, Dr. Deborah Taylor King, Connectional WMS President, Lic. Richard Norris III, YPD President, Directors, and YPDers Globally**

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to present my second report as the Connectional Director of the Young People's and Children's Division of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Over the last four years, I have been tremendously blessed to provide guidance, counsel and love to an amazing group of young people who are so incredibly gifted, anointed and are committed to the cause of Christ and African Methodism. The opportunity to join our Executive Board and Episcopal District Directors in building upon a legacy of service and innovation has been a pleasure and proven critical to the growth and development of this new age.

### On-going Projects During this Quadrennial

- **Self-Denial** continues to be one of our signature activities. The second vice president is assigned the task of creating a study guide for this program and we have not been disappointed. We are appreciative of Dzestinee Q. Glenn Bland (2016-2018) and Jordan Deveaux (2019-2020) for relevant themes and engaging lessons and activities.

Self-Denial Themes: 2016: iServe, 2017: iGive, 2018: iPraise, 2019: Just Breathe, 2020: "Listen Up"

- **The Souper Bowl of Caring has raised \$123,853 over the past four years. We sent 4500 pounds of food and 345 kits and personal items.** Through this mission project, our young people made a positive difference in the world as they served at hunger-relief centers, collected food and raised money for local food pantries (all of which remained in their local communities). This was a wonderful opportunity to show caring and compassion across the country.
- The annual **Leadership Training Institute** continues to be an inspirational learning event for our youth. The LTI themes were designed by the Executive Board with their peers in mind and have been reflective of their issues and interests.
  - o 2016 "Raising a Generation to Lead, Dream, Inspire (Atlanta, GA)
  - o 2017 "This Means War (We Are Rising)" (St. Louis, MO)
  - o 2018 "In Living Color" (Grapevine, TX)
  - o 2019 (no meeting, Quadrennial year)
  - o 2020 (canceled, Pandemic)

**Director's Retreats:** In an effort to be intentional in our goal to build strong young people and effective YPD groups, an annual Director's Retreat is held to foster learning and training opportunities. After attending workshops, sharing pertinent information and best practices, the directors return home refreshed and inspired.

### Looking Ahead

The projected Goals and Objectives for the next Quadrennial have been designed to move our organization forward in this ever-changing world. It is my belief that when we immerse our young people with opportunities to become involved in relevant mission work, their tasks become learning experiences.

**GOAL #1: Increase annual participation in the Self Denial Program by 20% across the Connectional Church.**

Self-Denial was established as a fund-raising effort to provide scholarships for students. Participants can now showcase their video productions, editing, and computer skills. This is also a venue by which the young people can showcase their artistic, musical, oratorical and writing skills. We will research ways in which to increase participation, including making the Self-Denial booklet available electronically to our International family of YPDers.

**GOAL #2: Create new partnerships with faith, civic, and non-profit organizations beyond the AME Church.**

These partnerships will enrich programs and opportunities for our young people, while enhancing our organization's image and visibility.

**GOAL #3: Continue to work with component organizations to ensure that our young people remain active and involved in the work and mission of our church upon graduation from the YPD.**

It has been a challenge to keep our young people involved in the church once they have graduated/aged out of the YPD. Partnerships need to be forged throughout the Episcopal Districts well in advance of the separation dates so that the young people can develop a rapport with the members of the receiving organizations. This will enable them to experience a seamless transition. It is hoped that the District Directors will encourage the Conference Directors to provide information to the YPDers regarding these organizations.

In February of 2018, I traveled to the 15th and 19th Episcopal Districts. While in Cape Town, I attended the re-opening of the Balm of Gilead Centre, a comprehensive center which provides services for women and children, some of which include a day care and medical facilities. While there, we made a contribution to help ensure the continued success of this project.

Finally, I want to thank the Connectional church for your prayers, your constant encouragement and your support of the Young People's and Children's Division. I am also grateful for the commitment and time rendered to our young people by directors on all levels. As we continue to move forward, I am confident that the future church will be in capable hands. We remain committed to evangelize, teach, advise, challenge and love our youth with the ultimate purpose of leading them to Christ and remain committed to African Methodism.

*Wanda T. Rensgoel*

Connectional YPD Director



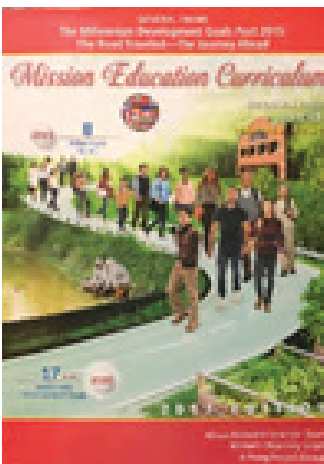


## Promotion and Mission Education Report

Four Annual Promotion and Missionary Education Dialogue Institutes were successfully convened. Institutes 2017, 2018 and 2019 were held in Linthicum, Maryland at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. The 2020 Institute which was held virtually, was also successful with increased attendance.

