

History of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows

The Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows was organized in 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio during the 10th session of the National Association of Ministers' Wives, under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Coles Bouey, the founder of the National Association of Ministers' Wives. The purpose of our organization was the purpose of the National Association of Ministers' Wives:

1. To unite into one sisterhood, ministers' wives and ministers' widows of various religious denominations for greater and more effective service in kingdom building, and
2. To hold an educational conference annually where ministers' wives and ministers' widows could come for information and inspiration that they might be better prepared to solve the many problems facing them.

Mrs. Ellen Thompson of Richmond, who had worked closely with Mrs. Bouey in the organizing of the National Association of Ministers' Wives, was elected first state president. There could have been no better person to be elected than Mrs. Thompson who had a personal knowledge of the purpose and expectation of such a sisterhood.

Mrs. Thompson was rich in those leadership qualities that enabled her to organize and lead this state body of ministers' wives and ministers' widows successfully from 1950-1963. During her tenure, our support of NAMWMW was outstanding. She strived to have every member of the state a member of NAMWMW and also a subscriber to the Herald. Our Association received many awards for our financial contributions to NAMWMW during Mrs. Thompson's tenure.

It was under President Thompson's leadership that the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows first hosted the National Conference. Our Association hosted the 20th Annual Session of the National Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows June 28 – July 1, 1960, at the First African Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

There was no question that our leader was one of fine Christian character who served as an inspiration to so many ministers' wives down through the years. She was held in high esteem by the ministers' wives and ministers' widows she led. One of our local councils was named for her during her tenure as president. The E. C. Thompson Alliance of Ministers' Wives of Blackstone and Vicinity was named in 1953. This is an indication of high esteem held for her.

When Mrs. Thompson stepped down from office, she left the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows with a solid foundation on which succeeding presidents could build.

Dr. Mary Francis Reid of Newport News guided the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows by faith during the years of 1963 – 1968. Her

faith in God was up-most in her life and she had faith in what God could do through us. Her faith in the younger ministers' wives was noted and evident as she gave them a chance to grow and develop and to be a vital part of the VAMWMW.

During President Reid's tenure, the Education Department was established; Life Membership was initiated; and the "Two Pence Rally" was introduced by Mrs. Pattie Tucker.

President Reid initiated the Virginia Breakfast at the National Conference and also the custom of chartering buses for members to attend the Annual National Conference. National President Rendella Wise Lucas was made an honorary member of our Virginia Association, and in 1966, Virginia was host to the National Association Conference which met in Hampton at the School for the Deaf and Blind.

Captivated by the dignity, poise, and charm of President Reid, we followed her excellent leadership of the VAMWMW in faith.

The Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows was led by **Mrs. Alene B. Godwin** of Hampton from 1968 – 1972. Mrs. Godwin was very committed to the cause for which the ministers' wives association was organized by Mrs. Elizabeth Coles Bouey. It was with such commitment that she led the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She challenged us as local councils and as individuals to be committed to more effective service in kingdom building.

So committed to the cause of VAMWMW, President Godwin recommended that our Annual Conference should meet for two days instead of one in order to have less hurried sessions, a closer fellowship, and more united Christian effort. This recommendation was put into practice in 1972.

The statewide Annual Retreat originated by President Godwin in 1970 continues to be a blessed highlight of our VAMWMW program each year. During the time spent at the Retreat away from the hustle and bustle of life, we are spiritually renewed and fortified to carry out our commitment of service to mankind.

President Godwin presented the Association with its first gavel (in memory of her husband) at the close of the 1972 Retreat.

Dr. Ada M. Palmer of Lynchburg, a person with much insight and foresight, led our state body from 1972-1976.

A program thrust during President Palmer's administration was education. This was a natural for one who was an educator in the public school system.

New programs and workshops to help ministers' wives keep abreast of current trends were introduced, the VAMWMW scholarship program was set up, and local councils were encouraged to set up scholarship programs.

President Palmer initiated the state banquet which is held on Friday night at our Annual Conference. The first banquet was during the Annual Conference held in Roanoke in 1973. She also initiated the President's Reception.

In 1975, our Association celebrated its Silver Anniversary at Fort Monroe. National President J. F. K. McCormick was guest speaker.

