

# Resolution

Date: December 6, 2016

Subject Matter: A Call for Prayer Across the Connectional A.M.E. Church

Whereas; We acknowledge concern for three major issues that have global impact concerning African Americans and people of color worldwide, those being the results of the 2016 Presidential Election, , the increasing occurrence of Black on Black killings in our African communities, and the killings of African Americans by law enforcement officers; and

Whereas; On November 8, 2016, we were dazed, alarmed and deeply disturbed by the results of the Presidential Election that awarded 306 electoral votes to an unqualified, dangerous candidate, one who has been accused of misogyny, racism, unscrupulous business dealings, a demagogue who displays a lust for power, one who aligns with white supremacists while supporting a racist agenda; and

Whereas; People of color globally have reason to feel threatened by a Trump-inspired environment of hostility toward others, this being affirmed by the recent transition team nominations of Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions as Attorney General, Kansas Representative Mike Pompeo as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Retired Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn as National Security Adviser. We observe that Senator Sessions has referred to the NAACP as “un-American”. He has chosen the Alt-Right racist, Steve Bannon as his Chief Strategist. Collectively, these individuals are without cultural sensitivities, having histories of unrelenting, hard-line conservatism, racial controversy and incendiary rhetoric. This trajectory (course) of government can lead to the loss of decades of progress toward equality that was fought for and achieved by our forefathers; and

Whereas; Our souls are demoralized by the number of killings that result from black on black murder. As identified in the 2013 FBI Uniform Crime Report, ninety percent of black victims are killed by black offenders. We also note the alarming rate of killings of African Americans by law enforcement officers and the rise of “self-defense” killings of black men by white men. We are convinced that ethnic disenfranchisement will accelerate under the Trump administration and lead to increased crime and potential military zones in black communities; and

Whereas; We are mindful that the Electoral College meets December 19, 2016 to confirm and ratify the results of the election; now therefore be it

Resolved; That the African Methodist Episcopal Church on behalf of all of its members, band together with other faith alliances to implement a day of prayer; be it further

Resolved; That the Day of Prayer is identified as Sunday, December 18, 2016, one day before the meeting of the Electoral College; be it further

Resolved; That the African Methodist Episcopal Church will follow the example of intercessory prayer given by the Word of God in 2 Chronicles 7:14-15; God's promise to heal the land when we come to him in humility and repentance. If we humble ourselves in prayer, we can expect God to do what only He can do; lastly be it further

Resolved; That the Commission of Social Action accepts the charge to develop the plan and details needed to implement this resolution.

Mover: Rev. Larry J. Bell, Member of the General Board, AMEC, 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District

Seconders: (Please add names of other supporters)