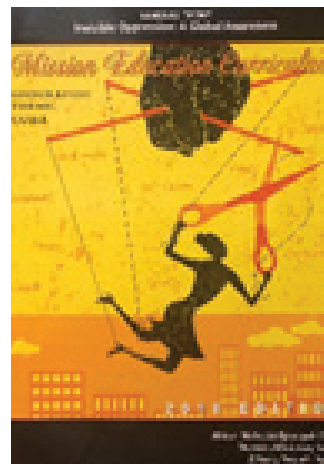
The goal is to develop the Annual Missionary Curriculum for the WMS that can be used as a resource for mission education, training and general information. All district's participation was accomplished.

The development of 4 Mission Education Curricula included submissions from all 20 Districts; and each General and Geographic theme addressed the needs and current issues that God's people can identify with globally.



### 2017

"The Millennium Development Goals Post 2015:  
The Road Traveled - The Journey Ahead"  
Geographic Theme: "Middle East"



### 2018

"Invisible Oppression: A Global Awareness"  
Geographic Theme: "Cuba"



### 2019

"Touchdown: The Church Universal Tackling  
Injustices Through Education & Empowerment"  
Geographic Theme: "Haiti"



### 2020

"Planet Alert: The Impact of Climate Change"  
Geographic Theme: "United States"

**Margaret Maske, Connectional PME Director**

# MISSIONARY MAGAZINE

Ida Tyree Hyché Hill, Esq., Editor (2016-2019);

Potlako “PJ” Molomo, Associate Editor

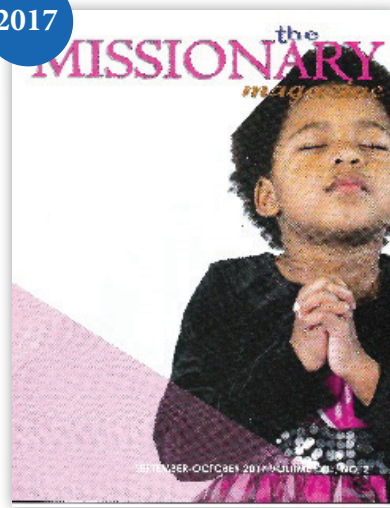
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Dr. Linda Mtshwelo, Associate Editor

2016



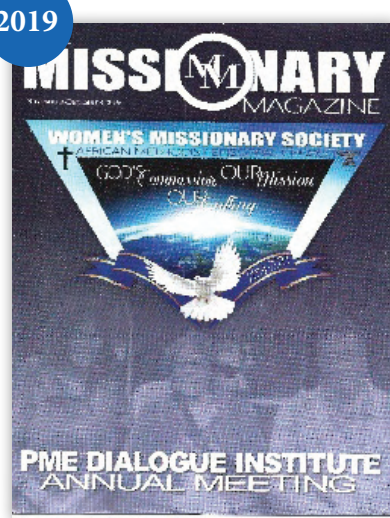
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2018



2019



**Subscribers:** Averaging 7,500 in Districts 1-13; 500 in Districts 14-20, Canada and Caribbean. All magazine mailings outside of the United States were suspended in 2020 because of the coronavirus. Mailings to countries outside of the US began reopening in select areas in March/April of 2021.

Looking ahead, the entire subscription database will be purged and updated by January 2022. We will also develop, by 4th Quarter 2021, an online option that will be made available in other languages; it will also appeal to potential subscribers who do not want a printed version.

**Production:** The publication encountered obstacles in 2020 due to the coronavirus but will be back on its production track with the July/August 2021 issue.

Looking ahead, we are actively recruiting district assistant editors to submit articles and pictures. By 3rd Quarter 2021, the team will be in place.

**Expansion:** The publication will expand to include an online electronic newsletter that will share timely and relevant information to print or non-print subscribers. That option will be in place by the 4th Quarter of 2021.

# AFFILIATES & ECUMENICAL PARTNERS

(just to name a few)

AARP



Colgate Palmolive



Church Women United (CWU)



Church World Services (CWS)



National Council of Negro (NCNW)



AME Service and Development Agency (AME SADA)



Black Women's Agenda (BWA)



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## Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Patricia Bradley & Jacqueline Mitchell-Robinson, Main Representative (2016-2019)

Shawn Ross, Main Representative (2019-current)



WMS-AME NGO was selected by UN Women to make Oral Statement at CSW 63 10th Plenary Session, 2019 on the formation of the Caucus of Women and Girls of African Descent. Commission on the Status of Women: Participated, planned and implemented the Ecumenical Women's Worship themes and scriptures for weekly morning Prayer Service, at the UN Church Center Chapel in New York City, New York.

