

Women's Missionary Society / African Methodist Episcopal Church
Minutes of the 20th Quadrennial Convention
Orlando, Florida / July 30 – August 3, 2023

Sunday, July 30, 2023 - Day 1

Plenary Session I – Opening Business Session

The opening business session was called to order at 3:22 pm by the WMS International President, Dr. Deborah Taylor King. President King was the presiding Officer for this Plenary Session. A video presentation of “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*” was played. The video featured pictures of major current events in the life of Afro-Americans.

Welcome and words of inspiration were given by Supervisor Marlaa Hall-Reid on behalf of Bishop Frank M. Reid III and the 11th Episcopal District, the Host Episcopal Team of the 20th Quadrennial. Supervisor Reid promised that the 11th District would provide *radical* hospitality during the convention. As a reminder, the Reids were the host Bishop and Supervisor of the 19th Quadrennial held in Columbus, OH in 2019.

The convention received greetings from the following:

- Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., *Senior Bishop*
- Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, *President of the Council of Bishops*
- Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, *Chair, Global Witness and Ministry*
- Rev. Dr. John F. Green, *Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry*
- Mrs. Cordelia Mitchell, *President, Supervisors' Council*

President King recognized Judith Redd, Affiliates and Ecumenical Partners Commissioner. Mrs. Redd presented the following Partners and Ministry Leaders to give greetings:

- Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti, *President, Connection Lay Organization*
- Rev. Erika D. Crawford, *President, Connectional Women in Ministry*
- Mr. Jeremy D. Satterwhite, *President, Connectional RAYAC*
- Rev. Ammie L. Davis, *President, Turner Theological Seminary*
- Rev. Angelique Walker-Smith, *Bread for the World*
- Ms. Joyce Johnson, *Newly Elected President, Connectional YPD*

The Service of Remembrance was led by Mrs. Anita Brannon, Tanner Turner Memorial Commissioner and Supervisor Irene Daniels. The Opening song was “Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus”. The Prayer was given by Alice Patricia Thornton, and the Scripture, *Psalms 27:13-14* by Theresa Abernathy

The following Bishops were memorialized with reflections provided by fellow Bishops:

1. Retired Bishop Zedekiah L. Grady - reflections by Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.
2. Retired Bishop William Phillip DeVeaux - reflections by Bishop Jeffrey Leath
3. Retired Bishop Franklin Norris - reflections by Bishop Reginald Jackson

The following Supervisors were memorialized with reflections given by fellow Supervisors.

1. Retired Supervisor Dr. Patricia Ann DeVeaux - reflections by Supervisor Christy Jackson, Esq.

2. Retired Supervisor Theresa Gregg James - reflections by Supervisor Phyllis N. Green.
3. Retired Supervisor Mildred Elaine Primm - reflections by Supervisor Alexia B. Fugh
4. Retired Supervisor Dr. Stan McKenzie – reflections by Supervisor Connie M. Richardson
5. Retired Supervisor Lucinda Belin – reflections by Supervisor Connie Wicker
6. Retired Supervisor Dr. Barbara J. Chappelle – Supervisor Marlaa Hall Reid
7. Retired Supervisor Dr. Sylvia Ross Talbot – Supervisor Ainsley Byfield

The reflections were followed by a PowerPoint Presentation celebrating the lives of the Bishops and Supervisors mentioned above, Former WMS Connectional Officers Rutha Pegus, Beatrice Avery, Mother Sarah Nkele Mathare, Thelma J. Cunningham, Francis Coffield, Peola McCaskill, Juanita Johnson Able and JoAnn Hoffman and two hundred sixty-three (263) WMS Life Members.

Seating of the Delegation

President King recognized Ms. Ka'Dijah Brown and Supervisor Penny White for the seating of the delegation. During the June 2023 Supervisors' Council Meeting, it was decided that Episcopal Districts 14 - 20 delegations would be seated at the front of the convention boundaries. Episcopal Districts 1 – 13 drew numbers for the remaining spots. Each Delegation's seating area was designated by flags with the District's Name. The makeup of the delegation was listed by Ms. Brown. The designated area for Observers was also given.

The Quadrennial Convention Committee Reports

Registration Committee Report, chaired by Mrs. Ravonne Vant, reported 2,301 individuals registered.

- 1,259 Delegates of which 579 are Life Members
- 95 Alternates
- 930 Observers

This was not the final number, because registration was still open.

Credentials Committee Report was chaired by Mrs. Rosemarie Rhodes-Miller. Supervisor Phyllis Green served as the consultant. Mrs. Rhodes-Miller gave an initial report. Total Voting Strength in this report: 1,238

Mrs. Rhodes-Miller, on behalf of the Credential Committee, moved that the roll of the delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of voting members of the 20th Quadrennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society.

At the call of the question, several corrections were given from the floor by various Districts. The Credential Committee scheduled to meet with the various Districts that had concerns or incomplete reports following this business session.

The motion to adopt the first credential report with the necessary corrections was carried by a voice vote. President King proclaimed that a quorum was present. *See ATTACHMENT A, Report #1 for the entire Credentials Report.*

Rules Committee – Mrs. Tanya T. Harper, Chair, Supervisor Joan McAllister, Consultant, and members of the Rules Committee presented the proposed standing rules for the 20th Quadrennial Convention. The rules were displayed on the screen and read in their entirety. Mrs. Harper, by direction of the Rules Committee, moved the adoption of the proposed 20th Quadrennial Convention Standing Rules as read. The rules were adopted by a majority rising vote. *See ATTACHMENT B for the adopted Quadrennial Rules.*

Program Committee: Mrs. Charolett Martin, Chair; Supervisor Alexa Fugh, Consultant 1st Vice President, Martin moved on behalf of the Program Committee, to adopt the Program as printed with no corrections or additions. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Approval of the 19th Quadrennial Convention Minutes

The minutes were approved by the Minutes Approval Committee and posted to the WMS website.

Timekeepers: President King appointed Chandelle Ivy, Wanda Ringgold and Ka’Dijah Brown to be timekeepers for the 20th Quadrennial Convention.

Nominating Committee Report: Ms. Dominique Mortimer, Chair; Supervisor Connie Richardson, Consultant

The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations:

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| • President | Deborah Taylor King |
| • 1 st Vice President | Charolett Biggs Martin |
| • 2 nd Vice President | Lisa Johnson Whigham, Lenette Williams King |
| • 3 rd Vice President | Sanjena Clay |
| • Recording Secretary | Therese’ Ann Baker, Sylvia Blake |
| • Assistant Recording Secretary | No nomination received. |
| • Corresponding Secretary | Sherry Peyton |
| • Treasurer | Chandelle Ivy |
| • Financial Secretary | No nomination received. |
| • YPD Director | Richelle Fry Skinner |
| • Magazine Editor | Jacqueline Mitchell Robinson |
| • Assistant Magazine Editor | Elizabeth Mhlong |
| • PME Director | Alisha Marriott |
| • Historiographer-Statistician | Monica Dillihunt |
| • Worship Director | Djuana Duncombe-Paden and Florine Herron |
| • Member At Large | Janita Ferguson, Blessing Mpande, Adrienne Quickley |
| • Parliamentarian | Wanda Sims |

Connectional Officers’ Report

Young People and Children’s Division: – YPD Director, Wanda Ringgold, thanked YPD Directors on all levels who made this, her final report, possible. Standing with her were the immediate past President, Richard Norris III, the newly elected President, Joyce Johnson and her current Episcopal Supervisor, Mrs. Joan McAllister. The YPD presented AME SADA with a check for \$3500 for the Sara Davis Center in Haiti. Immediate Past WMS President, Dr. Shirley Cason Reed, congratulated Ms. Ringgold for the exemplary work she did under her administration. The YPD report was done via a video presentation.

Dr. Linda Frazier, WMS Health Commissioner, reminded everyone to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluid during the day. And to please remember to take their medication.

Plenary II scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Monday, July 31, 2023 – Day 2

The Motivational Moment began at 8:01 AM under the direction of Ms. Florine Herron, Connectional Worship director. The selection, “*Praise Him*”, was the opening song. The prayer in song, *Give Us This Day*’ was sung, by Ms. Ann Smith, 12th District Worship Director. Mrs. Harriet Brown Birk, 11th District read the scripture, *Ephesians 3:16-21*. Ms. Smith then gave the Motivational message via a closing song “*Unending Love, Amazing Grace; my change has come, I’ve been set free*.”

Plenary Session II

The session was called to order at 8:16 AM with President Deborah Taylor King, presiding. President King called for the continuation of the Connectional Officers video reports. All Connectional Officers' written reports are found in the electronic Quadrennial Booklet.

Connectional Officers’ Report (continued)

Promotion and Missionary Education: Mrs. Margaret Maske was completing her 8th year as PME Director. During this quadrennium, she has convened four (4) successful PME Dialogues and developed Mission Education Curricula that included submissions from all 20 Episcopal Districts. The contribution of yearbooks to District 14 – 20 has doubled. Yearbook sales in Districts 1 – 13 have increased in many districts.

Historiographer/Statistician: Dr. Monica Dillihunt reported, among other accomplishments, that the WMS history book covering the period of 2004 – 2022 is 95% complete and should be published and ready for distribution at the 2024 General Conference.