Under President Palmer's leadership, the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows continued to move forward.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Corinthians 14:40. This could very well have been the motto of **Mrs. Helen A. Alexander** of Hampton, our fifth president. With calmness, deliberation, and vision, she headed the VAMWMW from 1976-1980.

During this period, Virginia received recognition for contributions and support of the Herald, Herald Honor Roll, Education Department, and the Headquarters Project. There

was also increased attendance by our state members at the National Conferences. During this period, two National Presidents were invited by President Alexander to be our guest speaker at our Annual Conference. President Emeritus Rendella Wise Lucas spoke in 1978; President Muriel L. Johnson spoke in 1980.

It was during the administration of President Alexander that the compilation of our official roster was completed and printed, the Constitution was revised, and the office of Educational Consultant was created. President Alexander initiated the President's Breakfast in 1978. She also established the "Minister's Wife of the Year" Award in 1979.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverb 29:18. With the vision of President Alexander, the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows could never have perished.

With a smiling face, a quiet demeanor, and a whole lot of love, **Mrs. Pauline V. Gray** of Annandale led the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows from 1980-1984. Her administration was demonstrative of "love begets love," and with the loving support of the membership, President Gray was able to carry out several successful projects.

The Queens Contest, in the style, glamour, financial success that is experienced at our annual Conference today, was reactivated; our state pin was designed; a cookbook of recipes by our Association members was compiled and printed; and our system of handling finances was improved under the leadership of President Gray.

Most notable during President Gray's administration was the initiation of the statewide Prayer Partners.

Being a firm believer in the power of prayer, President Gray started the Prayer Partners. This has proven to be a spiritual and comforting source in our sisterhood and a way to show our love for each other and for mankind.

"Building a Sisterhood," fostering sisterly relations, characterized the thrust of the programs of our Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows during the presidency of **Dr. Marie E. Wise** of Norfolk who served from 1984-1988.

The respect, the esteem President Wise gave to fellow sisters in our organization helped to build the sisterhood she desired. Efforts were made to appoint every member of the VAMWMW to some committee. Each of the three vice presidents was given the opportunity to share in the administrative responsibilities. Past presidents were bestowed honors. Our association's Retreat was named in honor of Alene B. Godwin, our Virginia Breakfast in honor of Mary Francis Reid, and our banquet in honor of Ada M. Palmer.

There were other accomplishments of notability. The "Marie E. Wise Widow of the Year Award" was initiated. In 1987, our Association awarded Dr. Shirley A. Hart the "Minister's Wife of the Year Award" and gave Dr. Hart, our Virginia sister, an elegant gift at her first Annual Conference as President of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. It was also during the presidency of Dr. Wise that a Prayer Book, composed and printed.

Our Association also reached outside of the sisterhood as sizable donations were given to Virginia Seminary and college, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dr. Antrynette S. Walker of Petersburg led our Association from 1988-1992. The motto of President Walker was "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me" has been beautifully written in plural form and set to music by Dr. Delores Whitaker and is now our state song. This was done at the request of President Walker.

Dr. Walker was instrumental in the plans for the luncheon held in honor of our past presidents at the 40th Conference of the VAMWMW in 1990. It was also during her

administration that we furnished a room at the National Headquarters in Richmond and hosted the Golden Anniversary of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows in 1991.

President Walker initiated the "Pauline V. Gray Layman's Award" and the "Helen A. Alexander Scholarship of special Education." With the leadership skills possessed by Dr. Walker, with her radiant personality, and with her strong belief in God, the VAMWMW was quite successful during the tenure of President Walker.

Dr. Adelaide W. Rice of Madison Heights served as our ninth president from 1992-1996. The thrust of her tenure embraced outreach, in particular, outreach to youth. She commissioned a Task Force on "Empowering Our Youth." "Empowering Our Youth" to take control of their lives by gaining educational, social, economic, and religious power was encouraged and practiced during President Rice's tenure. The "Adelaide W. Rice Youth Achievement Award" was initiated.

Substantial contributions were made to Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Virginia, and to Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.

Several internal concerted efforts made the presidency of Dr. Rice worthy of note. Those included the concerted efforts to encourage and continue the same sisterly love and respect which have existed since the inception of the VAMWMW, to maintain an organized approach to a flexible program with the guidance of God and the spiritual vision and commitment of our sisterhood with emphasis on improving our sisterhood educationally and spiritually; and to do sufficient planning.

