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"A Sisterhood Bridging the Gap:

Embracing Change for Effective Service in Kingdom Building"

Isaiah 58:12

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From the President's Desk

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My Texas Sisters,

As the first quarter of my presidency concludes, I give thanks and praise to God for all that we have accomplished. The updated revisions to our State Constitution were approved by 100% of our membership. We completed our first fundraiser, the Texas State Souvenir Journal. We raised a grand total of \$7,835.00! I want to express a heartfelt thank you to all who purchased an ad or sponsorship. You made our fundraiser very successful!

Our State Conference, scheduled for this coming February, is set and ready to go. We are also preparing for our 2027 State Conference in Houston where we will continue to mirror our International conference model. I thank God for His favor and blessings on this great state. ***"Won't He do it!?"***

Unfortunately, we have suffered some losses as well. I want to commend us as a Sisterhood for being the Hands and Feet of Christ, ministering to our sisters through illnesses and loss of loved ones. It's not always the words that we share, but the actions we show from the heart. That's what the world sees and remembers. Thank you for being a shining light, My Sisters.

To every Local President in this great state, you are very much appreciated and loved for the job you are doing. You are NOT ever to be mistaken for or thought to be leaders in name only. Our local organizations are the skeletal infrastructure, the building block, on which we stand. You, Madam Presidents, lay the groundwork, teaching, mentoring, shaping, and grooming the future leaders of the IAMWMW. Lead well! Always follow the guidance of the Lord through the functioning of the Holy Spirit.

I am forever grateful and proud to be the Texas State President.

Fired Up! Fired up! Ready To Serve!

Michelle M. Reid



A Note from the Editor

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Felicitations!

Welcome to **The Light Newsletter** (January – March 2026 Issue). Each edition offers an awesome opportunity to take **"A Look Back At"** local chapter news, community activities, church events, and acts of service.

As we embark on 2026, let's be reminded of what the Lord called to "offer hospitality, use your gifts to serve others, speak God's words, serve with God's strength, so God may be praised through Jesus Christ." *1 Peter 4:9-11*

The Light Newsletter is a tool to help share our continuous fellowship while increasing the membership of our Sisterhood. We are bound together "with cords that cannot be broken."

Sisterly Love,

Regenia Blackmon





A Look Back at...

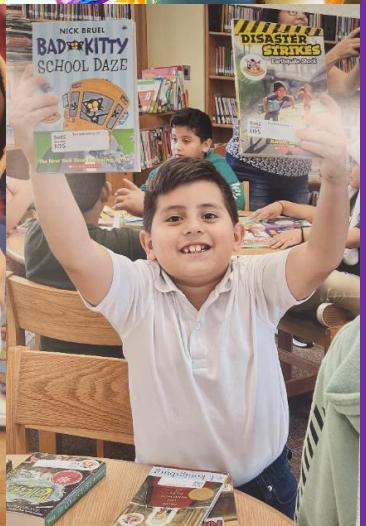
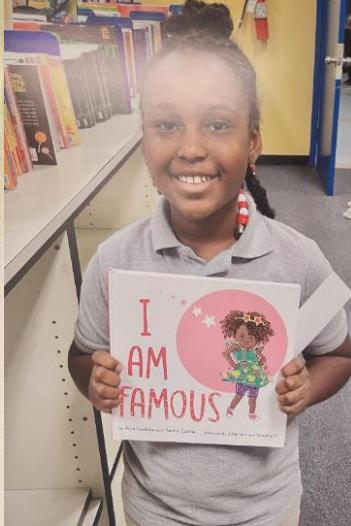
HOUSTON #2
Interdenominational
Ministers' Wives and
Ministers' Widows, Inc.

Houston #2 IAMWMW Community Service
Houston, TX

Houston #2 IAMWMW

Mrs. Constance Burnside, Local Chapter President

Books Between Kids Book Donations





A Look Back at...

PBIMWWA Community Service
Midland, TX

Permian Basin IMWW Alliance
Mrs. Michonne Sutton, Local Chapter President

Donation to Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is a groundbreaking program that challenges traditional expectations and empowers young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve competitive employment.



