

# TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION



# LAY

**WITNESS SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024**  
**4:00PM**

**Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Presiding Prelate/Lay Commission Chair**  
**Rev. Carolyn Brailsford, Episcopal Supervisor**  
**Dr. Rodrick Moore, Episcopal District Lay President**  
**Mrs. Thelma Kennedy-Malveaux, Third Vice President**  
**Mrs. Kathy Dravton, Director of Lay Activities**



# *Jacquelyn Dupont Walker*

## **Consultant, Social Action Commission**

### **African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Jacquelyn Dupont Walker** is the youngest of 5 children born to Rev. King Solomon Dupont and Eleanor Jiles Dupont in Tallahassee, Florida. Early in life she was impacted by the models an entrepreneurial and visionary father (an AME Itinerant Elder, civil rights leader and logging truck company owner) and a maternal grandfather (a local AME church lay leader, shoemaker and farmer) who taught her self-determination and self-reliance. Her mother (missionary, public school teacher) and maternal grandmother (stewardess, seamstress and homemaker) modeled educational excellence, nurturing a family, and volunteering in under-supported causes. All instilled in “Jackie” the importance of knowledge, skills, and human values needed in the context of a strong faith and a commitment to community service.

A pioneering Black graduate of Florida State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree “Jackie” holds the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Atlanta University and has done post-graduate studies (credentialing) as a developer at USC (U.S.C. Commercial Dev. program), and as substance abuse advisor (Washington University in Maryland). Jacquelyn is a licensed clinician (LCSW) in California and holds national certification (ACSW). She was awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship by the Southern Fellowship Foundation and the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Payne Seminary in 2022.

Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker is founding president of the Ward Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) in Los Angeles which has built/remodeled/managed low-income housing in the city (120 apartments for seniors at Ward Villas, 91 units of family and singles housing at Tuelyn Terrace, 6 scattered sites and 60 senior apartments at Rosa Parks Villas which is Phase I of Crenshaw Gateway. Currently, WEDC has two projects in development – Casa De Rosas, a campus for 37 formerly homeless single-parent veterans and King Solomon Village, a long-term interim shelter which will convert to permanent housing. In pre-development is Rosa Parks II, a multi-family mixed income community. Under her leadership, WEDC has initiated an intergenerational asset mapping project, engaged in community empowerment, activated a census count initiative for two de-centennial efforts, led in community education re the Affordable Care Act, and been involved in the construction of Chesterfield Square, the first retail mall in South LA in over a decade creating approximately 600 jobs. Civic engagement that leads to community empowerment is a key focus.

Jackie has served in many trailblazing roles in addition to desegregating FI State Univ. and with REBUILD LA in 1992. She pioneered in defining banking needs in the community as a member of the Bank of America’s Social Policy Board and the District 11 Federal Home Loan Social Policy Board and Bank of America’s first Advisory Board for community input and appointment in 1990 by Mayor Tom Bradley to the inaugural commission of the LA City Housing Preservation and Production Dept (aka LAHD) `1990.

Civic and Volunteer involvements: Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed her to serve on the LA County METRO board in 2013 and she continues to serve under Mayor Karen R. Bass and is the only non-elected official member. Gov Jerry Brown and Gov Gavin Newsome appointed her to Baldwin Hills Conservancy where she continues to serve. Other prior public service: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Jacquelyn has been appointed as Faith Sector for the LA County Economic Resiliency Task Force. She was: *Appointed to California Housing Partnership Corporation Board by Speaker Herb Wesson and re-appointed by Speaker Fabian Nunez, appointed to LA City Council Re-Districting Commission (1999), Elected to Charter Commission for the City of Los Angeles (2000), Appointed to Housing Authority of city of Los Angeles, Service on LISC National Board of Directors, Vision LA Board, UNCF - LA Advisory Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> District R.E.D. Inc Board and A.M.E V-Alert Coordinating Team. Again in 2011, she was appointed to the LA City Council Re-Districting Commission at a critical time for the African American community. “Jackie” has participated in Lafayette Square Association activities since 1977 and served as president from 2005 – 2014. Known for tireless energy, firm allegiance, and integrity in the trenches, “Jackie” is proud of her involvement in both Rebuild LA and Charter Reform for the city of Los Angeles which sought to improve the quality of life for all Los Angelenos*

When Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker is passionate, there are no barriers insurmountable nor horizons unconquerable; her reach is broad & diverse. She thrives by creating viable communities, thus “Jackie’s involvement is sought nationally in community economic development and social justice. She selflessly devotes skills and resources, utilizing networking as a strategy for creating strong diversified linkages from a faith-centered perspective, engaging in policy formation, facilitating economic and social empowerment, mentoring new leadership, advocating for cutting edge solutions, and encouraging institutional change that enhances the quality of life for all people.

She was married to Buford “Sonny” Walker for 43 years and in their *blended family*, they raised and nurtured 8 adult children, 24 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**Tenth District Lay Organization  
Lay Witness Sunday  
“A Call to Action – A Commitment to Serve”  
October 13, 2024**

**Praise and Worship**

**Opening (Worship Leader)**

**Bro. Cameron McGriff, Social Action Chair  
Tenth District Lay Organization**

**Doxology**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Invocation**

**Sis. Claudia Dunemann, Chaplain  
Tenth District Lay Organization**

**Scripture**

**Sis. Sabrina Smith Terrebonne  
Southwest Texas Conference**

**Welcome/Occasion**

**Sis. Beverley Nutall, First Vice President  
Tenth District Lay Organization**

**Greetings**

**Bro. Matikane A. Makiti, President  
Connectional Lay Organization**

**Tenth District Lay Organization Ministry Highlights**

**Worship of Giving**

**Bro. Roosevelt Ellis, Treasurer  
Tenth District Lay Organization**

**Praise Dance**

**Introduction of Speaker**

**Bro. Carl Davis  
Texas Conference Lay Organization**

**Worship in Song**

**Lay Witness Message**

**Sis. Jacqueline Dupont Walker, Consultant  
Social Action Commission  
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Rev. Tyronda Burgess, General Secretary/CIO  
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Call To Action**

**Bro. Cameron McGriff, Social Action Chair  
Tenth District Lay Organization**

**Closing Remarks**

**Sis. Thelma Kennedy-Malveaux, Third Vice President  
Tenth District Lay Organization**

**Dr. Rodrick Moore, President  
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**Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Presiding Prelate  
Tenth Episcopal District  
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**Lay Benediction**