

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF
GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 ESV



RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

GIVING THANKS AND ...ALL THAT JAZZ!

RECOGNIZING 8 YEAR PRESIDENTS AND
OUTGOING CONFERENCE BRANCH OFFICERS

JULY 20, 2024

12:30PM – 3:30PM

COLLEGE PARK MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

3501 UNIVERSITY BLVD

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20783

JAMES L. DAVIS, PRESIDING PRELATE
SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

MOTHER ARELIS B. DAVIS, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

MS. SELERYA O. MOORE, WMS PRESIDENT
SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

MS. ANNETTE DOCKERY, YPD DIRECTOR
SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

MS. RENEE BROOKS, WMS PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

MRS. ANITA WATERS, YPD DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

MS. DONNA LACY
1ST VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAM CHAIR

MRS. JOAN OXENDINE
PRESIDENT, SARAH ALLEN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
CO-PROGRAM CHAIR

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
MS. KAREN EDMOND AND MS. ERIKA OWENS

Giving Thanks and all that Jazz!



*Washington Conference Branch
Women's Missionary Society
Honoree Inaugural Pin*



Program

Music	Jazz Band
Welcome/Statement of Occasion/	Sister Renee Brooks
Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony	
Mistress of Ceremony	Sister Barbara Greene-Brooks
Prayer	Presiding Elder Charles T. Sembly
Scripture -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV	Brother Clarence Edmond
Song	Oh Give Thanks
Special Presentation	Sisters Donna Lacy, Renee Brooks, Essie Thompson, Josephine Lambert, Deborah Sewell, Bonnie Shaffer, Chandelle Ivey
Music	Jazz Band
Scholarships	Sister Alzenia Hamlin, Greater Mt. Nebo, CCH
Blessing of Food	Sister Bonnie Shaffer

Lunch/Music

Marriott Staff will give directions

8-Year President Honoree	Sister Karen Edmond
WCB Outgoing Officers	Sister Erika Owens
Poem	Sister Shelia Clayton
Music	Jazz Band

Second Line Dance

Sister Selerya Moore and Attendees

Announcements/Remarks

Sister Sylvia McRae, Sister Renee

Brooks, Sister Selerya Moore

Remarks and Closing Prayer

Presiding Elder Charles T. Sembly

Missionary Benediction

Sister Barbara Greene-Brooks

The Hands of Christ

**We are the hands of Christ, embracing the ones in need.
We are the hands of Christ, caring for those who plead.
We are the hands of Christ, sharing our bread to feed.
We are the hands of Christ, serving the ones in need.**

**Our purpose in life is that we were called to serve,
To serve in God's kingdom and spread the word.
To be an example of love serving one another,
Giving praise and glory to our heavenly Father.**

**Don't rely on gratitude for all the things you do,
But ask the Lord for grace and love to help see you through.
Enjoy your special calling and know it's a privilege to serve,
God chooses workers carefully to help others to receive what
they deserve.**

**And be assured that many of the seeds you sow will root,
And in your absence will go on to flourish and bear fruit.
So live in humble servitude, content that God above,
Is watching with a father's pride, to shower you with love.**

God bless!

*Annette C. Jones Scholarship
Winners*



Elijah Black

Church: First AMEC of Gaithersburg

High School: Gaithersburg High School

College: University of North Carolina Greensboro

Major: I plan to major in biology with the intention of becoming a wildlife biologist upon completion of my post-secondary education.

Tyla Inyamah

Church: Mt. Gilboa AMEC

High School: Charles Herbert Flowers

College: Thomas Jefferson University

Major: Bachelors of Architecture

Austin Jackson

Church: Seaton Memorial AMEC

High School: Barrie School

College: Loyola University

Major: Forensic Studies

Austin Jackson is an 18-year-old graduating senior at the Barrie School in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is a lifelong member of Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church and a member of the Young People's Division. Austin plans to attend Loyola University Maryland this fall in the Honors Program and has chosen Forensic Studies as his major.

