

New York - Washington Region Women's Missionary Society Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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September 15, 2020

Greetings Executive Committee, Past Council President, Past President of Presidents, Past Region Presidents, District Presidents, Division Leaders, Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Commissions, Local Presidents and Missionaries

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As you know, these are unprecedented times. COVID-19 has impacted our lives and our ability to gather socially including the Missionary Institute and Planning meeting. In light of the on-going pandemic, the 2020 Missionary Institute and Planning meeting will be a virtual meeting.

I am excited that the Missionaries will have the opportunity to experience our first virtual Institute and Planning meeting. The Virtual meeting dates are October 29-31, 2020. Our Institute Theme: "Joyous Faith: The Key to Navigating the Interruptions and Messes of Life"

Study Books: <u>Joyous Faith</u> by Michele Howe, <u>Life Interruptions</u> by Priscilla Shirer and <u>Messy People</u> by Jennifer Cowart. To assist in your preparation, I have included the information for the study books, and I would like to encourage you to purchase the study guides. Also, our Institute Director Rev. Carole E. Richardson has shared the objectives for our course of study they are as follows:

Objectives: (1) To learn from Biblical heroes how God gives power to deal with the hard moments, messes, and interruptions of life. (2) To learn how to navigate the overwhelming circumstances, messes, and interruptions in life. and (3) To reflect on how we have overcome, survived interruptions in our lives.

The Registration for our virtual institute is \$25.00 and there will be two methods of payment, Electronic and Mail.

Electronic: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ny-washington-wms-missionary-institute-2020-registration-tickets-119747705611

If you chose to mail your registration, please complete the attached registration form and mail along with your check made payable to the NY/WASHINGTON WMS to our registrar, Ms. Audrey Doman. Audrey's address is:

1329 Rittenhouse Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011 Contact: 202-812-3449 | <u>msad1329@juno.com.</u>

Please note Registrations postmarked after October 18, 2020 will be accessed a \$10.00 late fee per person.

The attire for Thursday (10/29) and Friday (10/30) is casual. If you have a region shirt, please wear it. We will have a Rededication on Saturday, October 31, 2020 and the attire for the service is white with your Missionary Stole.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express once again a special thank you for your prayers and support, this past conference year. I am blessed and honored to have the opportunity to serve the NY Washington Region Women's Missionary Society as your President for another conference year. I am grateful for my beloved "Missionary Sisters" for your acts of kindness that you shared with me at our Annual Conference and during my health challenges. I am extremely grateful to each of you for your hard work, your continued dedication and passion that allows you to serve your church locally and globally. I am also grateful for the commitment which was reflected in our Executive Board and Annual Conference reports. Let's continue to embrace our Quadrennial theme *"Missionaries Embracing a New Era of Innovation for Greater Service"*

Once again, I am excited to extend this invitation to every missionary of the Region to attend our 2020-2021 Annual Missionary Institute and Planning Meeting. With your presence, we will come together to strategize, develop, and plan the work of the Region. Through collaborative brainstorming and sharing our creative ideals, talents, and gifts, we can take our Missionary Society to a higher level of service.

Also, please keep in mind, this year's Healthy Church 2030 will be a virtual experience. We would like for each of you to be a part of this informative experience. We are inviting you to be one of the Region Women's Missionary Society attendees. Our goal is to have 50 people from each district. The registration is only \$25 when we register as a group of 20 or more. You can find the link to pre-register on our webpage. For more information contact:

Mrs. G. Bernice Richardson @ <u>gbrich2000@aol.com</u>, 215 365 6416 Mrs. Roberta Bell @ <u>roberta.bell2015@gmail.com</u>,202 465 5185.

I am also praying we ask God to show us what is needed during this season so that we may be empowered to let his name be glorified and honored in all our ministry activities. Please remember that this is an opportunity for all Regional, District, Local Officers and Missionaries to take an active role in planning our Missionary Society's work for this conference year as well as the Annual Conference planning.

Also remember you can stay informed by visiting our website: <u>https://www.ny-washmissionarysociety.org/</u>.

VOTING:

The pandemic has led to many changes around the election, and the President's attack on the postal service and vote by mail is adding even more confusion. So, I wanted to share some important information as each of you **make your plan to vote**.

You may first want to check to see if you are registered and if your information is current by going to the Board of Elections website for your state. The deadline to register to vote varies by state, as well as the rules regarding updating your voter information. Please check with your state Board of Elections for the specific requirements. Also remember your vote can make a difference so please take advantage of early voting, if available in your state.

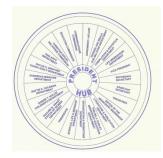
Please remember to stay safe by washing your hands, wearing your mask, and practicing social distance. I would also like to encourage you to reach out to our children and youth during this unprecedented season by having conversations to help them understand this season we are in.

