

International Association

of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated

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The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. Celebrates Founder's Weekend in Richmond, VA

Richmond, VA – The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. (IAMWMW), an interdenominational Christian organization, proudly announces the celebration of the life and legacy of our Founder, Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey, during Founder's Weekend in Richmond, Virginia. IAMWMW has chapters across the United States and internationally.

On June 27, 2024, in Houston, Texas, history was made. IAMWMW elected Elder Vernita Josey of Nassau, Bahamas, as our 10th International President. President Josey is the first person from outside the United States to serve as president of our 83-year-old organization. We will honor her with the unveiling of the 10th International President's Portrait this weekend.

We invite the community, ministers' wives and ministers' widows, ministers, elected officials, and the media to join us in celebrating and connecting with President Josey. The unveiling will take place at our International Headquarters, 609 South Davis Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23220, Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 PM

We also invite the community to "A Christmas Experience with The King" fellowship hosted at Fifth Baptist Church, 1401 West Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia. Additionally, we encourage participation in our service projects by contributing gift cards and monetary donations to Angel Tree for children of incarcerated mothers and the IAMWMW Disaster Relief Fund.

Founder's Weekend is an annual gathering of IAMWMW members, spouses, and families. It is a joyous time for fellowship and reflection on the legacy of our Founder and First President. This year, we come together to support the vision of our newly elected President, "Bridging the Gap: Embracing Change for Effective Service in Kingdom Building." During our Founder's Day Luncheon deserving sisters from various regions will be inducted into the IAMWMW Hall of Honor and receive the distinguished E.C. Bouey Award.

Hosting Founder's Weekend in Richmond holds special significance as it is the home of our Founder and our International Headquarters. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect and experience the city's warmth and hospitality.

About The International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. (IAMWMW)

Founded in 1941 by Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey in Richmond, Virginia, IAMWMW is an interdenominational Christian organization with members worldwide. The non-profit organization supports ministers' wives and ministers' widows, providing fellowship, empowerment, spiritual growth, and community service engagement.

Schedule of Events for Founder's Weekend

Friday, December 6, 2024 2:00 PM: Wreath Laying Ceremony River View Cemetery 1401 South Randolph Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220

3:00 PM: Open House and Unveiling of the 10th International President's Portrait Headquarters 609 South Davis Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220

7:00 PM: "A Christmas Experience with The King" Fifth Baptist Church 1401 West Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220

Saturday, December 7, 2024

11:30 AM: Founder's Day Luncheon For Tickets email request web.iamwmw@gmail.com

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