Project SEARCH Interns

PBIMWWA donated gift bags including items to be shared with their families.

"Thank you to those of you who gave me the gift. I really appreciate it very much. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Thanks one again, thank you." ~Noah~

"Thank you for giving us these gifts for Project Search. They will definitely help my family when they don't have enough money to get these items.

Thank you again for helping Project Search!
You are kind. Sincerely and thank you." ~Jordan~

"Thank you for your gift. I appreciate your kindness. You're so thoughtful.
This gift will help my family a lot. Sincerely." ~Maryanna~

I appreciate the gifts you have given to me. You are so kind. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind giving. Sincerely. ~Diego~

Thank you for the thoughtful gifts that you have sent us. I can use detergent to wash my clothes so I can have clean clothes to wear. Sincerely. ~Chris~

Thank you all for my gift. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Thank you all again for my gift. Sincerely. ~Christian~

"On behalf of Project SEARCH, we are so very grateful that you have extended your kindness in giving our interns these gift bags. One of the interns was glad that he got his toothbrush and toothpaste and headed straight for the KITCHEN sink to brush his teeth. Luckily, we were able to redirect him elsewhere before the deed was done! :-) Thank you for being mindful of the needs of others. Sometimes it is the simple things that bring the greatest joy and matter the most. Thank you again for including us during this season of giving. Grateful hearts!"

~Instructors: Liz Campbell, Jenny Wilke, Wilma Parker~



Project SEARCH Interns • Work Skills Activity





A Look Back at...

PBIMWWA Christmas Fellowship

Odessa, TX

Permian Basin IMWW Alliance

Mrs. Michonne Sutton, Local Chapter President

Local Chapter Member Christmas Fellowship

The PBIMWWA Local Chapter Members enjoyed each other with food, fun, and fellowship.

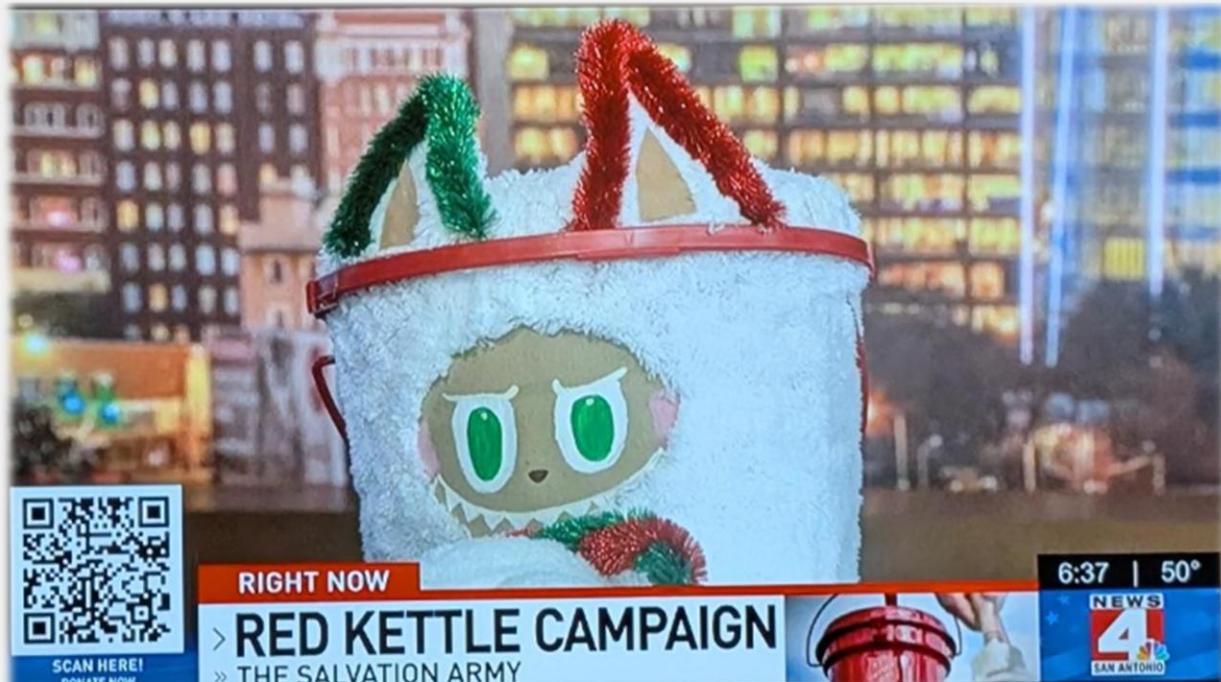
Each member brought gifts to exchange. Laughter was heard, family stories were told, and sharing testimonies of God's manifold blessings.



