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Embracing Change for Effective Service in Kingdom Building"

Isaiah 58:12

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From the President's Desk

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To God be all the Glory for all He has done! I am Lady Michelle Marie Reid, your newly elected TAMWMW State President. I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By way of introduction, I have been a IAMWMW member since 2007. I began actively working in the San Antonio Interdenominational Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows (SAIAMWMW) in 2017. I currently serve as their 11th President, completing my last year of tenure in 2026. I also serve as MSW Region International Public Relations Representative (PR), as well as being a member of the IAMWMW Registration and Decoration Committees. By the time of publication of this edition, I will have completed the IAMWMW Leadership Academy as part of COHORT III.

I do not believe in being a leader in name only or just having a title. I believe in leading by example and getting my hands dirty. Jesus said in John 9:4. *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."* Luke 12:48b says, *"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."*

God is doing great things in this mighty large state of Texas. As we look forward, we are building on the strong foundation laid by the Godly women who served before me. We will honor their legacy by strengthening our current locals and establishing new locals in faith, hope and love. As we forge ahead, bridging the gaps and embracing change, know that there is room for all to participate and shine in Jesus' Name! I'm looking to my **"First Official State Zoom Meeting" to be held Friday, September 12, 2025 at 6:30pm.**

My door is always open. Call me. Let's chat.

Michelle M. Reid



A Note from the Editor

TAMWMW Newsletter Editor | Regenia Blackmon | regblackmon@yahoo.com

Hello Sisters!

Welcome to **The Light Newsletter**. It is indeed an honor to serve as the newsletter editor under the efficient leadership of our newly elected TAMWMW President Michelle M. Reid. She was elected during our TAMWMW 36th Annual State Conference held in Odessa, Texas (Feb. 6-8, 2025). This event was hosted by the Permian Basin Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Widows Alliance (PBIMWWA). Mrs. Michonne Sutton is the Local Chapter President.

This edition offers an awesome opportunity to share news and events from our Local Chapters while taking **"A Look Back At"** our State, Region and International Conferences. Each gathering of our sisterhood fosters current relationships, build new relationships, and further the cause of Christ.

I am looking forward to expanding the scope of **The Light Newsletter** to include more events, accomplishments, and how we serve our respective communities while lifting the name of Jesus.

Sisterly Love,
Regenia Blackmon



A Look Back at...

TAMWMW 36th Annual State Conference

February 6-8, 2025 | Odessa, TX

Hosted by: Permian Basin Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Widows Alliance (PBIMWWA)
Mrs. Michonne Sutton, Local Chapter, President

The TAMWMW 36th Annual Conference was held in Odessa, Texas April 6-8 at the Eleganté Hotel. Our fellowship was filled with love, excitement, and laughter while lifting the name of Jesus. This event magnified the theme, *"A Sisterhood Bridging the Gap: Embracing Change for Effective Service in Kingdom Building."* The Friday Night Musical included uplifting songs and inspirational praise dancing. Lady Jana Miller, PBIMWWA Vice President presented the Greater St. John Baptist Church Praise Dancers and Sis. Dee Carden performed a solo praise dance. The Saturday Workshop included local presenters who provided valuable health information. Mr. Tony Moorner, RRT, RN, BSN spoke on "Lifestyle Medicine" and Sis. Tiffany Porter spoke on "Mental Health." Dr. James J. Bolton was the Saturday Luncheon guest speaker. He is the pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church (Odessa, TX). The Holy Spirit was present while Dr. Bolton delivered his sermon from Isaiah 58:12, emphasizing the importance of "rebuilding and restoration." Bishop Darrell Sutton sang a solo. He is the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Crane, TX).



