Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the 4:00 p.m. hour Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Supervisor Connie S. Richardson; Presiding Elder Louis-Charles Harvey, Potomac District; Presiding Elder and Mrs. Goodwin Douglas, Capitol District; Second Episcopal District President of the WMS, Mrs. Katherine Fisher; Ms. D. Faye Conley, Washington Conference President WMS; Mrs. Robin Porter Smith, SED Director of Christian Education; Local Area Chairpersons, Missionaries, Laypeople, friends and relatives joined with Pastor Rodger Hall Reed, Sr., in a Kick-Off Service for Mrs. Shirley Cason-Reed, Licensed Missionary, the District’s Candidate for President of the Connectional Women’s Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Throughout history, God has called many women to lead His people. He called Miriam to help Moses lead the children of Israel, Esther to save her people for such a time as this, and Mary Magdalene to spread the Gospel. He called forth strong sisters like Flora Allen, Shirley Chisolm, Angela Davis, and Bishop Vashti McKenzie. God continues to call women to lead His people, and to be an apex of change within the lives of the disenfranchised and marginalized.
He has called Shirley Cason-Reed to the work of missions; He has placed in her heart a desire to uplift His people. God has called Shirley Cason-Reed to lead the Women’s Missionary Society to higher heights and to do a mighty work in His name. Her record precedes her and shows that she is a woman doing what Christ has commissioned us to do. She is not afraid to get into the trenches to serve God’s people. God has called Shirley Cason-Reed for such a time as this, and that is why we have gathered here today. To kick off the campaign of God’s woman, and to pray that God’s will be done in her campaign, her life, and the life of our church. We gather together and celebrate in advance the work about to be set forth!

Following the above call, Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. and Supervisor Connie Speights Richardson led the leadership of the Conference and District leaders of the WMS in tribute to the candidate and calls of action on behalf of the Second Episcopal District for her election. These words of challenge and encouragement were followed by supporting statements from Presiding Elder Louis-Charles Harvey, PhD; Presiding Elder and Mrs. Goodwin Douglas; District President of the WMS, Mrs. Katherine Fisher; Washington Conference President Ms. D. Faye Conley; Area Chairperson Leila Kendrick; Mrs. Annette C. Jones, Mrs. Betty Adams, Mrs. Doris Porter and Reverend Rodger Hall Reed, Sr. Following a solo by Reverend Michael Long, St. Paul, Washington, DC, letters of support and endorsement were read from Dr. Delores Kennedy Williams, Past-Connectional President of the WMS and Dr. Dorothy Adams Peck, Past-Connectional President, WMS. Sister Shirley Cason-Reed served under these women of faith as PME Director and Secretary of the Connectional WMS.

Mr. Granville William Reed, IV., Campaign Chairperson, introduced the candidate. Following a solo by Ms. Angela Patterson, candidate Shirley Cason-Reed delivered an impassioned call to service for the global vision of faithful missionaries.

Prayer for the Candidate and Family was given by the Reverend Althea Hayward followed by prayer for the Campaign Workers by the Reverend Doctor E. Gail Anderson Holness. The closing prayer was delivered by The Reverend Kelechi Sumes. Campaign contributions were made by all in attendance. A beautiful reception followed in the Campbell AMEC dinning hall.

Campaign Leaders: Ms. Stephanie P. Flamer, Campaign Treasurer, Mr. Granville William Reed, IV., Campaign Chairperson, Candidate Shirley Cason-Reed, Ms. Donna Lacy, Chairperson of Campaign Volunteers.
**THE REED TEAM:** Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Episcopal Supervisor, Candidate Shirley Cason-Reed, Pastor Rodger Hall Reed, Sr., Presiding Elder Louis-Charles Harvey, PhD, Potomac District, Washington Annual Conference, Mrs. Cynthia Douglas, Reverend Doctor E. Gail Anderson Holness, Ms. Leila Kendrick, Area Chairperson, Mrs. Doris Porter, Mrs. Wanda Wilson  Second Row: Ms. D. Faye Conley, President Washington Conference Missionary Society, Mrs. , Reverend Althea Hayward, Mrs. Katherine Fisher, Second Episcopal District President, Women’s Missionary Society, Mrs. Gail Radcliff, Area Chairperson, Mrs. Ovita Watkins, Presiding Elder Goodwin Douglas, Capitol District, Washington Annual Conference.

Left to right: **Life Members of the WMS:** Shirley Cason-Reed, Candidate; Ms. D. Faye Conley, Washington Conference President; Ms Annette C. Jones, Ms. Jettie Williams, Mrs. Doris Porter, Mrs. Linda Robinson, former Treasurer, Connectional WMS; Mrs. Katherine Fisher, President Second Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society.
Leaders of the “First for Christ, Second to none” Second Episcopal District, Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., and Supervisor Connie Speightstes Richardson relax during festivities; second row Mrs. Wanda Wilson, Baltimore Conference and Mrs. Iris Mapp.

Mr. Banoit Brookins and Patricia Bradley of Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, DC greets Candidate Shirley Cason Reed, Campaign Chairperson, Granville William Reed, IV., And Treasurer of the Campaign Ms. Stephanie P. Flamer.
Left to Right: Mrs. Renee Martin-Reed, Mrs. Gwendolyn Moore, Mrs. Stephanie P. Flamer, Mrs. Deborah Williams-Davidson, Ms. Donna Lacey, Ms. Shermain Bowden, Candidate Shirley Cason-Reed, Ms. Greta Kendrick, Mrs. Robin Porter-Smith, Ms. Leila Kendrick, Ms. Angelia Paterson.

Local Members of the Reed Team- Front Row: Mrs. Deborah Williams-Davidson, Mr. Andrew Williams, Mrs. Lydia L. Johns and Shirley Cason Reed, Candidate. Back Row: Ms. Stephanie P. Flamer, Ms. Gwendolyn Moore, Mrs. Naomi Williams.
Mrs. Doris Potter, The Reverend Doctor Gail Anderson Holines chat with Candidate Shirley Cason Reed.

Candidate Shirley Cason-Reed and Ms. Selerya O. Moore, Second Vice President of the Second District, WMS; greet supporters from Historic Mount Moriah AME Church who traveled from Annapolis, Maryland, Viola Huddleston, Catherine Hopkins, Josephine Franklin and Emma Lucy.