Austin has earned significant accomplishments this year. He earned the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout badge, landed the lead role of the Ugly Duckling in the school's spring musical Honk!", and played the Fox in the school's fall play, "The Little Prince". Austin was also the 2024 recipient of Seaton Memorial's Edward D. Young, Sr. scholarship and the Adrian Bofo Delegate scholarship. Beyond his stellar academics, Austin spends his time playing the trombone, cooking, and volunteering at a local not-for-profit equine sanctuary

Jayden McKay

Church: Greater Mt. Nebo

High School: Dr. Henry A. Wise

College: Stevenson University

Major: Business Administration

*Outgoing Washington Conference
Branch WMS Officers 2023-2024*



Jeanette S. Hite

Church: Campbell AME Church

WMS Society: Lucille E. Dale WMS

WMS President: Shelia Clayton

Pastor: Rev. Terrance McKinley.

Favorite Scripture: Colossians 3:23 & 24

Office held and dates served: WCB WMS
President 2017- 2022

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- In conjunction with the 1st & 2nd VPs of the Conference, was creative with the vision for all Annual Day Programing, Winter Workshops and the Recognition Luncheons. Life Members joined in the pre-recorded singing of the Opening Hymn for Annual Day in 2022. The first President to honor two Associates during the Recognition Luncheon--Associate Harry Hawkes and Associate Andrew Johnson.
- In 2021, the WCB responded to a Disaster Relief and “filled-up” a U-Haul with food, clothing and personal care items to be sent to 12th or 13th Episcopal District.
- During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Washington Conference partnered with Chef Jose Andres and the World Central Kitchen and delivered over 30,000 meals to Seniors, Church members, and to two fire house stations.
- Established the virtual Monthly Meeting model for staying connected with all members of the Executive Board.
- Conference supported a newly opened Shelter in Frederick, MD by raising \$10,000.
- Established the President’s Award during the Annual Day for Missionary members who provided great mission service in their Local Churches but would never be recognized as a Life Member.
- Established the Annette C. Jones Scholarship Fund, awarding students with WMS Scholarships.
- Established the Pathway to Healing and Restoration Initiative, a letter writing campaign. Provided letters and cards to incarcerated men and women across the U.S.
- Appointed some of the best Area Chairs for each of the four Areas: Essie Thompson, Pam Sembly, Josephine Lambert, Michele Hudson, Renee Brooks, and Bonnie Shaffer.
- Annual Day speaker for a great number of Churches.
- Worked very closely with the Treasurer, Sis. Robin McElhaney. Established a \$15,000 Set Aside for a stipend for all of the WCB Delegates, Life Members and some Conference Officers attending the 20th WMS Quadrennial Convention. Left the new Elected President and her Administration with a balance of \$50,000.
- Donated to World Vision and the Heifer Foundation by providing livestock to African countries. Supplied – cows (7), goats, chickens and ducks. To God Be the Glory for the things He has Done!



Cecelia Florene Melvin-Scott

Church: Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church

WMS Society: Johanna Morris WMS Society

WMS President: Helen Jackson-Baker

Pastor: Rev. Dr. D.K. Kearney

Favorite Scripture: Colossians 3:16 NKJV

Office held and dates served: WCB P.M.E.

Director 2016-2023 and WCB 2nd Vice

President 2023-2024

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- 2004 WCB Conference Dorcas Queen, SED 2nd place Dorcas Queen.
- Coordinated the WCB Missionary Project for Days for Girls Sanitary Kits provided to girls in Cameroon, Africa.
- Co-Chairperson WCB Outgoing Officers and Recommitment Service.
- WCB Recognition Awardee.
- Coordinated the 2023 WCB Winter Workshop Friday Night "Kitchen Table Talk," Youth Suicide Prevention & Viewing of the BET HER+ Suicide Prevention film "Happy."
- Delegate to the 2023 Quadrennial Convention.
- WCB 2nd Vice President, Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation, Chairperson for the 2024 WCB Winter Workshop. "WCB Human Trafficking Awareness" and "Focus on the Mission not the Mess."
- Attended WMS P.M.E. Dialogues and contributed articles for the P.M.E. Yearbooks.
- Contributed an article in the Missionary Magazine 2023 Year In Review Edition (page 18) "Kitchen Table Talk: 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Youth Suicide Prevention."



