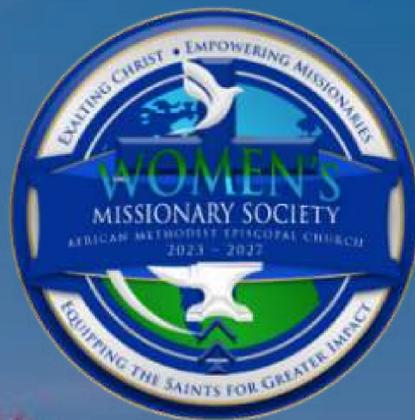


# African Methodist Episcopal Church

Fourth Episcopal District  
Women's Missionary Society  
142nd Annual Convention

Canadian Annual Conference



## 2025 WMS Annual Day August 7, 2025

**PUNCHING HOLES AND BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE  
DARK PLACES!**

1 Peter 2:9

**“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own special possession, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”**

Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr., Presiding Prelate 4th Episcopal District

Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor

The Reverend Stacey L. Smith, Host Presiding Elder

The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Leath, Host Pastor

Ms. Kimberly Hamilton-Foy, 4th Episcopal District WMS President

Ms. Patience Muyambo, Canadian Conference WMS President

Mrs. Veronica Williams-Dalrymple, Canadian Conference YPD Director

Ms. Sylvia Kemboi, Host WMS President

**Host Church: Tanner Price AME Church Windsor**

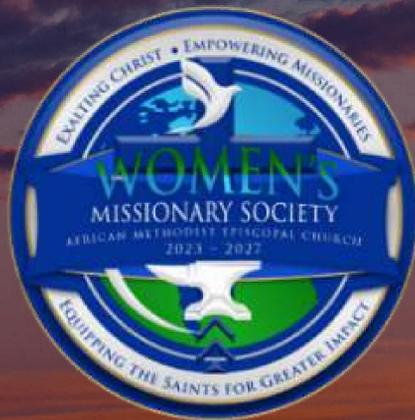
# CLIMBING CANADIAN CONFERENCE

## WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION

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# PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

**Greetings in the mighty and matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

*To God be the glory for His abundant grace, guidance, and faithfulness! As we come together to celebrate the 142nd Annual Convention of the Canadian Conference Women's Missionary Society, we stand in awe of His great works.*



It is a divine privilege to gather in fellowship, reflecting on the incredible journey we've traveled together in service to the Lord. Through triumphs and trials alike, God has shown Himself mighty and true. The work we've accomplished in His name, and the lives we've touched, are testament to His unfailing love. We are a living example of His power, strength, and provision.

A special word of gratitude to the Canadian Conference Missionaries—your dedication, passion, and tireless commitment continue to inspire us all. We are blessed to have such faithful servants of God within our ranks. A heartfelt thank you to our remarkable Supervisor, Jennifer Dixon Wright, and our ever-inspiring Episcopal President, Kimberly Hamilton-Foy. Their leadership has propelled us forward, and their vision continues to guide us to greater heights in the mission field.

As we come together this year, may we hold firmly to the truth found in Isaiah 41:10: “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

I pray that the Lord's presence will fill our hearts and minds throughout this Conference, as we reflect on the past year and prepare for the work ahead. May His peace reign in us and through us, and may we continue to serve faithfully, knowing that our labor is never in vain.

Great is Thy Faithfulness. Blessings to each of you!

*Patience Muyambo*

Canadian Conference WMS President

## MISSION STATEMENT

**“WE ARE CALLED TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH AND SENT TO CONTINUE THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST BY SERVICE AND WITNESS IN THE WORLD”**



*As followers of Christ, the Missionaries of the Canadian Conference are called to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in our local church, the community, and the world.*

*We are called to discipleship and to grow in knowledge and experience of God through Jesus Christ.*

*We are committed to support the mission of the church, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are challenged to help and encourage others to engage in ministry and action as we grow and respond in faith to God's redemptive plan for the church, the community, and the world.*

# 2025 ANNUAL MISSIONARY DAY AGENDA

<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>
8.20 A.M	Registration Opens	Sis Rosia Jones
	Continental Breakfast	Hospitality Committee
9.00 A.M	Opening Prayer & Devotion	Min. Shirley Ince & Sis Mary Cosentino-Willis
9.15 A.M	Call to Order	Conference President
	Introductions & Greetings	Bishop, Supervisor, Presiding Elder, Connectional 5th President, Connectional 2nd Vice President, Episcopal President
9.20 A.M	Protocol, Rules & Housekeeping	Sis Elvire Douglas
9.30 A.M	Tanner Turner Memorial Service	Sister Esata Masters-Beals
9.45 A.M	Presentation of Conference Agenda	Sis Patience Muyambo
10.00 A.M	Roll Call (Pentecostal style)	Sis Cecelia Lucas
10.10 A.M	1st Registration Report	Sis Rosia Jones
10.30 A.M	Reading of 2024 Annual Day Minutes	Sis Cecelia Lucas
10.35 A.M	Wellness / Stretch Break	
10.45 A.M – 11.45 A.M	Officer Reports:	Conference Officers
	Correspondence Report	Conf Corresponding Secretary
	Financial Report	Conference Treasurer
	Statistical Report	Conference President
	YPD Report	Conference YPD Director
	Local Societies Reports	Local Presidents
	President's Report	Conference President
11.45 P.M	Final Registration Report	Sis Rosia Jones
11.50 P.M	Remarks	Episcopal President Kimberly Hamilton Foy & Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright
12.00 PM	Closing Prayer	Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright
12.00 P.M – 12.30 P.M	Lunch	
12.30 P.M – 2.15 P.M	Mission Outreach	Matthew House Windsor (travel to Forest Glade Dr location)
2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M	Lay Meeting	
	Free Time / Dinner	
7.00 P.M	Night in White Service	

# TANNER TURNER MEMORIAL SERVICE

**CANADIAN CONFERENCE|  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEMORIAL SERVICE**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*1 Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
2 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
3 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

### **Opening Scripture**

### **Revelation 21:4**

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."*

*In Remembrance Of Our Sisters Who Are  
Resting With Our Lord. Today As Members Of The  
Canadian Conference Branch of The Women's Missionary Society,  
We Honour Our Missionary Sister Who Has Passed This Conference Year.*

We share in the mourning of our sister and the legacy she left with our society. We speak words of celebration and encouragement in remembrance of her. We work tirelessly to continue the work of missions in her honour. We call her name and tell of the work she has done!

