



It's A New Season
"For Such A Time As This"

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS, INC.

NEWSLETTER 2021/FIRST QUARTER

MRS. ELLEN JAMERSON
STATE PRESIDENT



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And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I will make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful..

Revelation 21:5



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Greetings my Sisters,

What a delight it is to be a part of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows organization and yes, to serve as the State President.

As the 2020 chapter has closed, with its many trials and challenges, we can still give God praise for bringing us through. In the year 2021, I start this new chapter in my life, willing and ready to begin this journey, "Leading Ladies Gracefully Making a Difference." I am grateful for all God is doing in my life and I'm thankful for the VAMWMW and all the support given to me thus far.

We are excited to present our first Virtual Newsletter. Our editor, Sister Hattie Blackmon, has worked hard to compile the wonderful work our sisters are doing across the state. I too am excited and can't wait to see the goals and accomplishments reached in this short time.

I encourage you to remember our charge for this term to 1. assist students in your local communities in virtual learning; 2. Adopt a Family as a local alliance and 3. continue to reach out to each other. A Care Ministry has been added to provide care for our Beloved Past Presidents of the state.

My Sisters, you are about a good work. Keep it up, " For such a time as this."

A special thank you to The Richmond Alliance for the beautiful job done hosting The Bouey-Gaton Day celebration. To Charlottesville, Wayland Blue Ridge, and Fredericksburg for the Christmas celebration invitations. To Sister Karen Minor-Turner for the invitation to the Zoom Health and Education class on Glaucoma. It was good to be with my Sisters. We laughed, played games, and enjoyed each other.

To my Vice Presidents, you have been a tremendous source of strength, encouragement, and support in my new journey. Thank you for being there.

Last but not least, a big shout out to our IT Team. Thank you for all the hard work and for keeping our website looking good.

VAMWMW, I love you, I love you, I love you.

Ellen Jamerson

Mrs. Ellen Jamerson, State President

*Leading Ladies Gracefully Making a Difference
"For such a time as this." Esther 4:14b*





Greetings,

“O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!” Psalms 8:9

Happy New Year! As I look back on the year 2020, there is no denying that it was quite challenging. What a year! I send much love and prayer to all our families and friends that may be suffering or have experienced loss. Please know that you are not forgotten as many are continuing to pray for peace over your lives. The coronavirus pandemic created new challenges for almost everyone, but as women of God we must thank God for allowing us to see 2021.

The pandemic has caused us to adapt and change the way we interact. Our gatherings have been replaced with virtual meetings, phone calls and emails. We have learned to appreciate one another from a distance. As an organization we can expect many different scenarios this year; therefore, we must be prepared for changes.

Today, we are sharing our first digital newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading all the great activities and events our Alliances have accomplished this past year. There is no doubt God is continuing to bless us even in a pandemic, and for that we are so grateful.

Unfortunately, most of our scheduled events were cancelled in 2020, but I would like to highlight some important events that were held virtually. The VAMWMW Installation Service was conducted under the leadership of Sis. Ellen Jamerson. Congratulations to the new administration! We look forward to supporting your leadership.

During Founder's Day Weekend, Dr. Shirley Alexander Hart and her team, consisting of Virginia State members, Sis. Eva J. Brown, Sis. Erica O'Neil-Scott, Dr. Cheryl R. Evans, and Sis. Lisa J. Johnson participated in a Mortgage Burning Ceremony. Dr. Hart's words can't express enough appreciation for the time and energy the committee spent soliciting funds to pay off the mortgage. Thank you, for a job well done. We are blessed and thankful. Our prayers have been answered, and it feels good to have the deed completely paid for...no more mortgage!

Did you know there was an unveiling of a Kiosk recognizing our sisters that gave \$520 or more to the Mortgage Liquidation Campaign? All praises to God for the great things which He is doing in our Sisterhood. A few photos are included in this newsletter to highlight these and other great virtual activities.

My Sisters, please enjoy the newsletter.

Hattie C. Blackmon

Hattie C. Blackmon



Greetings my beloved sisters,

As we enter this new year, we rejoice and celebrate God's faithfulness in our lives. God our Creator has blessed us to survive and manage our way through a year of conflict and challenges, caused by disease and division.

He now blesses us to stand and anticipate healing, anchored in faith, change and vaccinations.

My desire for of us is that we all will experience and embrace the Presence, Power, and Promise of God.

So, **with a mind to work**, with a heart that is fixed, and with hands that are willing, let us make this world a better place.

May we speak, teach, and embody the truth that sets us free.

Yours sincerely,

Quentina M. Kinney
13th President, VAMWMW



Happy New Year to President Ellen Jamerson, her staff and to you my sisters.

Let us go into 2021 ready to accomplish the tasks that have been set forth for our organization and continue to show love for one another.

To God Be The Glory for the great things He is doing in the state of Virginia.
Let us continue to stay safe, be healthy and be faithful.

Be encouraged and thank God, Trust Him, Praise Him and Love Him for allowing us to see another year.

God Bless You.

Love,
Dr. Gloria F. Jackson,
15th President, VAMWMW

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose"

Romans 8:28



Greetings to my VAMWMW Sisters 2021,

Happy New Year! As many of you know that I am being “bullied” with cancer again. I thank all of you for your cards, calls, gifts, good wishes and encouragement. During the process a friend was talking to me about a sermon where Jesus turns water into wine at the marriage feast. Her first thoughts were obey and trust and her husband added listen. We talked about it and agree on the points. The next day I had to go for my second Chemotherapy treatment and I thought about the conversation the night before. There I was left to my thoughts alone. So I was going over my own thoughts and I realize that I needed to **SLOT**.

STOP – my ramblings about all the thoughts I have about Cancer, “the big C”, and all the things that people say – about the vomiting, diarrhea, the hair loss, etc. I realize I had to **STOP** my thoughts, fears, and anxieties.

LISTEN – I had to listen to words of God as He was constantly giving me words of encouragement and Scriptures.

OBEY– Once you listen to the words then you have to obey what is being said. The men who served at the wedding feast did not know that water was going to turn into wine and be better than the first batch.

TRUST – is last because you have to trust God because you don’t know if what is being done is right or wrong. We are masking up, social distancing, spraying Lysol and Clorox to get rid of COVID-19, but we don’t know if it has an affect or not. Therefore, we must **TRUST** God for our deliverance and the process.

There were two other things that happened to me and I encourage you to try and **SLOT** these. My baby daughter asked us on Saturday what was our favorite scriptures so we all shared and then on Tuesday a church member called to find out our favorite scriptures to share with an elderly man whose wife is in a nursing home. [2nd Chronicles 7:14-16, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 121:1-8, Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:4-8, and Philippians 4:13.] I encourage you to **SLOT** and ask your family for their favorite scripture to be shared with them and others.

Finally, my final **SLOT** to you is to Listen to “Good God Almighty” by Crowder and “Patiently Praising” by Fred Jerkins (Both on YouTube). As these two songs have been ministering to me, please let them bless you.

In Sisterly Love,

Carolyn

Carolyn E. Lewis Bledsoe

Hello My Sisters,

I am wishing you a Happy and Blessed New Year!

It is good to know that we can get together in spirit, even though we cannot meet physically. I want you to know that I love you very much and miss each of you.

I cannot wait for the opportunity to get together when COVID-19 is over. I miss the smiles, warm hugs, and being close to my sisters.

May God bless and keep each of you in his care. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edna F. Griffith
12th President, VAMWMW



New Year Greetings from Past President

Dr. Margaret Brown Payton
1996 – 2000

Happy New Year, My VAMWMW Sisters,

Grace. Mercy, and Peace be unto you in 2021. In these times of uncertainty and unrest, I encourage you to remain strong in the faith and to be determined to make a difference in the communities where you reside. As we make adjustments to a “New Normal”, let’s remain steadfast in our resolve that no matter what the “newness” is, our God reigns and He is still in control. So in the words of I Corinthians 15:58 in the Living Bible translation say, “Since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord’s work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted...” Because He lives, we can face 2021 with the blessed assurance that our God is with us. To God be the glory!

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc.



Congratulations!

