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**INTERNATIONAL MINISTER AND LAY ASSOCIATION  
VIRTUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION AND  
ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM**



**FEBRUARY 20, 2021  
12:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. EASTERN TIME**



**THEME: MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER:  
*DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION***

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**International Ministers and Lay Association  
Virtual Annual Meeting and Awards and Recognition Program**

<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>	
	Worship Leader	Rev. Mark A. Thomas
	Scripture	Rev. Charlean Batten Mapson
	Prayer	Dr. Mary Matthews
	Meditation	Rev. Dr. Margret Blackmon
	Roll Call of the Deceased	Rev. Dr. Myrtle Bowen Regional Vice-Presidents
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BUSINESS SESSION</b>	
	Treasurer's Report	Rev. Dr. David T. Miller
	Minutes Update	Ms. Marie Denise Niles
	Membership Report	Rev. Dr. Myrtle Bowen
	President's Address	Rev. Dr. Anthony Witherspoon
	Response to the President's Address	
	Laity	Dr. Mary Matthews
	Ministers	Rev. Alphonso Meadows
	IMLA GC Resolutions Update	Dr. Yvonne Tracey Rev. Erich Shumake
	Nominating Committee Report	Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
	Election of Officers Overview	
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM</b>	
	<b>MS. SARAH KINARD, TOASTMISTRESS</b>	
	Selection	Lift Every Voice and Sing
	Scripture	Dr. Vanessa Watt
	Prayer	Rev. Robin Houston Stitt
	Occasion	Mrs. Lula K. Howard

<b>THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</b>	<b>MS. SARAH KINARD</b>
<b>Paul Robeson Award</b>	Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Brown
<b>Samantha Wormley Lay Leadership Award</b>	Mr. Jasper McCormick
<b>Sojourner Truth Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	Mr. Willie Landrum
<b>Frederick Douglass Award</b>	Rev. Dr. Robert Kemp
<b>Bishop Small &amp; Lartey International Award</b>	Rev. Ordette Wells-Simms Mrs. Dorothy McFarlane
<b>Alfred G. Duston Salute to Service Military Award</b>	Rev. Dr. W. Robert Johnson PFC Prentice Little
<b>Young, Gifted &amp; Black Award</b>	Dr. Xellex Rivera Rev. L. Samuel Brown
<b>Harriet Tubman Award</b>	Sis. H. Selena Nelson
<b>President's Award</b>	Dr. Shirley Welch
<b>REMARKS</b>	Rev. Dr. Anthony Witherspoon
<b>SPECIAL REMARKS AND CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Rev. Dr. Kevin McGill
<b>THE CANDIDATES SPEAK</b>	Connectional Lay Council, General Officers and the Episcopacy