Missionary Magazine: Mrs. Jacqueline Mitchell Robinson reported that printing and distribution issues, resulting from the pandemic continue. District Assistant Editors were established to assist in reaching and maintaining the desired production schedule. 95% of the subscription discrepancies have been resolved and work continues to improve the database.

NGO Convention: Mrs. Shawn Ross, accompanied by NGO Team members made the report. One highlight of this report is that due to the global pandemic, a shift was made in 2021 to hosting a virtual NGO Conference, rather than the normal in-person Annual Conference. October 2021 the 1st Virtual NGO Conference continuing Global Witnessing and Advocacy registered a record number of 612 persons including 68 persons from Districts 14 – 20 with 414 first-time attendees.

Young Adult Missionaries: Member At Large, Ms. Sylvia Blake was also completing her 8th Year as the Member At Large. Highlights of her report for this quadrennium are helping to promote an increase in Young Adult members on all levels and instituting inaugural Young Adult Members Summits for Episcopal levels.

The Secretarial Team: Recording Secretary, Tanya T. Harper; Assistant Recording Secretary Therese' Ann Baker; and Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton presented a collaborative video highlighting their duties. Tanya Harper was completing her 8th year as Recording Secretary.

3rd Vice President: Ms. Sanjena Clay, coordinator for the Commission on Membership and Recruitment. This commission focused on membership accountability. An online membership database, along with a membership registration campaign was launched in 2020 resulting in thousands of WMS members being officially documented. The Connectional database of Life Members was reviewed and updated. Due to a new method to electronically collect data being implemented, a Life Member Directory is being released at this Convention. The WMS has gained 5,251 new members this quadrennium.

A new initiative, “*The President’s Circle*,” focusing on increasing the Connectional WMS Scholarship Funds was introduced in early 2023. The first report for this initiative given at this convention was 60 persons becoming members of the circle resulting in \$48,000 being raised. Thus, exceeding the initial goal of \$20,000.

2nd Vice President: Ms. Ka’Dijah Brown, coordinator of the Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation. Ms. Brown was the youngest Connectional 2nd Vice President ever elected and she stated that she was thankful for the opportunity to serve.

1st Vice President: Mrs. Charolett Biggs Martin, coordinator of the Commission on Christian Social Action highlighted the monthly social action initiatives and the work of the commissioner who falls under this commission. See the entire report in the Quadrennial electronic booklet.

Treasurer – Ms. Chandelle R. Ivy reported that the WMS demonstrated sound fiscal management and accountability measures from 2019 – March 2023. A notable highlight is that for the 2019 – 2023 Quadrennium, the WMS has supported the mission work in Districts 14 – 20 and 4 (India) through financial contributions totaling \$310,030.00. See the Treasurer’s Report in its entirety in the Quadrennial electronic booklet.

President King allowed the Officers who were completing their 8th year time to give remarks to the convention at the end of their reports.

President King introduced the three (3) former Connectional WMS Presidents: Dr. Delores Kennedy Williams, 5th President; Dr. Shirley Davis, 8th President; and Dr. Shirley Cason Reed, 9th President. Each former President greeted the convention in order.

At 9:48 AM President King presented 1st Vice President Charolett Martin to preside.

The Doctors’ Town Hall

Vice President Martin presented Dr. Linda Frazier, Health Commission Chair, as the moderator for the Town Hall. Dr. Frazier introduced the panelists. Highlights from each of the panelist’s presentations are listed.

- **Mrs. Tonika Dew Evans** (Certified Clinical Counselor) – Stockbridge, GA – 6th Episcopal District
 - Walked through a breathing exercise
 - 1 in 5 individuals will experience a diagnosable mental health condition in a year; data is lacking for Afro-Americans
 - Self-Care Tips
 - be honest about how you feel; talk to an accountability partner
 - Get rest; create a bedtime routine
 - Take 15-30 minute nap; longer than 30 minutes, you're in a deep sleep
 - Exercise at least 15 min per day
 - Set and keep Doctor appointments – primary care, gynecologist, dentists
 - Pray and meditate
 - Forgive yourself or give yourself grace
 - Seek joy and embrace laughter
 - Thought to remember: *"Give Yourself to Yourself before you give Yourself away"* Susan Taylor
 - If you want some of what you have, you must give it to yourself first
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- **Dr. Sherell Vicks Crawford** (Internal Medicine)
 - African American women are at greater risk for
 - Breast cancer and have an increased mortality rate
 - High Blood Pressure
 - Diabetes
 - Bad Cholesterol
 - Make a difference in your health
 - Address the issues of our bodies
 - Make dietary changes; eat healthy
 - Practice self-care
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- **Supervisor Susan Jones Leath, MD** (Family Medicine)
 - Health Care Disparities– differences between groups in health insurance coverage, affordable access to use of care, and quality of care; the difference is driven by economic and social inequities
 - Conditions of disparity include: obesity, heart disease, cancer, chronic diseases
 - Black babies are more than 2 times more likely to die than white babies
 - The U.S. has the worst maternal health and healthcare records as compared to other industrial nations
 - Black women are 2.6 times more likely to die during and after childbirth than white women
 - The U.S. maternal mortality rate is increasing
- **Questions and Concerns**
 - Supervisor Burnett, global perspective: There is a plea for assistance with maternal health care. We as a body need to assist in increasing the number of midwives and maternal assistants. The WMS supplied the 18th Episcopal District with MAMA

kits at one time. Dr. King reported that the WMS sends funds (\$1600 monthly to each District 14-20 and India to support projects.

- Do women need to get a pap smear every year after a certain age? Medicare does not pay for Pap Smear after a certain age. Statistically, after 70 it's unlikely you'll develop cervical cancer. The United States Preventive Care Task Force sets the standard of care across all age groups. Check with this group if you're interested in knowing the standard. They do not recommend pap smears after age 65. But you can get one if you desire.
- What is the name of the test that gives more definitive information on the breakdown of lipids? Cardio IQ Test
- What actionable items can we take back to our local societies regarding maternal health and children's STEM education? Request that over the next four years, the WMS will address these questions. Supervisor Leath suggested 1) promoting partnerships with other women to go to doctor appointments so that two persons can hear and 2) increasing the number of black women working in clinics. To promote STEM activities, increase the number of black women on school boards. Dr. Crawford suggested that STEM activities be brought in through the YPD.

At the close of the Town Hall (11:01 AM), Vice President Martin presented Rev. Dr. John Green, Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry. Dr. Green greeted the convention.

Districts Reports

Each district gave highlights from their written reports via PowerPoint presentation. The complete reports are found in the electronic Quadrennial Reports Booklet.

The Presiding Officer called for District Reports from Districts 1, 20, 2, 19, 3, 18, & 4. She stated that each District was allowed eight (8) minutes to present their report, including protocol.

1st Episcopal District: Supervisor Joan Marla McAllister, accompanied by Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Sr. announced that this is her last Quadrennium as an active supervisor. She introduced Episcopal President Patricia N. Smith to present the report. Highlights from the report:

- Donated funds for natural disaster victims
- Lobbied for better laws to prevent gun violence
- Raised \$5000 for the Fistula Drive

20th Episcopal District: Supervisor Jennifer D. Wright accompanied by Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. gave her first Quadrennial report. The Episcopal President, Charity Manyawu was not present. Highlights:

- Health training and supplies for COVID-19 and cyclone disasters. Thousands of dollars donated for disaster relief
- Supported students attending Africa University in Malawi and Zimbabwe

2nd Episcopal District: Supervisor Arelis Davis accompanied by Bishop James L. Davis and District President Selerya Moore presented the report for the district. Highlights:

- Gave 4,105 Walmart gift cards
- \$21,748 in disaster relief funds given

- 1,375 families served with infant formula and diapers
- \$26,000 in scholarships awarded

19th Episcopal District: Supervisor Rev. Carolyn E. Brailsford, Bishop Ronnie Brailsford and President Rashoketswe Mosuwe presented the District's report. Highlights:

- Started vegetable gardens at the episcopal level
- \$1,110 per student has been given for scholarships to 6 students
- Donated 4 electrical stoves to the labor force community program

3rd Episcopal District: Supervisor Patricia Russell-McCloud, Esq., Bishop Errenous E. McCloud and President Sharon Banks Smith presented the report from the District. Highlights:

- Donated multiple pallets of water and impactful financial contributions to the devastated areas in the 8th, 16th, 11th, and 9th Episcopal Districts.
- Donated more than 600 pieces of luggage for homeless students that have aged out of the system

18th Episcopal District: Supervisor Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, MD, and Episcopal President Nthabiseng Jankie reported for the District. Highlights:

- Successfully held their first leadership training seminar virtually
- April 2023 was the first episcopal district meeting that was held since April 2019
- Pledged District Educational scholarships and sponsored five (5) students from each Annual Conference.

At 12:13 PM the District reports were discontinued. The 4th Episcopal District report will be given at the beginning of the next session.

Corresponding Secretary, Sherry Peyton made announcements. The main announcement was for team walkers participating in the WMS Foundation Walk to report to the 2nd floor of the convention center at 5:30 AM on Tuesday for the event.

