



Highlights of December 6-7, 2004 Meeting GENERAL BOARD and COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

I. State of the Church Address by Bishop Philip R. Cousin, Sr., Senior Bishop

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II. Critique of Council of Bishops Public Statement

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Chair of Public Statement Committee

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III. Summary of Actions and Events

- Investiture of President of the Council of Bishops—Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Presiding Bishop of the Thirteenth Episcopal District and the first woman elected Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (July 2000), was invested as the President of the Council of Bishops at a gala affair held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. The keynote speaker was Ms. Gwendolyn Boyd, Executive Assistant to Chief of Staff, John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland.
- The name of the Department of Employee Security was changed to **The Department of Annuity Investments and Insurance** to better reflect the relationship between the AMEC and annuitants/participants.
- Rev. Miriam Burnett, M.D., was elected Medical Director of the AMEC.
- Rev. Dr. John Q. Owens was reelected Director of Social Action.
- Mrs. Jackie DuPont Walker was elected Consultant for Social Action.
- The Connectional Lay Organization has embarked on a two-year self-study. Dr. Paulette Coleman, Retired General Officer, will lead the study.
- The first Global Development Conference for this quadrennial will be held in Harare, Zimbabwe, Central Africa, February 17-19, 2005, Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah, Host Bishop.
- AME's have contributed in excess of \$100,000 to Districts 16, 11 and 9 for hurricane disaster relief. Thank you for your support. Estimated costs are expected to exceed \$250,000 in the 16th District alone.
- An Orientation of General Board Members will be held in Dallas, Texas, June 26, 2005, from 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Next General Board and Council of Bishops Meeting to be held June 21-29, 2005, Wyndam Anatole, Dallas, TX, Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Host.