

Spring Convocation 2017



Super Summer Convocation 2016



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT TEXAS

2016-2017 Annual Report

Conference Theme: 2016 Political Justice - 2017 Criminal Justice

"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8



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Be Steadfast THE COURAGE OF OUR CONVICTIONS

*“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”
Deuteronomy 31:6 (NASB)*

Courage is becoming a regular garment that we must put on every day to face the irregular challenges in our lives, churches, communities and country. Courage could have remained a casual garment, like an ordinary jacket worn on a chilly day. Now courage must be more like body armor intentionally worn under that jacket when there is a need for bravery in the face of some atrocity.

Courage once was a common thread woven into the fabric of our character, called upon every now and then. Today, “every now and then” has become every day. There is an increasing need for spiritual, physical, moral, mental and creative courage. Daily our sensibilities are assaulted. We are faced with choices to act upon the courage of our convictions or become silent witnesses to the normalization of negative biases.

History books are filled with courageous men and women who chose to act at great personal risks. Bishop Richard Allen led the first civil rights march out of St George’s church to worship in dignity at the genesis of our founding. The Reverend Nat Turner, an AME Pastor in South Carolina, preached and acted against enslavement in South Carolina. The Senator Hiram Revels, an AME pastor, served in Congress during reconstruction. The Reverend Oliver Brown, an AME pastor in Topeka, Kansas, was instrumental in the Supreme Court case Brown vs Board of Education that led to school desegregation.

Let’s be encouraged. Let’s be encouraging. Let’s be courageous! Let’s be steadfast unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord and our labor shall not be in vain! (I Corinthians 15:58)

By the Grace of God,
† Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Presiding Prelate



THE INSTITUTE AT ABINGTON SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The 10th District launched the Institute at Abington School of Religion this year to provide convenient online courses and continuing education units at affordable prices. Pastors, preachers, officers and interested persons who are serving or who want to serve in their local congregations can get the biblical, theological and practical training without leaving home. The first digital semester was held January – March 2017 in 2 subject areas: Adaptive Leadership and Soul Care.

Since 2013, the clergy institute has partnered with Payne Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary to provide Continuing education Credits (CEC) in a face-to-face environment at the 10th District Summer Convocation. The Institute is now a digital expansion of that education ministry.

DISTRICT STATISTICS

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| Number of Annual Conferences | 4 |
| Number of Churches | 205 |
| Total Miles Traveled in District | 4,289 |
| Total Conversions | 737 |
| Total Baptisms | 369 |
| Total Accessions | 1,144 |
| Total Membership | 16,639 |
| Number of Buildings Erected | 0 |
| Number of Mortgages Burned | 1 |
| Total Registered Voters | 8,539 |
| General Budget Fund Apportioned & sent to CFO | |
| Northwest Texas | \$194,972 |
| North Texas | \$206,408 |
| Southwest Texas | \$216,440 |
| Texas | \$237,032 |
| TOTAL apportioned & distributed | \$854,852 |
| Number of Schools | 1 |
| (Paul Quinn College) | |

NECROLOGY

Rev. James W. Ford
Rev. Wallace Johnson
Rev. Joe Nathan Ferrell
Rev. Annie Mae McKnight
Rev. Richard E. Tankerson
Rev. Dora Carroll

10th District in Action



2016 Planning Meeting



Founder's Day 2017

