

*Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Fellowship of  
Northern Virginia & Vicinity*



*April 2019 - April 2020*

*Mrs. Darlene B. Kelly, President*

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)*

I greet you my Beloved Sisters in Jesus' name. The Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Fellowship of Northern Virginia & Vicinity are delighted to share with you are activities.

Our Fellowship meets Monday after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia. It is our mission to encourage, support and promote each other and to invite others to join us, as we work and share the love of Christ in our communities.

**April 2019:**

On April 25-27, 2019 many of us attended the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the VAMWMW Convention and enjoyed great fellowship and had an opportunity to participate in well worth educational programs.

We were excited to witness our Queen Sister Hattie B. Blackmon who was escorted by her Husband and Pastor Reverend John Blackmon; she represented us in a grand way. Sister Blackmon was awarded the 2019 Minister's Wife of the Year Award and we all agreed she was so worthy.



**September 2019:**

On Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia I was installed as the 25<sup>th</sup> President of The Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Fellowship of Northern Virginia & Vicinity. Reverend Dr. James R. Kelly, my Pastor and Husband preached for my installation service and graced us with a powerful word from God. Dr. Margaret Payton, IAMWMW President was the Worship Leader and Dr. Gloria F. Jackson gave the charge to the new officers. Our family and friends were there to support us.

**President & Husband**



**New Officers**



**Members In Attendance**



**October 2019:**

The month of October was a busy month full of new opportunities and promises. On Monday, October 28, 2019 I presided my first meeting as President of MWMW Fellowship of NOVA & Vicinity. The ladies greeted me with such love and support. We agreed to work on reconnecting with inactive members, retain and recruit new members. We have also committed to embracing our widows and to increase our outreach activities our communities. Fellowship and Fundraising will occupy a large part of our time since we will have the honor to host the 70<sup>th</sup> VAMWMW Annual Convention. We sipped tea and read scripture with our family and friends. We celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> Stay at Home Tea and on Saturday, October 19, 2019 we experienced such an outpouring of generosity and were so thankful for everyone who helped us. We are grateful for our new members pictured below!



**November 2019:**

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. we gathered at Greater Mount Calvary Christian Church in Manassas, Virginia were Bishop Donald L. Smith is the Senior Pastor. "Producing Good Fruit in an Unfaithful World" was the theme of our first Prayer Breakfast. This fellowship was a great success and was facilitated by our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Meredith Smith. Many of our family, friends and other MWMW Fellowships joined us and we celebrate the love of God. We were blessed with hymns of praise, dance and 9 women spoke on the Fruits of the Spirit. My heart was full and grateful as I witnessed the NOVAMWMW work together in harmony.



**November 9, 2019:**

MWMW Fellowship of NOVA & Vicinity attended the Bouey-Gayton Day hosted by MWMW of Wayland Blue Ridge & Vicinity. This was a very unique celebration, I was a part of a talk show and the questions and answer allowed us to share about our organization. We enjoyed the fellowship with other locals and our Dr. Gloria F. Jackson, VAMWMW State President. We also collected items for an outreach ministry.



**November 2019 – February 2020 OUTREACH MINISTRIES:**

In November I travel with MWMW Blue Ridge & Vicinity to a Women's and Children's Shelter, we deliver to them what we collected during the Bouey Gayton Day and other donations we received. It was a very warm experience. We also partnered with a law firm to collect personal items for the homeless. We focused on Outreach Ministries. In December during our Christmas Luncheon we were blessed to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas with a wonderful young man.



In the month of February we took one of our lovely widows, Dr. Janice Winters out to Lunch and later took warm winter items to a nearby shelter.



**January 2020:**

I visited the Mansion for the first time and loved the charm of the home. We were received with a warm welcome and festive fellowship. My friend Madame President Shorts and I toured and had great conversation about the décor and quaintness of each room.



**February 2020:**

Mrs. Meredith. Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President led us into a successful and spiritual Black History Program on Monday, February 24, 2020 this was held at Second Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA. Our theme: "Generations; Praising and Declaring Thy Mighty Works" Psalm 145:4. We witnessed and enjoyed spiritual hymns directed and lead by Sister Arie Gray and her husband Reverend Charles Gray. As we listened and gained a wealth of knowledge from the individuals who portrayed famous African Americans who lived in the 1800's, 1900's and are alive in 2000's. Our Sisterhood from our fellowship sung and rendered a wonderful concert.

**March 2020:**

We continue to work on the 2020 VAMWMW Annual Convention and are looking forward to being your host and to celebrate our VAMWMW President, Dr. Gloria F. Jackson. We are learning how to continue our ministry and serve each other's during the Coronavirus (COVID-19). "Thinking Outside of the Box" has been rewarding.

**In His Love, Mrs. Darlene B. Kelly, President**