Highlights of Dr. Rice's presidency included: The reactivation of the VAMWMW Newspaper and the compilation of its history; the review of the VAMWMW Constitution to ensure its compatibility with the Constitution of the IAMWMW' the tradition of awarding a certificate to all nominees for the Minister's Wife and the Minister's Widow of the Year Awards; the initiation of a two hour period for committee meetings on Friday at the Annual Convention; the leading of our state body in hosting of IAMWMW, Inc. Founder's Day Celebration; the securing of our International President, Dr. Celeste Ashe Johnson as keynote speaker at our 1995 Annual Convention; the hosting of the Northeast Regional Conference in 1996; and the initiation of the Antrynette S. Walker Local Chapter Achievement Award."

President Rice will always be remembered for her spirit of sisterhood. Every officer and member of VAMWMW was properly and personally thanked by President Rice for their support during the 1996 VAMWMW State Convention. The act was an example of her ability to make "everybody" feels like "somebody."

Dr. Margaret B. Payton of Alexandria served as the tenth president of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows from 1996-2000. A program thrust during her administration was service. Each local council was urged to adopt a community service project or projects for the year. She established a "Ministry of Service Award" to recognize outstanding work done by local councils. Two objectives of Dr. Payton's were the impetus for the community service initiative and to make ourselves known in the local community and to put our faith, love and prayers into action.

President Payton's efficiency was exemplary. She initiated the opening of the business session of the Annual Conference on Friday instead of Saturday. She streamlined the program of the Awards Banquet.

She was committed to the individual growth of the minister's wife as evident in increasing the time of the Education Department at our Annual Conference; also by the efforts to secure a noted speaker for our Annual Retreat.

Undeniably, she was committed to preserving and celebrating our heritage. One example of which is the Historical Journal prepared especially for the 50th Anniversary of the VAMWMW. The enhanced program of the 50th Anniversary Conference beginning with the Holy Communion Service on Thursday, April 27, 2000, with dr. Muriel L. Johnson, Past President of IAMWMW, Inc., as speaker; the brunch on Friday in honor of an unsung minister's wife and minister's widow from each local council; and the Educational Hour on Saturday with Dr. Shirley A. Hart, Past President of the IAMWMW, Inc., as the speaker, will long be remembered. At the 50th Anniversary Conference, April 27-29, 2000, Lynchburg, Virginia, the remarkable tenure of Dr. Margaret B. Payton ended leaving a memorable, inspirational legacy at the precipice of the new millennium.

The theme chosen by President Payton for the Fiftieth Annual Convention, "Hallelujah! United in Faith, Love, and Prayer," certainly characterized the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Minister's Widows during her presidency.

Dr. Carolyn E. Lewis Bledsoe of Richmond served as the eleventh president of the Virginia association of Minister's Wives and Ministers' Widows from 2000-2004. Her theme for the four years was "Called to Be..." with different words each year to complete the phrase. Each year, the theme served as inspiration and encouragement to all of us to be the Christians and ministers' wives and ministers' widows that God has called us to be.

A hallmark of President Bledsoe's Administration was electronic communication. E-mail served as the main way officers and members of the sisterhood were contacted on a regular basis.

President Bledsoe was a great promoter of ministers' wives' organization on all levels. Local councils were encouraged to continue to be involved in service projects in their community. They also were urged to focus their intercessory prayers earnestly on the issues and concerns of domestic and international affairs. Local presidents were given the opportunity to share information about their council's yearly activities. As a result, a helpful book was created in 2002 entitled: Bright ideas: From Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows.

With the cooperation and loyal support of the sisterhood, much was accomplished during President Bledsoe's administration. We hosted the Northeast Regional Conference in 2002. An annual contribution to be given to the Children's Home of Virginia Baptist, Inc. was initiated in 2002 in the amount of \$1,500. A pledge of \$1000 was made in support of the IAMWMW, Inc. Haiti Bakery Project which was introduced by President Janie C. Holmes in 2003. Our VAMWMW scholarship awards were increased to \$1000. The VAMWMW First Family Award was awarded each year and VAMWMW Bright Light Award was given in 2004. The monetary Incentive Award to be given to two ministers' wives desirous of being a delegate to the IAMWMW Convention was initiated in 2004. A very notable book by the VAMWMW entitled Encouragement from the Heart & Inspirational Reflections was printed and ready in time to share with others throughout the state at our 2004 Annual Conference.