*Let us celebrate not what we have lost but what we have gained, because our beloved Missionary sister passed this way.*

## *In Loving Memory*



### **DEACONESS MOTHER OLIVE V. ST. CYR**

Mother Olive was a loving mother, a devoted grandmother and great grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend to many. She was a very soft-spoken, caring person who truly loved God, her family, and her church.

Mother Olive immigrated to Canada in the early 1960s, initially working in Toronto's Garment District before joining the T. Eaton Company, where she served as an Accounting Supervisor for 37 years. As a creative spirit she was deeply involved in many community organizations and she expressed herself through fashion, theater, writing plays and designing costumes.

She was a long-time member of Grant AME Church, where she served in various ministries including head of the Stewardess and Deaconess Boards, Trustee Board member, Sunday School teacher and member of Prime Timers Ministry and Lay Organization. Mother Olive was an active member of the Elizabeth Hackley Women's Society, where she served as a local President. Due to her years of exemplary service she was honored as a Torchlighter of the Women's Missionary Society for the Canadian Conference Branch, where she served as an Executive Officer for many years.

Mother Olive spearheaded the Harriet Tubman Creative Learning Program, mentoring youth in the community, and bringing the program to the church's Young People's Division (YPD). This helped champion pride in their culture and heritage.

Mother Olive will be remembered for her faithful service to the Lord, her love of church, her trailblazing advocacy, and community upliftment.

**Remembrance or Remarks**

**Deaconess Mother Olive St. Cyr**

**Scripture Reading**

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing."*

### **CLOSING SONG**

#### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

*(Inspired by Lamentations 3:22–23)*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

#### **Chorus:**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

*"Gracious and Eternal Father, we give you thanks for the life, witness and unwavering commitment of our beloved Missionary sister who has now entered into eternal rest. We are grateful for the seeds of love she planted and the faithful service she rendered among us.*

*As we reflect on her legacy, may her example inspire us to walk faithfully in our own callings. Teach us to live with purpose and compassion, so that when our journey comes to an end, we too may leave a testimony that uplifts and encourages generations to come. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN"*

# 141st Session of the Canadian Annual Conference



## Fourth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society 142nd Annual Convention Canadian Annual Conference



### OPENING SESSION

President Patience Muyambo welcomed guests to the Canadian Conference Annual Missionary Day

### WORSHIP & DEVOTION

The opening prayer was conducted by Sister Lenore Ralph. She then led with a worship song, 'Hosanna in the Highest'. Sister Elizabeth Anderson-Young provided a short devotion based on the scripture Ephesians 2:10, where she reminded missionaries that the Lord has awarded each of them special gifts, and that we should use these magnificent gifts in the vineyard to bring glory to the Lord.

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9.50am by President Patience Muyambo, and she greeted everyone and provided the meeting protocols. The Mission statement was recited by all in unison.

### PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

Sis Patience Muyambo presented the agenda for all in attendance to review. Sis. Loy Pinnock Brown moved that we accept the agenda that was presented. The motion was seconded by Sis. Rosia Jones with any additions necessary and the motion carried.

### TANNER TURNER MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sis Patience Muyambo was thankful to the Lord that the Canadian Conference WMS had not lost any members in the 2024 Conference Year. And due to the delayed start a decision was made to forgo the Tanner Turner Memorial Service

## **GREETINGS**

We received greetings from our leadership, including:

Presiding Prelate, Bishop John Franklin White, Episcopal Supervisor, Penny Hartsfield White, and Episcopal First Vice President, Sis. Annie Ford. Supervisor expressed her excitement and was grateful to the Lord that the Canadian Conference was finally meeting in-person for the first time since the pandemic. Sister Annie stated that it was a joy to be in Canada and that she was looking forward to fellowship with the Canadian Missionaries.

## **ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was done by the Correspondence Secretary, Sister Cecelia Lucas, with the Episcopal, Connectional, District, Conference Officers, Canadian Local Presidents, and Life Members answering the roll. After roll call was done, Episcopal Leadership, Conference officers recited their scriptures in unison, Pentecostal style.

Excused Included: Sheila Verge, Lorraine Young, Mother Elaine Sparks, Olive St Cyr, Cherise Lewis, Linda Crawley, CloAnn McIntosh

## **FIRST REGISTRATION REPORT**

Conference Registrar, Sister Esata Masters-Beals, provided the First Registration report, which had a total of 27 Missionaries across the Canadian churches.

## **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2023 Annual Missionary Day Minutes were read by Cecelia Lucas

There was one correction to be made to the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes with the addition of corrections that was noted was made by Sis Loy Pinnock Brown and was properly seconded by Sis Veronica Williams-Dalrymple and the motion was carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

Correspondence Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary Sister Cecelia Lucas. Sister Cecelia highlighted all of the communication she was charged with distributing to Canadian Missionaries for the year including Connectional, District and Conference initiatives, events and meetings.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

WMS Year end financial summary for 2024 was read by Treasurer, Sis Rosia Jones. The largest share of the Conference expenses went towards our share obligations and costs related to supporting our General Conference Delegates. The available funds on hand as of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for the Canadian Conference WMS was CAD\$1,404.30.

It was noted that all local societies paid their shares in full for both WMS and YPD, with the exception of TWI AME and Emmanuel Temple AME. Episcopal District Lay President, Brother Michael A. Cousin Jr, made a donation of US\$200 to cover the outstanding share obligations. The Income and Expense Statement was received as read.

## **STATISTICAL SUMMARY REPORT**

It was acknowledged that both the WMS and YPD membership has declined over the past four years. Total numbers for the Missionaries and YPD were 49 and 67 respectively. The statistical report was received as read.

## **RECRUITMENT**

Member-At-Large, Sister Loy Pinnock-Brown made an announcement and encouraged all the missionary societies to partake in the recruitment drive to invite others to join in the WMS and the work of missions through the Connectional Fresh Fire Weekend initiative.

## **YPD DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

YPD Director's Report was read by Sister Veronica Williams Dalrymple highlighting some of the key objectives she had for Conference Year which were fulfilled such as to promote spiritual growth, youth mentorship, and leadership development.

Motion to accept the YPD Director's Report as read was made by Sis Elvire Douglas and was seconded by Sis Lindiwe Sithole. A vote was called for and the motion was carried.

At this time the Conference broke for a 10-minute comfort break during which time Sister Vivien Campbell led the missionaries in some yoga stretches. The meeting reconvened at 12pm.

## **LOCAL SOCIETY REPORTS**

The local presidents that were present during the meeting presented an overview of their society reports noting their main missions and outreach initiatives for the year.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Patience Muyambo's report applauded the local presidents and missionaries for their dedication and resilience. She highlighted how the missionaries had managed to persevere and conduct meetings and mission work with limited resources and numbers. She highlighted the positive impact of our key outreach initiatives, such as the food banks and soup kitchens which are a huge benefit to assist our communities to combat food insecurity.