VAMWMW NEW ADMINISTRATION

Lady Ellen Jamerson - President,
Rev. Patricia Wormley - 1st Vice President
Elder Lynette Branch - 2nd Vice President
Min. Natalie White - 3rd Vice President
Lady Jean Hobbs - Financial Secretary
Lady Loretta Dennis - Treasurer
Lady LaTisha Elliott - Recording Secretary
Lady Darlene Kelly - Asst. Recording Secretary
Lady Zombia Everett, Corresponding Secretary



2020

Appointed Officers

Executive Board Chair
Reverend Dr. Sherleen Scott

Executive Board Secretary
Evangelist Tangie Jordan

Auditor
Mrs. Edwina Richmond

Parliamentarian
Reverend Gloria Diggs

Advisory Council Chair
Dr. Gloria F. Jackson

Dean of Education
Minister Amelda Jones

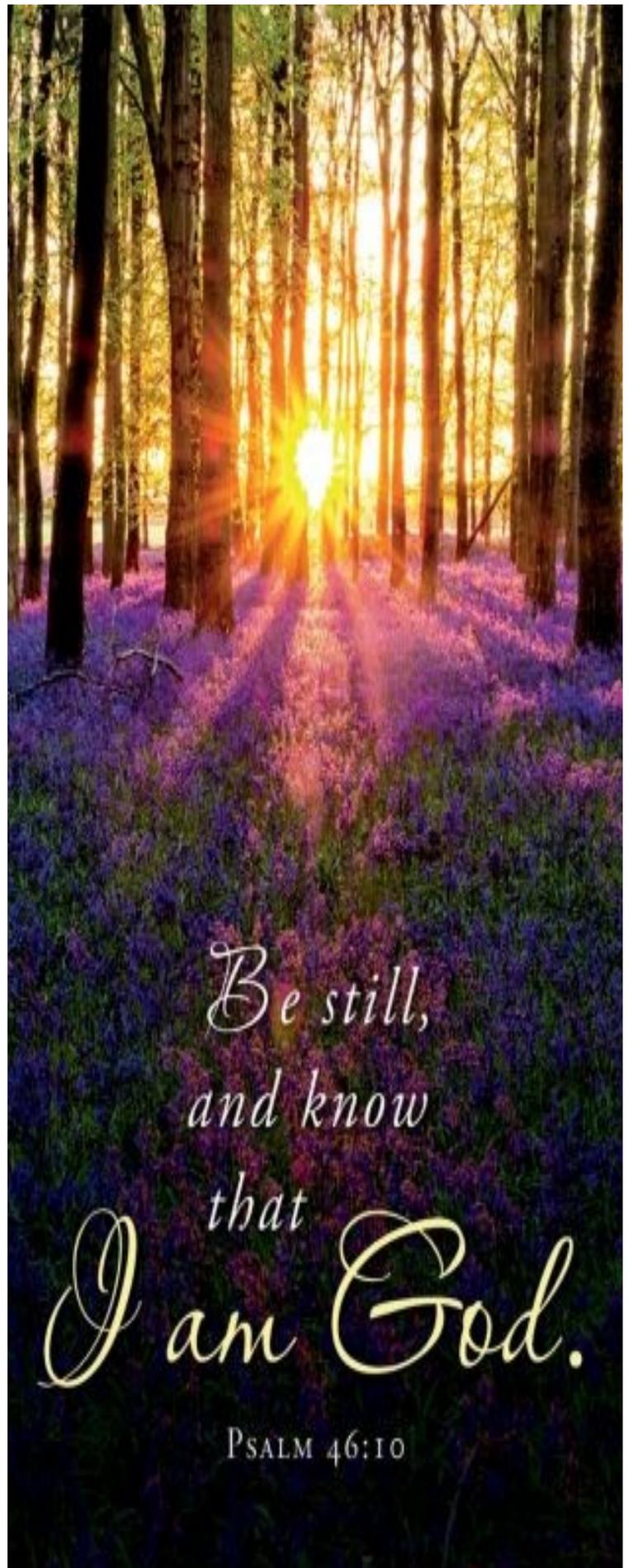
Education Consultant
Dr. Quentina Kinney

Newsletter Editor/Reporter
Mrs. Hattie C. Blackmon

Director of Retreat
Mrs. Angenette Elder

Intercessory Prayer
Minister Linda Johnson
Reverend Helen Edwards

Music
Dr. Dolores Whitaker
Elder Gina W. Cannon



Committees

NOTHING is more *Beautiful* than a Woman who is BRAVE, STRONG, and EMBOLDENED because of who *Christ* is in her.

<p><u>Awards</u> Mrs. Tamara McBride*</p> <p><u>Budget/Finance</u> Mrs. Loretta H. Dennis Mrs. Jean Hobbs Rev. Patricia Wormley Elder Lynette Branch Min. Natalie White Mrs. Lisa Johnson*</p> <p><u>Constitution</u> Elder Gina W. Cannon Mrs. Eva J. Brown Mrs. Ernestine Dockery-Roy Rev. Dr. Sherleen Scott* Dr. Margaret B. Payton -Advisor</p> <p><u>Founder's Day</u> Dr. Gloria F. Jackson*</p> <p><u>Handbook Directory</u> Mrs. Eva Brown* Mrs. Erica O'Neil-Scott*</p> <p><u>Headquarters</u> Mrs. Rebecca Coles* Mrs. Lisa Johnson* Mrs. Ernestine Roy*</p> <p><u>Historian</u> Mrs. Helen Carter*</p> <p><u>Husbands</u> Mrs. Ernestine Williams* Mrs. June Johnson*</p> <p><u>Intercessory Prayer</u> Min. Linda Johnson* Rev. Helen Edwards</p>	<p><u>Medical</u> Dr. Pamela Hamilton-Stubbs* Dr. Edna Griffith</p> <p><u>Membership</u> Min. Natalie White - 3rd VP* Mrs. Ida Dyer Mrs. Alice Johnson</p> <p><u>Music</u> Dr. Dolores Whitaker* Elder Gina W. Cannon</p> <p><u>Necrology</u> Rev. Bernadine Parrish* Mrs. Justine Baugham Mrs. Renelda Brown Mrs. Lois Anderson</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u> Mrs. Hattie C. Blackmon*</p> <p><u>Nominating Committee</u> Dr. Harriett Johnson* Mrs. Malinda Jones Local Presidents</p> <p><u>President Appointees</u> Mrs. Barbara Henson* Mrs. Erica O'Neil-Scott*</p> <p><u>Presidential Aides</u> Mrs. Barbara Henson* Mrs. Ida Dyer*</p> <p><u>Program</u> Rev. Patricia Wormley - 1st VP* Mrs. Cathy Mines</p> <p><u>Public Relations</u> Mrs. Edith Ragsdale* Dr. Carolyn Bledsoe</p>	<p><u>Resolutions</u> Mrs. Darlene Kelly*</p> <p><u>Retreat</u> Mrs. Angenette Elder* Mrs. Shirby Keen Mrs. Meredith Smith Elder Sylvia Hathaway - Advisor</p> <p><u>Scholarship</u> Dr. Darricka Alexander* Dr. Peggy Dunning Mrs. Marilyn Belle Mrs. Carol Diggs - Advisor</p> <p><u>Scrapbook</u> Mrs. Mary Pettus* Mrs. Valerie Thomas</p> <p><u>Service Project</u> Elder Sylvia Hathaway*</p> <p><u>Time and Place</u> Min. Pandora Riley</p> <p><u>Vendors</u> Mrs. Conchita Shorts</p> <p><u>Ways and Means</u> Elder Lynette G. Branch, 2nd* Mrs. Doris Pinkard</p> <p><u>Website (WebCo)</u> Mrs. Erica O'Neil-Scott* Mrs. Eva J. Brown Dr. Darricka Alexander</p> <p><u>Worship</u> Mrs. Gwenda Graham* Rev. Gloria Diggs</p> <p>* Chairperson</p>
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NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

HOSTED BY VAMWMW INC.
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



CONVENTION 2019
HOSTED BY RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA





Bouey-Gayton Day Celebration!

*Co-Hosted by the VAMWMW and Ministers' Wives
Ministers' Widows Fellowship of Richmond and Vicinity*

*(Mrs. Ellen Jamerson, State President; Elder Gina Whitaker Cannon, Local
President)*

When: Saturday, November 14, 2020

Time: 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88025009021?pwd=WWg3Y0x3UVB2RkNjanFaS0pLeCtrZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 2500 9021

Passcode: 930601

By Phone Dial:

+1 (646) 876-9923

This will be a virtual and conference call reception in which we will be welcoming Ministers' Wives and Widows throughout VA to our organization. Local Presidents from around the state will give brief synopses of their various themes. There will be prizes for the local with the most visiting attendees! Please plan to be a part of this historic event!

BOUEY-GATON DAY

A joint celebration was a brainchild of the Richmond MWMW Bouey-Gaton Day Committee and President Jamerson to bring the entire VAMWMW membership together. It was a time to share how Local Alliances capture the essence of Bouey-Gayton Day which focuses on retention and recruitment of new members to the Sisterhood. Local Presidents were asked to present their proposed plans.

The day was a joyful success! Northern Virginia (NOVA) and Charlottesville received a participation award for having the most potential members visiting with us.

Submitted by Lisa Johnson
Richmond Fellowship MWMW



Bouey-Gayton Day Celebration!

Sponsored by VAMWMW Inc. & MWMW Fellowship of Richmond & Vicinity

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Saturday, November 14, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremony

Mrs. Lisa J. Johnson

Prayer

Minister Janice Yancey

Purpose

Dr. Mary G. West

Local Presidents present...

MWMW Fellowship of Richmond & Vicinity Elder Gina Whitaker Cannon

Charlottesville and Vicinity Minister Natalie White

E. C. Bouey Mrs. Gwendolyn Graham

Fredericksburg and Vicinity Mrs. Amelda Jones

Lynchburg and Vicinity Rev. Dr. Sherleen Scott

Northern Virginia Mrs. Darlene Kelly

Suffolk Mrs. Janice Sweet

Wayland Blue Ridge Mrs. Conchita Short

Reflections: Dr. Darricka Carter Alexander

Remarks: Mrs. Ellen Jamerson, VAMWMW President

Dr. Margaret B. Payton, IAMWMW President

Closing Prayer Elder Lynette Branch

Bind Us Together Dr. Dolores Whitaker

Every great dream begins
with a dreamer. Always
remember, you have
within you the strength,
the patience and
the passion to reach
for the stars to
change the world.