The mannerism, in which Dr. Bledsoe led our state body, the accomplishments which were made, and the seed planted for the future goals, could very well signify that she was "Called to be...President."

Dr. Edna F. Griffith of Danville, Virginia, served as the twelfth president of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows from 2004-2008. Her focus was on building. She encouraged and inspired the sisterhood by lifting up Nehemiah 2:18, "Let's God Rise and Build.

She focused on encouraging each sister to continue building and maintaining a close relationship with God. Her President's Address at each Annual Convention challenged and encouraged us in the vein. We are certainly encouraged and inspired also by her exemplary Christian leadership.

Other aspects of her focus included building our financial strength; building the geographical breadth of our service projects; and building a greater sisterhood.

Highlights of Dr. Griffith's tenure included: The increase in individual membership fee; increase in mileage compensation rate for those needing to attend special meetings such as the Executive Board and Budget Committee; increase in the Retreat fee to cover more adequately the cost at Roslyn Center; the charge to each Local Council to make a donation to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans, Mississippi, and Alabama; a sizeable contribution to ministers' wives and ministers' widows Literacy Program in Ghana, Africa, a project proposed by Vice President Quentina Kinney. (Each Local was asked to give \$100 for the Project.); the hosting of the 25th (Silver) Annual Northeast Regional Conference of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows in Herndon, Virginia, March 28-29, 2008. Chaired by Vice President Costella Brown and Co-chaired by Vice President Quentina Kinney, and with the great cooperation and support of the sisterhood, the Conference was a memorable occasion. Dr. Griffith was honored as President of the Year by the Northeast Regional Conference.

The focus that President Griffith had on building is noted with great appreciation. We know that her legacy will be that each Local Council in the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows will work in earnest to build up the membership in order to fulfill and energize the mission of our organization.

At the 2008 Convention of our Association, the "Edna F. Griffith Membership Builders Award" was lovingly established.

Dr. Quentina M. Kinney of Ashland, Virginia, served as the thirteenth president of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. With love, and faith, she used her exemplary leadership skills to head this organization from 2008 – 2012. Her theme was "For the People Had a Mind to Work." Nehemiah 4:6b. Her list of accomplishments, projects and initiatives were varied, vast, and impactful.

President Kinney was a strong motivator to bolster the work of Local Councils. She engaged Local Councils throughout the state in a service project to donate pounds of potatoes to food pantries/banks in their locality. Over 3,000 pounds were donated in the time specified by President Kinney. She urged each Local Council to have a Ministry of Sharing and Caring. Local Councils were requested to present Workshops or Programs on AIDS/HIV.

Infrastructure enhancements were made including the following: development of a Membership Directory (the task was chaired by Mrs. Jean Hobbs); changes to the Scholarship Applications and the issuance of Scholarship Checks; Life Membership fees were increased to \$25.00; Members will receive a Life Membership Pin and Certificate; Established an "Endless Spirit Award" in "Recognition of Notable Sisterly spirit and Ongoing Loyal Support to VAMWMW."

Notable milestones were observed. The 40th Anniversary of the Alene B. Godwin Retreat was held in Toano, Virginia on October 15-16, 2010. Dr. Sylvia Hathaway and Mrs. Malinda Jones were Retreat Directors. The Retreat was in honor of Mrs. Reather P. Hathaway who served as Retreat Director for decades. She received a tribute of love and gratitude from the President and a monetary gift. The 60th Anniversary of VAMWMW

was in 2010. The Annual Convention (the year of the Diamond) was a very memorable one hosted by the Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Alliance of Charlottesville. Mrs. Helen Carter and Mrs. Jean Brown co-chaired the Convention. The President honored 53 ladies, 80 years and older, reflecting on their years of service. Each received mementos of the "Year of the Diamond."

President Kinney demonstrated a love and appreciation for individuals who diligently serve VAMWMW and took time to honor them in a special way. Mary Gordon west of Richmond was another one of such persons honored. She was extended the title of Honorary President of VAMWMW upon the recommendation by President Kinney to the Executive Board in September 2009 and approved by the body in April 2010.

The VAMWMW hosted the President's Night June 29, 2011 in Los Angeles, California, on Dr. Beverly Glover's 1st Convention as President of IAMWMW. With over 100 people from Virginia including husbands, children, and grandchildren, President Glover was lovingly named "A Shining Star." It was quite an elegant evening. That Convention in 2011 was also noteworthy for VAMWMW because it was our banner year for IAMWMW awards. We received nine awards.