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A Look Back at... **IAMWMW 39th Annual Mid-Southwest Region Conference** April 3-5, 2025 | Oklahoma City, OK

*Mrs. Constance Burnside, Mid-Southwest Region Vice President
Hosted by: Mrs. Michelle D. Lawson, President Oklahoma IAMWMW
Lady Cheron Credle, Co-Host | Lady Evangelica Roberts, Co-Host*

The Mid-Southwest Region 39th Annual Conference was held in Oklahoma City April 3-6. We were blessed to re-open the State of Oklahoma in grand fashion! We honored some of our regional widows during the Legacy Luncheon while bestowing the title of President Emeritus to long-serving Oklahoma President Lady Shirley Baker. Also, Lady Juandalyn Joan Bailey was honored, and she was the guest speaker during the luncheon. God surely smiled on the region during this weekend for a job well done. Our International President Elder Vernita Josey gave the charge to open the states within the region that were not present by the time she returns declaring that it is time out for business as usual. You could feel the Spirit of the Lord moving in the room. If you haven't changed, we don't know what it will take for you to move. Our first-time attendees understand how important it is to experience the conference first-hand, rather than receiving a report, Amen.

The Registration Table was set-up Thursday afternoon. The Oklahoma & Texas Sisters, Lady Michonne Sutton and Queen Shelton, along with our host President Lady Michelle Lawson and a few other sisters, were preparing the registration table to receive the sisterhood as they picked up their registration packages. Our elegant Host, Lady Michelle Lawson, and the Oklahoma Sisters met the Sisterhood in grand style.

Communion Service was held Friday night. The husbands prepared the Communion led by the host church pastor, Dr. W.A. Lawson of First Baptist Church (Northeast Ardmore, OK). He was assisted by other husbands from Oklahoma and Texas.



A Look Back at... Annual Day of Service

DAY OF SERVICE | April 8, 2025

The sisters of the International Association have put volunteerism into practice and made an impact on local communities. *"Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love..."* – Martin Luther King, Jr.



Our visionary leader and founder, Elizabeth Coles Bouey's dream became reality on April 8, 1941. She had a heart for service which was exemplified in her role as a missionary. This day has been designated as our **Day of Service**. We follow her lead as we *"Act, Give, and Volunteer."*

Each local is encouraged to participate in acts of service on this day or at an appropriate time. Thank you for submitting pictures of your day of service projects and community outreach.

Permian Basin IMWWA | Day of Service | Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mrs. Michonne Sutton, Local Chapter President



The Permian Basin Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Widows Alliance (PBIMWWA) local chapter sisterhood visited the Southeast Senior Center (Midland, TX) Thursday, April 17, 2025. The local chapter provided 45-gift totes bags and backpacks filled with healthcare information, snacks, toiletries, and information about IAMWMW. Each attendee was grateful and excited to receive the useful items.

The Southeast Senior Center promotes socialization; activities for seniors to remain healthy, active and independent members of the community; and coordinate and advocate services which promote dignity and enrichment of life. Member age requirement is age 55 or older. Their Mission: To improve quality of life for seniors in Midland.



PBIMWWA (Left-Right): Nancy Ashley, Regenia Blackmon, Marilyn G. Brown, Queen Shelton, Jana Miller, Michonne Sutton.
(Absent) Dina Joiner

A Look Back at... Annual Day of Service

Permian Basin IMWWA (Continued) *Mrs. Michonne Sutton, Local Chapter President*



The gift bags and backpacks are being distributed.



Jana Miller is in the sewing room asking questions about how the quilts are made.



The Southeast Senior Center members are playing BINGO.



Every Thursday, the Southeast Senior Center members sew quilts and make pottery. Nancy Ashley participates regularly.

A Look Back at... Annual Day of Service

San Antonio IMWMW

Mrs. Michelle M. Reid, Local Chapter President



Under the leadership of Day of Service Chair, Lady Debra Richardson, SAIAMWMW donated women's clothing to Grace House, a faith-based transition home for women at risk.

Grace House provides a safe environment where residents have the opportunity to establish an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

They are taught to change their lifestyles by making healthy choices for themselves and their families.