HARRIET TUBMAN

VAMWMW GOES PINK

The Sisters of the **VAMWMW** adorned themselves in **PINK** in the month of **OCTOBER** to honor and recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



President Ellen Jamerson



Reverend Pat Wormley



Minister Natalie White



Elder Lynette Galloway Branch



Loretta H. Dennis



LaTisha Elliott



Queen Barbara Henson



GO PINK



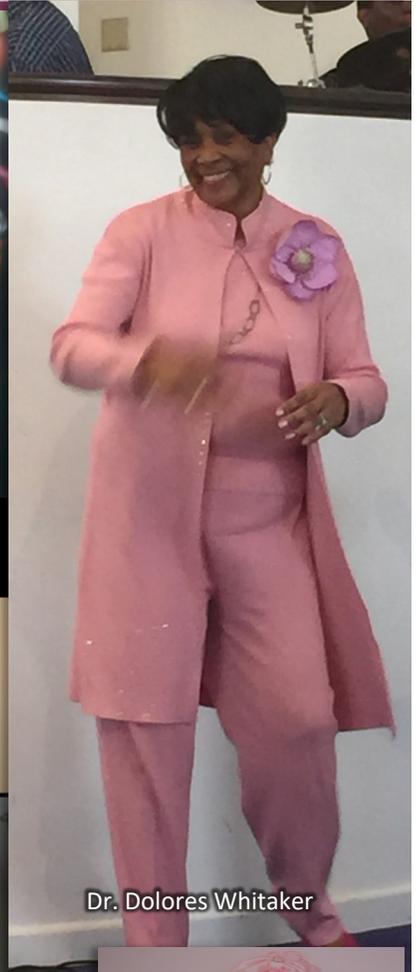
Tina Williams



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MWMA of Fredericksburg



Yvonne Lee



Olivia Pilson



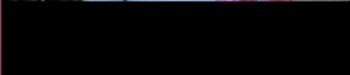
MWMA of Fredericksburg



Barbara Bryant



Michelle Phillips



MWMA of Fredericksburg



Dr. Antrynette Walker-Hall



Gwenda Graham



Angenette Elder



GO PINK



Lisa J. Johnson



Lynchburg & Vicinity



Shirby Keen



Dr. Edna F. Griffith
Jennie McLaughlin
Mary Pettus



Conchita Shorts



Hattie C. Blackmon



Dr. Cheryl R. Evans

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GO PINK



Rebecca Coles

Varonda Parker

Alfreda Dean

Helen Carter

Erica O'Neil-Scott

Doris Pinkard

Ida Louise Dyer

Mother Sandra Linder

Pandora Riley

Eva J. Brown

GO PINK



Elder Gina Cannon



Mary Brown



Janice Joyce-Kilby



Dr. Darricka Alexander



Ernestine Dockery-Roy



In Memory of
Sis. Lena Williams



GO PINK

MWMW ALLIANCE OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AND VICINITY

Minister Natalie White J. White, President
Helen L. Carter and Minister Mildred M. Best, Editors

Graduations



Victoria Alexis Carter
Virginia State University



Kristina Rhee Best Mary
Baldwin University



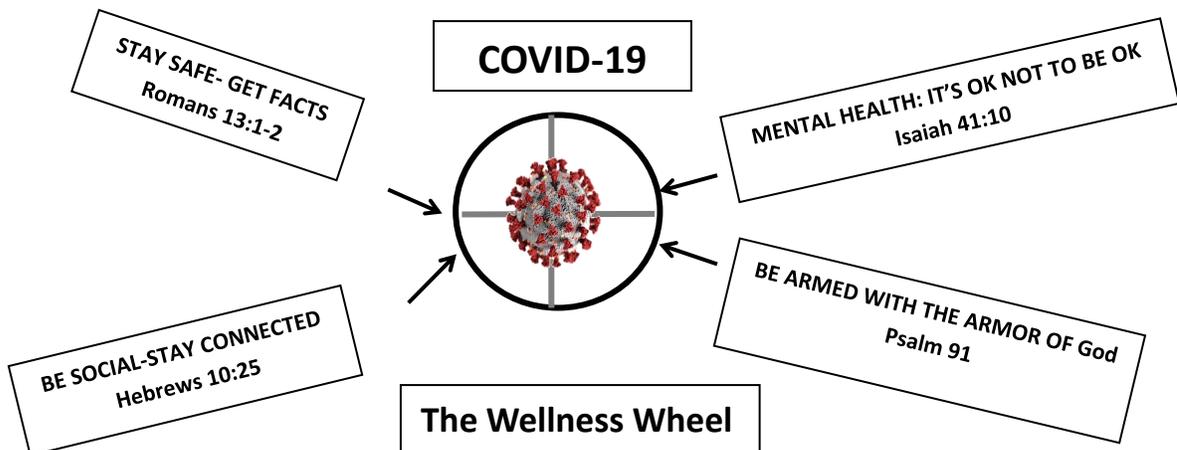
Daunte' Carter
Fluvanna High School

COVID-19/Year 2020 changed avenues that we all took for granted. Instead of attending traditional celebrations, we enjoyed high school parking lot graduations and college graduations via ZOOM. **Victoria Alexis Carter**, daughter of Bishop & Mrs. Maurice Carter, earned a B.A. degree in Psychology. Fluvanna High graduate **Daunte' Marquis Carter** is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Carter. Victoria and Daunte' are the grandchildren of Rev. & Mrs. Phillip (Helen) Carter. **Kristina R. Best** earned a B.A. degree in the Performing Arts with a Concentration in Music. She is the daughter of Rev. Mildred M. Best and the late Rev. Dr. Ezekiel K. Best, III.

Many of our members were engaged in virtual learning with children and/or grandchildren. We also aided community students with supportive calls, cards and goodie bags to encourage their families and them.

Koryn Sanders, a 9th grade student and granddaughter of Dr. Brenda Arrington tutored her peers in algebra and geometry via ZOOM. Koryn is on the Junior USA Swim Team sponsored by the Olympic Federation.

On June 20, 2020, our education committee conducted a virtual wellness workshop: **"Taking Care of Yourself and Others During Perilous Times."** Committee chair, Dr. Brenda Arrington, Rochelle Clark-Alexander and Charemon Brooks were the presenters.





Our “Ministry of Service Project” was a success in November. Following CDC safety guidelines, we collected items for SHE (Shelter for Help in Emergency), a place for abused families. They were very appreciative of our efforts. We contributed pajamas, ethnic hair products, bath products, COVID approved cleaning items, puzzles, sanitizers, etc.

Many of us have large families and found it unusual and difficult to adjust to not gathering for the holidays. These were the times when we normally celebrated special days, watched football games, played games and of course shared special foods. We have lost family and friends from Covid-19 and are so thankful that others have survived. Through it all, we have embraced the word, maintained our faith and followed the mandate of keeping safe.

Some pastors stayed connected with parishioners by having parking lot services and others used various technologies for worship and bible studies. Prayer for each other and controlled visits were offered when we seemed overwhelmed with the COVID situation, family illness and death.

Our alliance has not missed a regular meeting. We held conference calls and ZOOM meetings. We made telephone calls and sent “We Miss You” and “Thinking of You” cards. We continued to support and encourage one another as a sisterhood.

We celebrated Minister Natalie White, our local president's 60th birthday via Zoom. What a fantastic celebration we had! Sis. Ellen Jamerson, VAMWMW President; Dr. Margaret Payton, IAMWMW, Inc. President; and VAMWMW past president Dr. Antrynette Walker-Hall were special guests.

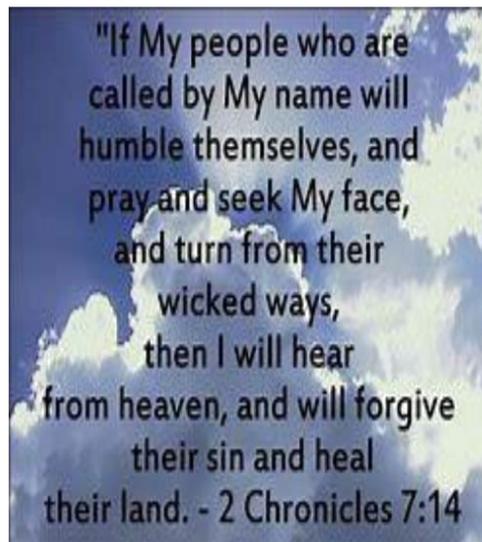
Our Annual Christmas Celebration was held via ZOOM also. President Natalie White extended the official welcome to our members and guests. Sis. Ellen Jamerson, VAMWMW President, Dr. Margaret Payton, IAMWMW, Inc. President, VAMWMW past presidents, Dr. Gloria Jackson and Dr. Antrynette Walker-Hall were guests.

PKS Minister Tamyca Brown, Christian Comedian Cameron White and GPK Ariana Carter were program participants. Prospective members Deacon Delores Hubert-Christmas offered scripture and prayer and Minister Carol Page rendered a Christmas carol.

A Memorial-in-Memory of Sister Fannie Sims and Pastor Jesse Johnson was observed and led by Rev. Mildred Best.

During this COVID-19 season, we are drawing closer to God in prayer, reading the Word, meditating and following mandates of safety.

A Time for Healing



E.C. BOUEY MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS ALLIANCE OF THE
SOUTHSIDE/RAPPAHANNOCK, NORTHERN NECK AND MIDDLE PENINSULA
Gwenda F. Graham, President

“They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as an eagle. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

The Coronavirus has changed our reality, our norm. The sudden change in our daily lives has heightened anxiety, nervousness, and fear among many, Christian and non-Christian alike. But as Christians, we must respond to the Covid-19 pandemic in faith. Our objective during this pandemic is to keep our Sisterhood healthy mentally, spiritually, physically, and socially.

