

CONNECTIONAL AME/WOMEN IN MINISTRY 2024 ELECTION

Connectional AME/Women In Ministry will hold its election of Connectional Executive Board officers for the 2024 – 2028 Quadrennium at the site of the 52nd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference in Columbus, OH.

The election meeting's date, time, and location will be announced as soon as confirmation is provided to Connectional AMEWIM by the denomination via the General Conference Schedule. Connectional AMEWIM does not set the date, time, or location of the election. Rev. Kimberly L. Detherage, Esq. (First Episcopal District) is the chair of the Election Committee.

As we prepare for our time together, let us keep in the forefront of our minds the mission that provides the foundation of who and why we are:

The mission of the AME/WIM is to define, enhance, support, and expand the presence of women in ministry in leadership in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

The purpose of AME/WIM is to meet and further the following objectives:

- a. To recognize and support women in ministry as an essential part of the leadership of the AME Church.
- b. To raise the consciousness of the AME Church on issues important to women.
- c. To address and eradicate sexism in the AME Church.
- d. To advocate for and work to expand leadership opportunities for women in ministry at every level of the AME Church.
- e. To support women in the pastoral ministry.
- f. To support women in specialized ministries including but not limited to: chaplaincy, writing, teaching, counseling, research, prison, youth, geriatric, singles, street, health care, family/life relations, music, homeless, HIV/AIDS and religious education ministries.
- g. To encourage academic training for the ministry.
- h. To sponsor a Connectional conference at least once during each Quadrennium.
- i. To support and provide assistance and outreach to women in ministry in the Fourteenth through Twentieth Episcopal Districts.
- j. To compile a complete and accurate record of all women in ministry in the AME church.
- k. To foster and develop relationships with people and entities that will assist in furthering the objectives described herein.

SECTION VIII. AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL WOMEN IN MINISTRY: BYLAWS ARTICLE II – MISSION AND OBJECTIVES: Sections 1 and 2 (Belin, Rev. Dr. Roderick D., The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2021: Fifty-First Edition (p. 786). AME Sunday School Union. Kindle Edition.

Nominations are being solicited for the following offices that constitute the Connectional Executive Board:

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, General Secretary, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician, Herstorlographer, Worship Director, and a Central/Southern Africa Coordinator.

The guidelines governing the election process are as follows:

1. Candidates for the Connectional Executive Board office shall be dues-paying women of AME/WIM ordained to the Itinerant ministry.
2. Each interested woman in ministry should submit:
 - i. A Letter of Intent that includes her qualifications and visions for the office she seeks.
 - ii. A recent photograph.
 - iii. Verification of being a full member in good and regular standing, as defined by the Bylaws of AME/WIM and the Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church, for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the General Conference.
 - iv. Letter of recommendation from the Presiding Prelate of her Episcopal District stating that she is in good and regular standing in her Annual Conference
 - v. A Letter of recommendation from her Episcopal District President of AME/WIM. In case of the applicant being the Episcopal District President, the letter should come from her the Annual Conference Coordinator of AME/WIM.
 - vi. A resume or curriculum vitae not exceeding five pages that includes:
 1. Previous experience as a member/officer on any Boards or organizations in the church, community, and/or professional field.
 2. Involvement in AME/WIM at every level including offices held, level of attendance, participation in meetings and other activities, advocacy, mentoring, and other areas of contribution.
 - vii. A letter of declaration:
3. Consenting to a background check
4. Declaring any pending criminal case(s) or action that would impede her service to AME/WIM; and
5. Disclosing the conviction of any crime or case(s) substantiated by the Annual Conference Ministerial Efficiency Committee or any other AME tribunal.
- 6. The submission deadline for nominee packets is March 1, 2024.**
7. The Connectional Third Vice President and Connectional Financial Secretary shall verify that all nominees have paid Connectional dues for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the March 1, 2024, submission deadline (Two years prior to the 2024 General Conference would be fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, which may mean the candidate has to pay her dues in advance of the qualifying year)
8. Nominations for the same office will not be accepted from more than one (1) member from the same Episcopal District
9. Nominations are limited to two per Episcopal District.
10. In preparing the slate of nominees, the Nominating Committee reserves the right to give consideration to the broadest possible representation of the Twenty Episcopal Districts.
11. Recommendations and nominations will not be accepted at the seat of the General Conference.
12. Members nominated to run for Executive Board office must be present at the time and place of the election meeting. No proxy or absentee voting shall be permitted.
13. The quorum will be the majority of the AME/WIM members present at the election meeting.
14. For persons to be certified to vote, their dues must be paid and received by the

Connectional Corresponding Secretary who, with the Connectional Third Vice President, will prepare the credential list no later than the close of the fiscal year prior to the General Conference (May 31, 2024).

15. Officers elected to the Executive Board shall surrender any other offices held in AME/WIM by December 1, 2024

16. The term of office shall be four (4) years and no officer shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Each nominee should make a complete packet of information and submit it to the Nominating Committee electronically, no later than March 1, 2024, via this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/I8ThygKhn09105ZfRF7I> (the link can also be found on the Connectional AMEWIM Website).

Documents by mail or by fax will not be accepted unless prior arrangements are made and confirmed in writing by the Committee Chair.

Until the committee has certified you as a nominee/candidate for us, no campaigning, marketing or communications should suggest that you are a nominee/candidate for office. Once you have been certified by the committee, you will be notified regarding the rules for running for office.

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Sandra Smith Blair, Fifth Episcopal District

Rev. Benita Livingston, Thirteenth Episcopal District

Presiding Elder Nomangando Matyumza, Nineteenth Episcopal District

Presiding Elder Lucinda Burgess, Sixteenth Episcopal District

Rev. Dr. Challis Bradford, Tenth Episcopal District