A Look Back at... **Annual Day of Service**

Houston #2 IAMWMW

Mrs. Constance Burnside, Local Chapter President

Men's Clothing Donation to Career Gear Greater Houston **"When Men Work, Families Thrive"**



Empowering men and male youth to achieve economic independence one suite at a time.

Inspiring reliance in men to overcome employment barriers through career development and professional attire.

Offering career readiness; career sustainability services, veterans services; young adult mentorship; reentry after incarceration; and special projects: Project College Campus Closet; Headshots & Haircuts; and Project Tux Up.



A Look Back at... Annual Day of Service



Houston #2 IAMWMW

Mrs. Constance Burnside, Local Chapter President

Touring the Career Gear Facility with
Executive Director Jamay M. Fishback and Staff.



A Look Back at... Memorial Day 2025

San Antonio IMWMW

Mrs. Michelle M. Reid, Local Chapter President

FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY FLAG REMOVAL

The San Antonio IAMWMW local chapter members removed the flags at gravesite after the Memorial Day Service Event held Monday, May 31, 2025.



Leadership Corner: Texas' Leadership Academy Representatives



The IAMWMW Leadership Academy is an instructional appendage of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated. It is not a separate entity and, therefore, operates in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the organization and under the authority of the International President. It will provide in-depth information on the organizational structure of IAMWMW INC., specifically and the function and responsibility of each officer and committee. The academy is a vehicle for fostering the development of strong effective leaders for the 21st century, and therefore, will place emphasis upon research-based leadership skills and highly recognized and accepted leadership concepts. Effective use of 21st century computer applications will be a cornerstone of both classroom and online virtual instruction.

COHORT II • Completed 2024



Constance Burnside
Houston

Cathy Warren
Houston



Diane Wilson
San Antonio



COHORT III • Completed 2025



Michelle M. Reid
San Antonio

COHORT IV • To Be Completed 2026

Blanche Jackson
San Antonio



COHORT V • To Be Completed 2027



Nicole Porter
San Antonio



Debra I. Richardson
San Antonio



Ketra Derry
Houston



Tracie Howard
Houston

Contact your TAMWMW Local Chapter President for details.

Visit the IAMWMW website: www.iamwmw.org or scan **IAMWMW QR code**



Leadership Corner: Texas' Leadership Academy Representatives

COHORT II 2024 Celebration



Leadership Corner: IAMWMW Leadership Academy Application



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS, INC.
ELDER VERNITA JOSEY, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

LEADERSHIP



ACADEMY

APPLICATION

Personal Information

Membership Number: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____

About You

Local Organization Membership: _____

State Organization Membership: _____

Leadership Positions Held:
Community: _____

Ministers' Wives Organization: _____

Essay

Please write a cogent essay response to the following:

1. Define leadership. Why is leadership important? When is leadership most productive?
2. What is the most challenging aspect of being a leader? What is the most rewarding?
3. Have you had a decision challenged? How did you respond?
4. Discuss an experience in your life that demonstrates your character or helped to mold it.
5. Identify 5 personal qualities that you deem most important in a leader. Select One. Describe a situation you have faced as a leader that required you to demonstrate that quality.

Reference

Please provide the name and email addresses of three (3) persons who can provide a reference for you, one of which should be your state president. Please send these names and email addresses to iamwmwacademy@gmail.com. Dr. McCreary, the Director of Admissions, will contact them to secure your references.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application electronically by **JANUARY 30** to
iamwmwacademy@gmail.com.

IAMWMW Leadership Academy Application 2024



Contact your TAMWMW Local Chapter President for details.

Scan QR Code or Click link to complete refillable IAMWMW Leadership Academy Application:

https://www.iamwmw.org/files/ugd/447a33_4c5037b9fe6f4d26862ecb05680d89d7.pdf

A Look Back at...

