

WMS LIFE MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

The local WMS has the responsibility of ensuring that the missionary is compliant before submitting a letter of recommendation for Life Membership. If there are questions upon completing the following, the local President should contact the Conference Branch President.

Dates are required for any office or service rendered.

(Local Presidents should complete with the Missionary prior to submitting a Letter of Recommendation for Life Membership)

NAME OF MISSIONARY: _____

LOCAL CHURCH: _____

DATE JOINED CURRENT SOCIETY: _____

(if you served at another church, please include)

PREVIOUS LOCAL CHURCH: _____

PREVIOUS LOCAL SOCIETY: _____

DATE JOINED PREVIOUS SOCIETY: _____

____ (NOTE: if fewer than 25 years, the missionary is not eligible for Life Membership in the WMS.)

____ 1. Active in the _____ Local Society WMS;

____ 2. Active in the _____ Area WMS;

____ 3. Active in the _____ Conference WMS AND

____ 4. Active in the _____ Episcopal District WMS.

If ALL of the above are not met, the person is not eligible for Life Membership.

OTHERWISE, THE MISSIONARY SHOULD COMPLETE **THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FORM.**

Article VIII- Life Memberships

(2016-2020 WMS Constitution & Bylaws)

Section 1. Life Member. After twenty-five (25) years of continuous meritorious service in the Women's Missionary Society, a member is eligible to apply for Life Membership.

An applicant for Life Membership

- a. Be actively serving in the Local, Area (if applicable) Conference and Episcopal organizations at the time of submitting the application;
- b. Exemplify continuous meritorious service;
- c. Be recommended by the Local Women's Missionary Society; and
- d. Remain active at levels of service as long as life and health permits.

Section 2. Continuous Meritorious Service.

- a. Meritorious service may be defined as continuous significant contributions through demonstrated leadership at the Local, Conference, Episcopal, and/or Connectional levels.
- b. Continuous meritorious service may include, yet not be limited to:
 - 1 Demonstrated continuous service at the Local level;
 - 2 Distinguished services as an officer (elected or appointed) at one or more levels (Conference, Episcopal, or Connectional);
 - 3 Recruited and encouraged new members; developed or initiated programs to promote missionary education; and
 - 4 Directed or chaired significant missionary programs at one or more levels of the Women's Missionary Society, etc.

Supporting Documentation for WMS Life Membership

NAME: _____ **YEAR JOINED WMS:** _____

CHURCH: _____ **CONFERENCE:** _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>DATES</u>

NAME OF MISSIONARY: _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME OF LOCAL PRESIDENT: _____ **DATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____

OFFICES HELD/OTHER WMS PARTICIPATION (dates are required)

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>OFFICE/PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
AREA			
AREA			
CONFERENCE			
CONFERENCE			
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT			
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT			
CONNECTIONAL			
CONNECTIONAL			

NAME: _____

WMS MERITORIOUS SERVICE (dates are required)

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DATES</u>
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
LOCAL			
AREA			
AREA			
CONFERENCE			
CONFERENCE			
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT			
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT			
CONNECTIONAL			
CONNECTIONAL			