AFRICA METHODIST COUNCIL

WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

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POSITION	NAME
President	Mrs. Jacquie Mujinga Kainda
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Regional Coordinator — Central Africa	Mrs. Liliane Kayembe Coalice
Regional Coordinator — Anglophone West Africa	Asiwaju Esther Abimbola Taiwo
Regional Coordinator — Francophone West Africa	To be confirmed
Regional Coordinator — East Africa	To be confirmed

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILES



MRS. JACQUIE MUJINGA KAINDA

President — Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement

United Methodist Church- South Congo Episcopal Area-Democratic Republic of Congo

MRS. JACQUIE MUJINGA KAINDA was born in Kafakumba, Democratic Republic of Congo. She is a widow and a mother of nine children. Education and Qualifications, Certificate in Evangelism, Graduate qualification in Development, Bachelor's degree in theology

Church and Leadership Service: Exhorter: 1993–1996, Evangelist: 1996–2002, Deputy Director of the Women, Adult and Education Centre: 2002–2008, Women's Division Coordinator: 2008–2016, President of the DRC Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women: 2016–2026

Conference Participation and Leadership, from 1993 to 2024, Mrs. Mujinga served as a delegate to the Annual Conference, Central Conference, and General Conference. She also served as a team leader for the General Conference delegation and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Recognition and Honour, Mrs. Mujinga was honoured with a Medal of Merit and the distinction of Honorable Dignitaire d'État by the Chancellery of National Orders.



DR. NONTOBEKO SOCIKWA-MATYESHA

Vice President — Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement

Methodist Church of Southern Africa

DR. NONTOBEKO SOCIKWA-MATYESHA was born on 3 January 1974 in Mount Frere, in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. She is married to Monde Matyesha and is the mother of two daughters, Vuyolwethu and Siyamanga. A medical doctor by profession and a public servant, she has worked in Gauteng Provincial Tertiary Services in Johannesburg for 24 years and serves as a Clinical Manager in a tertiary hospital. Her Christian formation is rooted in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. Involvement in church life from an early age and service across different church structures have strengthened her faith and helped her develop an understanding of church processes and Christian discipleship. She values self-discipline, loyalty, humility, compassion and respect. Dr. Matyesha has been a committed member of the Women's Manyano since 2007 and is passionate about service and Christian education as tools for growth and development. She continues to serve as General Secretary of the MCSA Connexional Women's Manyano and has been inducted as Vice President of the Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement. Her guiding scripture is Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Her motto is: "God is always Good and Faithful!"



DR. (MRS.) BRIDGET OBUTEAKU OBIOMA IROABUEKE

Secretary — Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement

Methodist Church Nigeria

DR. (MRS.) BRIDGET OBUTEAKU OBIOMA IROABUEKE is a Christian leader in Nigeria, she was born on the 10th May 1968, She is married to The Very Revd. Dr. Obioma Iroabueke and their marriage is blessed with three wonderful sons; Obioma, Victor and Okwuchukwu. She is an accredited Lay Preacher of the Methodist Church Nigeria, a mentor, relationship and marriage counsellor, life coach, author and teacher of the Word. Her ministry and leadership interests include church planting, discipleship, evangelism, training, prayer, women's and youth empowerment, advocacy, capacity building and the development of Christian leaders. She serves as National General Secretary of the Methodist Church Nigeria National Women's Fellowship and as President of the Women's Fellowship at Chapel of His Grace, Rumuibekwe. She is also the Co-founder and President of Singles' and Couples' Whispers International, through which she supports individuals and couples. Alongside her church and community service, she works in the oil and gas sector and serves as Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of a marine company in Nigeria. She holds a Ph.D. in Management, specialising in Business Policy. Her varied experience brings together faith, professional leadership, counselling, mentoring and a commitment to strengthening women, families and communities.



REV. DR. PHYLLIS BERNICE KWARTENG DONKOR

Treasurer — Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement

Methodist Church Ghana

REV. DR. PHYLLIS BERNICE KWARTENG DONKOR is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church Ghana, as well as an educator, researcher, author and Christian leader. She serves as Minister in charge of the Freeman Society in the Taifa Circuit of the Northern Accra Diocese, where her responsibilities include pastoral leadership, preaching, teaching, counselling and spiritual guidance. Her ministry experience includes pastoral and ministerial service in Ghana and the United States.