The meeting was adjourned for *The President's Luncheon* at 12:15 PM. The next session was to convene at 3:00 PM.

The President's Luncheon

The luncheon's theme was "*Ubuntu. I am because we are... Celebrating My Mentor, My Motivator, and Me.*" The luncheon chair was 1st Vice Charolett B. Martin who along with Treasurer Chandelle Ivy, served as the luncheon celebrants. Mother /Daughter teams were the program participants. Tributes were given to WMS Mentors in a special rendition of "We Speak Their Names". A Fashion Show, featuring fashions from the WMS Boutique was also a part of the program. Representatives from each district participated as models. The Connectional WMS Cabinet paid special tribute to President King, presenting her with a collage portrait of all ten (10) WMS International Presidents.

Plenary Session II (continued)

At 3:01 PM, the presider, 1st Vice President Charolette Martin, called for the 4th Episcopal District's report.

4th Episcopal District: Supervisor Penny H. White, Bishop John F. White and Episcopal President Kimberly H. Foy presented the report for the District. This was Supervisor White's final Quadrennial report as an active Supervisor.

- Missions beyond the walls
 - Blessing Bags, Liberia; Sewing Machines in India; Donations to Refugees in Haiti
 - Partnered with the YPD for shoe donations.
 - Provided means for health checkups and vaccinations
 - Nurseries and programs for mothers and infants
 - Donated needed school supplies to schools and colleges in the 4th District and the Dominican Republic, Liberia, and Zimbabwe.

Plenary Session III

2nd Vice President, Ka'Dijah Brown, presiding officer called Plenary III to order at 3:19 PM. Vice President Brown moved to shift the next order of business, the Reading of the 19th Quadrennial Resolutions, to a later time and continue with the Episcopal District Reports. There were no objections. Motion passed by common consent.

Districts Reports (continued)

5th Episcopal District: Supervisor Alexia Fugh, Bishop Clement F. Fugh and President Mary M. Mayberry presented the District's report. This was also Supervisor Fugh's last Quadrennial report as an active supervisor. Highlights:

- Good and Health - Food Drives and Collections, Meal giveaways and shelter donations, COVID Vaccinations
- Quality Education - Graduation Sunday, Learning Camp, Toy, and School Supply Drives
- Inequality and Social Justice - Voting Campaigns, Gun Violence Awareness, Say Her Name Event, Domestic Violence Awareness

17th Episcopal District: Supervisor Dr. Irene M Daniels, Bishop Davis R. Daniels and

- Promoted Healthy lifestyle through, Cancer Month awareness, World Aids Day Commemorative HIV Commemorative, COVID Vaccinations
- Donations of Chlorine, baby cots
- School Supply Drives, Pillowcase Dresses Donations Districts 4-20, and purchase of Vehicle for the 17th District

6th Episcopal District: Supervisor Christy Davis-Jackson, Esq., Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and President Dr. Sylvia E. Moore presented the District's report. Highlights:

- Food Pantries, Food Distribution onsite fruits and vegetables feeding over 60,000 families, partnering with Bread for the World, collecting of hygiene items for disaster victims, pushing farm bill providing nutrition to our communities.
- Partnership with Heart Health Coalition, Purple Sunday
- School Adoption, Volunteerism in Schools, Book Bag Donations, School Landscape Assisting with school standardized testing and tutoring. Donated \$12,000.00 to Morris Brown University

16th Episcopal District: Supervisor Winifred H. Zanders, Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II and President Regina M. Prince presented the report for the District. Highlights:

- Sponsored leadership training, confidence building, understanding your finances, and self-care for healthy lifestyle workshops
- Sponsored seminars designed to help bring protection and awareness of child and young people's abuse
- Provided food hampers and hot meals for homeless communities and senior adults; donated more than 5,000 pounds of food to zones designated as food deserts.

7th Episcopal District: Supervisor Phyllis N. Green, Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., and President Sandra Anderson reported for the District. Highlights:

- Donated over \$700,000 to Allen University, donated 100 Laptops to Allen University students during COVID-19 pandemic, partnered with JCP for Suit Day and Dress for Success
- Supported community gardens; Back-Pack-Buddy program at schools for students who wouldn't necessarily receive a meal over the weekend
- Partnership creating \$900,000 Grant awarded to focus and support Alzheimer Caregivers
- Provided \$20,000 in Handy Simmons Scholarship funds.
- Established Moms in Prayer (MIP) groups who pray for schools in their communities for 1 hour each week. Currently praying for over 200 schools in South Carolina

15th Episcopal District: Supervisor Renee P. Beamon, Bishop Silvester S. Beaman and President Crystal Jantjies presented the report. Highlights:

- Provided 5000 Rand to local Children's Shelters, provided blankets to the needy
- Petitioned the local law enforcement to create a presence in the community with a focus on gun and gender-based violence awareness.
- Collaboration with the 13th Episcopal to support 15 Soup Kitchens in several conferences and churches.
- Donated funds to school, back-to-school drives and school uniforms.
- Reuse and Reduce and Recycle Innovative initiatives to protect the land concepts.
- Assisted 19th District with 5000 Rand in disaster relief funds.

8th Episcopal District: Supervisor Rev. Dr. Constance B. Wicker, Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker and President Brenda G. Hurst presented the District's report. Highlights:

Bishop JN Wicker and Supervisor Constance Wicker

- Volunteered in food banks; sponsored free daily and monthly meals; participated in maintaining community gardens; participated in Bread for the World offering of letters
- Water drives, Vaccination clinics, wear red for Heart Month, Donations and support local hospice care facilities
- Backpack School Supplies, provided 34,000 in scholarships
- Outreach, Human Trafficking Awareness, Blankets for Chemo Patients; Battered Women Shelter donations, Clothing Drive, Life membership Celebrations, Town Halls Meetings

This segment of Episcopal District Reports concluded at 4:49 PM

Vice President Brown called for the 2nd Credential Committee Report.

Credentials Committee Report:

The chair Mrs. Rosemarie Rhodes-Miller along with Supervisor Phyllis Green, consultant, and the committee gave the 2nd Credential Report.

Total Voting Strength in this report: 1,175

Mrs. Rhodes-Miller, on behalf of the Credential Committee, moved that the revised roll of the delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of voting members of the 20th Quadrennial Convention. An un-readiness from the 14th District was voiced. The committee asked that Districts with an un-readiness meet with them after the adjournment. A voice vote carried the adoption of the 2nd report. *See ATTACHMENT A, Report #2 for the entire report.*

Evaluation Update

The chair recognized Dr. Sharon Fletcher, Evaluation Committee Chair, for an update. Dr. Fletcher requested that all convention attendees complete the evaluation forms. The information received would assist with the development of the next quadrennial. The evaluation form can be accessed by

- WMS Website
- Social Media Campaign
- Posted QR code
- Hard copies – committee members wearing green name badges will assist with the hard copies

Announcements

Sherry Peyton delivered announcements. Main announcement concerned the visit of Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday. The morning session will break for lunch at 11:30 AM. Secret service screening onsite will begin at 6:45 AM Tuesday. No large bags are allowed in the convention room. Screening will stop at 12:30 PM and everyone must be seated at 1:30 PM. There can be no movement once seated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – Day 3

The Motivational Moment began at 8:34 AM under the direction of the Connectional Worship Director, Mrs. Florine Herron. The scripture was Romans 12:1-2 NIV. The Focus was “*Empowering Missionaries*”. Mrs. Maxine Tisdale, Worship Director, 4th Episcopal District was the presenter. Highlights of her message were 1) Where does our power come from? From God. 2) How do we access that power? Be thankful to Him; Stay focused on Him; Stand up for Him; and give Him glory. The segment ended with the song “*The Goodness of God.*”

Plenary Session IV

1st Vice President Charolett B. Martin called the session to order at 8:34 AM. She presented Bishop Michael Mitchell, Commission Chair, who then brought greetings to the body. Vice President Martin then called for the continuation of the District reports.

Districts Reports (continued):

9th Episcopal District: Supervisor Rev. Sherita M. Seawright, Bishop Harry L. Seawright and President Susie Bonner presented the report. Highlights:

- Provided personal care items annually to incarcerated women; sponsored over 1200 children through the Angel Tree Ministry.
- Implemented the “Adopt A School” program in each Annual Conference; developed “Back to Basics” (B2B) virtual tutoring program to assist children in K- 5th grades to excel in reading, math and science.
- Collaborated with several community agencies to improve the quality of life for the underserved and impoverished.

10th Episcopal District: Supervisor Dr. Connie S. Richardson, Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., and President Gerri Earl presented the District’s report. Highlights:

- During the COVID pandemic, partnered with Minnie’s Food Pantry and distributed 5,000 meals to impoverished areas.
- Various churches have established community gardens to help address food shortages in the area.
- Partnered with the American Red Cross during Sickle Cell Awareness Month to help increase the number of African American donors and meet the needs for compatible units of blood for Sickle Cell patients.