Phyllis Camper

Church: Metropolitan AME Church

WMS Society: Sarah Allen Missionary Society (SAMS)

WMS President: Joan Oxendine

Pastor: Rev. Dr. William H. Lamar IV

Office held and dates served: Assistant Recording Secretary for the Washington Conference Branch/WMS

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Served as Assistant Recording Secretary for the Washington Conference Branch/WMS.
- Serve as Financial Secretary; member of the Lay Organization (Corresponding Secretary) and the Music and Creative Arts Ministry at my local Church.
- Education: Howard University/Architectural Design.



Elizabeth Jordan-Johnson

Church: Allen Chapel AME Church DC

WMS Society: Della B. Greene (DBG) WMS

WMS President: Yvonne Metcalfe

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr.

Scripture: Psalms 34:8

Office held and dates served: Served as President of DBG Society from 2013 – 2023, Served two years as 1st Vice President of DBG Society

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Held fundraiser for scholarship for DC homeless high school graduate putting herself through college at Georgetown University
- Coordinated projects to provide food and toiletries for homeless women at Harriet Tubman and Mitch Snyder and Calvary Women shelters; coordinated projects with Associates to provide toiletries, bibles and clothing to DC's 800 Homeless Men Shelter
- Held Drive with Red Cross to collect blood; coordinated and supported annual coat drives and Angel Tree program
- Supported needy family church members with gift cards and other supplies
- Increased DBG society's membership with ten members and four Associates
- Worked on Rev. Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr.'s Campaign for Bishop
- Held WMS Annual Day annually except 2020 year. Supported CCHA's book scholarship. Oversaw DBG YPD program and activities. Supported annually the DORCAS program

Area and WMS Projects/Accomplishments

- Served as Corresponding Secretary - 2015 – 2023 Serves currently as 2nd Vice Chair for CCHA
- Established the first two Bereavement Notice letters for the Washington Conference Branch
Served as Assistant Recording Secretary of the CCHA for two years
- Served as Armor Bearer for the current Connectional President Dr. Deborah Taylor-King during Executive Board meeting
- Worked on Bishop Harry L. Seawright's last two Campaigns for Bishop
- Worked on Dr. Shirley Cason Reed's Connectional WMS Presidential campaign
- Participated in Conference Pillowcase project that sent pillowcases to Kenya which provided jobs to the ladies in the village for converting them to dresses for girls;
- Introduced Supervisor Arelis Beevers Davis to her first WCB Annual Day Convention luncheon "en Espanol" as requested by former President Jeanette Hite
- Served on the Hospitality Committee for many years with Sister Essie Thompson for Annual Conferences held at Ebenezer and Reid Temple AME Churches
- Served on the Registration Committee for WCB WMS Annual Day Conventions, Served as a Hostess for WMS Annual Day Conventions; Black Women's Agenda luncheons; and NGO meetings, • Attends and supports WMS Executive Board meetings, 2nd Episcopal District Annual Planning meetings, and Founders Day programs.



Robin McElhaney

Church: Ebenezer AME Ft. Washington, MD

WMS Society: Alice Marie Chapman WMS

WMS President: Jacqui Bennett

Pastors: Rev. Drs. Grainger & Jo Ann
Browning

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 23

Office held and dates served: Conference
Branch Treasurer - 2016-2023 Robin McElhaney

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Oversaw the financial operations of the WCB WMS
- Worked with Conference President to establish a \$15,000 Set Aside for a stipend for all of the WCB Delegates, Life Members and some Conference Officers attending the 20th WMS Quadrennial Convention
- Serves as Stewardess, choir member and member of “Go Get Your Daughters” Ministry



Dorothy Carolyn Lowe

Church: Ebenezer AME Ft. Washington, MD

WMS Society: Alice Marie Chapman WMS

WMS President: Jacqui Bennett

Pastors: Rev. Drs. Grainger & Jo Ann Browning

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 34

Office held and dates served: WCB WMS
Worship Director, served from March 26, 2019
to April 10, 2024

