



*The Rt. Rev.  
McKinley  
Young, Bishop*

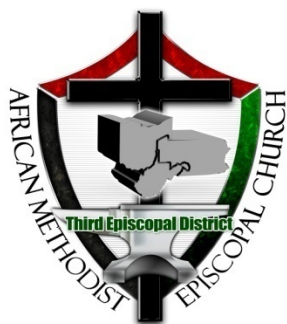
*Dr. Dorothy  
Jackson Young  
W.M.S.  
Supervisor  
  
Ohio  
Western  
Pennsylvania  
West Virginia*

# *Third Episcopal District*

## *Quadrennium Report*

*July 2012 ~ July 2016*

*50<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
General Conference  
African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Philadelphia, PA*



*Bishop McKinley Young*  
*Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young*  
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*The Reverend Dr. Earl G. Harris*

*The Reverend Dr. Melonie A. Valentine*



*Greetings to:*

*Bishop John R. Bryant, Senior Bishop*

*Bishop Richard F. Norris, President General Board*

*Bishop John White, President Bishops' Council*

*Bishops, General Officers, Connectional Officers and Members of the  
50<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session of the General Conference*

*On behalf of the loyal and dedicated Presiding Elders, Pastors, Ministers, Lay Leaders and Young  
People, we present our report for the Quadrennium, 2012-2016 .*

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*The Third District embraces “wild wonderful” West Virginia, western Pennsylvania where memories  
last a lifetime” and Ohio whose state motto is “With God All Things Are Possible”.*

*Upon our arrival at the District office, located at 288 S. Hamilton Road, Columbus Ohio, we began  
by reorganizing the staff and stabilizing churches facing grave financial challenges. We evaluated  
the needs of the membership and embarked upon a mission of “fulfilling the great commission” from  
the hills of Charleston, West Virginia to the banks of the Ohio river.*

*Thoughtful Leaders of the District assessed the needs of the Episcopal family,  
resulting in the sale of the previous residence and the purchase of a tastefully furnished three  
bedroom, three bath condominium. The new residence was dedicated at Planning Meeting  
2015.*

***“If you can dream in color the possibilities for spiritual and professional growth has no boundaries. There is a light, a flame of greatness, in all of us. The Third Episcopal District is a spiritual district where that flame grows bigger and brighter due to the wind that fans from the Holy Spirit to bring your dreams in ministry to life.” The Rev. Louise V. Jackson, Pastor-Greater Mitchell Chapel, Mansfield, OH***

*Throughout this Quadrennium, we have traveled the District and are grateful to God to serve such a great people who in the face of great challenges continue to support the work, ministries and educational endeavors of the Terrific Third. With the assistance of the Presiding Elders, we were blessed to travel to all 165 churches in the District. We met and prayed with the Pastors and officers of each congregation.*

*We led the District in the 2012 in the get out to vote effort in Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Through our Health Commission, we led the District in healthy living, support of annual Multiple Myeloma seminars and supported the Affordable Health Care Act.*

*We have continued our ecumenical involvement as the Presiding Bishop, Presiding Elders, Pastors and Lay leaders participated in the World Methodist Council, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia Council of Churches, and Absalom Jones / Richard Allen celebration with the Episcopal Church. We were present and active with the Southwest Christian Associates and the Martin R. Delany Bicentennial Juneteenth Festival in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

*Supervisor Young has provided leadership on the subject of gun violence through a petition circulated throughout the District on our arrival and her leadership at the Connectional level with the WMS, AME Social Action and the Supervisors' Council lifting up the theme **“Building Safe Communities.”** “Wear Orange” to stop gun violence and protecting our children was widely supported by members of the district, another effort led by Supervisor Young. Our presence has been felt at all Connectional meetings, seminars and programs.*







*Members of the History and Heritage Project – Bishop & Dr. Young, Ms. Ametta L. Reaves, picture of Bishop and Mrs. Daniel Payne, Dr. Michael Brown, Mrs. Adrienne A. Morris, Rev. Lucinda V. Burgess, Chairperson*