IAMWMW 84th Annual International Conference

June 20-27, 2025 | Jacksonville, FL



Elder Vernita Josey, International President
Hosted by: Mrs. Carolyn Wilson, President Florida MWMW
Mrs. Angela Hawkins, Co-Host | Dr. Ingrid Bishop, Co-Host



COHORT III 2025 Celebration

Elder Vernita Josey, IAMWMW International President presented
Mrs. Michelle M. Reid, TAMWMW State President
with the 2025 COHORT III Certificate of Completion;
Perfect Attendance; and 100% Membership Participation recognition.



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Mr. Gregory Amos was the guest saxophonist during the COHORT III Completion Ceremony.

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In the Spotlight... Agape IAMWMW

Mrs. Bobbie Neal

Crazy Faith....That's what may seem to depict the journey that the Lord set Sis. Bobbie Neal on many years ago, when He called her husband into ministry and moved them from the comfort zone in Austin at St. James to Bastrop and ultimately to Amarillo, Texas to pastor congregations. It was during these years that Bobbie's faith began to grow deeper and richer through the powerful teaching from her husband and his unconcerned demeanor of life's challenges.

In 2004, Sis. Bobbie was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. What a devastating day. She told my husband and family and somehow pressed through that day with as much normalcy as possible. Her husband left after dinner as usual to go to the church. She washed the dishes and put them away and remember saying, "Lord, I'm not ready to die...I want to live!" She thought that she heard a voice speaking. As clear as day, she heard the Lord say, "I am your strength. I will give you a peace that passes all understanding."

Sis. Bobbie has fought several battles with cancer since then but continues to serve faithfully at St. James Baptist Church. Since the death of her husband, Rev. Grovel Neal, she has been a member of Agape IAMWMW for over 10 years since moving back to Austin. She has lost two children, but perseveres in encouraging others, speaking at various events when she is able. Through it all, she continues to smile while saying, "God is Good."



Mrs. Rhonda Owens

The Owens' have been married over 43 years and serve together in a Marriage Ministry to provide premarital and post marital counseling to couples. Rhonda enjoys conducting marriage conferences, seminars, and workshops throughout the city and surrounding areas.

She has served in several ministries of church service including Youth Sunday School Teacher, Junior Mission member and teacher, Director of Vacation Bible School, President and Vice President of the Agape Interdenominational Association of Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows of Austin (IAMWMW) and Vice President of the Texas Association of Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows (TAMWMW). Rhonda diligently supports her husband in ministry at New Birth Community Baptist Church in Cedar Park, Texas and has a passion for teaching and leading women of all ages in their walk with the Lord. She has been the Coordinator and Counselor of the GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Girls Club of Round Rock, Texas. The aim of this club is for girls ages 12-18 to gain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They develop a strong knowledge of who they are and their purpose in God's plan for their lives.

In their quest of building their relationship with Jesus Christ, they are also building their relationship with their families, friends, and their community. Rhonda loves sharing her favorite scripture, John 3:16, with the young ladies. Rhonda is a graduate of St. Edward's University of Austin where she earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree with an emphasis in Physical Education, and received a Master's Degree in Adult Education from Park University. Recently, she completed her PhD in Biblical Counseling. She is a recent retiree from Progressive Life Insurance as a Supervisor and loves every opportunity to share in Kingdom Building.



In the Spotlight... Houston #2 IAMWMW

Mrs. Ketra Derry

Lady Ketra Derry is a devoted servant of God. She is passionate about helping others through Christian biblical counseling, mentoring young women, and volunteering in her community by providing emotional support, spiritual guidance, and practical resources to those in need. Her purpose in life, according to Christ, is to love God, love others, live with integrity, love others with compassion, and use her gifts to uplift and inspire those around her. She believes in the power of healing, growth, and transformation—both spiritually and emotionally. She joined the Houston #2 Local Chapter in 2024 and has been an active member. She is kind and has a very humble spirit.

Her work involves serving individuals, couples, and families through Christian counseling, supporting marriages, and promoting mental and emotional wellness. She is currently a graduate student at Lamar University, pursuing a master's degree in Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling.