11th Episcopal District: Supervisor Marlaa Hall Reid, Bishop Frank M. Reid, III and President Laurastine D. Lemon presented the report for the District. Highlights:

- Planted sustainable gardens for elderly members; continued to support Florida Impact, advocating for and providing meals for children.
- During COVID pandemic, members donated blood and plasma; and supported essential works and families, providing meals and care packages.
- Collected hundreds of baby items and presented them to Life’s Choices Women’s Center. Presented “Go Bags” with essential items for Sickle Cell patients
- Provided snack bags for students and classroom; had over 41,900 volunteer hours; provided 30,000 in scholarships.

14th Episcopal District: Supervisor Dr. Lister M. Kawimbe, Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe and President Dr. Elizabeth D. Fokou presented the District’s report. Highlights:

- Established a microfinance in Togo Benn Annual Conference to help empower the members financially as they developed small businesses.
- Conducted workshops on various health issues; held breast cancer screenings
- Conducted workshops for young people about drug and alcohol abuse.

13th Episcopal District: Supervisor Ainsley M. Byfield, Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield and President LaTanya Germany presented the report for the district. Highlights:

- Provided COVID Baskets to senior citizens; gift baskets to Postal Workers; Survivor Baskets to college students; lunches and dinners to the homeless
- Collected pull tabs to support the Youth Cancer Camp program
- Held annual Felons Forum to inform individuals on how to regain voting rights; set up voter registration programs.

The District Reports were completed at 10:06 AM.

Special Reports – “Partnering for Success”

Mrs. Judith Redd presented Mr. Robert Nicolas, Executive Director of AME SADA (Service and Development Service).

AME SADA works in the health, agricultural and alternative energy sectors in Haiti and parts of Africa. The agency has been in existence for thirty (30) years. Currently, it receives funding from the AME church, WMS, YPD as well as other non-AME agencies which totals 1.5 – 2 million dollars annually. In the health sector, the focus is on childhood and maternal health in Haiti. Despite severe gang activities and other obstructions, health services have been provided to over 160,000 patients. They have been able to re-establish service in the clinic, having had 700 live births in the clinics versus the mother’s home.

Haiti is also facing severe malnutrition and hunger. To address the situation feedings and nutritional recuperative programs have been established. Work is being done with the farmers to help improve the quality and quantity of the crops and animals produced. Solar power is being introduced as an alternative energy supply so that lack of electricity is not a hindrance.

In West Africa, the focus is on Youth employment and self-employment. Using fish farming along with vegetable farming to provide youth with a means of self-employment. Solar energy is also being promoted as an alternative energy source.

AME SADA is working on forming Partnerships with the following to help address the problem of hunger and malnutrition:

- AME University Monrovia
- HBCU’s
- AME Church
- Non-Profits
- Federal Agencies

EcoAmerica: Ms. Meighen Speiser, Executive Director, addressed the group about the focus of this organization. EcoAmerica promotes action on the issue of Climate Justice. The program is called “*Blessed Tomorrow*”. It has forty-two (42) partners that include the AME church, other denominations, civic organizations, and health and psychological associations. Jackie DuPont Walker (AME Social Action Commissioner) is a member of the EcoAmerica board. The organization’s goal is to provide tools to help organizations as well as individuals move from inaction to action concerning climate justice. To do this, it offers strategies, guidance, research and messaging Localized Resources Training and Community Action and Advocacy.

EcoAmerica will collaborate and help build capacity for AMEs to be visible, national climate leaders and further support and activate AMEs to engage, educate and become involved in action-just and applicable solutions. An AME survey on Climate Issues had the following results:

- 91% respondents were concerned about climate change
- 59% felt that others around them did not care

- 16% felt that those around them cared.
- 61 % felt that climate change should be a top priority for the United States
- 89% agreed that Local congregations should be doing more on climate change

EcoAmerica is providing these tools to help local congregations to take action. The AME Ambassador training is available and consist of:

- online free 4 hrs.,
- knowledge hands on experience solutions confident
- training Modules
- available on the AME Christian Education website (enter code AME to get AME training)

A national campaign called “One Home, One Future’ launches on October 4. The focus is to create a visible platform to engage local congregations and people across generations to become involved in promoting climate justice. Initial goal is to have at least 1,000 congregations participating.

EcoAmerica awarded the AME church with a \$12,000 grant to support an AME Coordinator for Climate Justice. Rev. Robin Porter-Smith has been appointed the Coordinator.

WMS Fund Development: Dr. Delores Bolden-Stamps, Fund Development Chair, provided an update on our partnerships with Colgate Palmolive, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with the goal being to support the mission, vision and goals of the WMS-AMEC. During this quadrennial \$365,000 was secured to support the mission. Dr. Bolden-Stamps thanked various persons for their help with the funded initiatives. The full report for the Fund Development Special Commission is located in the electronic booklet of The Officers and District Reports.

10:47 AM

Dr. King assumed the position of presiding Officer and presented Bishop Anne Henning Byfield to read a statement on behalf of the Bishop’s Council pertaining to our stand against Florida’s “Anti-Woke Act”. The proclamation received a rousing agreement from the Quadrennial Convention Body. *See ATTACHMENT C for the entire statement.*

Sharon Blaylock, Logistic Chairperson, gave instruction for Vice President Kamala Harris visit at 12:30 PM.

A Corporate Wellness video was played. It had convention members doing a line dance to get energized.

The session adjourned for lunch and preparation for Vice President Harris visit at 11:30 AM.

Vice President Kamala Harris’s Visit

Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States of America, posed for pictures with the Bishops, Supervisors, and Connectional WMS Officers. She posed for group pictures and individual pictures. Afterwards she addressed the convention attendees.

Plenary Session V

The Fifth Plenary Session was called to order at 2:50 PM by President Deborah Taylor King. She recognized 3rd Vice President Sanjena Clay to introduce the following political guests to give greetings:

- The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, United States Representative
- The Honorable Val Demings, former United States Representative

Both speakers gave rousing, thought-provoking messages on the present political atmosphere in Florida, their home state, and in the United States.

Book Scholarship Awards: Mrs. Deanna Young McAllister, Handy Simmons Scholarship Chair, reported the following:

- Districts 1 – 13: one student from each district received \$1,000
- Districts 14 – 20: one student from each district received \$500.

20th Quadrennial Resolutions: Ms. Sherry Peyton was the chair of the committee and Supervisor Ainsley Byfield was the consultant. There were five (5) resolutions received from four (4) Episcopal Districts. They were as follows:

1. The Effects of Banning Books in Schools
2. Health and Wellness
3. Closing the Disparity for Black Girls in STEM
4. Mental Health in the Black Community
5. Sextortion: The Hidden Pandemic

Ms. Peyton moved the adoption of all five (5) resolutions. The resolutions were adopted by voice vote.

President King called for the Credentials Committee Report.

Credentials Committee Report: The chair Mrs. Rosemarie Rhodes-Miller along with Supervisor Phyllis Green, consultant, and the committee gave the 3rd Credentials Report. Total Voting Strength in this report: 1,163

Mrs. Rhodes-Miller, on behalf of the Credential Committee, moved that the revised roll of the delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of voting members of the 20th Quadrennial Convention. There was no un-readiness. A voice vote carried the adoption of the 3rd report. *See ATTACHMENT A, Report# 3 for the entire report.*

Voting Devices Demonstration: Ms. LaDonna Liggins, Chair of the Election Commission and Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell, Consultant, conducted the distribution of the voting apparatuses to each District. Ms. Liggins presented the technician from Turning Technologies to give instructions for the use of the voting keypads and conduct the demonstration of the devices.

At 5:21 PM, after the distribution of the voting apparatuses and demonstration, the chair called for the Proposed Amendments presentation by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

Constitution and Bylaws Proposed Amendments – Final Reading

Committee Chair, Harriet Brown-Birk, Esq., Supervisor Dorothy Young, Consultant, and members of the committee read the proposed amendment, gave the Committee's recommendation to either

accept or reject the proposal and then the voting delegation voted. This was done for each proposal. Fifty-four (54) Amendments were addressed. Eight (8) of the YPD's amendments were combined, leaving forty-three (43) to be voted on. **Attachment D** on pages 32 - 33 has the table listing each proposal and the results of the voting.

Voting on the Proposed Amendments concluded at 7:08 PM

Announcements were made by Corresponding Secretary, Sherry Peyton.

A \$2,000 donation was made to the President's Circle to bring total funds raised to \$50,000.

The voting devices were collected.

The session was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 – Day 4

Plenary Session VI

The 6th Plenary Session was called to order at 8:57 AM by presiding officer, 3rd Vice President, Sanjena Clay. Vice President Clay called for the Missionaries on the Move Initiative Report.

Missionary on the Move Initiative – Leaving an Impact:

Mrs. Lenette Williams-King, chairperson of the initiative reported the Financial funds, gift cards and in-kind donations given to the following agencies:

AGENCY	Initial Report	Final Report
The Olive Branch Food Pantry (Mt. Olive AMEC, Orlando)	\$2,825.00	\$2,825.00
United Against Poverty (UP), Orlando	\$6,355.00	\$12,610.00\$
Orlando Union Rescue Mission	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00
Edward Waters University, Jacksonville, FL	\$2,500.00	\$3,350.00
The Dorcas Adams Young (DAY) House, Nassau, Bahamas	\$20,000.00	\$21,815.00
AME-SADA	\$19,210.00	\$21,838.00
Total in Donations	\$52,610.00	\$64,528.00

The DAY House also received nine (9) gift cards of unknown amounts.