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- In Local Society: Elected Parliamentarian 2000-2004 and 2004-2008; elected Worship Director 2008-2012 and 2012-2016. For more than 30 years served in Outreach Ministries, specifically Precious Gems Nursing Home Ministry in Clinton where I was the Worship Director, and accompanied the Healing Ministry in its Nursing Home services in Fort Washington. With both ministries, also provided musical support with my ensemble "The Voices of Praise" until our Director transferred to another ministry.
- In the Washington Conference: In addition to serving 5 years as Worship Director, I sang for 30 years with the Hazel A. Dyson Missionary Choir at Annual Conferences and upon the request of our Conference President at other events. Under President Annette Jones, we were invited to sing at Constitution Hall.
- As an active community leader in Prince George's County, I have been able to share important information with my Local Society and the Washington Conference. This year during Women's History Month, the Prince George's County Council presented me with a Proclamation in which they recognized my service and dedication to my District and the County as a whole. The Proclamation also mentioned my faithful service to Ebenezer AME Church.

I feel that my greatest accomplishment has been to show the love of Jesus Christ wherever I go. As I tell my colleagues in the community, I am privileged to be a Missionary.



Margaret Smith Perkins

Church Name: Ward Memorial AME Church

WMS Society: Tullie B, Quinn WMS

WMS President: Vergie E. Thomas

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dededrick O. Rivers

Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 40:31

Office held and dates served:

Parliamentarian April 2015 to April 2023

Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws

Committee 2022 to present

WMS Projects /Accomplishments:

- Winter Workshop presenter 2016, 2019, 2022
- Donated to the WCB Annual Day Outreach Projects with gift cards
- The Obama Shoe Box project - annually 2020-present



Carla Cash

Church: New Hope AMEC Waldorf

WMS Society: Hazel Clemencia WMS

WMS President: Vernetta Smith

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Tench

Favorite Scripture: Philippians 4:13

Office held and dates served: PME Director
Area, Local President, 1st VP Local, 2nd VP
Local, 3rd VP local, WCB Parliamentarian

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Currently transitioning Food Pantries/Hubs into Healthy Food Zones, creating Food as Medicine Programs that involve connecting Farmers with Food Pantries/Food Hubs.
- Established 11 Food Hub Distribution locations within Prince George & Montgomery County during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Created a Missionary Collaborative Project called “Missionary Thursday” and we served 1,800 Meals Monday – Saturday from March 2020 – October 2020 as a collaborative Missionary Project with all of the Missionary Societies within the Washington Conference.
- Currently feed the Homeless weekly. Coordinate, prepared, distribute, contribute to free produce and groceries throughout Prince George & Montgomery County.
- Created a financial literacy education program with WSSC Federal Credit Union Foundation.
- My current and past career skills and experience contribute to years of Community Relations & Outreach success that allows me a broad range of diversity.
- Committed to addressing food equity through policies and environmental changes that improve access to healthy and affordable foods.
- I am always Seeking to gain additional knowledge of the food system, I am planning on pursuing the Applied Food Studies Program where I plan to gain a clear understanding of food systems, ethics surrounding food, and ecology.



Pamela J. Sembly, First Lady

Church Name: Union Bethel AME Church (Randallstown); Joined Reid Temple AME Church September 2023 when my husband was appointed Presiding Elder of the Capital District

WMS Society: Lillian M. Dorsey WMS

WMS President: Trina Pugh

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark E. Whitlock, Jr.

Favorite Scripture: Galatians 6:9

Offices held and dates served: YPD Director-Mt. Olive AME Church - 1976-1982

Local President -Union Bethel (Randallstown) 1985, Matilda Monroe Area Recording Secretary - 1985-1994, Matilda Monroe Area Treasurer - 1994-2002, Matilda Monroe Area Chair - 2015-2022

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Back-to-School Supplies to local schools
- Christmas Wish List Project for local schools & community
- Good Samaritan Food Pantry
- Homeless Prevention/Utility Assistance Program
- Director of We Are Family CDC
- Senior Outreach Ministry
- Life Membership - February 2018

8-Year Local WMS Presidents



Sylvia C. Butler

Church Name: Mt. Zion AME Church - Severn

WMS Society: Mt. Zion Severn WMS

WMS President: Carrie Brown

Pastor's Name: Rev. Dr. Kimberly McManus

Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 43:2-3

Office Held and Dates Served: Served as the Society's First President from Nov. 2011 – Nov. 2022