As part of her professional development, she is in her internship, gaining hands-on experience to serve those God places in her path. Romans 12:2 (KJV) reminds us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Her plans include becoming a licensed marriage and family therapist, earning a Doctorate in Christian Counseling, creating faith-based counseling programs, and organizing conferences and seminars to equip and uplift the body of Christ. One of the most meaningful times of the year for her is December 14th, when they joyfully celebrate their Pastor's Anniversary—a time to honor the shepherd of their house for faithful leadership and unwavering service to God's people.



Mrs. Tracie Howard

Lady Tracie Howard is a dedicated servant of God, driven by a deep passion for uplifting others through education. In March 2024, she became a member the Houston #2 IAMWMW Local Chapter. She and her husband, Rev. Kyrin L. Howard Sr., are members of New Testament Baptist Church where Rev. David X. Derry is the Pastor and the First Lady is Ketra Derry.

Lady Tracie is committed to service while striving to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those around her. She is an 8th-Grade Science Teacher and her passion for learning and sharing knowledge enables her to help others grow. She says, "My goal in life is to positively impact students' lives."

Her education includes a Principal Certification from Lamar University in Educational Leadership, BA degree in Science and Instructional Leadership, Master of Arts degree in Education and Teacher Leadership from the University of Phoenix, and EDS Degree from the University of Phoenix.

Her future includes becoming an expert in her field by completing the Doctorate Degree in Education. With the doctorate degree, her hope is to continue helping those students who are struggling with a difficult schoolwork assignments, understanding a concept, or facing personal challenges that impact their learning.

Galatians 6:2 states, "*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.*" This verse encourages her to have mutual support and to be more caring within the community while helping others with schoolwork or academic challenges.



In the Spotlight... *Permian Basin IMWWA*

Mrs. Regenia Blackmon

Lady Regenia Blackmon is a 2024 IAMWMW Gallery of Honor Inductee. This event was held during the Annual IAMWMW 2024 Founder's Day Luncheon (December 7, 2024) in Richmond, Virginia. She was recognized for her service to the IAMWMW organization while representing the Mid-Southwest Region.

Her IAMWMW service includes Local Chapter Treasurer of the Permian Basin Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Widows Alliance (PBIMWWA), TAMWMW State Chapter Newsletter Editor, and IAMWMW Mid-Southwest Region Recording Secretary.

Sister Blackmon is employed in Healthcare Compliance as a Compliance Auditor. She has life insurance licenses for the state of Texas and the state of Georgia. She has a PreNeed License for the state of Texas and serves the Permian Basin community with pre-need burial and cremation planning.

She enjoys researching family history, printing souvenir journals, designing banners, logos, and much-much more. Her desire is to positively impact the lives of others by sharing His love.

One of her favorite scriptures include, *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8 KJV



Mrs. Jana Miller

Lady Jana Miller was born in Midland, Texas. Currently, she lives in Odessa, Texas with the love of her life, Pastor E.J. Miller. She is the First Lady of Greater St. John Baptist Church. Her husband has been the pastor for almost 25-years. Her love and support of the Greater St. John Youth Department is expressed in leadership of the praise dancers.

Lady Jana represented the TAMWMW State Chapter during the "Queen's Coronation" in 2022 and 2024. She was crowned the "2022-2023 IAMWMW Queen" during the 81st Annual IAMWMW International Conference held in Seattle, Washington. During the 83rd IAMWMW International Annual Conference held in Houston, Texas, she was the "2024-2025 First Runner Up."

Her commitment and service to the IAMWMW Sisterhood includes, 2024 Co-Chairperson IAMWMW International Annual Conference, TAMWMW Past Vice President, and currently serving as PBIMWWA Local Chapter Vice President. She is kind, generous, and thoughtful.

She strongly believes in the power of the Holy Spirit, and she knows that it's because of Him that she can sow into the body of Christ. Lady Jana is motivated daily by quoting Philippians 4:13, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*



In the Spotlight... *San Antonio IAMWMW*

Mrs. Ruby Wilson

Lady Ruby Wilson is the Chaplain for the San Antonio IAMWMW Local Chapter.

