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## BIOGRAPHY REVEREND CAROLYN BASKIN-BELL

I am a faithful, fruitful and favored woman of God whose passion includes advocating for women and children. I have been blessed to serve Women in Ministry for 25 years and counting. Most recently, I served as Episcopal District President for two quadrennials and previously as First Vice President. I also served as Conference Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator and Treasurer. God has blessed me to participate in the divine ministry of planting the Rose of Sharon AME Church by utilizing the God-given gifts of faith, nurturing, and developing. It has also been a joy to serve as the First Female Pastor of two charges; Second AME Church, Los Angeles and presently First AME Church, Santa Monica, California.

I am also presently an Instructor for the Southern California Conference Board of Examiners and a member of the Trustee Board under the leadership of Bishop Clement W. Fugh. As a retired educator, preparation is essential and I am grateful to hold the following degrees: Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology; Master of Arts in School Management, University of La Verne; Master of Arts, Communication Disorders, University of California at Long Beach; Bachelor of Arts in Communication Disorders, Chapman University. I am grateful to God for my husband, Larry, and adult children, Larissa and Carmena, who have prayed and supported me through this journey of ministry.

I come with great joy and excitement to serve Connectional AME WIM! The office of Herstoryographer is thrilling and offers me the opportunity to document the herstories of women as well as the overall activity agenda of AME WIM. As women soar and ascend in the ministry of Jesus Christ, the documentation of these stories are essential and of great value. Every accomplishment is worthy of acknowledgement and celebration. Therefore, I present my gifts of organizing, mentoring, coaching, writing, and encouraging to fulfill the responsibilities of this most significant office. We aim to reflect on our WIM trailblazers and record every glass ceiling breaker in districts 1-20. As we reflect and record, our hearts rejoice to the glory of God for the great work that will come forth through all of us!