*Our Third District History and Heritage Project seeks to tell the story of the movement of the AME Church from Philadelphia through Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Ours is a unique story with the founding of churches, the travel of Jarena Lee, the founding of Wilberforce University, Tawawa School of Religion on the campus of Wilberforce University. We are proud to stand in the line of extraordinary leaders who served the District.*

*We celebrated with the members of the AME church the dedication and release of the Richard Allen Forever Stamp by the United States Postal Service. During the unveiling of Richard Allen U.S. Postage stamp, members of the district were surprised when the city officials from Columbus Ohio renamed the street adjacent to St. Paul AME, **Bishop Richard Allen Way**.*

*To God be the Glory, this truly is an “Amazing Church.”*



**STREET ADJACENT TO  
ST. PAUL AME CHURCH  
COLUMBUS OHIO RENAMED  
IN HONOR OF BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN**



***“The creative and collective minds of pastors and laity working to uplift the name of Jesus is one of the great qualities of the Third District.”***

**District Lay President, Ametta Lorene Reaves**

### ***3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT STATISTICAL ~QUADRENNIAL REPORT***

***Total Membership 26, 963   Annual Conferences 5   Total Number of Churches 165***

***Membership 527 West Virginia   7581Pittsburgh   6882 South Ohio   4181Ohio  
7792North Ohio***

***Church Growth   Conversions 2719   Accessions 3766   Baptisms 1470***

***Total raised for the General Budget Fund \$2,663,344.00***

#### ***Reconfiguration of the Annual Conferences***

*We are uniquely poised for growth and development by reconfiguring our annual conferences and maximizing our resources. We seek the approval from this historic 50th session of the General Conference to move forward with the realignment and merger of annual conferences in the Third District.*

*The Third Episcopal District is presently comprised of five annual conferences. The intent of the resolution being presented to the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference is to strengthen the Third Episcopal District by merging four of the five existing conferences into two annual conferences, causing the Episcopal District to be comprised of three annual conferences.*



#### ***Summary the Economic Development Project***

*Securing the financial future of the Third District has been one of the major accomplishments this Quadrennium . Dr. Charles Holmes recommended the development of the Self Perpetuating Trust Fund (SPTF) of the Third Episcopal District. Members of the District after presentations at each annual conference and the annual Lay meeting authorized the development of the Third Episcopal District Economic Development Corporation to secure our future. Since the fall of 2015, members have invested \$26,000 towards this endowment.*





*West Virginia Annual Conference*



*“The African Methodist Episcopal Church established Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary “in the heart of Ohio”, to provide vision and the expansion of the church. “*

***The Rev. Floyd W. Alexander, Sr., B.S., M.Div., D.D. Former General Officer**  
~Itinerant Elder in good and regular standing for 59 years ~Now serving as the  
Administrative Assistant to Bishop McKinley Young*





*The Third District is the home of the oldest HBCU, Wilberforce University located in Wilberforce, Ohio. During this Quadrennial, the leadership of the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University, celebrated five (5) years of progressive leadership provided by the 19<sup>th</sup> President, Dr. Patricia L. Hardaway, who retired in 2013.*

*Dr. Wilma Mishoe was appointed by the Board to serve as Interim President in February 2014. Dr. Mishoe laid the foundation to correct the items identified in the “show cause” report of the Higher Learning Commission.*

*The Board appointed a Search Committee resulting in the selection of Dr. Algeania Warren Freeman as the 20<sup>th</sup> President of Wilberforce University in 2015. With the kind and generous support of the AME church, Wilberforce corrected all areas of non-compliance and retained its full accreditation.*

*The good people of the Third Episcopal District have remained generous, prayerful, faithful and unbreakable in their unwavering love and support of Wilberforce. A freshmen mentorship program was implemented by Supervisor Young and a student store on campus was opened by the WMS. The WMS the under the leadership of President JoAnn Harris acquired lounge furniture for the lobbies of the L.L. C. & Henderson dormitory.*



*A total of 497 young men and women graduated from Wilberforce over the last four years.*