With all the challenges of 2020 due to Covid-19, our Alliance was able to support several faith-based organizations. We assisted in food distribution and feeding the homeless in Gloucester, King William, King and Queen County, VA.

We continue to have monthly zoom and conference call fellowship meetings, and we have such a grand time discussing current and future business to enlarge our Alliance.

In 2020, new officers were elected and installed. A successful transition meeting was held with lots of love and support for the outgoing and incoming officers.

On June 17, 2020, we lost a long-time member, Reverend Dr. Mary Geraldine Garnett. She served as Past President from 2006-2010 and Chairperson, the Souvenir Journal. She is greatly missed.



We welcome our new member, Dr. Pamela Stubbs, as she brings a healthy cheer to our Alliance.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understand. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Gwenda F. Graham, President

MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS ASSOCIATION OF

LYNCHBURG & VICINITY

Rev. Dr. Sherleen Scott, President

Our Sisterhood has been busy during the year, and our desire is to help and bless others during this time. We thank God for our new members, Sisters: Bernice Wells, Janet Higgins, and Clara Jones. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, the Community Service Committee gave out Thanksgiving Letters of encouragement to Fairmont Nursing Home. Letters of encouragement were sent to Green Rock Prison in Chatham, VA, for the inmates and staff. Christmas Letters and ornaments were sent to two Rehab Homes totaling 380 residences and staff. In the month of December, we had two members whose birthdays were on the same day December 9: Senior Diamond, Sister Alice Rucker and Sister Mary Braxton. Sister Braxton and husband Rev. Charles Braxton celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 12th. Even though we have not been able to come together as a group, we continue to communicate each week. We are still holding on to the **HOPE** God has placed in us as we continue to remain anchored in His hands during this COVID-19 virus.

Lynchburg's New Entrepreneurs

Sister LaTisha Elliott (Secretary of the MWMW of Lynchburg & Vicinity) and her family (Pastor Byron Elliott, Bryonna and Brielle) steps out on Faith and does what God is leading them to do.

"Don't Be Afraid to Fail. Do Dare to Achieve."
Pastor Byron J. Elliott and Lady LaTisha M. Elliott of Rivermont Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA are on an exciting business journey that promises to be uplifting, in-

formative, and impactful for all involved. Lady Elliott recently responded to God's nudge and took the leap of faith from the traditional 9-5 workday in the educational system, and she joined her husband in full-time ministry and entrepreneurship. Their family business, WaterWalkers, LLC, is a real estate investment company that works to promote homeownership, economic empowerment, and neighborhood revitalization. The couple recently began a podcast/show entitled "The REAList State" in order to bring awareness to real issues surrounding faith, finances and family. As a way to allow others to get to know exactly "who is behind the scenes" of this growing business, they put out an episode entitled, "The REAList Christmas". You can watch this humorous, yet informative show on their YouTube Channel, WaterWalkersLLC. Be sure to watch the show, and feel free to "Like, Comment, and Subscribe".

If you are looking to buy or sell property in VA, consider Byron J. Elliott or Bryonna Elliott, both of whom are brokered by eXp. You can find them on all social media platforms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZff69a6XTg&t=102s>

LaTisha M. Elliott, M.A.Ed.
Caring Administrator and Entrepreneur

Rev. Dr. Sherleen Scott, President



MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS ASSOCIATION OF PETERSBURG & VICINITY

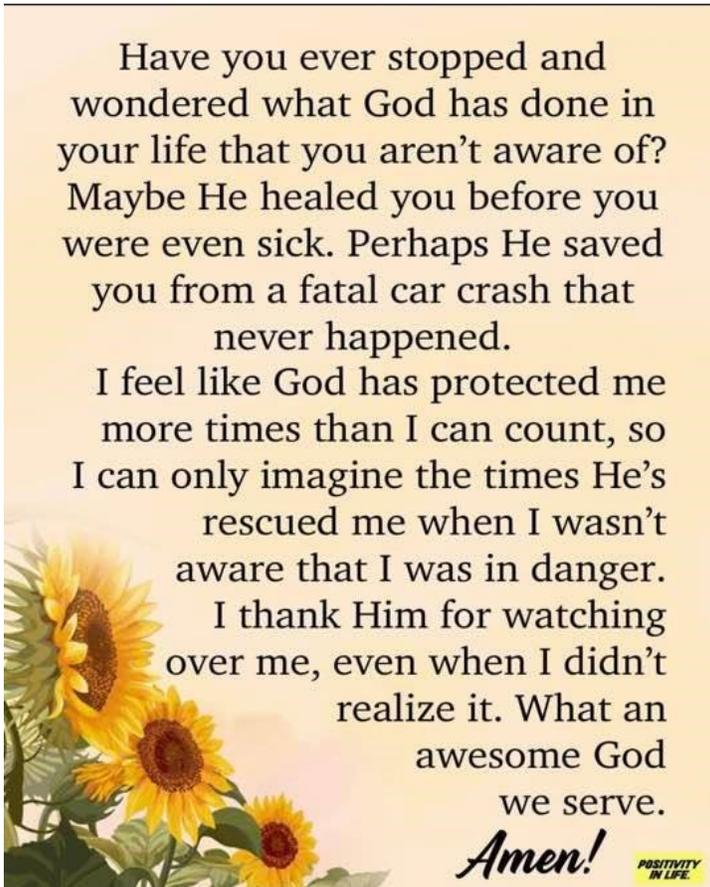
M. Alice Johnson, President

As our Country navigates the challenges of COVID-19, Petersburg is likewise in a struggling mode. Our membership is decreasing due to age, health issues, etc., and several members have relocated to be with family. Safety concerns in accordance with CDC guidelines have prevented us from being together, yet our president remains faithful in keeping members informed on updates from VAMWMW, Northeast Regional, and IAM-WMW.

While our activities are certainly limited, we still support our local shelter for women and children who are homeless. Let us remain prayerful and hopefully our news will get better soon.

M. Alice Johnson, President

Gloria W. Menyweather-Woods, Reporter



Have you ever stopped and wondered what God has done in your life that you aren't aware of? Maybe He healed you before you were even sick. Perhaps He saved you from a fatal car crash that never happened.

I feel like God has protected me more times than I can count, so I can only imagine the times He's rescued me when I wasn't aware that I was in danger.

I thank Him for watching over me, even when I didn't realize it. What an awesome God we serve.

Amen!

POSITIVITY
IN LIFE.

SUFFOLK MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS

Rev. Gloria Diggs, President

OFFERING THANKSGIVING

On Tuesday, November 24, 2020 the ladies of the Suffolk Ministers' Wives Ministers' Widows (SMWMW) local branch met and prepared Thanksgiving baskets. Each member was asked to present a name of a family or individual that was in need of a Thanksgiving basket. In order to determine how to select an individual, we had to assess their needs. The family member or person submitted had to either be unemployed, be a single parent, and be in a hardship situation. From the names that were submitted,

each member donated items that were sufficient to prepare three baskets that blessed three families. By providing Thanksgiving baskets to families in need, families that may lack a nourishing Thanksgiving meal received a basket two days prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The baskets were made with love by the members of the SMWMW. The positive aspects of this experience are: we were together, we talked, we laughed, and we shared conversations with each other. Also, we met one of our objectives which is to decrease the hunger rate within the local community.



Rev. Gloria Diggs
President



MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS OF
WAYLAND BLUE RIDGE
Mrs. Conchita Shorts



Mrs. Conchita B. Shorts
President
Commitment - Outreach - Teaching
2019-2020

In the years of Our Lord 2019 and 2020, we were blessed beyond measure. The Ladies of Wayland Blue Ridge are committed to the work of Christ, and the journey that He has carved out for each of us individually and collectively. We continued to pledge our commitment to the MWMW of Wayland Blue Ridge Alliance and its activities to include meeting attendance, participation in activities and supporting upper level organization activities. We will always reach out to make a difference in our communities and share our faith as a lifestyle in obedience to God.



**2019 & 2020
College Scholarships**

2019 Daunte Brown
2020 Daejah Williams
2020 Iceysis Kryree Lewis



Wayland Blue Ridge hosted the Bouey Gayton Day Celebration in November 2019. Northern Virginia, Charlottesville and Fredericksburg Alliances were present. Madam President, Dr. Gloria Jackson, greeted us and shared the history of our founder and the International Ministers Wives & Widows Organization. The activities included, music, talk show style round table discussions, delicious food and a baby picture match game. Donations were received from all the alliances present for the S.A.F.E organization for Abused Women in Culpeper, VA. It was a blessed fellowship.





IAMWMW in June 2019. Our Ladies are ready for Communion Service.



December 2019 IAMWMW Founders Day



Our Family & Friends Summer Outing was held in August 2019. It was a wonderful fellowship at the home of Conchita Shorts. Great food was prepared by the Wayland Outreach.



Our Ladies along with the contributions of our friends and family provided needed donations to S.A.F.E organization for Abused Women, we volunteered at the Pearl Sample Elementary school and most recently we provided on-go-snacks for First Responders at the Spotsylvania and Warrenton Fire Departments.