Sister Loy Pinnock-Brown made a motion to accept the President's Report as read and it was seconded by Sis Rosia Jones. Following that Sister Veronica Williams-Dalrymple made a motion to accept the Local Societies' Reports as read, collectively, the motion was properly seconded by Sis Lindiwe Sithole.

## **REMARKS**

Remarks of encouragement were provided by:

- Episcopal 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sister Annie Ford
- Episcopal Lay President, Brother Michael Cousin
- Connectional 2nd Vice President, Sister Lenette Williams-King
- Connectional 5<sup>th</sup> President, Mother Delores Kennedy-Williams encouraged the Canadian Conference to not grow weary of doing good because their time for reaping was near
- Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright embraced Life Member Mother Boyce and reminded us that we should always look to those who came before us, and that we should remain steadfast in our purpose for missions and for Christ.

The Supervisor said grace and the meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1pm.

After lunch we reconvened at 2.15pm for the Caregiver workshop.

# CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

Brother Baha Bahashy from The Caregivers Network conducted a Caregiver workshop. The Caregivers Network is a faith-based organization dedicated to equipping, encouraging, and empowering caregivers who selflessly serve their loved ones. Through his workshop, seminars, and resources grounded in Christian principles, they he provided some practical tools grounded in Christian principles to help caregivers find balance, avoid burnout, and embrace hope in their caregiving journey. He also shared about their Caregiver programs which provide prayer and emotional support, Spiritual care, Purposeful meetups, and a Christian focussed Caregiving course.

Everyone sang the Missionary Benediction, and the conference meeting was dismissed with announcements for dinner at 5.00pm.

At 7pm the meeting was re-convened for the Night in White Service, where Sister Jerusha Richards shared a powerful word encouraging and challenging missionaries to pray like never before because we need each other. And reflecting on the true meaning of the Missionary Benediction.

These are your minutes for the 2024 Canadian Conference WMS Missionary Day.

Respectfully submitted,

*Delores Baldwin*

Recording Secretary



*Canadian Conference Missionaries at the 2024 Night In White Service in Toronto*

***“For where two or three are gathered together in My name,  
I am there in the midst of them.” Matthew 18: 19-20***

# CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is with great honor and joy that I present the Correspondence Report. Over the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as your Correspondence Secretary, working closely alongside our dedicated Canadian Conference WMS President, Sister Patience Muyambo, to ensure seamless communication within our local societies.

Our mission work, both here and beyond, has flourished through these efforts, as we continue to unite in purpose and action, guided by the strength of our faith.

This year, we have been blessed with an outpouring of messages and initiatives that have kept us informed, connected, and motivated in our service to God. Through the distribution of these vital communications, we have strengthened our collective commitment to mission work and spiritual growth.

Below is a summary of the correspondence shared throughout the year:

1. Connectional Fresh Fire weekend details and initiatives.
2. 4th District War Room Prayer service.
3. Bereavement notice on the passing of our beloved former supervisor, Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant.
4. 4th District WMS Officers nomination forms 2024/2025.
5. 35th Annual NGO Conference, changing the Global Forecast registration information and flyer.
6. Bereavement notice on the passing of Bishop E Anne Henning Byfield, the 135th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District, serving Kentucky and Tennessee.
7. 4th District Planning meeting dates and agenda.
8. 4th District WMS Zoom meeting with Maya Harris, sister of Vice President Kamala Harris.
9. Canadian Conference WMS Breast Cancer awareness campaign flyer "Think Pink" in October.
10. Invitation from Women of Faith to attend webinar on different stages of women (Menopause) with Lady Diane Baxter and Dr. Steven Madu.
11. Information on 4th District Planning meeting travel shirts.
12. WMS India Annual Conference Zoom details and flyer.
13. Minutes of the 4th Episcopal District Spiritual Transformation Convocation WMS session held via Zoom.
14. 4th District calendar of events for the conference year 2024/2025.
15. Canadian Missionaries raising HIV/AIDS awareness/recognizing World AIDS Day, wearing a touch of red.
16. Canadian Conference WMS Executive Board meetings.

17. Registration information on AME Connectional Sunday School Class Leader meeting.
18. Connectional WMS Executive Board and Training Convocation.
19. WMS Missionaries on The Move District assignments and outreach projects.
20. Bereavement notice on the passing of Missionary/Matriarch and Torch Lighter Deaconess Mother Olive St. Cyr, faithful member of Grant AME church and the Canadian Conference.
21. Urgent appeal for financial support to assist our brothers and sisters in the 5th District who were affected by the devastating wildfire in Southern California.
22. Details for the 2025 Midyear Spiritual Empowerment Convocation, held in Naperville, Illinois.
23. Canadian Conference 30-day Heart Health challenge and wear red for heart health awareness.
24. Date, Time, and Attire for the 4th District WMS meeting at the Spiritual Empowerment Convocation.
25. Connectional WMS Prayer Journal and Bible Calendar—embracing prayer and hope.
26. Invitation from Presiding Prelate Bishop Frederick Alan Wright to join in the 5th Annual Purple Sunday, raising awareness for Alzheimer's and related dementia, which impacts our church, family, and community.
27. Letter from the WMS Connectional President Deborah Taylor-King and The Constitution and By-laws committee chair, regarding the amendment to clergy membership in the WMS.
28. Canadian Conference WMS wellness virtual workshop.
29. Connectional WMS Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation inaugural virtual institute registration.
30. 4th District End Fistula campaign flyer.
31. Flyer for AME celebration, celebrating the legacy and history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with keynote speaker Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr., Presiding Prelate.
32. Information on 2025 YPD Leadership Training Institute.
33. Flyer, registration, and agenda for 4th District Christian Education Congress.
34. Key WMS missions and initiatives.
35. Connectional Mother Emanuel Nine remembrance and Legacy Sunday—wear orange to honor the Emanuel 9.
36. Flyer for 4th District First Friday midnight prayer sessions.
37. Registration and credential forms for Canadian Conference WMS Annual Convention to facilitate participation in our annual convention.