She is a community Presiding Election Judge for the Bexar County General Election Office. Her primary duties include being a registered voter, passing and maintaining certification every two years. She also attends classes before elections when needed. The day before the election, she picks up supplies from the warehouse, deliver the supplies to the voting center, and sets up the equipment. After the polls close, she completes the required paperwork then returns the supplies and equipment to the warehouse.

Currently, she is an Election Clerk for Bexar County. You must be a registered voter in Bexar County to be called to duty by a Judge. It is encouraged to attend certification classes however, it is not required for a particular election.



Mrs. Debra I. Richardson

Lady Debra Iglehart Richardson was born in Waco, Texas to Elder Daniel E. Iglehart and Mrs. Marvis J. Iglehart. As a young child she attended Iglehart Chapel Church of God in Christ (COGIC).

She graduated from Alamo Heights High School and then moved to Sacramento, California where she attended Cosumnes River College, graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in General Education and then graduating from California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. While living in Sacramento, she attended Williams Memorial COGIC, serving as Hospitality Department, President.

Sister Iglehart moved back to San Antonio in 1990. She began working for Methodist Hospital where she met the love of her life, Pastor Michael A. Richardson. They were united in holy matrimony on February 14, 2000.

She is the mother of two, grandmother of four and great grandmother of one. She retired from Methodist Healthcare Systems/Parallon Business Solutions on December 31, 2024 after 27-years.



In the Spotlight... *Houston #1 IAMWMW*

Mrs. Gloria Sanders

Mrs. Gloria Sanders was born on March 26, 1943, in Waco, Texas. She graduated from George Washington Carver High School in 1961. While in high school, she met Eddie Sanders, whom she would later marry. Since she came from a long line of preachers, she was delighted that Eddie wasn't one.

She moved to Houston in 1964. She worked as a secretary, then as a supervisor in a word processing center. After not seeing each other in years, she reconnected with Eddie at a church service, beginning a long-distance relationship. They married on August 28, 1964. Their union produced four children, three girls and one boy (their son transitioned in July 2024).

While Sis. Sanders was pregnant with her last child; her husband announced his call to preach. Over the course of their ministry, Sis. Sanders has been involved in many organizations. She is a part of the Ministers' Wives and Widows Charity Union, Baptist Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, and IAMWMW Houston #1 Local Chapter.



In the Spotlight... *Port Arthur IAMWMW*

Mrs. Verdie Hudson

Mrs. Verdie Hudson was born in Lemoyne, Louisiana. She finished high school at Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, Texas. That is where she met the love of her life, Vernon Hudson, Jr. They were married on February 25, 1961.

She worked various odd jobs until she settled into being a Home Health Aide. She worked with a special client for seven (7) years until she passed away. Verdie then left Home Health to work as a cashier until the building was completely destroyed after a car ran into it.

In 1985, Vernon Hudson and she were called into the Ministry. That year, he preached his first Sermon the 2nd Sunday in August. That led to a 24-year Pastorate, which is still going strong today. They have two beautiful daughters and one son who gained his reward in 2011.



Did you know...



www.IAMWMW.org/about

The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. (IAMWMW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the spouses of ministers and those who have lost their partners in ministry. It focuses on fellowship, empowerment, and spiritual growth, and providing resources and opportunities for its members. The organization also engage in community service and outreach programs, promoting the well-being of both its members and the communities they serve.