San Antonio IMWMW

Mrs. Michelle M. Reid, Local Chapter President

Salvation Army Parade of Kettles News 4 WOAI SAIAMWMW yearly Community Service Sponsorship donation to help support those in need Nov 27, 2025. Examples of support include Emergency assistance, Food and Shelter, Youth & Senior Programs, Adult Rehabilitation & Services, Christmas Assistance, Veteran Support and so much more!



San Antonio Ministers' Wives & Widows

Donated \$250 and generously covered the transaction fee

Thank you for this opportunity to be a blessing to our community.

You guys are great.



A Look Back at...

SAIAMWMW Community Service San Antonio, TX

San Antonio IMWMW

Mrs. Michelle M. Reid, Local Chapter President

Wreaths Across America 2025 successfully honored fallen heroes on Saturday, December 13, 2025, with wreath-laying ceremonies at thousands of locations nationwide, including Arlington National Cemetery, fulfilling their mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach by placing wreaths on veterans' graves across the country, a tradition continuing to expand and involve communities in honoring sacrifices.



A Look Back at...

IAMWMW Annual Founder's Day Weekend

December 5-6, 2025 | Richmond, VA

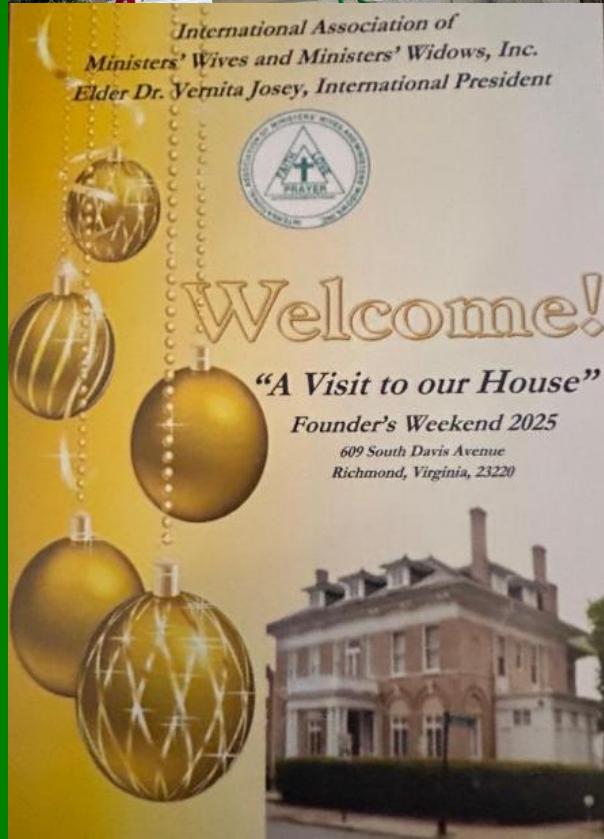
Founder's Weekend 2025, hosted by the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc., took place on December 5 - 6 in Richmond, VA at the Westin Richmond Hotel. The weekend celebration of our legacy was under the leadership of Elder Dr. Vernita Josey. It provided another annual opportunity to honor the foundation laid by Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey. The experience inspired worship, meaningful fellowship, and the chance to support our community through Angel Tree and Disaster Relief donations.



A Look Back at...

IAMMW Annual Founder's Day Weekend

December 5-6, 2025 | Richmond, VA



In the Spotlight... Houston #2 IAMWMW

Mrs. Cathy D. Warren



A native of Suffolk, Virginia, Lady Cathy Warren is the wife of Reverend Dr. Marvin Warren. Married for 49 years, they are the proud parents of two adult children, Minister Duron Warren and Minister Desiree Warren-Hawkins. She has served faithfully alongside her husband in ministry for 35 years, until his retirement as pastor.