Humbly submitted,

*Cecelia Lucas*

Canadian Conference Corresponding Secretary

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Canadian Conference WMS Income and Expense Statement For the period September 5, 2024, to July 31, 2025

OPENING BALANCE		\$2,236.71	
	BUDGETED		ACTUAL
	CAD \$		CAD \$
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
140th Annual Conference Offering (August 2023)	-		\$1,236.25
Campbell AME (Chatham)	\$250.00		\$250.00
Central Grove AME (Harrow)	\$250.00		\$250.00
Grant AME (Toronto)	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Robinson AMEC(Montreal)	\$750.00		\$750.00
Tanner Price (Windsor)	\$200.00		\$200.00
The Word Inc (Etobicoke)	\$200.00		-
Emmanuel Temple AME Church (Pickering)	\$200.00		-
2023 Annual Convention Registration 30 @ \$25.00	\$750.00		\$216.44
Quadrennial Banquet Tickets (reimbursement)			\$280.00
Misc.	\$20.00		-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,820.00</b>		<b>\$4,382.69</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS - BALANCE</b>		<b>\$6,619.40</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Bank charges	\$100.00		\$49.50
US Exchange /other charges	\$400.00		\$428.89
Canadian conference WMS 4th District share payment	\$1,400.00		\$1,000.00
Foundation dues (30 @ \$ 5.00)	\$150.00		\$20.00
Global Missions to District	\$400.00		\$410.00
Presidents Travel	-		
YPD Directors Travel Assistance	-		
Yearbook PME/Missionary Magazine	\$175.00		\$240.00
Missions / Benevelonce	\$400.00		\$410.00
AME SADA	\$100.00		\$140.00
2023 Adhoc Annual Conference Expenses	\$300.00		\$268.36
Transfer to YPD (2023 Annual Conference offering)	-		\$282.25
Christmas gift – Supervisor & Bishop	-		\$100.00
1st Vice President's Planning Meeting Travel & Banquest Cos	\$1,000.00		\$1,034.78
Missionaries on the Move	-		\$56.50
Supervisor's Gift (Birthday, Mother's Day, Retirement)	\$500.00		\$434.06
General Conf. WMS 150 <sup>th</sup> Celebratory Breakfast tickets	-		\$504.32
Misc. - cards/stamps/stationery	\$100.00		\$10.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,025.00</b>		<b>\$5,388.66</b>
<b>BALANCE - ON HAND as at August 12, 2024</b>		<b>\$1,230.74</b>	

Presented by

*Rosia Jones*

Canadian Conference WMS Treasurer

# STATISTICAL REPORT

Greetings, I am pleased to present a summary of our Conference's Statistical Report. As we reflect on this past year, we acknowledge the challenges we've faced but we are also hopeful for what God has in store for us.

This year due to circumstances beyond the missionaries some of our missionary societies have become inactive. This includes Emmanuel Temple, Campbell AME, and The Word Incorporated, leaving us with just four active churches.

We give thanks to God for His continued grace and mercy. Our total membership has remained consistent over this past year, as we have re-engaged some of our inactive members and reached out to recruit new members into our fold. In line with the Fourth District's vision we will focus on recruiting younger members to grow the Young Adult Missionaries (YAMs).

Our number of Life Members remains steady, with four Life Members. We are grateful for their unwavering dedication and the light they continue to shine in our community. However we have lost the only Torch lighter we had in the conference, Deaconess Mother Olive St. Cyr who went to glory earlier this year.

Name of Church	President's Name	Conference Members	Life Members	New Members	Deceased Members	Total YAMs	Total WMS Members	Total YPD
Campbell AME, Chatham	Lorraine Young (retired)	1					1	0
Central Grove AME, Harrow	Lorna Cooper	3					3	0
Grant AME, Toronto	Esata Masters-Beals	29	4		1	2	28	25
Highland AME Amherst, Nova Scotia	Sheila Verge	1					1	0
*Emmanuel Temple, Pickering	n/a	0					0	0
Robinson AME, Montreal	CloAnn Phillips	15		2		1	17	19
Tanner/Price AME, Windsor	Lindiwe Sithole	3					3	2
The Word Incorporated, Dundalk	Cherise N. Lewis	1					1	0
		<b>53</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>

Presented by

*Patience Muyambo*

Canadian Conference WMS President

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## FRAMEWORK OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS -SDGs IN ACTION

In response to a call from both the Connection and the Fourth District, the Canadian Conference Women's Missionary Society (WMS) has adopted the United Nations' Sustainable Development **Goals (SDGs)** as a **framework to guide and inform our mission work**. By integrating these goals into our efforts, we strive to address the critical needs within our local and global communities.

This year, we have **focused on SDGs 1 through 5, alongside SDGs 13 and 16**, which have been prioritized in accordance with the District's vision. A new initiative this year, the **NGO Commission has introduced Climate Action under SDG 13**, aligning our efforts with global calls for a more sustainable environment. Through continuous prayer, education, advocacy, charitable support, and awareness-building, we remain steadfast in fulfilling our mission as vessels of God's love and service.

The following officer reports will provide an overview of the various initiatives and outreach programs our WMS society has pursued in alignment with these sustainable goals. These endeavors have not only enriched our society members but have also positively impacted the families, churches, and communities we serve.

## YPD DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**“But those who hope in Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31**

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

I extend heartfelt thanks to Bishop Frederick A Wright, Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright, Presiding Elder Stacy Smith, District Officers, Pastors, and members of the all the churches within the Canadian Conference. To the Women’s Missionary Society, our dedicated YPDers, Pastors, and lay members of the Canadian Conference, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve.

This year, our YPDers continued to be a beacon of light within our churches and communities, participating in projects and programs that uplift, educate, and empower. Although we continue to face the challenge of dwindling numbers, the enthusiasm, commitment, and resilience of our youth remain steadfast. They are small in number but mighty in faith—and they are rising!

The Canadian Conference YPD Division aligned their outreach efforts with several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically focusing on SDG 1 to SDG 5, namely: No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, and SDG 5: Gender Equality. These goals were achieved through collaboration with the Women’s Missionary Society, other auxiliaries, and community partners.

## **MISSIONS IN ACTION: Youth Leading With Purpose**

In more detail, the initiatives they participated in were as follows:

### **SDG 1: No Poverty**

- YPDers collected food and distributed it to homeless persons
- Distributed food to Refugees
- Regularly served in foodbanks

### **SDG 2: Zero Hunger:**

- Distributed both perishable and non-perishable food items to shelters.
- Assisted in the serving of vulnerable persons in shelters.
- Collaborated with the WMS to distribute foodstuff.
- Assisted with serving patrons across various foodbanks.