In December 2019, we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ at our Annual Christmas outing which was held at the Peppers Grill in Culpeper, VA. Rev. Elizabeth Roberts sang and a stirring message by Rev. H. Dwight Shorts rounded out the celebration. After a wonderful meal, the afternoon was ended with a song by the husbands - Go Tell It On The Mountain!

In December 2020, we celebrated via ZOOM. Rev. Charles Wormley brought forth the Christmas message and Sister Phyliss Alsbury rendered the beautiful music.



A successful annual fundraiser was held at a very well attended Ladies Tea in 2019. It was a beautiful affair. Madam President, Dr. Gloria Jackson, was present and gave us a wonderful greeting. In 2020, we sponsored a State Pageant via envelop giving which was also highly successful.

Special Moments



In July 2019, Rev. Dr. Charles Wormley became Moderator of the Baptist Association of Virginia and Rev. Patricia Wormley became the President of the Mattaponi Women's Missionary and Mattaponi Education convention. This is the second time only in the history of the Association that a husband and wife served terms together.



On November 28, 2020, The Reverends Charles & Patricia Wormley celebrated 55 years of marriage.



In October 2019, Rev. Ludwell Brown and 1st Lady Evelyn Brown celebrated 25 years of service at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Our Ladies



Front Row (l-r), Evelyn Brown, Beulah Lawrence (Founder), Back Row (l-r), Conchita Shorts (President), Janice Kilby (First Vice), Mary Tinsley (Second Vice), Marvis Pitts (Recording Sec.), Shirley Lewis (Corresponding Sec), Martha Johnson (Financial Sec.), Marilyn Belle (Treasurer), Alfreda Dean (Chaplain), Doris Pinkard (Executive Board Chair) and Rev. Patricia Wormley (Budget Chair)

I Have A Testimony

An Amazing Journey of Faith

Both my husband and I had Covid-19. It is no joke. Please get your vaccination, you do not want to get Covid-19. When it is over it is not over for most people. I am having residual effects. I cannot taste or smell anything; my rheumatoid arthritis is all messed up and on top of that I now have shingles. I was supposed to get my vaccine on the Saturday the 23rd, I could not because of shingles. My husband did get his first dose. I do not know what is next, but I praise God for keeping me alive a little while longer. I am sharing my husband's testimony with you because he has a way with words. He has shared this with many, and they have been touched by it. I hope it will help you gain some insight into the horrible pandemic.

An Amazing Journey of Faith! An Amazing Journey of Faith!

Seventeen days ago (October 1, 2020), I was diagnosed with COVID-19. My first thoughts were to alert my family, my church family, and close friends. I have already overcome the fear of death, I just needed to know that the work God began in me would not end with my absence. So, I decided to trust God to take care of the things that I could not manage, and that I would manage the things that I could.

Those who know me know that I am an analyst at heart. I gathered all the information that I could about the virus and how it attacks the body. I created a database to track each stage of the process.

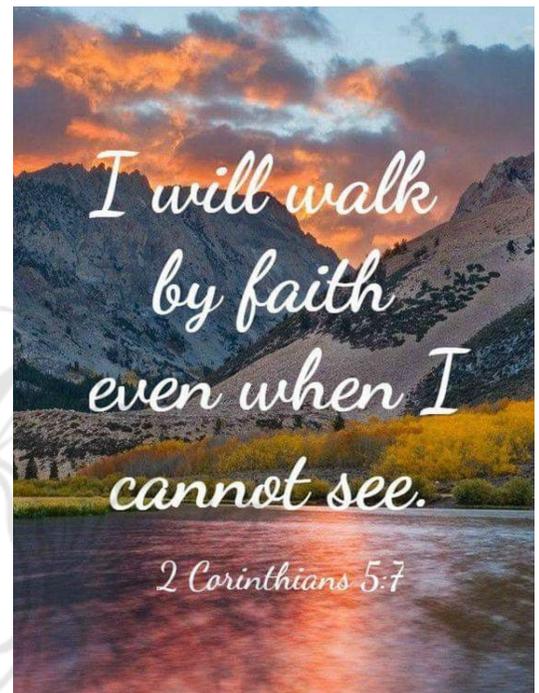
My doctors advised me that days 7 through 10 would be my most challenging crisis. A crisis is that point in a medical procedure in which what you do next may determine whether a patient, lives or dies.

When I reached Day 7, it seemed as if everything was going in the wrong direction. I had a high fever that was no longer responding to medicine. Added to that, my oxygen Level dropped dangerously low. I thought it might be the end, so I prayed and thanked God for using me beyond my wildest dreams.

That night, God reminded me that the number 7 was not the end. It is a sign of "Divine Perfection" working behind the scenes on my behalf.

Day 8 seemed to take me to an even deeper depth. Once again, God reminded me that the number 8 is a sign of "New Beginnings." While it may seem strange to some, I felt surrounded by a great cloud of elders bearing witness that what I was going through was working together for my good.

Day 9 signaled the closing of a chapter. I understood that the COVID-19 test results came back positive. What I was reminded of was the fact that I tested positive with Jesus long before I tested positive with COVID-19. I simply chose to believe the report of Philippians 1:6.

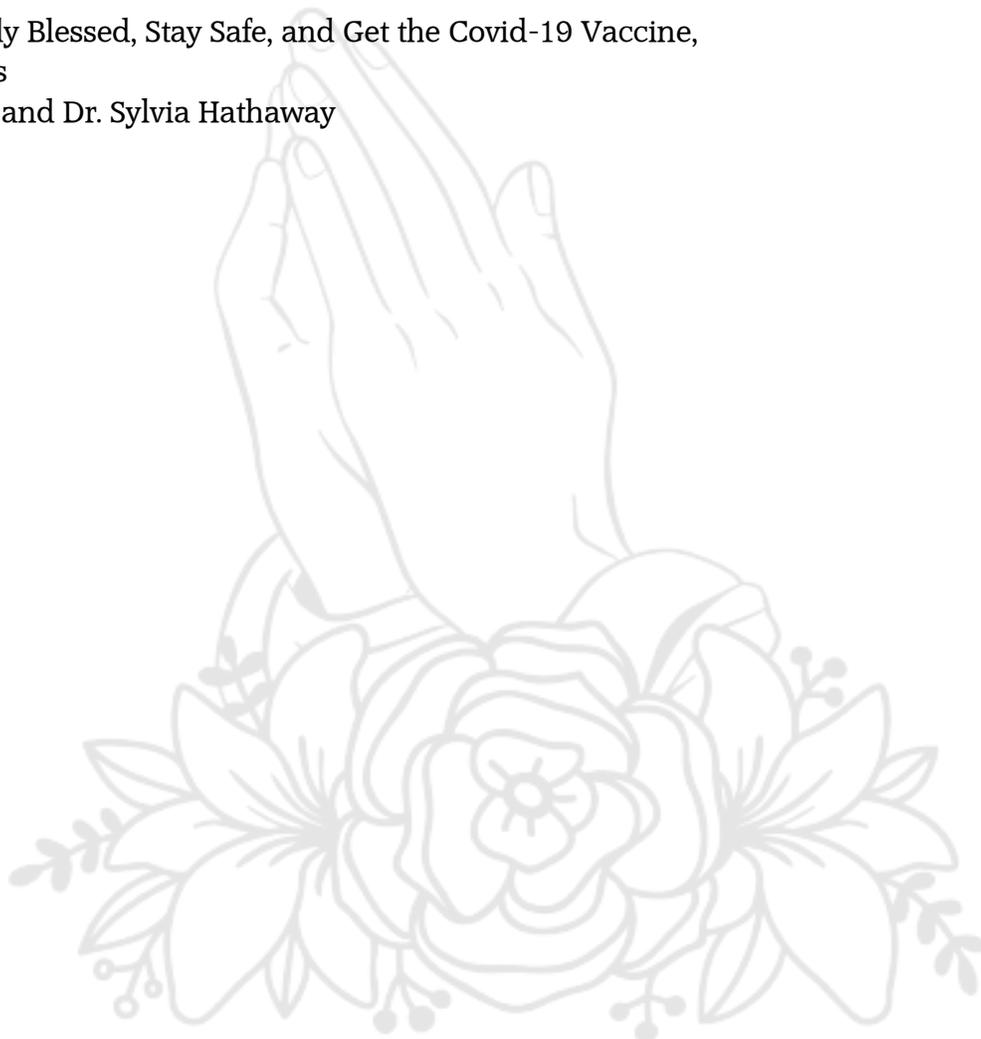


On Day 10 my fever finally broke, my oxygen level stabilized, and God reminded me that the number 10 is his sign of Double-digit Favor.

Well, I was recently retested, and the results were negative. I am no longer able to shed the virus and I am gaining strength day by day. There are so many people that I am indebted to for your prayers, calls, cards, and food. I love you all to life!

This has truly been an Amazing Journey of Faith. Thank-you God for the experience of a lifetime! I love You beyond life!!!