Mrs. Williams-King gave each committee member a certificate of appreciation recognizing their participation on the committee.

Warner Brothers' Picture - The Color Purple Re-Release

The Director of AMEC Social Action Commission, Dr. Jackie Dupont –Walker introduced this initiative to the body. Warner Brothers Pictures is doing a re-release of the movie *The Color Purple* which is based on the novel written by Alice Walker. It will be a new take on the beloved movie. Oprah Winfrey addressed the Convention body virtually to promote the movie, saying that the movie shares a powerful, transformative message of love and healing and deals with issues that we're currently facing today. A short clip from the movie was shown. The movie will debut in the United States and several other countries on Christmas Day, December 25, 2023. The WMS-

AMEC is the first to receive this information and is asked to give support by flooding the theaters on opening day.

Recognizing and Rewarding Excellence in Missions

PME Special Awards: Mrs. Margaret Maske, PME Director asked members to purchase Yearbooks to send to the 14th – 20th Districts. She recognized five (5) former Connectional PME Directors (Betty Allen, Patricia Penn, Rosa Baxter, Corinne Thomas, and Joann Hoffman); thanking them for their support. She then made the following recognitions:

- Most YPD submissions for YPD Speaks in the Yearbook – 7th Episcopal District
- Most increased YPD submissions for YPD Speaks – 3rd Episcopal District
- Highest Yearbook Sales - 2nd Episcopal District
- Most improved Yearbook Sales – 12th Episcopal District

The Fistula Campaign: Mrs. Janice Brown, Fistula Chair and Mrs. Shawn Ross, NGO Main Representative gave an update on the Fistula Project. The project supplies funds to support the work of Mercy Ship provides full medical care in rural areas of Africa. A video presentation showed how women suffering from a torn fistula lived unbelievable lives of suffering and how their lives were changed for the better after receiving the operation to repair their fistula. This Quadrennial the WMS through the Fistula Project donated \$56,619.23 to the Mercy Ship. Mrs. Brown thanked the District Liaisons and said an Appreciation Certificate would be sent to each District.

WMS Foundation Awards/Recognition: Mrs. Judith Redd presented the report.

Foundation Membership:

- Total WMS Membership is 80,508. Only 12,049 are members of the Foundation
- All WMS members are encouraged to pay annual WMS Foundation membership dues per the Constitution & Bylaws (pg. 4; Article X; section 1a). Dues are \$5 per year for Districts 1-13 and \$1 per year for Districts 14-20 (section 1b)
- Foundation Membership reports will be sent to each Episcopal District

Mission Walk 2023

- Presented as a relay, but due to space was changed to a walk
- \$77,000 raised (goal was \$100,000)
- The following chart shows the results reported. The Individual Top Fundraisers will be announced at a later time.

Finish Line Walkers		
Placement	Name	District
1st Place	Cheryl Hammond Hopewell	1st
2nd Place	Jacqueline Franklin	5th
3rd Place - 4 way tie	Annie Murrell	2nd
	Veronica Simmonds	2nd
	Stephanie Gilliard	2nd
	Titina Eason	2nd

Districts and Conference Teams Top Fundraisers			
Category	Name	Place ment	Amount Raised
Top District	11th District	1st	\$ 15,906.00
	6th District	2nd	\$ 5,001.00
	5th District	3rd	\$ 4,560.00
Top Teams	Florida West Coast Conf (11th)	1st	\$ 7,469.00
	East Conference Pavement Princess (11th)	2nd	\$ 3,085.00
	Southwest Georgia Conference (6th)	3rd	\$ 2,025.00

- A Recognition Award was given to President Deborah Taylor King.
- A Recognition Award was given to Dr. Dolly D. Adams. She was responsible for FedEx donating \$10,000.00.

Presentation of Special Guest:

Ms. Lisa Johnson Whigham, Political Action Commissioner, presented Monique H. Worrell, the State Attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. State Attorney Worrell addressed the body, saying that the state of Florida is leading the nation in some of the most damaging and dangerous policies that endanger our freedom, rights, and representation. Using Harriet Tubman's actions as an example. Harriet Tubman was inspired by her circumstances. State Attorney Worrell said, "We must not be inspired by people; we must only be inspired by our circumstances." Our current circumstances: Affirmative action – gone; A woman's right to choose how she manages her own body – gone; in the state of Florida, the reality of slavery and what it meant for people of color – gone. We didn't vote in elections because we didn't like any of the candidates. Now we are suffering from the consequences of our inaction and the consequences have long-lasting impacts. We must be inspired to become civically and politically engaged in this 2024 election. We must be inspired by the issues.

Registrants/District Awards

3rd Vice President Sanjena Clay along with three District 3rd Vice Presidents presented the following awards:

- Most Membership Cards – 2nd Episcopal District – received a free registration to the 2024 Executive Board
- Highest number of YAMs registered – 2nd Episcopal District – received a free YAM registration for 2024 EBM
- Highest number of Associate Members registered – 2nd Episcopal District – received a free Associate Member registration for the 2024 EBM
- The Oldest person registered – three persons were 97 years old; District 4, 8 and 11; by birth date the person, Mrs. Clara Fultz, from the 8th District was the oldest. She received a \$100 WMS Boutique Gift Certificate. The Sisters from Districts 4 and 11 each received a \$50 WMS Boutique Gift Certificate.
- The Youngest Person registered was from the 7th Episcopal District – 26 years old – received a \$100 WMS Boutique Gift Certificate

- Highest number registered – 7th Episcopal District – received one free registration for the 2024 EBM.

“Spot On” – Mothers (Missionaries) Demanding Action (MDA)

Ms. Andriette Bryant, MDA Chair addressed the body. She charged the Quadrennial body to be “spot on” and continue to fight for justice and bring awareness. Commissioner Bryant reminded us that the number one cause of death for the ages 1 to 19 is gun violence. South Carolina has yet to pass a gun violence act since the Emmanuel Nine shooting. Quadrennial attendees were wearing orange badges supporting our advocacy against gun violence, the “Spot On” initiative. We, the WMS, are determined that we are going to save lives. Dr. Dorothy Young, 6th District reported that the AME Church is the creator of the Gun Violence Resolution that was prepared by the National Council of Churches, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President. It and has been sanctioned by the NCC and the AMEC that the resolution will be provided for utilization on the local, conference, and connectional levels.

The ‘Stop Gun Violence Litany’ written by Dr. Gloria H. Reese, 13th Episcopal District MDA chair, was then read by the Quadrennial Body. The Litany is found in the Quadrennial Agenda Booklet, page 20.

The Session broke for ten (10) minutes to re-energize.

The Future of Black America

The facilitator for this panel discussion was Mr. Carl Davis, a Gospel Music Advocate and political activist. Panel Members were as follows:

- Representative Rev. Harold M. Love, Jr. District 58 Nashville, Panel Moderator
- Mr. Philonese O’Neil Floyd - Brother of George Floyd
- Rev. Regena Thomas - American Federation of Teachers
- Ms. Wanda Mosley - Black Voters Matter
- Rev. Sandra Risher - Moms Demand Action

The panelists were presented with questions for their input.

Question: How can we increase enthusiasm from getting registered to vote to actual voting?

- Increase awareness and resources.
- Make voting a movement not a moment

Question: What measurable actions can we take to be proactive and not reactive when we see bad bills traveling from state to state?

- Counteract by using good bills from other states and bring them into our states and communities.
- Get groups, neighbors, and others to contact your legislatures voicing your opinions of these bills; remind them of your votes.

Question: Since technology is used to track where gun violence occurs. How to make sure the data collected from technology tracking gun violence is not used negatively against our communities?

- Question who is using the data and who is on the panels
- Look at what we’re doing to each other and work to decrease the numbers of gun violence period.

- Use the data to help us, the black community, to turn it around.
- Put some of our people on the Police Review Board of local communities to see and have an input on how the data is being used

Question: Since mental health awareness is on the rise, do we increase funding for more mental health workers rather than more police officers and more Red Flag Laws on the local, state, and federal levels?

- Need to increase funding, awareness, and access to mental health resources.
- Need Red Flag Laws.
- It's our job to reduce the stigma on mental health and encourage people we know, especially family members, to get help
- Advocate for training for educators, law enforcement and health care workers to be able to recognize a mental health issue thus making safer spaces for our children and you.

After taking a few questions from the floor, the panel discussion was wrapped up with a statement from, Senior Bishop, Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.

Registrants/District Awards (continued)

A \$100 WMS Boutique Certificate was given to the District that traveled the longest distance with the largest number of registrants. The 15th Episcopal District won the award, having traveled over 5,000 miles.

The 1st Episcopal District was recognized for a \$10,000 donation to the Fistula Project.

Announcements were given by the Corresponding Secretary, Sherry Peyton.

Special Presentation

President Deborah Taylor King presented the 8th International WMS President, Dr. Shirley Hopkins Davis, the Presidential Medallion. Dr. Delores Kennedy Williams, 5th International President, and Dr. Shirley Cason Reed, 9th International President, joined President King in placing the medallion on Dr. Davis. Since Dr. Davis did not assume the presidency during a Quadrennial, she was never formally recognized as President. The presentation of the medallion is the formal recognition bestowed on the President.

