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“As iron sharpens iron, so one person
sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27:17

RE-IMAGINING
WOMEN IN MINISTRY
FOR THE PRESENT AGE

A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
MEETING AND SUMMIT



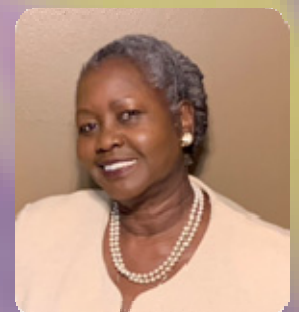
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FRIDAY - SATURDAY | JANUARY 8 - 9, 2021

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“RE-IMAGINING WOMEN IN MINISTRY FOR THE PRESENT AGE”

Re-Imagining Ministry in this present age, demands a new set of navigational skills for women in ministry to be civically engaged; to explore “out-the-box” funding strategies; to strengthen ministry relationships; and to build spiritual legacies. Despite the precautions necessary to manage the spread of Covid-19, re-imagining the work of ministry that includes both civic involvement and the strengthening of our relationships, is not a choice but a priority in 2021 and beyond.

The First District AME Women in Ministry invites you to join us on Friday, January 8, and Saturday, January 9, for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting and Summit, to *Re-Imagine Ministry for Women in Ministry* in 2021 and beyond. We invite all clergy, evangelists and laity to join us on Friday evening for a Town Hall Meeting moderated by Political Consultant, the *Reverend Dr. Regena Thomas*. A distinguished international platform of qualified and celebrated women civically active in the church and in the community, will bring fresh perspectives to our roles in local, state and national political arenas.

On Saturday, the *Reverend Dr. Henrietta Scott Fullard* will be our plenary speaker and the *Reverend Dr. Lesly Devereaux* will serve as our moderator and host for the day. Four workshops, covering relevant exciting topics will be offered in the morning; and in the afternoon, there will be an inspiring Young Clergywomen’s Forum moderated by the *Reverend Carolyn C. Cavaness*, that will focus on the phenomenal “spiritual mother/daughter” relationship. To bring the weekend to a close, our very own Episcopal Supervisor, the *Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram*, will close out with a message and a “Sending Forth” blessing.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

7:30 - 9:00 PM

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

“FAITH ON THE FRONTLINE: EMPOWERING CHRISTIAN
LEADERS FOR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT”

*An Engaging Conversation with Outstanding
International Female Leaders*

Civic engagement in 2021 and beyond, is not a choice but a priority. The reality of Covid-19; increased social service needs; police brutality; and racial tension and Black Lives Matter, demand and require that women in ministry re-imagine a new vantage point for the work of ministry that reaches outside the walls of the church and overflows into the community. Clergy must help create dialogue in faith communities using new technologies while passing the baton onto a new generation of women and men called to serve the church. These are not ordinary times, and therefore require extraordinary ways to organize our congregations' response to complete the task. Please join *Reverend Dr. Regena Thomas* and this qualified and celebrated international panel of women for a critical conversation on empowering our leaders for civil involvement.

MODERATOR:



Reverend Dr. Regena Thomas
Political Consultant
Director, Human Rights and
Community Relations - AFT

PANELISTS:



Bishop Leah Daughtry
Presiding Prelate
House of Lord Churches
Nationally recognized
Organizer-Activist,
Political Strategist,
Author and Faith Leader



The Honorable Renee Ming, JP
Member of Parliament, Bermuda
Minister of National Security
Bermuda



Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole
Chair and President
National Council of
Negro Women
Noted Educator,
Author and Speaker

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021
9:00AM - 2:30 PM

MORNING SESSION

A series of dynamic and interactive workshops that will focus on the work of ministry and the strengthening of our relationships

WORKSHOP S1:W1



NAVIGATING THROUGH MINISTRY & POLITICS IN THIS PRESENT AGE

PRESENTER:

Reverend Dr. Regena Thomas
Political Consultant
Director, Human Rights and
Community Relations - AFT

Is there really a separation between ministry and civic duty? Church involvement in the political arena has traditionally been the backbone of the Black community and ministry work in the Black Church. In this present age, do we need to reinvigorate the old way of navigating civic involvement or do we need to re-imagine the old way with a new approach?

This workshop is an extension of the Town Hall Meeting and will give participants an opportunity to continue the conversation of navigating through ministry and politics. The presenter will share her journey as a woman in ministry and a pastor; a former Secretary of the State of New Jersey; and her current activity as a political consultant and Director of the Human Rights and Community Relations Department, American Federation of Teacher. This workshop will also explore the resources available for women in ministry to engage in civic duty.

WORKSHOP S1:W2



BEYOND THE TITHE AND OFFERING

PRESENTER:

Reverend Dr. Sidney Williams
Pastor, Bethel AME Church
Morristown, NJ
Author: [Fishing Differently](#)

Many women in ministry are appointed to pastor small congregations that are struggling financially. There are others who are called to administrate the business side of small congregations. Regardless of the appointment, these leaders are faced with the reality that tithes and offerings are often not sufficient to meet all the fiscal needs of the church or the ministry needs of the community. In many instances, the need for raising funds is so demanding it leaves little time and energy for growing the congregation spiritually.

