***Reaching the Masses: The Journey Continues!***

***Emphasis: Self-Care & Wellness***

***THE OFFERING APPEAL***

***Please make a recommitment offering in support of the Annie E. Walker Blackwell Observance. The funds will benefit Home and Overseas Missionary Projects.***

***“Every man shall give as he is able according to the blessings of the Lord.”***

**Remit Offerings to:**

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***With Self-Care & Wellness!***

***Annie E. Walker Blackwell***

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**A Visionary Missionary**

**December 2023**

***(Suggestion: Use at a Local Church Missionary* *Meeting***

***or District Mass Meeting.)***

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***Self-Care & WELLNESS MEDITATION***

**Opening Hymn: how great thou Art! (Yolanda ADAMS)** [**Yolanda Adams - How Great Thou Art**](https://youtu.be/P1UwQ1dzaC8)

**Invocation**

**Scripture: psalm 139:14**

**The Litany**

**Leader:** Whenever You sense fear and doubt rising in your soul

**People**: Go into your secret closet and pray.

**Leader:** if possible, take a walk and inhale the glorious beauty of God’s Creation around you!

**ALL: We Serve A Great God!**

**Meditation *(Short Message on Self-Care & Wellness):* Designated Missionary**

**Selection: god is great! (Ricky Dillard)**

[Ricky Dillard & New G - God Is Great](https://youtu.be/6V9I6QZVJ0s?si=MJuiKhEpzk5brqsp)

**THE ANNIE E. WALKER BLACKWELL OFFEERING**

**The Closing hymn…………………….“Lift Him Up”**

**THE MISSIONARY BENEDICTION: God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace.**

**Amen.**



***ANNIE E. WALKER BLACKWELL***

**Remember The Leader**

**August 21, 1862 - December 7, 1922**

Corresponding Secretary of

Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society, 1904-1922

Annie E. Walker Blackwell was born on August 21, 1862 in Chester South Carolina. She was educated in Scotia Seminary in Concord, North Carolina. On December 7, 1887, Annie married Rev. George Lincoln Blackwell, who later became a Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, elected in 1908. During that period, Bishops did not appoint “Supervisors,” thus, she assumed the role as a “Vice President.” It was Mrs. Blackwell’s recommendation that laid the groundwork for the change in title from Vice-President to Supervisor.

At the General Conference of 1904, Mrs. Annie E. W. Blackwell was elected Corresponding Secretary of the W.H. &F.M. Society, a position she held for 18 years. Annie E. W. Blackwell was a visionary. She envisioned the economic potential of the society’s life membership program provided for in the constitution. As the result of her perseverance, the first persons were enrolled as life members at the Missionary Convention in 1906.

Annie Blackwell saw the need for additional training in Africa for young people. She envisioned a girl’s school that might equip them for greater service.

Annie E. W. Blackwell died on her thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, December 7, 1922, and was buried in Eden Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Her motto was **“Keep everlastingly at it”.**