The session adjourned at 1:01 PM.

Plenary Session VII

The 7th Plenary Session was called to order at 3:02 PM by presiding officer, 3rd Vice President, Sanjena Clay. Vice President Clay called for a special musical performance from Recording Artist, Ms. Angela Patterson. Ms. Patterson performed her new single "*The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me; God I Need You*".

The President's Quadrennial Report

President Dr. Deborah Taylor King presented her report highlights via a video pictorial presentation. The entire written Presidential Report is in the Electronic Quadrennial Officers Report Booklet pages 6 – 11.

Dr. Delores Kennedy Williams, on behalf of herself, Dr. Shirley Cason Reed and Dr. Shirley Hopkins Davis, congratulated President King on her excellent, captivating report.

Final Committee Reports

President King assumed the role of presiding officer and called for the Final Committee Reports.

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Rosemarie Rhodes-Miller and Supervisor Phyllis Green along with the other committee members presented the final Credentials Report. The following two (2) amendments were made to the previous report:

1. 1st Episcopal District added one (1) Ecumenical Supervisor
2. 6th Episcopal District subtracted one (1) Life Member

Total Voting Strength: 1,163

Mrs. Rhodes-Miller, on behalf of the Credential Committee, moved that the revised roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of voting members of the 20th Quadrennial Convention. There was no un-readiness. A voice vote carried the adoption of the 4th and final report. *See ATTACHMENT A, Report #4 for the entire report.*

Voting Apparatus were distributed to voting members.

Elections Committee: Mrs. LaDonna Liggins, Chair and Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell, Consultant presented the slate of persons seeking office for 2023-2027. The Bylaws concerning the nomination and election process were read by the Election Chair. Each candidate was then given two (2) minutes to address the body.

Election of WMS Officers 2023-2027

At 4:52 PM, the election process began with Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Commission Chair presiding over the process. For efficiency, the uncontested offices were elected first by voice vote. The four (4) contested offices – 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Worship Director and Member-At-Large were voted on by electronic ballot.

Uncontested Offices elected by voice vote:

President	Dr. Deborah Taylor King
1 st Vice President	Charolett Biggs Martin
3 rd Vice President	Sanjena Clay
Corresponding Secretary	Sherry Peyton
Treasurer	Chandelle Ivy
Director of Young People and Children's Division	Richelle Fry Skinner
Editor	Jacqueline Mitchell Robinson
Assistant Editor	Elizabeth Mhlong
Promotion and Missionary Education Director	Alisha Marriott
Historiographer-Statistician	Dr. Monica Dillihunt
Parliamentarian	Wanda Sims

Contested Offices Voting Results

<i>2nd Vice President</i>	1140 votes cast
Lisa Johnson-Whigham	540 / 48%

Lenette Williams-King 600 / 52% Elected

Recording Secretary 1141 votes cast
Therese' Ann Baker **577 / 51% Elected**
Sylvia Blake 565 / 49%

Worship Director 1140 votes cast
Djuana Duncombe-Paden **849 / 74% Elected**
Florine Herron 291 / 26%

Member-At-Large

1st Ballot 1142 votes cast
Janita Ferguson 570 / 50% run off
Blessing Mpande 221 / 19%
Adrienne Quickley 351 / 31% run off

2nd Ballot 1138 votes cast
Janita Ferguson **732 / 64% Elected**
Adrienne Quickley 406 / 36%

After the election process, each newly elected officer gave expressions of gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve.

Announcements

Supervisor Marlaa Reid, on behalf of the 11th Episcopal District Courtesy Transportation Committee, gave information to those requiring transportation for departures on August 3rd and 4th.

Corresponding Secretary, Sherry Peyton made other announcements and reminded everyone of the Supervisors' Retirement Celebration being held at 8:00 PM.

The Plenary Session was adjourned at 5:23 PM

Thursday, August 3, 2023 – Day 5

Plenary Session VIII

The 8th Plenary Session was called to order at 9:15 AM by presiding officer, President Deborah Taylor King.

Membership Recognition

3rd Vice President Sanjena Clay made the following recognition:

- Again recognized the 15th Episcopal District for traveling the farthest (5,000 miles) and having the most registered.
- Again recognized the Oldest person registered – three persons were 97 years old; District 4, 8 and 11; by birth date the person from the 8th District was the oldest. She received a \$100

WMS Boutique Gift Certificate. The Sisters from Districts 4 and 11 each received a \$50 WMS Boutique Gift Certificate.

- The 19th Episcopal District for the greatest number of WMS Foundation Membership

During a short intermission, the 15th Episcopal District delegation rendered a praise song “*We Are Ready for Jerusalem*” as well as another selection.

Special Announcement and Celebration

EBM 2024 / Host: 1st Vice President Charolett Martin presented the leadership of the 12th Episcopal District, Bishop Michael L. Mitchell and Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell. Via a video presentation, the 12th Episcopal District invited the Connectional WMS to hold it’s 2024 EBM in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Birthday Celebration: The assembled body then celebrated Bishop Mitchell’s birthday with a rendition of Stevie Wonder’s “*Happy Birthday to You.*” Bishop Mitchell gave expressions of gratitude for the recognition of his birthday.

Installation / Commissioning Service

Bishop Michael Mitchell conducted the installation of the newly elected WMS Officers.

Announcements

The Color Purple Remake: Sandra Lucas, AME Commission of Social Action Secretary, reiterated on behalf of the AME Commission of Social Action about “The Color Purple” debuting on Christmas Day in theaters in the United States and globally in 41 other countries. A listing of the countries will be on the Commission’s website - www.amec-sac.org. Information can also be obtained by calling Jackie Dupont-Walker, Director, at 213-494-9493 or Sandra Lucas, Secretary, at 580-599-0511.

Foundation Walk Update: Judith Redd and Adrienne Morris gave the following report for the Individual awards:

Top Individual Fundraisers			
Placement	Name	District	Amount Raised
1st Place	Valarie Russ	11th	\$ 4,115.00
2nd Place	Dr. Shavon Clark Harris	11th	\$ 2,102.00
3rd Place	Subrena Johnson	6th	\$ 1,830.00

The three top fundraisers received a gift certificate for the WMS Boutique and a medal.

Corresponding Secretary Sherry Peyton made other various announcements.

President King on behalf of Bishop Mitchell, the Commission Chair, and the members of the Executive Board, thanked the 11th District for the excellent hospitality.

Supervisor Reed, 11th District, reiterated the information for transportation.

Sending Forth Ceremony

Bishop Mitchell presented the preacher for the occasion, Rev. Dr. Myra Turner Billips, Assistant Pastor, North Stelton AMEC, Piscataway, NJ.

The Solo, “*Touch Somebody*”, before the Sending Forth Message was sung by Sister Marlyce Roberson-McCants.

The Sending Forth Message: Highlights of the message from Rev. Dr. Myra Turner Billips
The Scripture – Numbers 13:1-3, 25-30

Subject – “*Don’t Be Afraid to Take the Lead*”

- Sometimes God needs us to take a second look at what He is trying to show us. Whatever you see or whatever you find, the timing is right.
- When God is going to make a specific move, God sometimes gives specific instructions. God knows all the details.
- If you keep your eyes on God, you don’t need to be intimidated.
- If you want to take a leap of faith you have to ask God to help you shake the people off. Ask Him to deliver you from the people. (The people could not get past their fear).
- Don’t let the negativity make you lose sight of what God has said.
- Add a little bit of Holy Boldness and stand in it.

After the Sending Forth Message, Bishop Mitchell gave closing remarks. The Sending Forth Song, “*Go Ye Therefore*”, was led by the newly elected Worship Director, Djauna Duncombe-Paden. This was followed by the Missionary Benediction.

The 20th Quadrennial Convention concluded at 10:56 AM.