Become A
Member

ENDOWMENTS

\$50,000

Endowment Scholarship at
Interdenominational Theological Center,
Atlanta, Georgia

\$250,000

Perpetual Endowment Fund

\$50,000

Endowment Scholarship Fund at
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

\$50,000

Endowment Scholarship Fund for
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Individual Scholarship
presented to eligible applicants
in pursuit of a degree
from any accredited
college or university

Ada M. Palmer Scholarship
presented to eligible applicants
in pursuit of a degree
from any accredited
college or university

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Charitable contributions made by
IAMWMW Inc. include:

- ♦ American Cancer Society
- ♦ Angel Tree
- ♦ United Way
- ♦ Children's Orphanage
- ♦ Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation
- ♦ Hale House Center
- ♦ Meals on Wheels
- ♦ Dress for Success
- ♦ United Negro College Fund

EDUCATION

The **Education Department** offers courses divided into three modules to support the specific needs of minister's spouses and minister's spouses left to live. Courses focuses on self improvement and achievement, technology, and skills needed to fulfill God given assignments related to church ministry and community service.

The **Leadership Academy** is a two-year instructional appendage of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated.

Healed and Whole

One day I dug a little hole
And put my hurt inside
I thought that I could just forget
I'd put it there to hide.

But that little hurt began to grow
I covered it every day
I couldn't leave it and just go on
It seemed the price I had to pay.

My joy was gone, my heart was sad
Pain was all I knew.
My wounded soul enveloped me
Loving seemed too hard to do.

One day, while standing by my hole
I cried to God above
And said, "If you are really there—
They say, You're a God of Love!"

And just like that—He was right there
And just put His arms around me
He wiped my tears, His hurting child
There was no safer place to be.

I told Him all about my hurt
I opened up my heart
He listened to each and every word
To every sordid part.

I dug down deep and got my hurt
And brushed the dirt away
And placed it in the Master's hand
And healing came that day.

He took the blackness of my soul
And set my spirit FREE!
Something beautiful began to grow
Where the hurt used to be.

And when I look at what has grown
Out of my tears and pain
I remember every day to give my hurt to Him
And never bury them again.

By Carol Parrott

TAMWMW SISTERLY BRAIN DRILL

The first person to correctly fill-in the quiz will be given a gift toward their TAMWMW State Dues.



In what year was the TAMWMW initially formed? _____



List as many TAMWMW State Presidents you remember.

- _____
- _____
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What is our theme Scripture _____



How many International Presidents have we had to include our current President?



Who was our International President when TAMWMW initially began?

Email responses to: SAIAMWMW85@gmail.com

TEXAS STATE OFFICERS

Mrs. Michelle M. Reid, *State President*
Mrs. Cathy Warren, *Vice President*
Mrs. Queen B. Shelton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Patricia Daniel, *Assistant Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Veretta Anderson, *Corresponding Secretary*
Mrs. Lorraine Littlefield, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Irene H. Jones, *Financial Secretary*
Mrs. Regenia Blackmon, *Newsletter Editor*
Mrs. Brenda Dillard, *Scholarship Chairperson*



Annual Monthly Events At-A-Glance

- FEBRUARY** • TAMWMW State Conference
(Usually held 1st weekend)
- APRIL** • IAMWMW Day of Service (April 8)
• Mid-Southwest Region Conference
(Usually held 1st weekend)
- JUNE** • IAMWMW International Conference
(Usually held 3rd Friday thru 4th Friday)
- DECEMBER** • IAMWMW Founder's Day/Weekend
(Usually held 1st weekend – Richmond, VA)

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2026 Conference Schedule

**37th TAMWMW
State Conference
San Antonio, TX
February 5-7, 2026
Thursday thru Saturday**

**40th Mid-Southwest
Region Conference
Houston, TX
April 2026 (Date TBA)
Thursday thru Saturday**

**85th IAMWMW
International Conference
Las Vegas, NV
June 26 – July 3, 2026
Friday thru Friday**

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Our Motto:

"Sisters in Christ Serving the Present Age"

Our Symbol:

***The BUTTERFLY reminds Christians of the amazing
transformation that takes place through Christ's
redemption and regeneration.***

***When "born again," we become
"a new creation." (2 Corinthians 5:17)***

Our Purpose:

***To unite ministers' wives and ministers' widows of
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Christian Fellowship.***