### **SDG 3: Good Health and well-being.**

- Participated in gift exchange with other YPDers.
- Purchased Christmas gifts for children.
- Distributed care packages and clothing for homeless men
- Donated baby items to organization which cater to single mothers
- Continued monetary support to children of incarcerated persons.
- Celebrated both Fathers and Mother's Day to provide a closer connection between the YPDers and the seasoned saints
- Fun days were also organized for YPDers to build team building skills.
- Celebrated YPD Anniversary (fellowship)

### **SDG 4: Quality Education**

- Distributed school supplies and backpacks to children in the community.
- Attended essay writing workshops.
- Took part in the District Reading initiative.
- Books distributed to students.
- Studies on the books of Bible and other related bible topics building spiritual
- YPDers received scholarships from the Lay and WMS
- Attended educational workshops on the following crucial topics:
  - Church Structure
  - Voting Rights and responsibilities
  - Youth and the future of the church
  - Black History and its impact today

## **SDG 5: Gender Equality**

- Attended workshops and webinars on the societal impact of Human Trafficking

## **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Participated in a global bible reading marathon.
- Conference members led Bible study for the district fostering spiritual growth
- Continued their participation in the weekly WMS War Room prayer services
- Our youth participated in YPD Sundays, where they led the worship service by offering words of encouragement, conducting praise and worship, leading prayer, and scripture reading
- Attended Christian Education and participated in the Bible Bowl

This year we took bold steps to meet our youth where they are—creating safe spaces for open conversation and implementing a *“By Youth, For Youth”* approach to ministry. Our recommendations for the upcoming year are as follows:

### **Reflections and Recommendations from the current Conference Year:**

- Develop plans to recruit and retain YPDers and to reach out to those who dropped off
- Meet youth where they are at in a non-judgmental way
- Encourage more youth relevant conversations
- Present the youth with more opportunities for spiritual growth and development
- Empowering YPD Directors at Conference and local church level to focus solely on developing the youth ministry without divided responsibilities

## YPD IN ACTION



*YPDers packing winter accessories and snacks to distribute to the homeless in Montreal*

Humbly Submitted,

*Veronica Williams-Dalrymple*

Canadian Conference YPD Director

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9**

*I greet you all in the mighty and matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

As we gather for the 142nd Annual Convention of the Canadian Conference Women’s Missionary Society, I give all glory and honour to our Sovereign God who has carried us with grace, strengthened us in times of trial, and sustained us through every high and low of this missionary year. Truly, His mercies have been new every morning, and great is His faithfulness toward us.

This year has been a journey of both reflection and renewal. While the challenges we faced were many—decline in participation, the passing of our beloved matriarch, and the reality of stretched resources—we have not been without hope. For we know that God specializes in restoring, reviving, and revealing His strength through our weakness.

In every local society, I have witnessed a remnant of faithful missionaries who continue to serve with compassion and creativity. From food banks and soup kitchens that nourish the hungry, to clothing drives and care packages that bring dignity to the displaced, our sisters have remained present—punching holes in darkness and letting God’s light shine through. I commend each of you for your sacrificial love and tireless commitment to missions.

We also recognize with deep gratitude the support of our Episcopal Supervisor, Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, and our inspiring Episcopal WMS President, Ms. Kimberly Hamilton Foy. Their spiritual leadership and encouragement have helped anchor our work as faithful foot soldiers of Christ, and to expand our vision for what is possible in this new season.

Aligned with the strategic focus of the Fourth District, we have taken purposeful steps to expand our reach, and foster greater engagement within our ranks, this strategy has resulted in the re-engagement of former missionaries, and we praise the Lord for that. Our efforts, though modest in number, are mighty in spirit and eternal in impact.

I am also deeply grateful for the support of my minister, Rev. Kenesha Blake-Newell, and the support each of the ministers of the Canadian Conference. Their love, encouragement, and support of the Missionaries and YPD have enabled us to achieve far more than our size might suggest. Thank you, pastors, for nurturing the missionaries in your churches and allowing their ministry to flourish. Your partnership has strengthened our mission, expanded our impact, and helped us serve our congregations and our communities with greater effectiveness.

Looking ahead, we will continue to do impactful mission work to benefit our churches and communities. I envision a missionary society that is revived in purpose, bold in action, and rich in faith.

We will continue to focus on:

- Recruitment and intergenerational engagement to bridge the gap with young adults while ensuring the legacy of missions continues
- Spiritual development and biblical growth equipping our missionaries in the Word to stand firm as effective foot soldiers for Christ
- Mental health and caregiver support to strengthen those who serve
- Strategic partnerships with local organizations to amplify our reach
- Effective digital communication to keep our missionaries informed, equipped, and united

This is not a time to shrink back—it is a time to stretch forward. Though our numbers may be small, our God is great. Resources may feel scarce, but our source is unlimited. And as some doors close, we believe others are opening wide, and we will walk through them with faith.

So, Canadian Conference let us press on, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, and spirit to spirit—climbing together in mission and ministry.

With gratitude, hope, and abiding love,

Humbly Submitted,

*Patience Muyambo*

Canadian Conference WMS President

# LOCAL PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

## ROBINSON AME CHURCH REPORT

*Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus our soon coming King!*

To God be the glory for the work He continues to do through the faithful women of **Robinson AME Church.**

It is with great pleasure that the Beverly Thomas Women's Missionary Society of the Robinson AME church present to you another annual conference report. We thank God for bringing us through another conference year.

### **WMS Meetings**

We continue to hold our monthly meetings on Zoom and with the help of the virtual space we were able to accomplish all that we did. We give God thanks also for the commitment and dedication of our missionaries, working hard throughout the year putting forward many workshops and missions.

### **Spiritual Development**

In addition to our outreach efforts, we intentionally nurtured our own spiritual growth. This year we continued to participate in the weekly Fourth District WMS War Room Prayer services, ministering in song, scripture and poem. It has been a blessing to fellowship and pray alongside our missionary sisters.

Each quarter the Women's Missionary Society holds a worship service, and they also conduct regular bible study lessons, focusing on devotions.