*The National Center for Education Services reported in 2014 that Wilberforce University is number one among HBCU's with a graduate completion rate of 83%.*



# PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



**Dr. Michael Brown,  
Interim President**

*Payne Theological Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and the following degree programs are approved: Master of Divinity (MDiv) and the Doctor of Ministry (DMin).*



**122 year History ~ 107 Graduates ~2012 -2016**

**Over 150 students currently enrolled**

**Third District Contributions ~ 2012-2016 ~ \$515,295**

*“The 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal is a place of limitless potential. There is potential for growth, development, and advancement in ministry. I actually came to the 3<sup>rd</sup> by way of Payne Theological Seminary. Since graduating from Payne, I have learned that the 3<sup>rd</sup> District is: a great place to enhance skills in the pastorate; a great place to learn the church; a great place to discover unrealized potential.”*

*The Rev. Rodrecus Johnson, Pastor of St. James AMEC, Pittsburgh, PA.*

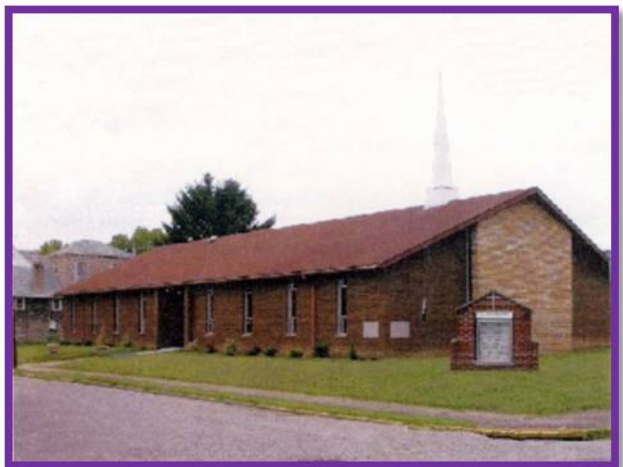
*Third Episcopal District has 165 vibrant churches with a rich history dating backing to the early 1800's.*



*Bethel AME Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

*Bethel-Organized in 1808; Oldest  
African American Church in  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

*Bethel – Host of the 8<sup>th</sup> General  
Conference of the AME Church 1844*



*St. Paul AME Church  
Charleston, West Virginia*

*St. Paul – 1900's (circa) First “colored”  
Boy Scout Troop of Charleston was  
organized.*

*In 1991, St Paul became the birthplace of  
the West Virginia Black Family Coalition .*



*St. James AME Church  
Cleveland, Ohio*

*During a spontaneous revival in the  
winter of 1893, at St. John AME  
Church, over 200 souls were  
converted.*

*Pastor Reverdy C. Ransom, who later  
became a bishop, organized those  
converts and St. James AME was born  
in 1894.*



*“The opportunities for Christian Education in the Third District are excellent. Being in the Third gives us amazing access to Payne Theological Seminary. Also, as a member of a small congregation, having urban centers within easy driving distance means we can benefit from both the close ties within our local community and the amazing worship and fellowship available just a short drive away.” The Rev. Dr. Karen Schaeffer, Pastor— Bethel AMEC Lebanon and Director of Christian Education*



### **TAWAWA- Christian Education**

Increased participation and excitement best describes the Third District Christian Education department during this quadrennium. Since 2012, the registration of TAWAWA has increased by approximately 20%. Over 500 children, teenagers, young and seasoned adults engaged in well-planned and fun filled activities. Bible bowl, hip-hop sermons, talent shows, enlightened workshops, and the “Bishop’s Ball” are a few of the reasons why all successful roads of spiritual growth lead to TAWAWA held on the campus of Dennison University.