This workshop will focus on the need to re-imagine and explore “out-the-box” funding strategies, revenue streams and resources both necessary and available; and that go beyond the tithe and offering while attending to the spiritual needs of the congregation.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021
9:00AM - 2:30 PM

VIRTUAL SUMMIT

"RE-IMAGINING WOMEN IN MINISTRY FOR THE PRESENT AGE"

MODERATOR:



Reverend Dr. Lesly Devereaux, J.D.
Pastor, Trinity AME Church
Long Branch, NJ

PLENARY SPEAKER:



Reverend Dr. Henrietta Scott Fullard
Presiding Elder, Retired
Executive Assistant to the Bishop

CLOSING:



Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram
Episcopal Supervisor
First Episcopal District

DEVOTIONS:



Reverend Eyesha K. Marable
and the
First District Dance Commission



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

WORKSHOP S2:W3



**PUSH UNTIL YOU BIRTH A PROMISE...
THE WORK OF A SPIRITUAL MIDWIFE**

PRESENTER:

Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Dover, DE
Connectional President, AME/WIM

Many women are pregnant with spiritual gifts and graces that they have yet to discover. They are beyond the nine-month term and have yet to give birth to the ministry God has placed in them. The practical work of a spiritual midwife is to encourage and empower women to move from conception, to the labor room and then to the birthing room.

This workshop will focus on re-imagining how women in ministry may encourage and empower other women to begin the personal process of exploring their spiritual gifts and talents that they may discern and pursue God's promise, God's purpose, and God's plan for their lives.

Women in ministry attending this workshop are encouraged to invite other women who have displayed gifts and graces for ministry. The hope is that this workshop will lead to the development of future mentor relationships in ministry - and to begin the process of building a spiritual legacy.

WORKSHOP S2:W4



**IT'S NOT GOOD FOR WOMAN TO BE
ALONE - IN MINISTRY**

PRESENTER:

Reverend Dr. Melinda Contreras-Byrd

Psychologist, Consultant, Itinerant Elder
Assistant Pastor, St. Matthew AME Church
Philadelphia, PA

The ministerial journey is a glorious journey, but certainly not always a glamorous one. Many times women in ministry find themselves alone in their thoughts facing insurmountable concerns, challenges and issues. Many are single and alone in ministry; many are married, but still alone in ministry. The question for many women is who can I trust? Who can I confide in? With whom can I share my concerns, challenges, issues, hopes and dreams?

This workshop will focus on re-imagining how we create strong trusting relationships that dispel the myths that hinder us from confiding and sharing our concerns with one another. The conversation will explore how we can be more compassionate and less critical; embrace our diversity and grow from our differences.

Participants attending this workshop will be asked to submit in advance, their concerns and issues that they may wish to have addressed during this workshop.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

AFTERNOON SESSION

“BUILDING BRIDGES FOR A SPIRITUAL LEGACY”
A Young Adult Clergywomen’s Forum
*An Inspiring Interpersonal Conversation with
Young Women in Ministry And Their Spiritual
Mothers Who Nurture Them*

This forum will focus on the spiritual journey and relationship between young adult women in ministry and their spiritual mothers, or their biological mothers who happen to be in ministry. The conversation will entail how their relationship with their spiritual mother impacted their ministry and spiritual growth.

MODERATOR:



Reverend Carolyn C. Cavaness
Pastor, Bethel AME Church
Ardmore, PA

Spiritual Daughters

Reverend Caudria Pearson-Newell
Presiding Elder
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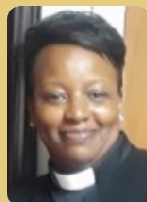
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Spiritual Mothers

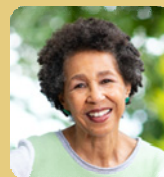
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AME/WIM is the official professional organization for women pursuing excellence in ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. And is the prophetic voice for parity and justice through advocacy and activism for women in ministry.

As an international organization, AME/WIM is active in each of the 20 Episcopal Districts. AME/WIM serves, encourages and supports the work of women in Christian ministry. Currently, over four thousand women serve in ministerial capacities throughout the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Elected by its active women in ministry; an Executive Board provides leadership at each level (Episcopal District, Annual Conference and Presiding Elder District).

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.

We recognize and support the work of women in ministry as an essential part of the leadership of the AME Church and seek to:

- ◆ Raise the consciousness of the AME Church on issues important to women.
- ◆ Address and eradicate sexism in the AME Church.
- ◆ Work to expand leadership opportunities for women in ministry in the AME Church.
- ◆ Support women in the pastoral ministry.
- ◆ 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.

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DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

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