Lady Warren holds a B.S in Business Administration from The University of Phoenix. She retired from Bank of America in 2008 and Alameda County Social Services in Oakland, California, in 2021. Upon retirement, she and her husband moved to Texas.

Lady Warren's other accomplishments and interests include, but are not limited to, singing, crafting, traveling, and enjoying time with family. She has served as President of the Golden Hearts Chapter of the Young Women's Christian League, Inc. in Richmond, Va. She has also served in various leadership capacities under the umbrella of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc., on the local, state, regional, and international levels. In 2021, Lady Warren received the IAMWMW Hall of Honor Award. Her most recent accomplishment was the completion of the IAMWMW Leadership Academy Cohort II.

Lady Warren is a member of Houston Local #2 MWMW and serves as Parliamentarian of the Mid-Southwest Region. She is the newly elected V.P. of the Texas Association of MWMW.

One of her favorite scriptures is

Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

To God Be the Glory!

In the Spotlight... Permian Basin IMWWA

Dina DeShawl Johnson-Joiner



Dina DeShawl Johnson-Joiner was born on September 2, 1966, in Midland, Texas, to Lorenzo and Annie Johnson. She accepted Christ at an early age and dedicated her life to serving her church community. Her faithful service includes roles in the music ministry, Sunday school, mission work, and her cherished position as First Lady of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Curtis D. Joiner.

A proud graduate of Lee Senior High School's Class of 1984, Dina embraced a wide range of activities during her school years. She was a member of the marching and ensemble bands, performing as both a flag girl and a flutist. She also played basketball and volleyball and served as manager for the track team, demonstrating her passion for teamwork and school spirit.

Following high school, Lady Joiner attended Texas Tech University, where she earned a Bachelor of General Studies with concentrations in Business and Physical Education. She began her career with Midland ISD as a teacher assistant, serving for nine years before pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education at Grand Canyon University, where she also obtained her teaching certification. She went on to teach Special Education for five years, touching the lives of countless students. Lady Joiner continued her educational leadership at Ector County ISD, serving for 4 years as an ARD Facilitator, 3 years as a Response to Intervention (RtI) Specialist, and later returning to the ARD Facilitator role. She furthered her professional journey at Lamar University, working toward certification as an Educational Diagnostician.

Blessed with a beautiful gift of song, Lady Joiner used her musical talents to uplift, encourage, and bring comfort to others. She sang at funerals, actively participated in community programs, and served as a devoted member and director of the IMA Choir. Her commitment to service extends to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she serves as financial secretary and treasurer. She also held financial secretary positions with the Ministers' Wives and Widows of Midland, Texas, the Permian Basin Ministers' Wives and Widows, and the Lovely Sunset Baptist District Association.

Lady Joiner is married to the love of her life, Pastor Curtis D. Joiner. She also has her mother, Annie; daughter, Marquita; sons, Curtis Jr. and Jermaine; and granddaughters, Kygan and Xayah. Lady Joiner also lovingly remembers her father and brother, Lorenzo and Cedric, who have both passed on. Lady Joiner's life continues to be a testament to service, faith, love, and dedication. She is building a legacy marked by compassion, excellence, and a meaningful impact on her family, students, colleagues, and community.

In the Spotlight... Permian Basin IMWWA



Queen B. Cates-Shelton

Queen B. Cates-Shelton is a dedicated counselor, educator, and community servant whose life's work has been marked by perseverance, faith, and a deep commitment to uplifting others. Born in Tampa, Florida to United States Air Force Chaplain Rev. Frank H. Cates and Teacher Josephine B. Cates, Lady Shelton's journey has taken her across the United States and abroad, which have offered her experiences that nurtured her love for family and community.

Lady Shelton began her career in banking and financial services, building a foundation of leadership and team building.