At the 2012 VAMWMW Convention, a Resolution was adopted that the "endless Spirit Award" be known as the **Quentina M. Kinney Endless Spirit Award**. It was adopted that each succeeding President select and bestow such Award at each Convention to a senior member in "Recognition of Notable Sisterly Spirit and on-going Loyal Support to VAMWMW.

With the election in 2012 of our 14th President, *Dr. Karen Clay Earls*, of Portsmouth, Virginia, continued fresh and innovative ideas became the hallmark of this administration.

The Annual Alene B. Godwin Retreat was held for the first time at a hotel with Colonial Williamsburg being the site chosen for this historic occurrence. An evaluation of this event was conducted, and the results were overwhelmingly positive, revealing that the initiation of this change was welcomed by the membership.

President Earls developed a corporate partnership which resulted in CVS donating money that enabled the organization to award two \$750.00 scholarships to graduating seniors during President's Earls' first Annual State Convention. This corporate relationship is ongoing and is certain to result in additional significant financial and other beneficial contributions throughout this administration.

A forward thinker, President Earls has developed and begun to implement a comprehensive strategic plan for hosting the 75th International Convention in Richmond, Virginia in June 2016. As this convention will mark another significant milestone in the life of our international organization, under Dr. Earls' energetic and enthusiastic leadership, this is certain to be a well-planned and memorable convention.

Other innovations have been realized, as President Earls developed and implemented a VAMWMW website and ushered in electronic communications with state officers, local presidents, and the membership, as a whole. All International and State communications, including all registration and reporting forms are delivered or may be accessed electronically.

As the President of the founding state organization, the home of the founder, and the home of the headquarters of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated (IAMWMW, Inc.), Dr. Earls represented the State at the Home going Celebration in Queens, New York of the 3rd President of IAMWMW,

Incorporated, the Reverend Dr. Muriel Lemon Johnson Providence. Her travels have also included the revitalization of local chapters, as well as the establishing of new chapters of this organization.

With her theme of “Building A Sisterhood Through Sacrifice, Service, and Support,” VAMWMW is certain to continue its forward thrust at the local, state, and international levels.

Dr. Gloria F. Jackson of Woodbridge, Virginia who served as the fifteenth President and took the helm of the Virginia Association of Ministers’ Wives & Ministers’ Widows (VAMWMW) in April of 2016. She adopted as her theme, “Godly Women: Rays of Light” with a supporting scripture found in Ephesians 5:8.

The highlights of Dr. Jackson’s presidency include the following: Dr. Jackson was committed to service to others. She held one of her Executive Board Meetings via teleconference, a new innovation for the organization. During the first year of her tenure she requested that each local Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows organizations perform two service projects. The first project should be the collection of blankets and comforters to be presented to the homeless. The second project would be directed at supporting community schools and could consist of providing school supplies or other special projects identified as a need by the local school. The information would be compiled and included in a bound book for the VAMWMW.

Dr. Jackson directed the establishment of a new and more interactive/informative website for the VAMWMW.

Though just entering the office of the presidency Dr. Jackson along with the sisterhood of Virginia offered support to then State President Dr. Karen C. Earls as the Virginia Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows hosted the 2016 Annual Conference of the International Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows, Inc. in Richmond, Virginia.

During her second year Dr. Jackson instituted the use of a debit card to facilitate the ease of financial transactions with the VAMWMW.

She also helped Dr. Margaret Brown Payton, former President of the VAMWMW, in her quest to become the next President of the International Association of Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows, Inc. (IAMWMW);

In Dr. Jackson’s third year of leadership Dr. Margaret Brown Payton was elected the ninth President of the IAMWMW, Inc. the state of Virginia along with the Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows of Washington, DC and the Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows of the State of Maryland hosted a wonderful tea in Northern Virginia in honor of Dr. Payton’s election.

Dr. Jackson, with the assistance of Rev. Patricia A. Wormley and Sister Loretta H. Dennis, established the VAMWMW as a 501C3 non-profit organization which resulted in the VAMWMW becoming an incorporated organization.