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

The Mt. Zion AMEC WMS was formed November 1, 2011. I was elected its first president and served from November 2011 until November 2022. During that time some of our regular activities were:

- Annual Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Give-A-Way Baskets, Coat, Hat & Gloves Drive
- Bi-monthly fellowship with residents at local senior residential facility. During these visits we prepared lunch for them, had hands-on activities, held Ice Cream Socials, Bingo, Mother's Day Tea, Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinners.
- We also visit the South River Nursing Home monthly with the Stewards; and someone from our ministerial staff serves the residents communion.
- We continue to support our youth and the church in their activities.
- Our first anniversary was held on Sunday, October 21, 2012. Our Guest Speaker was our International President, Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed. The title of her sermon was "Go Do The Work," coming from our chosen Scripture, Acts 1:8.



Sandra W. Carver

Church: First AME Church, Manassas, VA

WMS Society: The Fredericka L. Hildebrand
WMS

WMS President: Sandra W. Carver

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Etoria V. Goggins

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 100

Office held and dates served: Local 1st Vice
President, PME Director, Local President, PME
Director for the Washington Conference

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Attended/participated in Area Meetings, Area Executive Board Meetings, Local Meetings, WCBWMS Executive Board Meetings, PME Dialogue, Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation Meetings
- Honored as an Extraordinary Woman for commitment, dedication, and service to the work of missions at the WMS Annual Recognition Luncheon
- Presented lessons from the PME Yearbook to the Area Local Society
- Actively participated in the distribution of the PME Yearbook
- Submitted and published a prayer in the 2023 PME Yearbook
- Recently submitted a poem entitled, "Misinformation, Disinformation, and Malinformation—Personified" to the 2024 PME Yearbook
- Actively participated in the planning and implementation of the WCBWMS Winter Workshops
- Planned and participated in much Mission Work, on the local, Area, Conference, District, and Connectional levels



Patricia D. Edmond

Church Name: Mount Moriah AME Church

WMS Society: Nannie Bell Women's WMS

WMS President: Sis. Karen Edmond

Pastor: Rev. Johnie Branch

Favorite Scripture: Philippians 4:13

Office held and dates served:

Local President, 2015 – 2023.

Local Historiographer/Statistician, 2024 –

Present. Matilda Monroe Area, Third Vice

President, 2015 – 2023. Matilda Monroe Area,

First Vice President, 2023 – Present.

Washington Conference Branch (WCB)

Commissioner, SED WMS Book Scholarship,

2018 – Present. WCB Commissioner,

Connectional WMS Handy-Simmons

Scholarship, 2018 – Present. WCB WMS

Representative, Annette C. Jones Scholarship,

2016 – 2022. Elected and served as a delegate to

the 20th 2023 WMS Quadrennial Convention.

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

Sis. Edmond provided leadership and outreach service to the following:

- Under her leadership, she recruited and trained WMS members.
- Spearheaded fundraisers to underwrite the costs of WMS Projects on the local, Area, and Conference levels.
- Provided service to local Shelters and the Homeless in Annapolis and surrounding communities.
- Visited and provided support to the sick and shut-in, those in Rehab Centers, hospitals, and at home.
- Provided Thanksgiving baskets and gifts cards to families.
- Provided Christmas baskets, gifts to children, and gift cards to families.
- Provided gifts and support to the Angel Tree Program for children whose parents are incarcerated.
- Mentored and supported all the work of the Young Peoples and Children's Department (YPD).
- Supported the Outreach Programs and Projects of WMS on all levels (Dorcas, Taking It to the Streets, No-Sew Blankets, Missionary on the Move, and Back-to-School).
- Attended and participated in the WMS leadership conferences and events on all levels.



Doris Gibson

Church: Saint Mark AME Church
WMS Society: Doris Jean Cook WMS
WMS President: Doris Gibson
Pastor: Rev Jonathan Davis
Favorite Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11
Office Held and Dates:
Local President: 2014 to Present
Local Recording Secretary: 2011-2013
Area Recording Secretary: 2015-2019
WCB Recording Secretary: 2019 to Present

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Pro-actively plans, coordinates and organizes the Annual Student Recognition Program.
- Active member of the SHARE Ministry that involves packing and preparing items to be distributed to the Homeless, and those in need.
- Coordinates and supports the Thanksgiving & Christmas Outreach Distribution.
- Attends, participates and supports the WMS on the Conference, District, and Connectional levels.



