



# International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Sisters of IAMWMW**

**FROM: Margaret B. Payton  
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*"Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it, I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." Jeremiah 33:6*

Sisters of IAMWMW, I express my appreciation to you during this very challenging time in the life of our Nation and World. Standing on the promises of our God, I know He is watching over us all and in His time, healing will spring forth. It is encouraging to see so many of you living out your faith in real time! Vice President Daniels and I travelled in faith to Guyana, South America for the Intercontinental Region conference just as the alarm was sounding on these American shores. Thank God, He allowed us to mingle with our sisters from Barbados, Bahamas, St. Lucia, and Guyana and to return home safely.

As a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we as an organization are experiencing issues never anticipated. Every day, every hour, new information is coming out and restrictions are being put in place in our cities and communities. As you know, schools, universities, businesses, and public places have either closed or have cut back drastically limiting social contact. Some communities have been ordered to shelter in place or self-quarantine.

**The current situation demands our attention and we must do everything we can for the safety and well-being of our sisterhood. Therefore, with regret the Northeast Regional Conference scheduled for March 26 -28, 2020 in Florham, New Jersey has been postponed.**

We have rescheduled the conference to October 1-3, 2020. That is the next available time the hotel could accommodate our group. Most of you have already made your room reservations and have sent your conference registration fee. The Wyndham Hotel has already agreed to move your room registration to the new dates. If you registered for the conference, we have your registration fee and it will apply to the new conference time. If you will be unable to attend October 1-3, 2020, your conference registration fee will be refunded when we receive a

Written request from you. It should be addressed to the Financial Secretary, Mrs. Loretta Dennis, 3925 River Bluffs Pl., Richmond, VA 23236. It is certainly my hope that each of you will be able to adjust your schedule to attend October 1-3, 2020. This is a busy time of year for our financial officers processing our June conference registration and having to process refunds will be additional work for them.

I personally want to thank the State of New Jersey , Minister Cynthia Tucker, President, for all the hard work and effort they have put in preparing to receive us next week. They are disappointed that we are not packing and are on our way to enjoy the grand and sisterly hospitality. Lord willing, New Jersey, we will be there in October!

The Pacific, Southeast, Intercontinental regions have already met. The Mid-SW region was cancelled due to illness. The Central Region is scheduled to meet in May and of course, our 80<sup>th</sup> Convention in June in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I am aware that this health issue could possibly extend itself into summer. Be assured we are monitoring the situation carefully and frequently and will always respond for the well-being and safety of the sisterhood. God has not given us the spirit of fear but a spirit of a sound mind, lots of love, and more power. So let us put

**Faith over Fear**  
**Wisdom over Worry**  
**Prayer over Panic**

I pray for your well-being and safety for you, your families, church families, communities, and the world. May God give you peace in these troubled times and may you be secure in knowing, GOD is in control. This is My Father's world!