Much Love and Blessings,

Sandra R. Chambers

Sandra R. Chambers Region President

- cc: The Rte. James B. Walker, Presiding Prelate, 7th Episcopal District Reverend Kevin J. Agee, Presiding Elder Washington –Virginia and Philadelphia Districts Reverend Frederick D. Belcher, Presiding Elder New York-New England
- Enclosures: Registration Form Proposed Agenda NY-Washington Region List of Special Projects



CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT NEW YORK – WASHINGTON REGION WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Ms. Sandra R. Chambers Missionary President Bishop James B. Walker Presiding Prelate

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE October 29-31, 2020

THEME: "Joyous Faith: The Key to Navigating the Interruptions and Messes of Life"

<u>Thursday, October 29, 2020 - 6:00 PM</u> <u>Attire (Business Casual -Missionary Shirt if you have one)</u> (You will be able to login at 5:30)

Opening Devotion Mrs. Louise Hardy, WMC & Region WMS Spiritual Life and Message Secretary

Opening Remarks/Greetings | Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, Region President

Greetings| Bishop James B. Walker, Presiding Prelate

Welcome/Introduction of Special Guests| Mrs. Theresa Bell, Region Vice President

Introduction of the Institute Director Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, Region President

Institute Director Rev. Carole E. Richardson

<u>Adult Study Books</u>

Joyous Faith by Michele Howe Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer Messy People by Jennifer Cowart

<u>Friday October 30, 2020 – 6:00 PM</u> Attire (Business Casual – Missionary Shirt) (You will be able to login at 5:30)

Greetings | Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, Region President Acknowledgements| Ms. Theresa Bell Devotion| Mrs. Louise Hardy, WMC & WMS Spiritual Life and Message Secretary

Institute Continues...

Institute Director | Rev. Carole E. Richardson

Saturday, October 31, 2020 (Attire: White w/stoles) (You will be able to log in @9:45) 10:00 AM - 12Noon

Welcome for the Day Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, Region President Devotion Mrs. Louise Hardy, Secretary, Spiritual Life & Message Secretary Prayer

> *Meeting Agenda Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, Presiding* Call to Order | Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, President

> > Special Event Update

Healthy Church 2030 |Mrs. Roberta Bell Eula .W.F. Harris Life Membership| Mrs. Cheryl Wooten Missionary Messenger| Mrs. Loretta Helton History Committee| Mrs. G. Bernice Richardson

Other Updates Division of Structure | Mrs. Roushawn White-Simmons , Division Leader

Prayer Breakfast	Dr. Zena Thompson
	Mrs. Versie Jones,
	Ms. Tasia Williams
Sharing	Mrs. Paulette G. O'Neill
Lena Jones Rice \$100 March	Mrs. Mattie Hamber
Pauline B. Grant Status of Women	Mrs. Brenda Oglesby
Bread for the World	Rev. Deborah Peyton

Financial Update | Ms. Audrey Doman Mrs. Lisa Jenifer-Robinson

> Closing Service 12:00 Noon

Speaker | Mrs. G. Bernice Richardson

Rededication Service | Bishop James B. Walker, Presiding Prelate



REGISTRATION FORM

NY/Washington Region Women's Missionary Society Christian Methodist Episcopal Church 2019-2020 Planning Meeting

"Missionaries Embracing a New Era of Innovation for Greater Service"

Thursday October 29-Saturday, October 31, 2020

Ms. Sandra R. Chambers, President The Rte. Reverend James B. Walker, Presiding Prelate Mrs. DELOIS WOODY-Walker. First Lady

Registration: \$25.00

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 18, 2020

Please print or type all requested information.				
First and Last Name:				
Prefix (
District Local Church				
Home Address:				
City				
Contact Phone Number:				
E-Mail Address:				
Emergency Contact:				
Dietary Restrictions:				

Make Checks Payable to: NY/Washington WMS

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TOTAL INCLUDED

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Special Projects Summary and Deadlines

Event	Deadline	&	Contact Person(s)
Healthy Church 2	030	M E1 2 M E1	ctober 15, 2020 I rs. G. Bernice Richardson mail - gbrich2020@aol.com 15 -365 -6416 I rs. Roberta Bell mail – roberta.bell2015@gmail.com 02-465 -5185
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E.W.F. Harris Life	e Membership	M En	ovember 15, 2020 rs. Cheryl Wooten nail - cywooten@gmail.com ome 757-754 -8782 Cell 757-754-8782
Missionary Messe	enger	M En	ovember 15, 2020 rs. Loretta Helton nail - heltonfam1@aol.com ome 202-726-5103 Cell 318-245-6356