Tanya T. Harper, Recording Secretary
Therese’ Ann Baker, Assistant Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Credentials Committee Reports

Report #1

Episcopal District	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	Totals
# Conferences	7	5	3	6	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	6	7		12	5	5	7	
Episcopal Supervisor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Former /Ecumenical Supervisor	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Elected Connectional Officer	2	3	0	2	1	0	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
Episcopal WMS President	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	19
Episcopal YPD Director	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	18
Conference Branch WMS President	7	5	3	5	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	0	6	5	2	4	5	0	87
Conference Branch YPD Directors	5	5	3	4	5	6	6	4	3	4	6	4	4	0	4	5	0	2	5	0	75
Elected Delegates	27	25	15	18	23	30	30	20	16	15	26	19	14	9	6	9	12	5	17	19	249
Life Members	43	53	33	49	46	47	61	30	39	42	62	32	28	7	5	0	0	2	4	0	583
Total	85	96	57	86	87	93	109	64	67	76	106	65	54	19	25	22	33	21	53	20	1238

Report #2

Episcopal District	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	Totals
# Conferences	7	5	3	6	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	6	7		12	5	5	7	
Episcopal Supervisor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Former /Ecumenical Supervisor	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Elected Connectional Officer	2	3	0	2	1	0	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
President	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	19
Episcopal YPD Director	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	18
Conference Branch WMS President	7	5	3	5	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	0	6	5	2	4	5	0	92
Conference Branch YPD Directors	6	5	3	4	5	6	6	4	3	4	6	4	4	0	4	5	0	2	5	0	75
Elected Delegates	27	25	15	18	23	30	30	20	16	15	26	19	14	9	6	9	12	5	16	11	254
Life Members	43	53	33	49	46	47	43	30	39	42	62	32	28	7	5	0	0	2	4	1	575
Total	86	96	57	86	87	93	90	64	67	76	106	64	54	18	25	22	17	16	33	18	1175

ATTACHMENT A (continued)

Credentials Committee Reports

Report #3

Episcopal District	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	Totals
# Conferences	7	5	3	6	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	6	7	7	12	5	5	7	
Episcopal Supervisor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Former /Ecumenical Supervisor	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Elected Connectional Officer	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
Episcopal WMS President	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	19
Episcopal YPD Director	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	18
Conference Branch WMS President	7	5	3	5	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	0	6	5	2	4	5	5	92
Conference Branch YPD Directors	6	5	3	4	5	6	5	4	3	4	6	4	4	0	4	5	0	2	5	0	75
Elected Delegates	27	25	15	18	23	30	30	20	16	15	26	19	14	9	6	9	12	5	16	11	253
Life Members	41	53	33	49	46	47	43	30	39	42	62	32	28	7	5	0	0	2	4	1	564
Total	85	96	57	82	87	93	90	64	67	69	106	64	54	18	25	22	17	16	33	18	1163

Report #4

Episcopal District	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	Totals
# Conferences	7	5	3	6	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	6	7	7	12	5	5	7	
Episcopal Supervisor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Former /Ecumenical Supervisor	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Elected Connectional Officer	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
Episcopal WMS President	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	19
Episcopal YPD Director	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	18
Conference Branch WMS President	7	5	3	5	6	6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	0	6	5	2	4	5	5	92
Conference Branch YPD Directors	6	5	3	4	5	6	5	4	3	4	6	4	4	0	4	5	0	2	5	0	75
Elected Delegates	27	25	15	18	23	30	30	20	16	15	26	19	14	9	6	9	12	5	16	11	254
Life Members	41	53	33	49	46	46	43	30	39	42	62	32	28	7	5	0	0	2	4	1	563
Total	86	96	57	82	87	92	90	64	67	69	106	64	54	18	25	22	17	16	33	18	1163

ATTACHMENT B

Quadrennial Rules

I. GENERAL RULES

- A. The President or her designee shall preside at all business sessions of the Quadrennial Convention.
- B. At the first business session, the Chair of the Registration committee shall report the number of voting delegates and alternate delegates registered and shall make a supplementary report commencing each day of the Quadrennial Convention business, or when ordered by the delegates.
- C. The quorum of quadrennial business shall consist of a majority of the voting delegates and other voting members.
- D. The order of business shall be the printed program or agenda that is adopted at the first business session.
- E. All delegates and other voting members must be registered prior to assuming their roles as delegates and voting members. In the absence of a registered delegate, the alternate delegate assumes the powers and privileges of the registered delegate for the remainder of the convention.
- F. Delegates and other voting members, including alternate delegates, shall wear their official identification badge to gain entry and to be seated at all business sessions.
- G. There shall be designated seating in the meeting hall for the delegates and other voting members, alternate delegates, and observers of the Quadrennial Convention
- H. Delegates and other voting members, including alternate delegates, shall sit in the section of the meeting hall assigned to their Episcopal District. The Episcopal District's designation shall be indicated by a district banner bearing the Episcopal District's name.
- I. Delegates, other voting members, and alternate delegates shall be in their seats at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled meeting time.
- J. The Recording Secretary, with the assistance of the Assistant Recording Secretary and any other employed assistance and/or mechanical or electronic devices, shall record the official business transactions of the Quadrennial Convention.
- K. Available technology shall be employed for recording the votes of delegates and other voting members, and to provide for the viewing of main motions and amendments.
- L. Notices or announcements to the Quadrennial Convention should be in writing, signed by the person wishing to make the announcement, and shall be presented to a floor marshal prior to each session or during a recess period.
- M. Only the delegates and other voting members may make motions, second motions, debate and vote.
- N. A delegate or other voting member shall not vote unless she is in her assigned seat.

II. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS

- A. Reports of Officers or Committee Chairs: All resolutions, recommendations and main motions shall be submitted in writing and appear at the end of the officer's or committee's report.
- B. Main motions and amendments of delegates and voting members shall be in writing on a form provided, and submitted to the Recording Secretary and the Presiding Officer immediately prior to making of the motion or amendment. The maker of the motion shall complete the motion sheet and provide it to a floor marshal to be turned over to the Recording Secretary. When submitted, motions and amendments shall include the maker's name and district. The procedure shall be to:
 - 1. Move to the nearest microphone and raise the appropriate color-coded flash card
 - 2. Wait for recognition by the Presiding Officer
 - 3. Identify yourself by name, Episcopal District and indicate whether she is a delegate, Life member or officer.
 - 4. Have one (1) minute to present the motion.
 - 5. Debate the motion after it is stated by the chair.
- C. All resolutions and recommendations, with rationale, shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee. The Committee shall consult with the maker of the resolution regarding questions and/or matters requiring clarification.
- D. All appropriate resolutions and recommendations shall be presented by the Resolution Committee at the appointed time and shall include a recommendation from the committee regarding action to be taken.

III. RULES COVERING DISCUSSION OR DEBATE

Discussions or debates on any questions shall be carried out according to the following procedures:

- A. After the first speaker (maker of the motion) favoring the proposal is heard, preference shall be given to a speaker opposing the motion.
- B. Each speaker participating in the discussion or debate on any given question shall:
 - 1. Total debate time will be limited to 12 minutes and shall alternate between speaker for and against the motion when possible.
 - 2. Debate is limited to two (2) delegates and other voting members from an Episcopal District shall be permitted to speak on a given issue. shall be permitted to speak more than once and for a duration of no more than three (3) minutes.

IV. ELECTIONS/CAMPAIGNING

- A. Voting for officers will take place at the scheduled time.
- B. If re-balloting is required, it will take place immediately following the first balloting.

- C. Voting will be by electronic balloting procedure.
- D. The voting delegate, not the alternate, will be expected to cast the vote unless there is an emergency. If an emergency does arise, the Chair of the Elections Committee will be notified immediately.
- E. If any questions arise immediately prior to the voting, the voting delegate should call on a member of the Elections Committee for clarification on voting procedures.
- F. The Chair of the Elections Committee shall announce the results and the Presiding Officer shall declare the winners.
- G. No campaigning shall occur during any religious or plenary sessions, or once voting commences; no campaign literature shall be posted within the confines of the meeting hall.
- H. All candidates will be provided an opportunity to speak to delegates prior to the election. Each candidate shall be allotted two (2.) minutes for her speech.

V. VOTING

All voting shall be by electronic balloting. Representatives from each District delegation will collect one (1) machine for each of the registered, voting delegates, as determined by the Credentials Committee. The equipment will be counted, verified, and signed for. At the close of each day, the machines will be returned and counted. Any machines not returned shall be charged back to the District at the rate of \$200 per machine

VI. PARLIAMENTARIAN(S)

The parliamentarian shall serve for the duration of the Convention and be an Ex Officio member of the Rules Committee.

VII. TIMEKEEPER(S)

One or more Timekeeper(s) shall be appointed for the duration of the convention and shall be considered ex-officio member(s) of the Rules Committee. The Timekeeper(s) shall monitor time as approved in the rules. (Preferably the Secretarial Team)

VIII. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION

Robert Rules of Order, 12th Edition, shall be the authority on matters not covered by the **Constitution and Bylaws**, the standing rules adopted by the Quadrennial Convention, and **The Discipline of the AME Church**.

ATTACHMENT C

Council of Bishops African Methodist Episcopal Church

July 31, 2023

On behalf of the Council of Bishops, the Social Action Commission and the International Women's Missionary Society expresses our strong disagreement and condemnation of HB 7, branded "The Anti-Woke Act" proposed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and passed by the Florida Legislature. This law restricts how race is taught and discussed in Florida schools, colleges, and workplaces. It also blocks colleges, universities, and workplaces from using diversity practices and training. Additionally, it prohibits state funds from being used to advance diversity, inclusion and equity in Florida colleges, universities, and state government. The stated purpose of the "Anti-Woke Act" is to prevent students from feeling they bear personal responsibility for the wrongs of their ancestors because of race, color, sex, or national origin. Last week the Governor DeSantis controlled State Board of Education issued a new curriculum on the teaching of African American history. It requires that students be taught that "slaves developed skills which, in some instances could be applied to their personal benefit" and that events such as the 1920 Ocoee Massacre and others, included "acts of violence perpetrated against and by African Americans." The "Anti-Woke Act" and new African American History Curriculum are an intentional and deliberately designed effort to turn back time, undermine the education of Black students and end efforts to diversify, include and assure equity for Blacks and people of color in hiring, education, and fairness.

