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COUNCIL OF BISHOPS PUBLIC STATEMENT

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The Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Council agreed that effective January 3, 2011, the presiding bishop of the 15th Episcopal District is Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr., and the presiding bishop of the 18th Episcopal District is Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah.

Sometimes in the life of the Church, we are required to make difficult decisions for the good of the Church. The bishops of this Church must be committed to the AME Polity and structure of the law while being pastoral in the life of every member of the A.M.E. Church.

Both Bishop Messiah and Bishop McCloud, by mutual agreement, and consistent with the godly judgment of the Council of Bishops, seek unity and peace in the body of Christ.

The Council of Bishops extends their good thoughts and prayers to Bishops Messiah and McCloud and their families at this time of transition as they assume their “new” work so close to the end of the quadrennial.

We also extend prayers for the members of the 15th and 18th Episcopal Districts as they make adjustments in leadership to do effective ministry in unity within the body of Christ.

It is also our prayer that we can all now devote our attention to the “Call” that God has placed upon us.

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