Be Continuously Blessed, Stay Safe, and Get the Covid-19 Vaccine,
The Hathaway's
Rev. Dr. Milton and Dr. Sylvia Hathaway



I Have A Testimony

God's Grace is Sufficient

You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. (Nehemiah 9:20) I want to reflect in 2020 on God's goodness and all He has done for me. I left work on March 12, 2020 with everyone else, unfortunately I was sick. But God sent His blessings upon me and we were on lock down and schools closed through June. **Hallelujah Anyhow!!!**

Oh! what a blessing! look at the God I serve. I so much enjoyed being at home, and teleworking throughout the year. Summer break was peaceful, and full of blessed quietness. Due to COVID 19 we got additional time off at the start of school and did not return to our virtual classrooms until after Labor Day Weekend. **Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus!** Shortly after we were all online virtually the "cry" for special education teachers to return to the classroom by October 27th, and my doctors stated, "no show, stay home you will catch it." I am one due to health reasons that are high risk. The high school where I taught, could only give me 3 out of the four days for synchronous learning due to coverage, which meant I would be showing up with the students at least 2 days face to face instruction, out of 4. But God said, trust me; so instead of retiring on June 21, I retired October 30th, 2020; due to COVID 19. All praises to our almighty God! I am so thankful and love being at home, resting.

The Elections of 2020; the Lord is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works. I have my shouting shoes on, I am so excited and grateful for what God has done. What a blessing for our nation to have our first woman president, and an **African American Woman!!!! President Elect Biden, and his wife Jill,** are a welcomed "breath of fresh air," for our nation.

My husband is well, my sons are well, and we are thankful unto God. My husband and I are enjoying "cabin fever" **daily,** and whatever events we want to attend. We celebrated **my 62nd birthday** on December 9th. Oh, taste and see that God is good!!!

Amelda Jones

President Fredericksburg & Vicinity



**GOD'S
GRACE**

Medicine and You

Submitted by: Nadine Frost

Presented by Sharmaine McCoy, ACNP (Acute Care Nurse Practitioner)

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DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO **GOD**. AND THE PEACE OF **GOD**, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN **CHRIST JESUS**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

COMFORT-19

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.

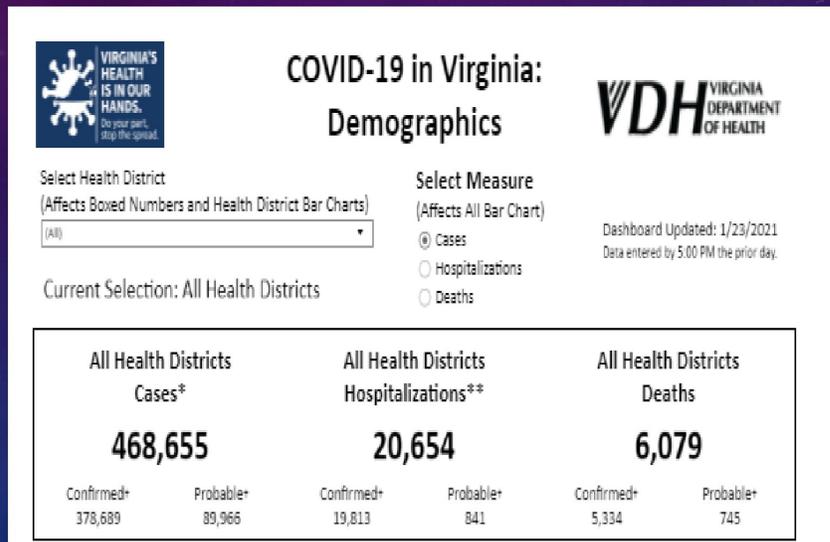


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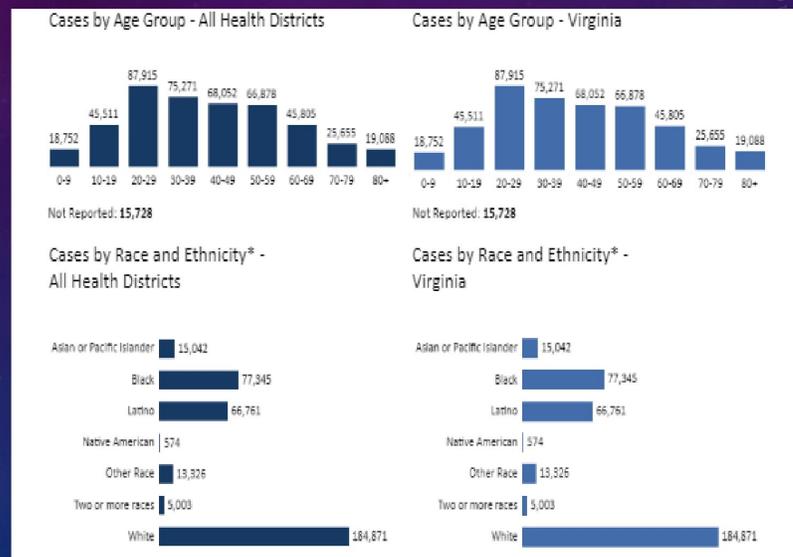
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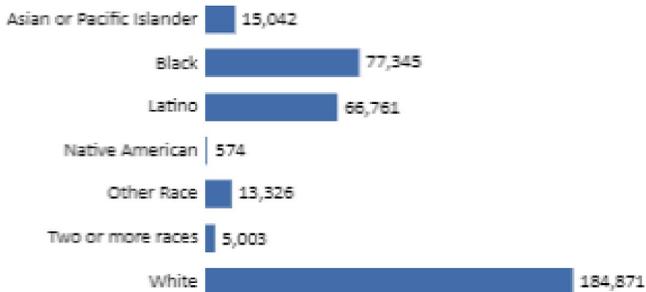


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Cases by Race and Ethnicity* - Virginia



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Cases by Sex - Virginia



Not Reported: 6,148

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- The COVID-19 vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer are considered among the best vaccines ever created, with effectiveness of about 95 percent after the two doses; this is on par with the vaccines for chickenpox and measles. We know nothing is ever 100 percent, but the risks from contracting the virus are greater than the possible risks from receiving the vaccine.

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Why Vaccinate?

Myth vs. Fact

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Myth: The vaccine was developed too fast.

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Fact: We've only known slow vaccine development. Historically, a lot of time is spent between research stages; however, global funding for COVID-19 vaccines allowed for large, well-run trials. mRNA vaccines are able to be produced much faster than traditional vaccines.

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Myth: mRNA vaccines change your DNA.

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FACT: mRNA is simply a message that the body reads. It cannot change your DNA or your genes. mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. COVID-19 mRNA vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity to disease. At the end of the process, our bodies have learned how to protect against future infection. That immune response and making antibodies are what protect us from getting infected if the real virus enters our bodies.

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Myth: mRNA vaccines have dangerous ingredients.

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Fact: mRNA vaccines are free of preservatives and only contain the mRNA, a layer of fat to protect the mRNA, lipids, and a combination of salts, sugar and water. There are no blood or fetal cells in the vaccine.

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Myth: It's not safe until we get more long-term data.

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Fact: Millions of people have been vaccinated. Clinical trials showed the vaccines are safe, and there are ongoing studies to determine how long the vaccine will protect us

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What you can expect post Vaccine

Common side effects

On the arm where you got the shot:

- Pain
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:

- Fever
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Headache

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Dr. Pamela Hamilton Stubbs

VSC NAACP Health Committee Presents



Save the Date!!



Pandemic Information Webinars

Every Third Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m.

February 16

Professor Ann Hodges, Esq. Labor Law Expert

University of Richmond, Richmond VA

Employer responsibility, your rights and Changes to the Family Medical Leave Act

March 16

Health Equity How do I get access to the vaccine



April 20

Facts Not Fear: Vaccine Development and Long term complications of COVID-19



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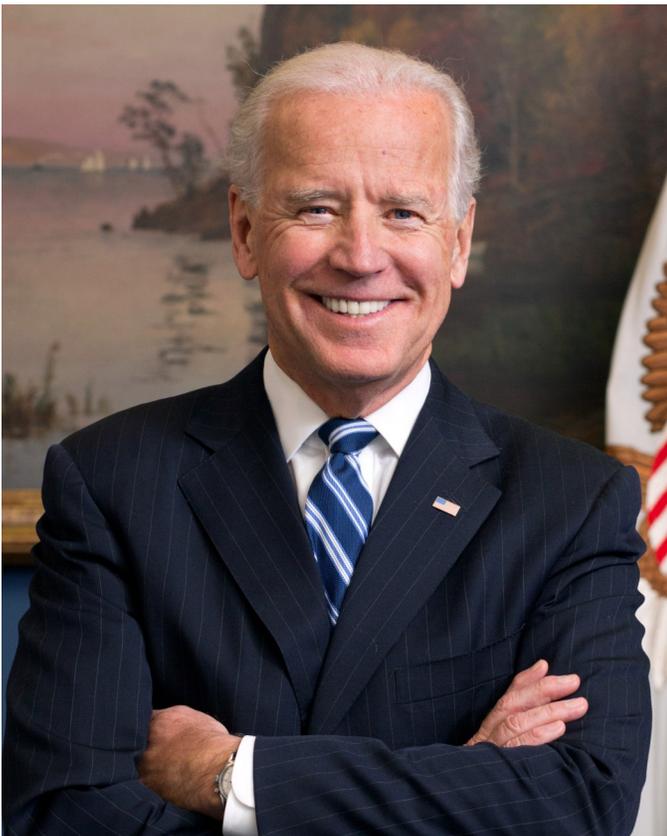
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Our Best Days Are Still Ahead

On January 20, 2021, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States of America. Kamala Devi Harris was sworn in as the Vice President of the United States. She is the United States' first female vice president, the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history, and the first African American and first Asian American vice president. History is made!