She is also a lecturer in the Teacher Education Department at the University of Ghana, where she provides counselling and guidance to students, mentors them, and helps secure financial support for those in need. Her interdisciplinary research interests include project-based pedagogies and the development of essential 21st-century skills among learners, female participation in STEM education, climate-smart agriculture, and the promotion of indigenous and neglected foods.

Rev. Dr. Donkor is committed to Christian discipleship and leadership development, with particular interests in marriage and family life and in empowering women and young people through faith, education and service. Her experience in ministry, teaching, research and student mentorship strengthens her contribution to the stewardship and work of the Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement.



MS. SUSAN WYNGAARD

Regional Coordinator — Southern Africa

Methodist Church of Southern Africa

MS. SUSAN WYNGAARD is an educator, leader in women's ministry and community servant who has dedicated 31 years of her life to education. She serves as Head of the English Department and is a member of the School Management Team. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to the education and development of young people. Striving to help every learner reach their full potential.

Beyond education, she is passionate about community upliftment. She is a founding member of MpowHer, a m women's group that supports the vulnerable and empowering women. She is also a member of the Women's Association of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, where she has served in leadership positions at Society, District and Connexion levels. Her leadership journey in the Women's Association includes serving as General Secretary and subsequently as General President.

In 2022, she became an Executive Member of the Interim Africa Methodist Council Women's Movement. She attended the 1st AMC General Conference in Benin and the 2nd General Meeting Conference in Nigeria. At the first AMCWM Assembly held in Ghana, she was elected as Southern Africa co-ordinator. Her work across education, church leadership and community service is grounded in faith, perseverance and a desire to make a practical difference.



Mrs. LILIANE KAYEMBE COALICE

Regional Coordinator — Central Africa

United Methodist Church South Congo Episcopal-Democratic Republic of Congo

MRS. LILIANE KAYEMBE COALICE is a committed member of The United Methodist Church in Lubumbashi, in the South Congo Conference, Haut-Katanga, Democratic Republic of Congo. She is married to Mr. Mwamba Kongolo Coalice, who is also actively involved in the life of the church. Her journey of service has been shaped by a deep commitment to God and to women's ministry through the Mamans Kipendano movement. She began at parish level, serving as Parish President from 2008 to 2011. She then served as President of the Galilee District from 2011 to 2019, before taking on conference-level leadership in the South Congo Conference from 2019 to 2026. Since August 2026, she has served as Coordinator of Women's Ministries for the South Congo Conference, following her appointment by Bishop Marie Jeanne Mujinga Kashala. In addition to her leadership in women's ministry, Maman Liliane has served through music and worship in several choirs. She is also a songwriter and composer, known for the song "Kipendano Lako la Pili." Her service in the church has included other areas of ministry, such as JPC and decoration. As a mother and servant of God, she values passing on a spirit of faith and service within her family. She sees her journey as a call to remain a faithful servant and to continue serving God and the church with dedication.



ASIWAJU ESTHER ABIMBOLA TAIWO

Regional Coordinator — Anglophone West Africa

Methodist Church Nigeria

ASIWAJU ESTHER ABIMBOLA TAIWO is a Nigerian Christian leader, women's advocate, seminar presenter, gender and safeguarding professional, entrepreneur and philanthropist. She serves as Director of the Women Directorate of the Christian Council of Nigeria and as Secretary of the Methodist Church Nigeria Bishops' Wives Association. She also works as a Project Officer on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence projects with Lux Terra Foundation in collaboration with the Methodist Church Nigeria. Her work includes training, advocacy, safeguarding, leadership development and programmes that support women and girls. Among these is the Girl Child Scholarship Scheme, which helps promote educational opportunity for girls. She is the founder of the Esther Taiwo Foundation and the Chief Executive Officer of Esther Glamour Enterprises. She holds a Master's degree in Management and Finance and brings together church service, community advocacy, entrepreneurship and philanthropy in her commitment to women's empowerment and the wellbeing of vulnerable people.