We have collaborated with CSA commissioner, Bertha Pitts, to spearhead a Mother's Day campaign to end Fistula. This "Love-a-Sister" initiative was designed to raise awareness and funds to aid those affected by Fistula. We have developed and provided informational handouts, DVDs, Fistula displays, brochures, and personal testimonies hoping to stress the importance of giving. The Campaign to End Fistula raised \$24,289.00 (2017 -2020)

Supporting AME-SADA. Attended UN briefing, updated on humanitarian need from Joseph Jou the, Prime Minister of Haiti. The PM acknowledged political instability, poor governance, degradation of the environment, and structural problems such as, health and water sanitation.

Partnering and collaborating with United Nations organizations, an integral part of WMS-AME NGO. They include Ecumenical Women at the UN, sharing a common mission and vision. The NGO-CSW, facilitates a platform for voices and leadership to speak to women's rights globally and lobby for the inclusion of women's rights. The United Nations Population Fund, (UNFPA), is the UN's sexual and reproductive health agency. The United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) a movement of Americans who believe our interests and values can best be advanced by standing with the only truly universal institution: The UN WMS-AME NGO Liaisons are focusing on Human Trafficking. An advocacy plan has been created for each District.





## WMS Mission Statement

We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world.

### **2019-2023 Quadrennial Theme**

God's Commission – Our  
Mission – Our Calling  
Matthew 28:18-20



## **The Global Goals and Focuses**

- I. To EMPOWER Women
- II. To EMBRACE Child Protection including Spiritual, Mental and Physical Development
- III. To ERADICATE Hunger
- IV. To ENHANCE the significant contributions made by our predecessors

# GLOBAL VISION:



- Building
- Birthing
- Bridging
- Branding

- Building stronger global partnerships to enhance the significant foundation laid by our forerunners.
- Birthing new and innovative initiatives that positively respond to relevant 21st Century and intergenerational issues.
- Bridging the gaps for women in education, wealth building, health and wellness and leadership to create a more substantial Global and Intergenerational footprint.
- Branding WMS-AMEC as a powerful force for change, advocacy and impact.



# WMS-AMEC Dimensions:

## On-Going Works

- To promote the 17 United Nations Sustainable Goals
- To effectively plan and execute: Executive Board Meetings, the 20th Quadrennial Convention, NGO Conventions, PME Dialogues, YAM Summits and any other initiatives that will impact our goals and ministry.
- To provide financial support to Districts 14, 20, India (4)
- To continue our partnership with the Bishop Sarah Frances Davis Women's Clinic, and AME-SADA
- To serve as RESPONDERS to provide relief and outreach during disasters, catastrophes, etc.
- Monthly Awareness Flyers (Distributed throughout each district by the 1st VP)
- "NEW" - Monthly COVID-19 Flyers (Distributed throughout each district by the 1st VP)
- National Ribbon Color Guide (for all major occasions)
- Bread for the World - Letter Writing Campaign
- "Reimplement" - New Mothers Kits - SADA Initiative

## A Look Forward

- Ratify and distribute our new Constitution and By-Laws
- Increase Membership, Scholarship Opportunities, Missionary Magazine Subscriptions and New Partnerships
- Aggressively advocate for bills, policies and legislation to ensure justice, equality and reform
- Continue communicating through technology such as the WMS Website, Facebook, etc.
- Develop strategies to secure other streams of revenue to defray the cost of the 20th Quadrennial Convention and increase organizational impact
- Accelerate the newly established commissions: Mom's Demand Action (MDA) gun violence reform, Serving Our Seniors (SOS), and Child Advocacy.
- Continue Bright Smiles-Bright Futures partnership with Colgate/Palmolive
- Continue to promote and expand merchandise offered through the BRANDING BOUTIQUE



# Save the Dates



Virtual NGO  
Conference



Virtual PME  
Dialogue



Executive  
Board 2022



20th YPD  
Quadrennial  
Convention



Transition  
Date



20th WMS  
Quadrennial  
Convention



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*“... we thank God through Jesus Christ for you.*

*“ Romans 1:8 (NLT) ”*

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Thank You . . . our beloved missionaries, life members, associated, young people, Fund Development team, Ecumenical Partners and my hardworking staff for your significant contributions. THANK YOU AGAIN, for this is your report; without each of you, there would be no report of stewardship

Finally, we thank our loving and devoted family members for being “the wind beneath our wings”.

Together and with God, we can PROFOUNDLY impact this world!

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**





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