The Legacy Lives On Dreams Fulfilled





WE MADE IT

From the Back of the Bus



TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

Amanda Gorman

The youngest inaugural poet in US history





Ellen Jamerson

Chucks & Pearls 2021



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Peggy Dunning



Patricia Wormley



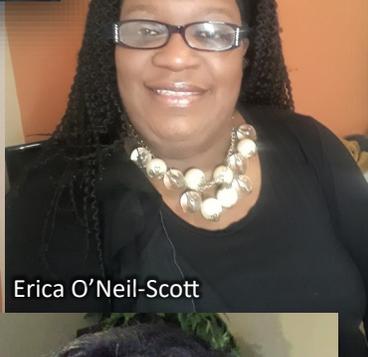
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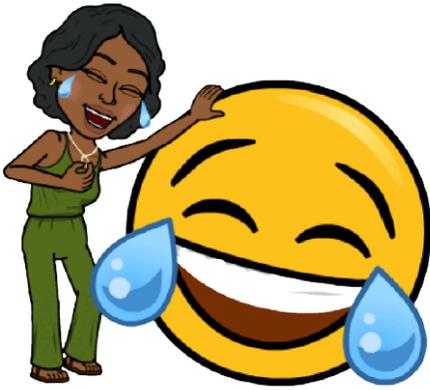
Zombia Everett



Michelle Phillips

And *Wonderfully* made.

PSALM 139:14



TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

Q: Is Google male or female?

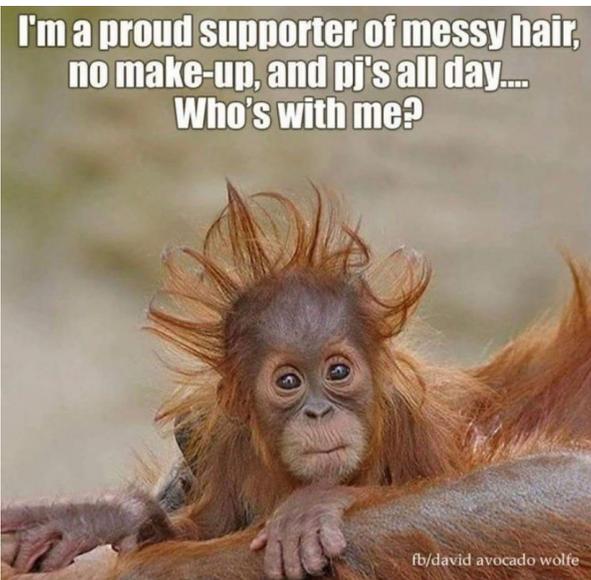
A: Female, because it doesn't let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.

DON'T WASH YOUR HAIR IN THE SHOWER!

I don't know why I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower, and when I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body. Well, printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning: "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well, I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn dish washing soap. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Problem solved! If you call and I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower!





Seasoned with Love

Small Batch Fruit Muffins

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line a muffin tin with 4 Large cupcake liners.

Mix in a medium size bowl:

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1-1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

In another bowl, beat together:

1/4 cup milk
1 medium egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 Tablespoons butter, melted

Directions:

Pour into dry ingredients and mix well.

Fold in 2/3 cup of fresh or frozen fruit, thawed: blueberries, raspberries, fresh cranberries, cut fresh peaches, or mashed banana.

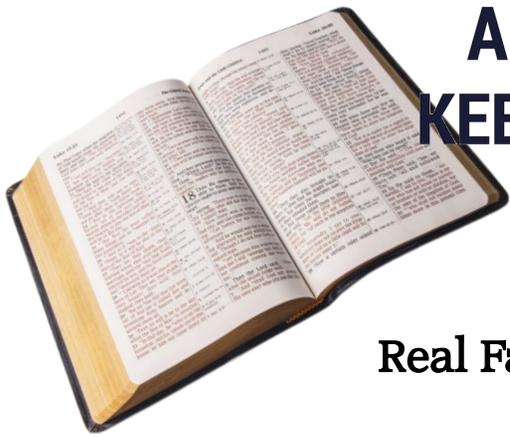
Spoon the mixture evenly into the four lined muffin tins.

Bake for 35 minutes, remove from the oven...

and enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee!

Submitted by: Sis. Cheryl Wilson
MWMW Northern Virginia





A SCRIPTURE A DAY KEEPS THE DEVIL AWAY

Real Faith Shows Itself by Works James 2:14-26

- ¹⁴ What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
- ¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
- ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
- ¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
- ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
- ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
- ²⁴ Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
- ²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
- ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Positive Character Traits

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We thought of you with
love today
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence
We **OFTEN** speak your name
Now all we have is *Memories*
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our heart.



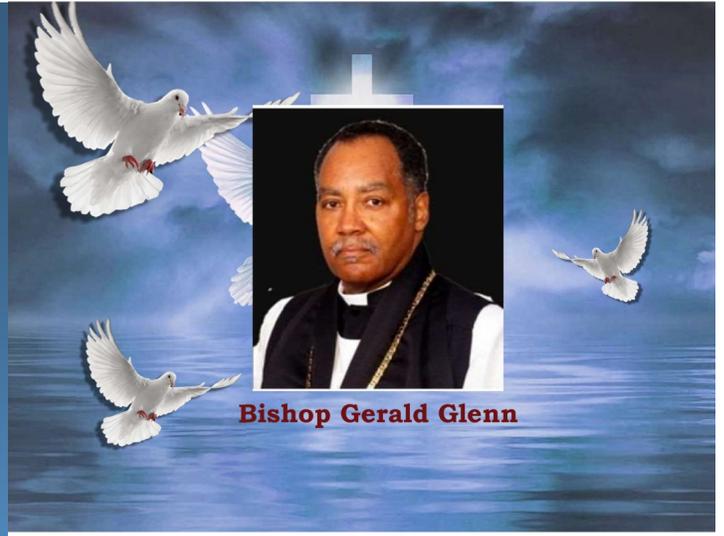
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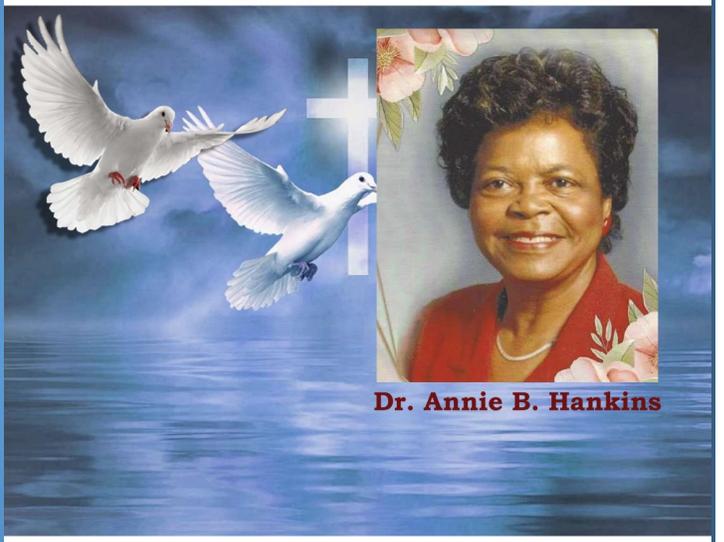
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Bishop Gerald Glenn



Sister Fannie L. Sims



Dr. Annie B. Hankins



Dr. Loretta Braxton



Mary Watkins

Dr. Elizabeth Bouey Yates
"BETTYE"
 June 11, 1925 – May 1, 2020

A Journey Remembered

We shall always remember Bettye's visits with us during our IAMWMW conventions. She spoke of her mother's love for the sisterhood as well as how being the youngest daughter she helped Mrs. Bouey. Through the years, the Bouey children (Millicent, Edward, and Bettye) were always present at the Wreath Laying Ceremony during Founder's Day in December.

Dr. Elizabeth Coley Bouey
 IAMWMW Founder
 (Mother of Dr. Elizabeth (Bettye) Bouey Yates)

Reverend George West

Dr. Alfred Smith
Dr. Eugene Brown
Dr. Levy Armwood
Rev. Frances Flynn
Mrs. Marvis Goode
Mrs. Clarine Lowe
Mrs. Dorothy Bullock

Mrs. Mary Watkins
Mrs. Emma Bush
Mrs. Margaret Dickerson
Mrs. Bernice Hill
Rev. Barbara Hayes
Rev. Dr. Albert Toney
Rev. Johnny Ford
Rev. Johnny Hunt
Rev. Samuel Terry

With Deepest
Sympathy



Reverend Dr. Frank Coaxum

Husband of Sis. Betty Coaxum (NOVA)

Mrs. Grace Smith

Former President (NOVA)

Mr. Tyrone Williamson

Brother of Dr. Dolores Whitaker (Richmond)

Mrs. Ella Mae Barbour

Sister of Rev. Helen Edwards (Lynchburg)

Mr. Claude Smith

Brother of Sis. Jean Hobbs (E.C. Thompson)

Mr. Rodney Michael Scott

Son of Sis. Lois Anderson (Richmond)

Mr. Wilkes Kinney

Brother-in-Law of Dr. Quentina Kinney (Richmond)

Mr. Larry T. Matthews

Brother of Sis. Joyce Smith (Richmond)

Mrs. Lorene Wilson

Mother of Georgina Hawkins (E.C. Thompson)

Deaconess Barbara Rivers

Mother of Dr. Cheryl R. Evans (Richmond)

Deacon Odell Rivers

Father of Dr. Cheryl R. Evans (Richmond)

Mr. Richard Jones, Jr.