Barbara Greene-Brooks

Church: Fair Havens AME Church

WMS Society: Mary Julia Greene WMS

WMS President: Barbara Greene-Brooks

Pastor: Rev. Erica Bennett

Favorite Scripture: Galatians 6:9

Office Held and Dates:

Local President since 2015

Worship Leader – Matilda Monroe Area

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Proud to be the president of the Mary Julia Greene Missionary Society of Fair Havens AME church in the beautiful city of Curtis Bay since 2015. Which by the way, their society is named after her 99-year-old nonagenarian mother.
- A serves as the Worship Leader for the Matilda Monroe Area Women's Missionary Society.
- Married to associate brother Marvin Brooks, and they share three children and six grandchildren.
- Born to spread the gospel while partnering with every one of you, servicing communities here, and all over the world.
- Member of the Hazel Dyson Choir

She is honored to serve as Mistress of Ceremony for this Year's (2024) WCBWMS Recognition Luncheon.



Claudette Gail Hipkins

Church: Campfield AMEC

WMS Society: Wright-McCarter WMS

WMS President: Claudette Gail Hipkins

Pastor: Rev. Rowena A. White

Favorite Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17

Office Held and Dates: Matilda Monroe Area

Area Chair (8 Years) 1999-2007

YPD Director (4 Years)

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Started the Area YPD meetings the same day and time as the WMS Area Meetings for the Matilda Monroe Area.
- Served as the local president of the Cozy-Ringo Missionary Society at Davis Memorial for 27 seven years.
- Serve as the Co-Chair of the Open Heart Community Food Outreach Ministries.
- Re-organized the Wright-McCarter Missionary Society at Campfield AME Church.



Marie Lee

Church: Lee Memorial AME

WMS Society: Gladys Sparrow WMS

WMS President: Marie Lee

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter G. Taylor

Favorite Scripture: Psalms 34:1-2

Office held and dates served:

Steward Pro Tem 2023-Present, Church

Treasurer 2023-Present, Local WMS President

2012-Present , YPD Director 1998-2012, 1st VP

CDA 2019-2023, 2nd VP CDA 2023-Present

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, birthed a volunteered food hub (Food 4 Life Ministry). Our mission is to provide healthy and nutritional food to households experiencing food insecurity, spiritual support to individuals who have been impacted by the pandemic and other community resources. We currently operate a dual food distribution outreach project which has served over 200 families, individuals and seniors within the community. In 2023, we provided 48,500 meals consisting of fresh produce, meats and non-perishable items.
- Rescue hot snacks from food chain stores and restaurants weekly and provide to students at a boys and girls club.



Margaret A. Maske

Church: Pilgrim AMEC

WMS Society: Lela M. Jackson WMS

WMS President: Margaret A. Maske (Acting President)

Pastor: Rev. Stanley Wright

Favorite Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Office held and dates served:

Local President- 2015- 2023

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

In addition to all projects requested by WCB and SED, members of the LMJ WMS:

- Provided service for SOME (So Others May Eat)
- Provided salads and fruits to be included in dinner meals for men's shelter.
- Prepared no sew blankets and purchased some and distributed them to designated tent areas for homeless in Washington D.C.
- Adopted families at Christmas that were in one of the categories: single parents with children, senior citizens, households with disabled members.
- Christmas Shoe Boxes filled with items for children to be sent overseas.
- Supported and encouraged teachers in church community local school by purchasing teacher supplies and sending tokens at Christmas and Valentine's Day.
- Distributed year round Our Daily Word booklets to neighborhood stores, Metro stations, Recreation centers, laundry mats and individual handouts.
- Hosted and prepared Repast for funerals.
- Provided SHARE clients with budget training and meal planning and preparations.
- Assisted with furnishing apartments for residents who newly acquired housing.
- Participated in coat and gloves giveaway for both men and women.
- Took men shopping to purchase needed clothing, as needed.
- Maintain shoe closet for children and adults.
- Assisted YPD with all projects.
- Picked up and delivered food to others during COVID, 4 days a week.
- Passed out water to the homeless.
- Provided water and Gatorade to kids at ball practice at church community recreation and field.
- Transported persons to doctor appointments and grocery shopping.
- Story reading-read to students in pre-school thru 1st Grade in DC Public Schools.