## **TAWAWA 2015**



**Tawawa Christian Education Congress**  
**Dennison University, Granville, OH**

**July 6-9, 2015**

**COME AND JOIN US!**



*“And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, “Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Mark 8:34 (KJ21)”*

### ***Disciples Bible Study***

*Under the leadership of Dr. Otis Gordon and Dr. Karen Schaeffer, the Christian Education Department organized and implemented a thirty-four week Bible Study. Using an interactive discussion format, participants focused on words, concepts, commands, and the promises of God found throughout scripture. Organized in each annual conference, small groups of 10-12 participants engaged in a process designed to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ; to reflect the grace, mercy, forgiveness and love of God to every person they meet.*



*The Sons of Allen is a visible and critical component of the Third Episcopal District. They set the tone by leading the evening worship services on the first day of the conference. Increased participation and membership is evident at the Local, Conference and District levels. Like our founder, Bishop Richard Allen, the Sons of Allen is a group of dedicated servants committed to making a difference in the lives of others.*

# SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AME CHURCH



*The members of the Third District answered their call to discipleship by supporting Bishop Young, Chairperson of the Service And Development Agency of the AME Church. Under the leadership of the Council of Bishops and the General Board, the third Sunday in May was designated as AME SADA Sunday. Since the inception of AME SADA Sunday in 2014, the members of the Third District have donated over \$20,000 for mission work in Haiti and South Africa.*

*The WMS, Lay Organization and Pastors have united in partnership to support AME SADA. Inspired by our Supervisor, Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young, the Missionary and Lay leaders traveled with the Episcopal family to Port au Prince Haiti in February 2014. Over six oversized suitcases and duffle bags filled with medical supplies, “mama kits”, baby clothes and supplies were given to the health clinics operated by SADA.*

*Realizing that to “whom much is given, much is required”, Presidents Harris of WMS and Reaves of Lay embarked upon a mission to educate and increase awareness and stewardship about the valuable work of AME-SADA in Haiti. To that end, the missionaries and laity collected over 30,000 singles doses of iron and Vitamin D that was sent to the Health clinics. Working in partnership with the members of St. Paul in Port au Prince, Haiti, the members of Central Chapel AME Church will be donating school uniforms.*



February 2015 AME SADA board meeting was held in the 19<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District on the campus of Wilberforce Community College in Evaton, South Africa. Following the board meeting Chaired by Bishop Young, the attendees had a tour of the campus of RR Wright Seminary and Wilberforce Community College. 610 students were enrolled at the time of our visit. In 2012, Wilberforce Community College hosted a successful Solar Institute for 32 local (Evaton ) high school students to teach them how to build solar panels and locate alternate energy fields. Following the SADA board meeting , members of the Third District attended the GDC conference held in the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District — Cape Town, South Africa.

The district delegation included Bishop & Dr. Young, Mrs. JoAnn Harris, Ms. Ametta L. Reaves, Mrs. Jeanette Harris, Dr. Eric L. Brown.





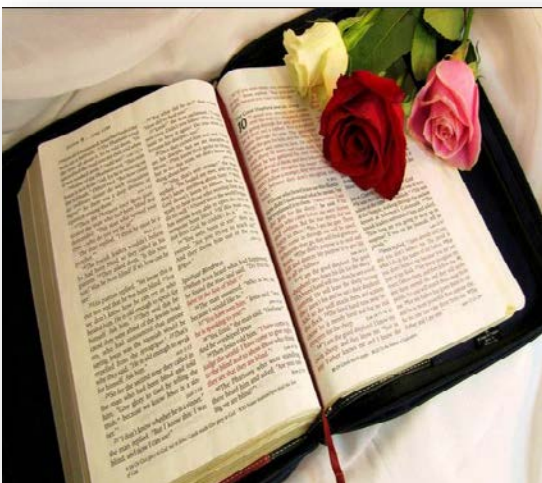
CELEBRATING FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE  
BISHOP MCKINLEY YOUNG  
DR. DOROTHY JACKSON YOUNG



“A Praying Family”  
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister  
Ms. Stephanie L. Young  
Bishop McKinley Young  
Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young  
Mrs. Andrea Young Jones  
Mrs. Karyn Young-Lowe



“Compassionate  
Leadership”