Brother of Sis. Alice Johnson (Petersburg)

Mr. James Thorne

Brother of Sis. Sarah Thompson (Petersburg)

Mrs. Inez Brokenbrough

Sister of Sis. Sarah Thompson (Petersburg)

Sis. Geraldine Garnett

Longtime member (E.C. Bouey)

Mrs. Gloria Artis

Mother of Sis. Paula Artis Wright (Tidewater)

Mrs. Margaret Shannon

Mother-in-Law of Sis. Regina Mays
(Fredericksburg)

Mr. Robert Williams

Family of Sis. Pandora Riley (Fredericksburg)

Mr. James Popping

Family of Sis. Pandora Riley (Fredericksburg)

Mrs. Janice Rickard

Family of Pandora Riley (Fredericksburg)

Mr. Field Rickard

Family of Pandora Riley (Fredericksburg)

Reverend Dr. Ralph Reavis

husband of the late Sis. Marion Reavis (Lynchburg)

Mrs. Vernell Giles

Longtime friend of the Richmond Fellowship

Mrs. Annie Perry

Longtime member of the Richmond Fellowship

Mrs. Acquanetta Bryant

Family of Sis. Barbara Bryant

Mr. Kenneth Jonas Tunstall

Grandson of Sis. Janice Yancey (Richmond)

Mr. Harry Braxton, Jr.

Family member of Rev. Pearl Baxter (Lynchburg)

Mr. Thomas Wayne Smith

Nephew of Rev. Pat. Wormley (Wayland Blue Ridge)

Mrs. Olvin Christian

Sister-in-Law of Sis. Doris Pinkard (Wayland Blue Ridge)

Mrs. Clara Christian

Sister-in-Law of Sis. Doris Pinkard (Wayland Blue Ridge)

Mrs. Ruth James

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Lorraine Turner

Family of Marjorie Chambers (Charlottesville)

Mrs. Margaret Cotton

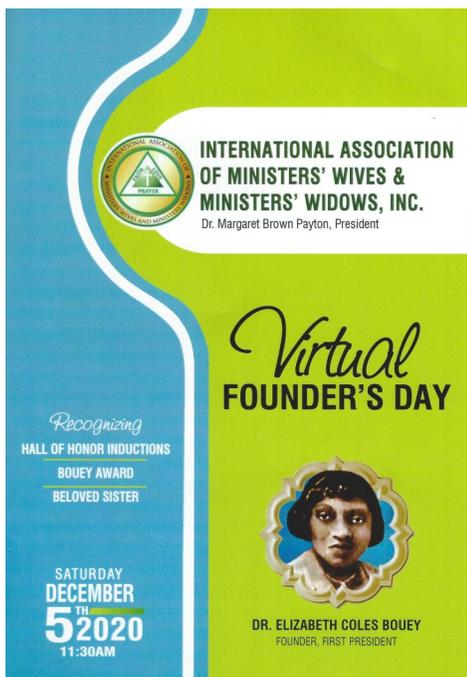
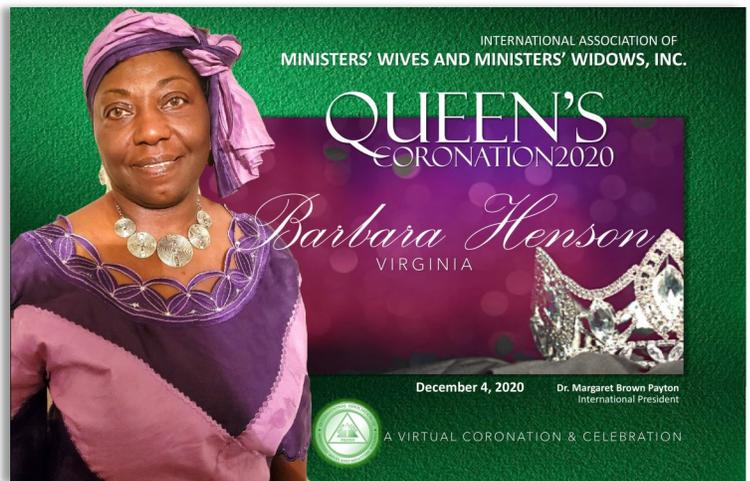
Longtime Member (NOVA)



Founders' Weekend was bustling with activity. Excitement filled the air as a few of us took our place to produce a Virtual experience for our Sisters. It was unusual to be in our Headquarters to a mostly empty room. The sound of cars driving by outside could be clearly heard in the silence. This time of year our sisters look forward to touring the Headquarters to view the beautiful decorations done by Dr. Dolores Whitaker and Sis. Joyce Smith followed by a short program of greetings and singing. This time, none of that could be heard. Program participants were carefully scheduled as we still practiced safety measures of social distancing, minimizing

physical contact, hand sanitizing and other safety measures.

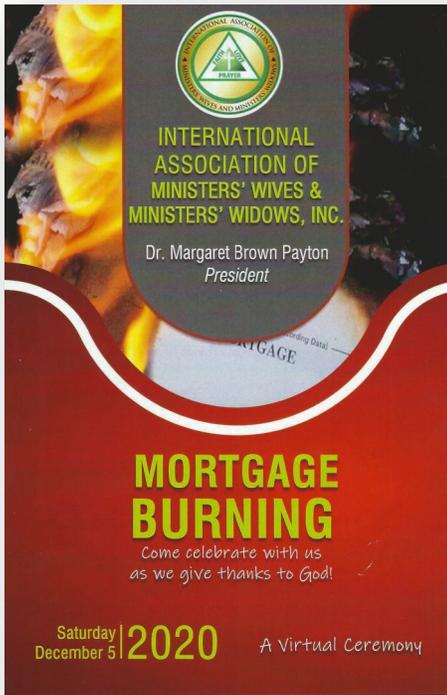
The weekend opened on Friday, December 4, 2020, with words of Greeting from our International President and former Virginia state president, Dr. Margaret Brown Payton. Necrology and a beautiful tribute was present edabout our Founder, Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey, by Sis. Michelle Burgess of Georgia. The night's highlight was, "A Royal Affair" Queens Coronation. The sisters were beautifully adored in ethnic attire on screen. And enjoyed a pleasant evening. It was a grand affair. Our own State Queen, Sis. Barbara Henson, placed in the top five of the Royal Court.



Saturday, December 5, 2020, recognized our the accomplishments of sisters who have served faithfully in the organization - Hall of Honor Inductees, the Bouey Award and the Beloved Sister.

Hall of Honor Inductees are Sis. Constance Burnside, Mid Southwest Region, Elder Jannetta McIntyre, Southeast Region, Evangelist Leathica King, Intercontinental Region, Sis. Mary Gray, North-east Region, Dr. Rubye Hudson, Western Region, and Dr. Vickie McCreary, Central Region. The Bouey Award was presented to Reverend Annette Williams of South Carolina and the Beloved Sister Award to Dr. Mamie Dawson of California.

VICTORY ACHIEVED



Standing L to R: Mrs. Lisa J. Johnson Mrs. Jannie M. Daniels, Dr. Cheryl R. Evans, Dr. Shirley Alexander Hart, Dr. Margaret Brown Payton, Mrs. Erica O'Neil-Scott, Mrs. Eva J. Brown

The feature of the weekend was the anticipated Burning of the Mortgage. Portions of the program was pre-recorded and directed by Dr. Darricka Alexander of Richmond, who did an outstanding job getting all participants together and in place for the presentation.

The Mortgage Liquidation Campaign Team, led by Dr. Shirley Alexander Hart, President Emeritus, worked diligently to bring the balance to a close. God guided Dr. Hart's path and a team was careful selected. Members of the team from the state of Virginia were Dr. Cheryl R. Evans, Prong II Campaigner, Mrs. Eva J. Brown, Prong I Manager - Individual Contributor, Mrs. Lisa J. Johnson, Campaign Secretary/Treasurer and Mrs. Erica O'Neil-Scott, IT/Media and Mrs. Jannie Daniels, Prong II Campaigner of Pennsylvania. God touched the campaign with His finger of love and it was a race to the finish. The generous contributions of our sisters made it possible for us to say, "PAID IN FULL" in under 17 months. To God be the glory! Incentives of Gold studded pins were given to \$520 and above contributors and Award plaques were given to State/Nation contributions. A Kiosk was unveiled at the Mortgage Burning Ceremony, into which a photo of each contributor of \$520 and above is located. Along with the photo is pertinent information regarding the work the contributor has done at any level of this organization.

The music for the weekend was rendered by, *In Unity*, a vocal group of Richmond, Virginia. The vocalists were our very own Elder Gina Cannon, Dr. Dolores Whitaker, Elder Lynette Branch, Dr. Olivia Gattison, and Sis. Joyce Smith, Bishop Michael Strickland and Family of Georgia and Harpist, Dr. Jocelyn Whithead.



A Hymn?

If you **MUST** speed on the highway, make sure you know these Hymns

At 45 mph....."God Will Take Care of Me"

At 55 mph..... "Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah"

At 65 mph..... "Nearer My God to Thee"

At 75 mph..... "Nearer Still Nearer"

At 85 mph..... "This World is Not My Home"

At 95 mph..... "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

At 100 mph..... "Precious Memories"

Anything above..... "Safe In the Arms of Jesus"

Slow down people. Take your time. You'll get there!



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FRIDAY, APRIL 23

5:00 PM Opening Session

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 AM Education and more

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