In 2020, and 2022 there was a strong turnout of Black voters across the country, and some progress was made. Following these elections there has been a deliberate backlash to thwart our progress, including efforts to reform the criminal justice system, policing, encouraging the lack of diversity, inclusion and equity in hiring, education, compensation gerrymandering and re-drawing of political districts. Those who seek to advance these efforts have been criticized as being "woke."

For most Americans being "woke" means to be informed, educated and aware of social injustices and seek to correct and end these injustices. Gov. Ron DeSantis and far right conservatives feel being "woke" is bad and negative because it upsets traditional western norms such as white privilege, white male dominance, classism and sexism and prevents America from being great again. They insist that racism, favoritism, gender bias, homophobia and other ills do not exist in America. Gov. DeSantis is so proud of what he is doing that his campaign is based on "making America like Florida." He arrogantly declared that "Florida is where woke comes to die."

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was born woke. Our ancestors understood "that out of one blood God made all of us to live together as brothers and sisters" and founded this church. For 207 years we have preached, taught, served, and fought for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven." We take seriously our call to be God's "watchers", to keep our people, especially our children and youth, informed, educated and aware." It is asinine to be concerned about young white children feeling guilty about what their ancestors did and have no regard about how

Black children and youth feel seeing their ancestors portrayed as inferior and making little or no contribution to this nation. We demand that all American history be taught, the good, the bad and the ugly. We will not be silent to this travesty. Our preference would rather our Quadrennial not be in Florida, but because of the high economical loss if we did not come, we are here. God has designed our presence here in Florida. We did not want to be here, but we are here, we are woke and we did not come here to die. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. And since we are here, we feel obligated to wake Gov. DeSantis and others up from what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called “conscientious stupidity.”

Slavery was never intended to be a benefit to Blacks, it was cruel, inhumane, and ungodly. The reason they do not want Black History taught is because they don’t want Americans to know that the beneficiary of slavery was America. In 1860 the United States went from being the poorest nation in North America to the second wealthiest nation in the world. Why? Free labor from Black slaves for over 65 years. They don’t want Americans to know that the nation owes Blacks. Wake up! The reason they don’t want Critical Race Theory taught is because they can’t take the truth. Wake up. The truth that the United States still doesn’t live up to its words. Blacks have fought in every one of this nation’s wars, fought for the rights of others around the world, only to come home and not have the rights that they fought for others to have. Wake up. They can’t take the truth that racism, segregation, disparity, and systemic inequality is still prevalent in voting, law enforcement, criminal justice, education, housing, finances, and healthcare.

We refuse to stop being woke, remaining woke is our commitment, for our people and communities, especially our children. We will continue to preach, teach, advocate, vote and organize to see that their lies and misinformation don’t go unanswered, and that this current stupidity does not spread in Florida or across the nation. Respond now that it does hit your state.

We are grateful for Dr. Deborah Taylor King for the leadership of the International Women Missionary Society whose advocacy in all areas of systemic inequalities, including voter rights, education and international missions have made a profound impact and sustainability on the lives of others. We have reached out to our faith partners across the nation, other denominations, National Council of Churches, and other Ecumenical organizations that the Florida legislature will repeal HB 7, “The Anti-Woke Act” and the new curriculum for African American History. This will be a difficult fight, for ignorance is not easy to dispel, but as we have overcome other efforts to turn back time, we will overcome these lies and demonic efforts. As we continue kingdom work, we will continue to pray for Gov. DeSantis and those like him to be delivered and converted those “who have eyes and see not, ears and hear not,” that God will convert them and bring people together, understanding, “that out of one blood God has created all people to dwell on all the face of the earth.” Repeal HB7 and show them what Woke Is.

The Council of Bishops, and the International Women’s Missionary Society

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ATTACHMENT D - Proposed Amendments Voting Results

Proposal No.	Article No.	Section	Page No.	Proposed Amendment	Voting Results			
					Yes	No	Total Votes	Pass/Fail
1	VI	2	3	length of Quadrennial Meeting for WMS & YPD not to exceed 7 days total	1083	48	1131	Passed
2	III	1	8	Membership: Women who are ordained clergy cannot be members	883	217	1100	Passed
3	IV	5	9	Add Elections Committee as Quadrennial Convention Committee	1059	47	1106	Passed
4	IV	7	10	Word replacement: "participants" only to "observers" only	999	49	1048	Passed
5		2c	13	Term Limitations: add "or appointed person"	1025	27	1052	Passed
6	VIII	1c	14	add "and approved by the Conference" to add clarity to Life Member process	856	162	1018	Passed
7	VIII	3a	14	"Only one deceased Life Member is replaced per Conference per Quadrennium	300	741	1041	Failed
8	VIII			recognize deceased Life Member during wake/calling or before funeral	877	194	1071	Passed
9	VIII	5	15	Occasions to wear Life Member Stoles	931	128	1059	Passed
10	XI	9	26	Ammend to authorize electronic meetings in all available internet	1012	62	1074	Passed
11	III		29	Add past Episcopal YPD Directors to the Episcopal District voting membership	980	100	1080	Passed
12	IV		29	Election of Episcopal District WMS President and YPD Director at the Episcopal WMS after the Quadrennial Convention	628	370	998	Failed
13	IV	3	29	Qualifications to hold Episcopal Office: "...must be in good and regular	1104	17	1121	Passed
14	IV	2	35	Change the sequential format of the current law	1006	93	1099	Passed
15	V	3	36	Clarification of which levels elects officers in the year of election of Quadrennial Delegates.	1079	23	1102	Passed
16	III	1	42	Clarification of establishments of units and their function	1007	64	1071	Passed
17	IX	3	52	Add the Connectional YPD 2nd Vice President serves as chairperson of the Self-Denial Program	1085	16	1101	Passed
18	IX	4	52	Connectional YPD 3rd Vice serves as Chairperaoon of the International Awareness Committee	1083	0	1083	Passed Ammended
19	IX	7	53	Conn. YPD Financial Secretary serve as Chair of Budget & Financial Estimate Committee	1016	76	1092	Passed Ammended
20	IX	12	54	Editor of the YPD Gazette serves as Editor-in-Chief under supervision of	961	106	1067	Passed Ammended
21	IX	13	54	Name change to "Associate Editor of the YPD Gazette"	1045	16	1061	Passed
22	XI	1	55	Insert language to describe duties of the program and planning Committee			916	Passed
23	XI	2	55	Expand clarification of duties of the Membership and Recruitment Committee	1078	11	1089	Passed
24	XI	3	55	Delete this section	1050	25	1075	Passed
25	XI	4	56	Description o fduites of the Budget and Estimates Committee	1062	14	1076	Passed
26	XI	5	56	Add Episcopal WMS President and Episcopal director to signatures required	1076	19	1095	Passed
27	XI	6	56	Expansion of the duties of the International Awareness Committee	1072	5	1077	Passed

ATTACHMENT D - Proposed Amendments Voting Results (continued)

Proposal No.	Article No.	Section	Page No.	Proposed Amendment	Voting Results			
					Yes	No	Total Votes	Pass/Fail
28	XI	7	56-57	Expansion of the duties of the Campus Ministry Committee	1069	9	1078	Passed
29	XI	8	57	Change language of rule for parity across committee descriptions and grammatical/syntax corrections			0	accepted with no vote
30	XI	9	57	Change language of rule for parity across committee descriptions and grammatical/syntax corrections	1067	7	1074	Passed
31	XI	10	57	Change language of rule for parity across committee descriptions and grammatical/syntax corrections				
32	XI	11	57	Change language of rule for parity across committee descriptions and grammatical/syntax corrections; add that this service also takes place at the LTI	1047	5	1052	Passed
33	XI	13 (new)		Creation of a Technology Committee	1077	11	1088	Passed
34	XI	12	58	Acknowledge Special Committees and the Director's power to establish the same	1063	13	1076	Passed
35	XI	12	58	Corrects bylaws section reference and acknowledges the existence of special committees	1070	17	1087	Passed
36	XI	2	61	List the role and responsibilities of the Episcopal 3rd Vice President	1042	16	1058	Passed
37	V	2	64	Clarification of election of officers during year of election of Quadrennial Delegates	1029	8	1037	Passed
38	V	New	New	Qualifications to Run for Office	1057	15	1072	Passed
39	V	3	64	Updating section numbering			0	accepted with no vote
40	V	4	64	Updating section numbering	1047	16	1063	Passed
41	VI	New	64	Mirror language that precedes the Connectional Officer description			0	accepted with no vote
42	VI	1	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD President	1028	47	1075	Passed
43	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD 1st Vice President	1076	2	1078	Passed
44	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD 2nd Vice President				
45	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD 3rd Vice President				
46	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Recording Secretary				
47	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Asst. Recording Secretary				
49	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Communications Secretary				
51	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Historiographer-Statistician				
52	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Worship Director				
53	VI	New	64	Create the position of Conference Associate Editor of YPD Gazette and state roles and responsibilities	1063	17	1080	Passed
48	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Financial Secretary				
50	VI	New	64	Roles and responsibilities of Conference YPD Parliamentarian				
54	XII	3	66	Word change of "President" to "Director"			0	No Vote; Passed in 2019

