



April 16, 2021 NAWJ Board Meeting
Report from District 4
Honorable Anita Josey-Herring

District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia

1. District 4 is working with the D.C. Department of Corrections to finalize a Women in Prisons Program event that will provide incarcerated women at the D.C. Jail with an opportunity to write poems to their children. These poems will also be shared by these mothers with NAWJ members of District 4 in a virtual format. District 4 members believe that this event will help increase communication between women and their children which is often strained due to the parent's incarceration.
2. Toni Clarke and Anita Josey-Herring are working with President Donohue and others to plan NAWJ's Annual Legislative Caucus. Those plans are underway.
3. District 4 has had a number of new members join our ranks and has sent welcome letters to those new members. District 4 will also be seeking volunteers for Officer positions for the next term.
4. In October 2020, District 4, IAWJ, and co-sponsors screened the film "The Judge." The audience was comprised of Judges from the United States and a host of other countries. Additionally, earlier this year District 4 invited all members of NAWJ to participate in the "21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge." Finally, in February 2021, District 4 had a virtual networking event to check-in on its members and to discuss how COVID impacted their Courts or them personally.
5. Moreover, District 4's Women Moving Forward Conference at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women has been rescheduled for September 23, 2021, providing the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.