



# Women in Ministry

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*“Re Imagining Ministry – Serving This Present Age”*



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# THE MISSION OF AMEWIM

**To define, enhance, support and expand the presence of women in ministry in leadership in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.**





# 2020-2021 GOALS

- 1) Equip Women in Ministry for Increased Civic Engagement and Political Advancement**
- 2) Strengthen Annual Conference WIM, Develop Relationships Which Support Colleagues in Ministry**
- 3) Identify Emerging Leaders and Develop Strategies for the Advancement of Female Ministers in the Church and the Community**







# **GOAL 1: Equip Women in Ministry for Increased Civic Engagement and Political Advancement**

## **Action Plan**

- **Convene Annual WIM Summit Virtually - “Town Hall Meeting” with Leading AME Female Politicians (Friday Evening)**
- **“Legacy-Building” Forum featuring Young Adult WIM (Saturday)**
- **Identifying and sharing networking and professional development opportunities**





# **GOAL 2: Strengthen Annual Conference WIM and Develop Relationships Which Support Colleagues in Ministry**

## **Action Plan**

- **Meet bi-monthly with Conference Coordinators and support them as they lead**
- **Encourage each Annual Conference to host at least one virtual initiative that captures the goals of Women in Ministry that can be supported by WIM throughout the District.**







# **GOAL 3: Identify Emerging Leaders and Develop Strategies for the Advancement of Women Ministers**

## **Action Plan**

- **Encourage increased involvement in WIM**
- **Identify WIM members who feel called to serve in key leadership roles within the church and community**
- **Create an officer-transition process**
- **Work along with the Connectional AME/WIM to create a Leadership Development and Mentoring Program in preparation for church and community service**





# UPCOMING 2020 MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

## SEPTEMBER

- **Weekly “Get Out the Vote” Reminders**
- **Virtual WIM Summit – Sept, 25-26**
  - *Virtual Town Hall: “Faith on the Frontline; Black Women and Politics” (Fri)*
  - *Young Women’s Forum: “Legacy Building” (Sat)*





# UPCOMING 2020 MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

## JANUARY

- **Forum (Virtual):** *“The Lives of Black Women from Jim Crow and Jarena Lee to Post-Obama and Post-McKenzie”*

## FEBRUARY

- **Rev. Jarena Lee Remembrance Event**

## MARCH

- **Women’s History Month Bible Study (Virtual)**  
*“Just a Sister Away”* by Rev. Dr. Renita Weems





# UPCOMING 2020 MINISTRY EXPERIENCES

## MARCH – MAY

- *Annual Conferences*
- *Preparation of Delegates for General Conference*

## JUNE

- **Candidates Prayer Gathering**

## JULY

- **General Conference**
- **Connectional Wim Election**







# SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **New Website:**
  - *Speakers' Forum*
  - *Book Corner*
- **Lenten Devotional**
- **Book of Sermons**
- **Lillian Frier Webb Project**





**Thank You**