And during her final year, Dr. Jackson led Virginia in hosting the 36th Annual Conference of the Northeast Region of the IAMWMW in Fredericksburg, Virginia where the State of Virginia sisters wore their newly designed Kente Cloth scarves. This was a highlight of her tenure with the Saturday Luncheon having a sellout attendance. Also was one of the states to send funds to the Bahamas in support of them recovering from a hurricane and at the end of one of the Retreats, held a balloon launch supporting Breast Cancer Month.

In April of 2018, Dr. Jackson was bestowed an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Virginia Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Throughout her tenure, Virginia has received the following awards at Founder's Day Weekend and the IAMWMW Conference:

- Claudia Bailey/McConnell Honor Roll Award
- Largest State/Nation Highest Financial Contribution
- Edna Hilliard Award (Largest number of Herald Subscribers)
- Life Membership Award
- Rendella Lucas Gayton Award (Highest overall Financial Award)
- Largest Delegation Award
- The Ada Palmer Scholarship Award
- Julia F. McCormick Headquarters Award (Highest Contribution)
- State Organization Highest Financial Contribution (Founder's Day)
- Largest International Delegation.

Dr. Ellen C. Jamerson of Danville, Virginia was elected as the sixteenth president of the Virginia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She served as president from September 2020-June 2024. President Jamerson's theme was "Leading Ladies Gracefully Making a Difference: Strengthening and Empowering for Such a Time as This" ***Esther 4:14b***

President Jamerson graciously led the organization through the Covid-19 Pandemic. Due to the pandemic, there were no in person gatherings in 2020. VAMWMW stayed connected using technology such as Zoom, conference calls, video productions, One Call, email, texts, the website, etc. The state held its first electronic voting campaign in August 2020. President, Ellen Jamerson; First Vice President, Rev. Patricia Wormley; Second Vice President, Elder Lynette Galloway Branch; Third Vice President, Rev. Natalie White; Recording Secretary, LaTisha Elliott; Assistant Recording Secretary, Darlene Kelly; Corresponding Secretary, Zombia Everett; Treasurer, Loretta Dennis; and Financial Secretary, Jean Hobbs were officially installed as officers during a Zoom ceremony on September 13, 2020.

VAMWMW hosted a virtual convention April 23-24, 2021. The MWMW Alliance of Charlottesville and Vicinity hosted the second virtual state convention April 23-24, 2022. The state convention was held in person in Fredericksburg, Virginia April 20-22, 2023. The MWMW of Martinsville/Henry County & Vicinity hosted the convention in Lynchburg on April 25-27, 2024.

In October 2021, President Jamerson was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from the Eastern Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA. Dr. Ellen Jamerson was re-elected to serve a second two-year term in April 2022. Other Officers that were elected were: First Vice President, Rev. Patricia Wormley; Second Vice President, Elder Lynette Galloway Branch; Third Vice President, Rev. Natalie White; Recording Secretary, LaTisha Elliott; Assistant Recording Secretary, Darlene Kelly; Corresponding Secretary, Hattie Blackmon; Treasurer, Loretta Dennis; and Financial Secretary, Angenette Elder. During President Jamerson's tenure, the state of Virginia received numerous international awards. In June 2022 the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. convention was held in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Sylvia Hathaway of Virginia was the first runner up to the International Queen.

Virginia received the following awards in 2022:
The Ada Palmer Scholarship Award

Largest Delegation Award
Largest State/Nation Award
Highest Financial Contribution
Claudia McConnell Award (largest number of Honor Roll subscribers)
The Rendella Lucas Gayton Award (total financial support)

In June 2023, the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. Convention was held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Virginia received the following awards:

Claudia Bailey McConnell Award (largest number of Honor Roll Subscriber)
Julia F. McCormick Headquarters Award
The Ada Palmer Scholarship Award
Medium State/Nation Highest financial Contribution
Life Membership Award

During her tenure, President Jamerson instituted the following:

- Bullying Prevention Month
- Wearing pink during the month of October to observe Breast Cancer Awareness
- The Care Committee to appoint vice presidents the responsibility of caring for and aiding the past state presidents
- VAMWMW Widows' Committee

President Jamerson led the state of Virginia in hosting the annual International President's Night honoring Dr. Margaret Brown Payton in Houston, TX on June 26. Dr. Jamerson officially ended a very successful term in office on June 30, 2024, as she passed the baton to the newly elected president, Dr. Patricia A. Wormley.