She has worked as a case manager and career link coordinator in social services and workforce solutions, and later as a career development specialist and job developer, using her knowledge and skills to uplift those looking to advance their own education and employment futures. Since then, Lady Shelton has gone on to serve as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Midland, Texas, where she equips clients, including individuals with disabilities, with information and resources to achieve greater independence and meaningful employment.

Lady Shelton has been a steadfast servant in faith-based and community organizations. As a pastor's wife, and daughter of a pastor and minister's wife, she has devoted many years to mentoring women, guiding families, and serving children across cultures and backgrounds. She served as a Minister of Music, Sunday school teacher, youth choir director at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and provided guidance and direction to area combined choirs and community-wide religious services in Albuquerque, NM for over 10 years. She has also served as the Women's President of the Progressive Missionary Baptist State Convention; Jerusalem District Musician, in Roswell, New Mexico, and now as Minister of Music for the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas, Bible teacher for the Permian Basin Minister's Wives and Widows, Secretary for the Texas State Association of Minister Wives and Widows and as the Secretary for the Odessa City Wide Mission.

At the core of Lady Shelton's work is her belief in the transformative power of compassion, education, and faith. Her favorite scripture, *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding"* (Proverbs 3:5 KJV), serves as her guiding principle. She also draws inspiration from her favorite hymn, *Down at the Cross*, which reflects her devotion to her faith to living a life of gratitude and service.

Above all, Lady Shelton finds joy and strength in her family. She is the proud wife of Reverend Michael K. Shelton Sr., and mother of four children—Christopher, Sebastian, Ray, and Sabrina—three stepchildren Rochelle, Michelle, and Antwonne, four grandchildren, great-grandchild and a blended grandmother of nine grandchildren. Her family is her greatest blessing and her strongest motivation to leave a lasting legacy of love, faith, and service.

In the Spotlight... San Antonio IAMWMW

Lady Carolotta A-M Forester-Langford



Lady Carolotta A-M Forester-Langford was born in Canton, Ohio and attended Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ. She is the daughter of the late Willie Gene McClure Sr. and the late Ruth Beatrice Forester.

Lady Forester-Langford attended McKinley Senior High School, graduating as a single parent from the 11th grade. It was not easy but, she had a praying Mother (a member of the Women's Army Corps) who encouraged her to hold her head up and never give up. After graduating, she enlisted into the U. S. Army to serve and protect her country.

She was trained as a 91 Alpha Combat Medic. While stationed in Germany, she met Sgt Harvey L. Langford Jr. They wed on May 3, 1988 and have traveled to many cities but God blessed them beyond measure in San Antonio.

Lady Forester-Langford continued her education by enrolling in Stark Technical College, earning an Associate Degree Business Management in June 1991. In February 1997 she graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science of Business Administration/Religion. Finally, she earned her Master's Degree at Webster University in Human Resource Development in October 2005. She worked for the Judson Independent School District as Nurse Aide, retiring in 2021.

Lady Langford attends Liberty Grace Community Church, where she and her husband, Bishop Harvey L. Langford Jr., a retired Army E-8, are honored and humbled to serve as God leads. They have combined 6 children, 13 Glams, and 6 Great-Glams. Her passion is the Special Needs Community and to help make a positive wholistic difference in their lives with God's guidance.

God is the Substratum of her Life!

In the Spotlight... San Antonio IAMWMW

Brenda Walker Dillard



Mrs. Brenda Walker Dillard was born to Mr. King Truman and Mrs. Rosie Lee Walker in Magnolia, Arkansas. Her family moved to Texarkana, Texas shortly afterwards. She graduated from Texas High School in 1969. She received her formal education from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in 1973 and a Master of Science in 1974. Her career chronology covered a span of over 38 years with the Department of Defense.

In her last 10 years, she provided functional oversight, training, and guidance for Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (AF ISR) Agency, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

She reviewed and coordinated acquisition plans and other documents prior to execution of contracts. She prepared annual reports for the Secretary of the Air Force Small Business Director that detailed progress of AF ISR Agency toward achieving the agency small business goals. She managed the small business outreach programs that included participation in procurement conferences, Regional small business council meetings, related events that supported the Air Force small business vision, mission, and strategic objectives.