In this conference year some of our devotional topics include:

- Visible traces of Jesus, Daniel 6:1-10
- Fixing Our Eyes On Jesus, John 5:4
- Following God's Plan, James 4: 12-17
- No Wasted Pain, Exodus 3:1-4

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN ACTION**

*Our society remained consistent in responding to the needs of our church family and the broader community. With a spirit of compassion and service, we carried out the following initiatives:*

### ***SDG 1 & 2 – End Poverty and Eradicate Hunger***

*We assist in the eradication of poverty by our continued support of non-profit organizations in our city and abroad, these include*

- 1. In partnership with the YPD, we donated drawstring backpacks filled with winter accessories—hats, gloves, scarves, and socks—to the Old Brewery Mission, a shelter that provides critical services to homeless men in the city of Montreal.*
- 2. We continued our financial contributions to the Shamiso Children’s Orphanage in Zimbabwe, helping provide daily necessities to the children in their care.*

### ***SDG3 – Good Health and Wellbeing***

*Our society remains committed to promoting wellness in our community*

- In the month of February, we stood in solidarity with our Fourth District Missionary sisters by wearing red to raise awareness during National Heart Health Month and to show support for those affected by heart disease.*
- In March, we observed Purple Sunday by wearing a touch of purple to Sunday service to highlight Alzheimer’s awareness and educate our members on how this condition affects our families and communities.*
- Our society was blessed to participate in the Canadian Conference WMS Women’s Wellness Workshop.*
- The workshop was a transformative experience, reminding us of the importance of caring for our mind, body, soul, and spirit. We were equipped with practical tools and insights to help us prioritize self-care and promote overall well-being.*

### ***SDG 4 – Quality Education***

- 1. Through our Missionary Scholarship Program, we were blessed to award scholarships to eight of our youth. Six students graduated from high school and are preparing to enter college, while two recipients are advancing in their elementary education.*
- 2. We hosted various educational workshops for our YPDers throughout the year. A notable mention is for the Black History Month workshop “Black Montreal in the 1960’s”, providing insight into the Canadian history, legacy and contributions of Black communities in our city.*

## ***SDG 5 – Achieve Gender Equality***

- *Clothing and baby care items—including diapers, wipes, baby lotions, and body washes—were donated to Elizabeth House, an organization that supports single mothers in Montreal.*
- *Gift bags containing personal hygiene and body care products were provided to Patricia MacKenzie Pavilion, an emergency shelter for homeless women in the city.*
- *We hosted empowering workshops for the women in our church, covering important topics such as: Sexual Grooming, Spirituality and Moral Character, and Emotion versus Emotionalism.*
- *In celebration of Mother’s Day, we partnered with the YPD to present flowers to all mothers in attendance, ensuring they felt valued and appreciated.*
- *We participated in the Connectional YAM Recruitment & Fellowship event during Fresh Fire Weekend, where we enjoyed a virtual “sip and paint” gathering with other Canadian Conference missionaries. We also joined in wearing our “Chucks and Pearls” with white tops and blue jeans during our Sunday morning worship service—a joyful and spirit-filled expression of unity and sisterhood.*

### **MISSIONARIES IN ACTION:**



*Distributing drawstring bags filled with winter accessories and snacks to residents of The Old Brewery Mission shelter for homeless men*



*Baby products and baby clothing, which was donated to the Elizabeth House organization. And distributing gift bags to the women from Patricia MacKenzie Pavilion women's shelter*



*The eight recipients of the 2025 Missionary Scholarships*



*Missionaries dressed in chucks and pearls with jeans and white tops for the Fresh Fire Worship service*

Humbly Submitted,  
*Clo-Ann Phillips*  
 President, Mother Beverly Thomas WMS

# THE WORD INCORPORATED CHURCH REPORT

Bless the LORD O my soul!

I greet you all in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

This past year has truly been a walk of faith. At many points, our congregation faced challenges that left hearts weary and in need of encouragement. In response, we pressed deeper into the presence of God—declaring a season of warfare prayer and fasting, believing in the transformative power of fervent intercession. As Jesus taught, “This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting” (Matthew 17:21). We held firmly to this promise.

We remain committed to both spiritual and numerical growth, trusting that through persistent prayer, God will bring about change and revival in our midst.

This year, our spiritual focus remained on growth through discipleship. We took the Gospel beyond the walls of the church:

- Hosting drive-by prayer outreaches, offering prayer to passersby from the church grounds.
- And praying in our local parks and public spaces, boldly asking God for transformation within our communities.

In service to our neighbours, we continued our mission work through the Operation Warmth initiative:

- We distributed warm clothing, winter coats, gloves, hats, and scarves to those experiencing homelessness in the Greater Toronto Area.
- Sharing not just physical warmth, but the warmth of God’s love and the hope of Christ in a cold and difficult season.

We continue to stand in faith, believing that He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. To God be the glory for all that has been done—and all that is yet to come!

Humbly Submitted by

*Cherise Lewis*

President, Cherise Lewis WMS

# TANNER PRICE AME CHURCH REPORT

*Greetings in the name of name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*It is with hearts full of gratitude that we present this report, reflecting on what God has graciously enabled us to accomplish in His vineyard over the past year. Though our Missionary Society is small in number, the Lord has shown Himself mighty in our midst—reminding us that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is present among them. With humility and thanksgiving, we share the highlights of our service and witness throughout this Conference year.*

## ***SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT***

*Our spiritual journey this year has been marked by intentional prayer and intercession.*

*We have faithfully lifted up:*

- Our brothers and sisters who are less privileged and find themselves living on the streets in our community.*
- Refugees seeking safety and stability.*
- The sick, shut-in, or in need of healing and comfort.*

*We gather monthly for prayer sessions, where we share scriptures and words of encouragement, nurturing both our faith and our fellowship. These moments have deepened our spiritual bonds and sustained our strength in service. We also join the weekly Fourth District War Room Prayer Services, standing in solidarity with missionaries across the District as we intercede together for the needs of the world and the work of the church.*

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN ACTION**

### **SDG 1 – End Poverty**

In alignment with our mission to uplift the vulnerable, we remain steadfast in supporting the displaced, homeless, and refugee communities within Windsor.

Our efforts include:

- Providing settlement support and resource guidance to help individuals access safe and affordable housing.
- Connecting newcomers and refugee claimants—especially those at Matthew House—to employment resources that empower them to build stable, dignified lives in Canada.

## SDG 2 – Eradicate Hunger

We operate a monthly food bank program that reaches out with compassion to those in need.

- Through this initiative, we provide essential grocery items and fresh produce to residents living in local shelters such as the Windsor Homeless Centre.
- This ministry of nourishment extends not only physical sustenance but also the love and care of Christ to our neighbors.

## MISSIONARIES IN ACTION



*Missionaries and YPD participated in distributing Christmas gifts to the children in our local communities*



*Missionaries and YPD packing dry goods and fresh produce to be distributed to a refugee shelter in Windsor*

Humbly Submitted by

*Lindiwe Sithole*

President, Cecilia Greg Naina Mae WMS

# CENTRAL GROVE A.M.E. CHURCH REPORT

*Greetings Canadian Conference! I greet you all with the joy of the Lord who continues to be our strength and our song!*

Through it all we can testify that God has been faithful. Though we have experienced a decline in active Missionary membership following the pandemic, we remain steadfast in hope. We believe that through prayerful restructuring and renewal, the Lord will revitalize our Women's Missionary Society. It is our faith-filled expectation that Missionary meetings will fully be reinstated in the upcoming Conference Year, and that a fresh wind will blow through our ministry.