I do not consider these as my accomplishments. I have been honored to serve with this amazing group that had a mind to work. To God be the Glory.



Michelle Duncan-McDuffie

Church: New Creation AMEC

WMS Society: Mamie Elizabeth Lynch WMS

WMS President: Michelle Duncan-McDuffie

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anthony Young

Favorite Scripture: Philippians 4:13

Office held and dates served:

Local President

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

With the help of our Savior and the friends and family of New Creation A.M.E. Church, the MEL Society has left a mark on the community. From the start of 2016 until now lives have changed and we cannot thank the community enough for your generosity. We praise God for the following accomplishments:

- Back to School Drives for Apple Elementary School, Ft. Washington Maryland and Samuel P. Massie Academy in Forestville Maryland.
- The Mamie Elizabeth Lynch Missionary Society was named the Washington Conference Branch Area Project and the recipient.
- With help and guidance from Rev. Dr. Anthony Young, an NGO was established, initiative for Social Protection and Development- Girimpuhwe (ISOPROD Girimpuhwe). The church has adopted Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church, Rwanda, Africa, feeding 100 families a month.
- Partnering with local churches to help feed those in need.
- Sponsoring a Community Day – Sept 2023



Lelia M. Newkirk

Church Name: Falls Road AMEC
WMS Society: The Maria L. Cashen WMS
WMS President: Lelia M. Newkirk
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Marlene R. Mitchell
Favorite Scripture: Philippians 4:13
Office held and dates served:
YPD Director (1994)
Missionary President (2000)

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Relief Visitors and Card Ministry for the Sick and Shut in
- Visited hospitals, nursing homes and homes of members who could not attend our meetings.
- Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- Trips to Kings Dominion (YPD)
- Vacation Bible School
- Adopted Families for Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas (Angel Tree)
- Thanksgiving Baskets and \$50 Gift Cards to Schools, the Community and Church Families
- Turkeys for the Helping Up Mission (Baltimore, Maryland)
- Annual Outreach Project School Uniforms for the Samuel P. Massie Academy
- Attended Boot Camp YPD
- Attended the Director's Meeting for YPD
- Missionaries on the Move (MOM) Donations Outreach Project (Gift Cards)
- Super Bowl for Caring
- Supported the Dorcas Adams Young Day House with Visa Gift Cards
- Attended Missionary Night at the Annual Conference

To God Be the Glory!



Barbara Oliver

Church: Hemingway Memorial

WMS Society: Lucy Hart WMS

WMS President: Barbara Oliver

Pastor: Rev Krishnan Natesan

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 27

Position held: President effective 2011-present

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- As a ministry we serve our church family and the Community.
During my tenure we established a pantry to support members of our church and the community,
- Thanksgiving and Holiday baskets for the community,
- Taking It to the Streets outreach, food and diaper drives.
- Worked on Back-to-School projects for school supplies and back packs. Community partnerships with UCAP (Shepherds Cove),
- Baynes Elementary School, Casa PG County.
- Currently serving on Conference level as Chair of the WCB WMS Election Committee.



Georgia Sherwood

Church Name: Brookins Faith Temple

WMS Society: Ola T. Clay WMS

WMS President: Georgia Sherwood

Pastor: Rev. Dr. S. Isaiah Harvin

Favorite Scripture: Romans 12:1

Office held and dates served: Missionary President 8 years 2012 – 2020, We are a small congregation I am currently serving 2020-current.