Lady Dillard has been a member of SAIAMWMW, TAMWMW, and IAMWMW since 1993. She served as Treasurer for SAIAMWMW and TAMWMW passed the required terms. She served as President of SAIAMWMW from 2009-2013. She introduced the Blazers for the SAIAMWMW. It was presented by SAIAMWMW/TAMWMW as a gift to the IAMWMW President at the National Convention.

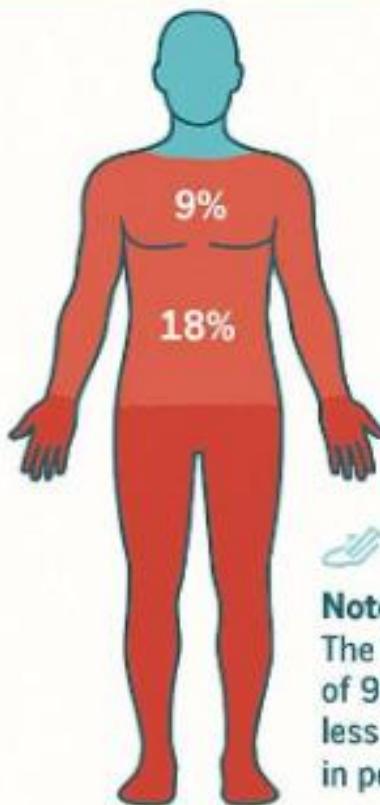
Lady Dillard is a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. with 53 years of service. She is also a Silver Life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She is also a Certified Volunteer Deputy Registrar for Bexar County.

Lady Dillard is married to Pastor Emeritus Almond D. Dillard. They have been married for 42 Years. They have four children, five grandchildren, and one grandchild on the way.

BURNS

RULE OF 9s & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

RULE OF 9s – BURN SURFACE AREA ESTIMATION (ADULTS)



Helps guide fluid resuscitation, transfer decisions, and prognosis.

Note:
The Rule of 9s is less accurate in pediatrics.



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EMERGENCY BURN MANAGEMENT – ABCDE APPROACH

- A** Look for inhalational injury: facial burns, hoarseness, soot
Early intubation if airway compromise
- B** High-flow oxygen
Monitor chest expansion (circumferential burns may straiten)
- C** Check pulses, control bleeding
Fluid resuscitation
 $4 \text{ ml} \times \text{body weight (kg)} \times \%$ TBSA burn
Give half in first 8 hrs, rest in next 16 hrs
Insert 2 large-bore IV lines

○ DON'Ts

- Do NOT apply tape
- Do NOT use ice directly – worsens tissue injury

○ Do NOT apply toothpaste, ghee, flour, or raw materials

○ Do NOT pop blisters

○ Do NOT use ice directly – worsens tissue injury

Jenish Gnana Christin, BSN, RN, RM, CCRN, MPH

God Is My Strength

Author Unknown

In my darkest hour
When I'm deep in a wilderness situation
God is my Strength.

When I'm facing grief, loneliness,
Depression and challenges which appear
To have no end.
God is my Strength

When things appear to be at their worse
And I'm feeling weak and weary
“I will look to the hills”
Where I can find help
For, I know, Jesus is with me
And God is my Strength

When others ask me
“How are you able to cope?”
“How are you able to go on?”
I answer, “When I am weak, then
I am strong.”
For, “God is my Strength.”

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.

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

Become A
Member

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.

TEXAS STATE OFFICERS

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Mrs. Irene H. Jones, *Financial Secretary*
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Mrs. Brenda Dillard, *Scholarship Chairperson*



Annual Monthly Events At-A-Glance

FEBRUARY • TAWMW 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 6-7, 2026
Thursday thru Saturday

40th Mid-Southwest
Region Conference
Houston, TX
April 9-11, 2026
Thursday thru Saturday

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

The LIGHT Newsletter is a quarterly newsletter published by January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.

The deadline to submit articles:
December 1st: January – March Issue
March 1st: April – June Issue
June 1st: July - September Issue:
September 1st: October – December Issue:

Please email Local Chapter news and events to
Mrs. Regenia Blackmon: regblackmon@yahoo.com



*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 various Christian denominations into one Christian Fellowship.*