## *The Council of Presiding Elders & Bishop Young*

*Left to right:*

*The Reverend Alton Dillard ~ The Reverend Dr. Wilton E. Blake, I ~ The Reverend Dr. Melonie A. Valentine  
The Reverend Dr. James H. McLemore ~ Bishop McKinley Young ~ The Reverend Dr. Betty W. Holley  
The Reverend P. Robert Tate, Pro Tem ~ The Reverend Dr. Eric L. Brown ~ The Reverend Dr. Earl G. Harris*



Dr. Robert Nicolas – AME SADA  
Dr. Richard A. Lewis – General Officer  
Bishop Henry Allen Belin – 104<sup>th</sup> Bishop  
Bishop McKinley Young – 109<sup>th</sup> Bishop  
Dr. Jerome L. Harris – General Officer  
Dr. Daryl B. Ingram, General Officer



*Attorney Arthur Harmon  
Judge Mia Spells  
Bishop McKinley Young  
Dr. Taylor T. Thompson*

*Many Thanks to Bishops who preached or resourced the District*

*Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram ~ Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Sr.*

*Bishop John R. Bryant ~ Bishop Preston Williams*

*Bishop Julius McAllister, Sr. ~ Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie*

*Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath ~ Bishop David R. Daniels*

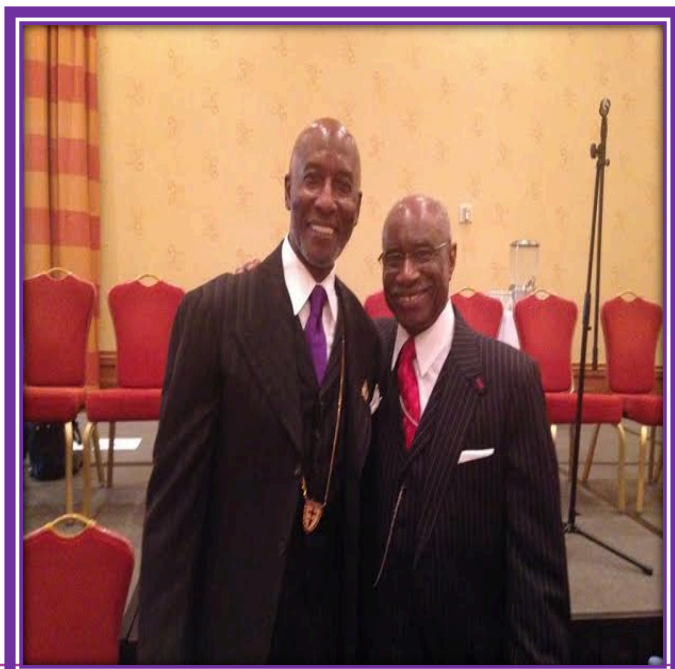
*Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr. ~ Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah*

*Bishop Reginald T. Jackson ~ Bishop John H. Adams*

*Bishop Henry Allen Belin, Jr. ~ Bishop C. Garnett Henning, Sr*

*Bishop Robert V. Webster*

*Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr. ~ CME Church*



**Bishop John R. Bryant -106<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Bishop**

**Bishop McKinley Young -109<sup>th</sup>  
Incoming Senior Bishop**



**General & Connectional Officers who preached/spoke or  
resourced the District**

**Dr. Richard Allen Lewis ~ Dr. Jerome V. Harris**

**Dr. George F. Flowers ~ Dr. James C. Wade**

**Dr. Darryl B. Ingram ~ Dr. Theresa Fry Brown**

**Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson**

**Dr. Shirley Cason Reed ~ Dr. Willie C. Glover**

**Pastors who preached or resourced the District**

**Rev. Ronnie Brailsford**

**Rev. Rodger H. Reed**

**Rev. Julius McAllister, Jr.**

**Rev. Henry Green**

**Rev. Matthew Watley**

**Rev. Anthony Reed**

**Rev. Jamal Bryant**



# WELCOME TO THE THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT “SAVE THE DATE”

*Connectional Lay Organization 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial*

*Columbus Ohio August 2017*



*19<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session of WMS*

*Columbus, Ohio July 2019*



*52<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Session*

*General Conference*

*Cincinnati, Ohio July 2024*