Despite the hurdles, our commitment to community outreach has not wavered. We have continued to serve through our cornerstone ministry:

**Be the Light Ministry** – We continue to support this ongoing program, which provides food, clothing, and hot meals to individuals and families in need throughout our community. In a time when many face uncertainty, this ministry continues to shine the light and love of Christ in tangible ways.

Additionally, we partnered with our Lay Organization to bring warmth and dignity to women in need for our Winter Drive, where we donated beautifully packed handbags filled with winter accessories—hats, gloves, and socks—along with personal care items, to a local women's shelter. The heartfelt gratitude expressed by the recipients reminded us that even small acts of kindness can have eternal impact.

Though small in number, we are not without purpose or power. We press on, holding to the truth that God can do much with little. We thank Him for sustaining us through every season and look forward to what He will do in and through Central Grove in the days ahead.

To God be all the glory!

Humbly submitted by

*Lorna Cooper*

President, Hattie Johnson WMS

# CAMPBELL AME CHURCH REPORT



It is with both gratitude and heartfelt reflection that we share this report from Campbell AME Church. We begin by honoring the life and legacy of Sister Lorraine Young, our long-serving and deeply beloved President of the Minnie Johnson Women's Missionary Society. Sister Lorraine has faithfully served the church and our community for over 40 years, becoming a true pillar of missionary leadership and compassion.

Though Sister Lorraine now resides in long-term care and is currently facing some health challenges, we continue to believe in the healing power of God. We ask that the entire Canadian Conference join us in fervent prayer for her strength, peace, and complete healing. We trust in Jehovah Rapha—and pray that Sister Lorraine is surrounded by His love, presence, and comfort. May she feel the unwavering support of her Missionary sisters during this season.

In her absence, while we do not yet have a new President in place, **her legacy lives on.** The mission work she championed so passionately has not faltered. Through the dedication of church members and faithful volunteers, the weekly soup kitchen ministry continues to serve with excellence, providing hot meals to over 60 individuals each week. This ministry remains a living testimony to Sister Lorraine's commitment to serving "the least of these" with compassion and dignity.

Sister Lorraine was not only the oldest serving WMS President in our Conference, but also one of the most treasured. Her enduring faith, resilience, and love for people have blessed us all. We thank God for her life of service, and we remain inspired to continue the good work she began.

May the seeds she planted continue to bear fruit in our church, our community, and our Conference.

To God be the Glory!

# HIGHLAND AME CHURCH REPORT

*Grace and peace to the Canadian Conference, in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

The Stewart-Riley Women's Missionary Society of Highland AME Church remains in a season of stillness. Since the homegoing of our beloved Past-President, Sister Theresa Halfpenny, two years ago, and the more recent loss of Brother Albert Verge, trustee and husband of Sister Sheila Verge, our missionary presence in Nova Scotia has grown quiet.

Sister Sheila Verge now stands as the last remaining missionary and member of Highland AME Church. Though she is not able to actively participate in missionary activities at this time, her heart continues to beat with the spirit of mission. Her unwavering love for the WMS and her continued connection to our Conference remind us that mission work is not only about doing—it is also about being present in faith and love, even in the quiet places.

Sister Sheila is currently the full-time caregiver for her 100-year-old mother, a sacred and demanding role that requires great strength, patience, and compassion. We honour her selfless devotion and pray that the Lord will continually replenish her, body, mind, and spirit.

As a Conference, let us lift Sister Sheila in our prayers, asking God to grant her renewed strength, peace, and a deep sense of His presence. May she feel surrounded by the love and support of her missionary sisters across the miles and may the legacy of mission at Highland AME Church continue to live on.

To God be the glory, even in this quiet season.

# GRANT AME CHURCH REPORT

*Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I bring greetings from the Elizabeth Hackley Women's Missionary Society of Grant AME Church Toronto.*

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

At the heart of our ministry this year was a deep and intentional **focus on the wellness and wholeness of the mind, body, and spirit**. Guided by our theme scripture, 1 Corinthians 6:19 — “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?” — we embraced the call to be Sacred and Strong: Temples of the Holy Spirit. With this focus, our missionary journey began with a renewed commitment to spiritual discipline and personal devotion.

We launched the year with a daily scripture reading plan, encouraging all missionaries to immerse themselves in the Word of God. These readings were enriched by thoughtful, Spirit-led devotions inspired by the WMS Daily Bible Reading Calendar from the Connectional Prayer Support Team. Each day became an opportunity to grow closer to God and to nourish our spirits through intentional meditation on His promises.

Our missionaries faithfully lead Sunday worship services once a month and are active participants in every spiritual endeavor of our church. **Our monthly meetings** are not merely administrative, but sacred moments of study and reflection. We dedicate significant time to exploring the **PME Study Book**, diving deep into themes that challenge and strengthen our faith, foster dialogue, and root us more firmly in God's Word.

In the spirit of connection and corporate prayer, we have joined hands with our District brothers and sisters for the past three months in the **First Friday Midnight Prayers**. These powerful gatherings offer a space for meditation, teaching on evangelism, and heartfelt intercession for our Conference and the move of God in our midst.

We continue to honour **Missionary Wednesdays** as a day set apart for fasting and prayer. Each Wednesday begins with a morning prayer service and continues as a day of spiritual covering for our families, our church, and our communities. In love and faith, we intercede for the sick, the shut-in, and those in need of a touch from the Lord.

As sisters in Christ, we remain committed to caring for one another. We are **intentional in lifting each other up** through **prayer, hospital visits, and regular check-ins**, ensuring that no one walks alone. Each third Sunday of the month, our missionaries joyfully participate in the worship service, standing as living testimonies of service, unity, and unwavering faith.

## **Mission Projects**

Our Mission Projects for this conference Year included the following:

### **SDG 1 – End Poverty**

We remain mindful of the needs of the vulnerable and disenfranchised in our midst.

- Through our Annual White Gifts Christmas Hamper Program, we partnered with our local Food Bank to bless 250 families with hampers, turkeys, and hams during the holiday season.
- In response to civil unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), we are supporting one of our AME communities that was severely impacted by displacement.
- We are preparing a shipment of gardening tools, hand tools, and seeds (including corn, legumes, and vegetables) to be sent out in August 2025

### **SDG 2 Eradicate Hunger**

Throughout the year, we extended help to families within our congregation through personalized Gifts of Love that addressed specific needs.