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

Local Church

- CLOTHES CLOSET Free clothes give-a-way to community. Send clothes to Guyana, Africa, Internationally
- COMMUNITY DAY & HEALTH FAIR Promoted healthy lifestyle, partnered with Doctors Hospital, health mobile and other community services, yoga, wellness activities, moon bounce, face painting, games and food. (Outreach was paused due to COVID)
- FOOD / PRODUCE SHARE Participated in monthly food distribution (Outreach was paused due to COVID)
- JUANITA'S HELPING HANDS MINISTRY Organized Free Community Lunch 3rd Saturdays. (Outreach was paused due to COVID)
- THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON Annual Outreach for community
- ANGEL TREE - Prison Fellowship Provided gifts to children. Care givers received gift cards and Food baskets.
- WARM NIGHTS PG's Hypothermia program We sheltered homeless persons for a week and provided breakfast, lunch, dinner & toiletries. Assisted with meals while the guests were in the hotel.
- Back to School Outreach - Provided school supplies to youth at church, community and Carrollton Elementary School.
- MDA -Prevention against Gun Violence Participated in Prayer Service and Annual "Wear Orange" June services. Contributed ideas for awareness in church.

Conference

- 2nd Chair Assisted with Winter Workshop
- Assisted with coordinating Book Award Scholarship for YPD.



Elizabeth Smithay

Church: Mt. Pisgah AME

WMS Society: Lottie Scott-Louise Dorsey

WMS President: Liz Smithay

Pastor: Rev. Dr. C Michele Langston

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 121: 1-2

Office Held and Dates Served:

WMS Local President, 2013 to present.

2nd Vice President on Area, 2015 -2023/ Matilda
Monroe Area

3rd Vice President on Area, 2023 to present/
Matilda Monroe Area

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- President of the Lottie Scott-Louise Dorsey Women's Missionary Society
- Coordinator "Taking It to the Streets" project
- Coordinator and support Back to School Drive
- Prepare meals for Route One Day Shelter, and Grass Routes
- Support Columbia Community Cares
- Coordinator for Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk
- Serves on the 2024 Annette C. Jones Scholarship Committee
- Coordinate Christmas Outreach, providing support for the following.
- Sarah's House
- Howard County Detention Center, for incarcerated youth
- Jack and Jill of America
- Christmas Baskets to the community



Kathleen M. Seeney

Church: Gaines Chapel AME Church

WMS Society: Donnavia Thomas WMS

WMS President: Kathleen M. Seeney

Pastor: Rev. Karen A. Myers, Past

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 121:11

Office Held and Dates Served: Member of the Steward Board; The Stewardship and Finance Committee; The Senior Choir; Sunday School Teacher; An Exhorter and President of the Missionary Society of Gaines Chapel AME since 2005. She held the position of 3rd Vice Chair in the Matilda Monroe Area under the late Leadership Area Chair Sis. Dewberry.

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

Some of the projects and accomplishments of the Society under the leadership of Sis. Seeney are:

- feed the hungry,
- collect clothing for the needy,
- blankets for the homeless,
- gather food for the sick and shut in,
- and minister to those who need prayer.

She is faithful in the work for the Lord.



Bessie Thomas

Church: Agape AMEC

WMS Society: Dr. Patricia Ann Morris
DeVeaux WMS

WMS President:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Anita Gould, Pastor (I also served under the Pastoral Leadership of Reverends Will and Lydia Kinlaw)

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31

Office Held and Dates Served: WMS
President (2013-2023)

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Nursing Home and Hospital Visits.
- Food Pantry for Community Service.
- Christmas and Thanksgiving Food Distribution.
- Support the Stepping Stone Shelter for at-risk children and youth.
- Coordinator for the Youth Christmas and Easter Programs.
- Co-Coordinator for Annual Church Picnics.
- Sponsored Clothing Drives & School Supply Drives.
- Served and supported several other projects and programs in the Life of the Local Church, and the Community.



Vergie Thomas

Church: Ward Memorial AME Church
WMS Society: Tullie B Quinn Missionary Society
President: Vergie E. Thomas
Pastor: Rev. Dededrick O. Rivers, PhD.
Favorite Scripture: Psalm 27
Office Held and Dates Served: President
Tenure: April 2013 – present

WMS Projects / Accomplishments:

- Held the first Sit & Sew Project; made dresses for girls and shorts for boys in Africa.
- Received the Outstanding Missionary Award from the WCB WMS.

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