- In partnership with the Lay Organization and other auxiliaries, we participated in a monthly outreach delivering boxes of food and essential items to Indigenous families in remote Inuit communities in Northern Canada.
- This initiative is part of our broader commitment to “Honouring Our Northern Neighbours” (HONN), where we support at least two families each year.

### **SDG 3 - Health and Wellbeing**

Health and wellness remained a central focus of our mission. We recognize that to serve others, we must first care for ourselves—body, mind, and spirit.

- We hosted and participated in **regular wellness workshops** covering relevant topics including:
  - Healthy eating and nutrition
  - Physical activity and heart health
  - Mental health awareness and emotional well-being
  - The impact and management of menopause, among others
- We offered **mini health segments** during our monthly meetings to reinforce the importance of maintaining a balanced and healthy lifestyle.
- Two major Wellness Workshops, held in March and June, were led by our Connectional Missionary Sister, Dr. Rikeshia Fry Brown. She equipped participants with powerful, practical tools for cultivating self-care and self-love.

### **SDG 4 - Quality Education**

We continue to nurture, support and celebrate our youth through various educational initiatives, including:

- Our Backpack Giveaway Fund Day provided school supplies to children in the church and broader community.
- We offered financial assistance for summer camp to children from families in need.
- We uplifted and encouraged academic excellence, honoring students for their progress and achievements.
- We contributed gently used books to the NGO mission project to be shipped overseas, promoting literacy among children in underserved communities.

### **SDG 5 - Achieve Gender Equality**

Gender Equality is an important goal for our missionary society, and we conduct several initiatives to support women empowerment and education.

- We regularly donate food, clothing, and personal care items to the Red Door Shelter, a haven for women escaping gender-based violence.
- We empowered women and girls by offering financial assistance, mentorship, and other tangible resources.
- We are committed to fostering an environment where every woman feels supported, safe, and celebrated.

### **SDG 13 – Climate Action (New SDG)**

- We hosted our Annual Spring Plant Sale, offering vegetables, herbs, perennials, and annuals to the congregation and local community, and teaching them about gardening and its benefits.
- The initiative encouraged sustainable home gardening and provided education on environmental stewardship.
- Through this effort, we promoted reduced carbon footprints, biodiversity, and climate awareness in a small but meaningful way.

### **SDG 16 – Promote Social Justice**

#### **Honoring the legacies of the Emanuel Nine:**

- We observed Emanuel Nine Legacy Sunday by wearing orange and sharing reflections to raise awareness about gun violence and honour the lives lost.
- Missionaries and YPDers presented information about each victim, and their stories were printed in the bulletin to educate and inspire remembrance.
- We joined churches across the Connectional AME family in this act of solidarity and justice.

### **Advocacy and Support**

We continue to advocate for members of our congregation facing systemic challenges, offering spiritual, moral, and logistical support in navigating government systems and societal barriers.

### **Other Connectional and District Initiatives**

We participated in a number of other initiatives in collaboration with our Connectional and District Missionary sisters including:

- Participated in **AME's Purple Sunday**, hosting a short workshop to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and preventive strategies.
- Joined the **Think Pink Campaign** in October to raise breast cancer awareness, especially among women of color.
- Donated toward the **California Wildfire Relief Fund**, supporting affected communities in the 5th Episcopal District.
- Participated in **the Inaugural Connectional WMS Virtual Institute**, benefiting from workshops, Bible study, and creative ministry sessions.
- Attended the **Connectional Annual NGO Virtual Conference**.
- Contributed towards on-site mission projects for the following:
  - Executive Board Meeting, Planning Meeting, Mid-Year Meeting and the Christian Education Congress.



*A display of food items and toys that were sent to one of the families that the missionaries support from Nunavut, Northern Canada as part of the Helping Our Northern Neighbors (HONN) initiative*



*YPDers having fun at the 2024 Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway day in Toronto*



*Missionaries tending to customers purchasing some of the variety of plants that were on sale as part of the Annual Spring Plant Sale*

**FRESH FIRE WEEKEND PROGRAM**

SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2024

**THEME: Empowered Women, Empower Women!**

*"God is within her, she will not fall, God will help her at the break of day." Psalm 46:5*

**SAT MORNING (09/21)**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Blessing bags
- Purse-filled with personal care
- Bless a local women's shelter
- ATTIRE: Orange T-shirts

**SAT AFTERNOON (09/21)**

**SISTERHOOD FELLOWSHIP**

- Virtual Sip & Paint (4pm)
- Professional artist
- Paint Kit to be purchased
- Have a drink of your choice
- Zoom Details on the flyer

**SUNDAY (09/22)**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

- Women lead in local church
- YAM Take Over/Recruitment
- ATTIRE: Chucks & Pearls

**EVENING M.A.L SERVICE**

- Connectional Service
- Zoom details to be provided

Questions: Contact Conference M.A.L. Sister Lay Pinnock Brown (347) 409-1702

*Missionaries took part in the Connectional Fresh Fire Weekend by hosting a Conference-wide virtual paint and sip workshop which was a time for fun, fellowship as we engaged to recruit Young Adult Missionaries (YAMS)*



*Missionaries raising awareness of HIV and AIDS in solidarity with the connectional church by educating the congregation and wearing red on December 1st, 2024*

Humbly submitted by

*Esata Masters-Beals*

President, Elizabeth Hackley WMS

# LEADERSHIP OF CANADIAN CONFERENCE WMS 2024/2025



## CANADIAN CONFERENCE WMS - ELECTED OFFICERS - 2024/2025

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# LEADERSHIP OF CANADIAN CONFERENCE WMS 2024/2025

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Central Grove AME	Lorna Cooper
Grant AME	Esata Masters-Beals
Highland AME	Sheila Verge (inactive)
Robinson AME	CloAnn McIntosh
Tanner Price AME	Lindiwe Sithole
TWI AME	Cherise Lewis (inactive)

CANADIAN CONFERENCE WMS APPOINTED OFFICERS 2024/25		
NAME	LEVEL	APPOINTED OFFICE
Sister Esata Masters-Beals	DISTRICT	NGO Rep: Non-Governmental Organization Rep.
Mother Elaine Sparks	CONFERENCE	Life Member
Mother Virginia Boyce	CONFERENCE	Life Member
Sister Elvire Douglas	CONFERENCE	Life Member
Sister Loy Pinnock-Brown	CONFERENCE	Life Member

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
CLIMBING CANADIAN CONFERENCE  
WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION  
ELECTION NOMINEES**

**Thursday, August 7, 2025**

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