

Eleventh Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

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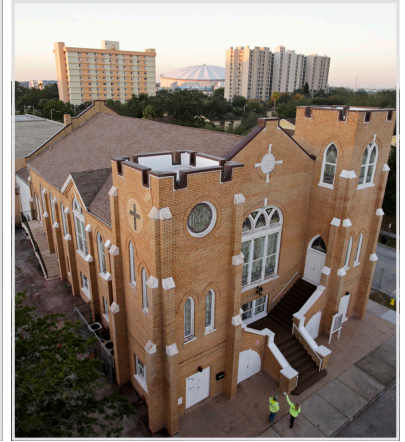
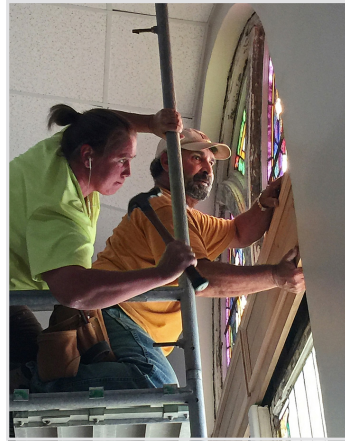
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson
Episcopal Supervisor



Historic Bethel St. Petersburg

Blessed with a \$341k historical preservation grant, the 122-year old anchor of Methodist Town was restored to period splendor. All Trades Historical Restoration Company would eventually take up the mantle of mending not only the West Wall, but of extending the life of Historic Bethel, the oldest church in the city of St. Petersburg by 100 years or more. **The Rev. Kenneth F. Irby, Pastor**, led the oversight team of trustees: Sam Hemingway and Jan Nelson and steward Willie Felton.



Allen Chapel Pensacola

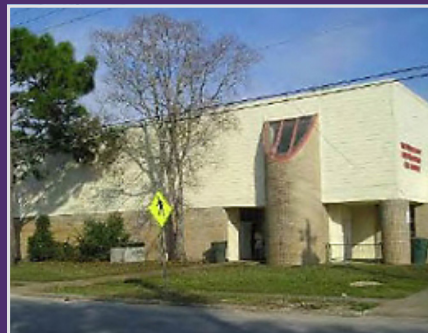
Allen Chapel is the first African-American church in Pensacola. It has been at its current location (the fourth) since 1901. The pictures are the before and after of the flood. The line of dirt on the before pictures reflect the high water (5 feet) mark. **The Rev. Freddie N. Tellis, Pastor**.

Gregg Chapel Ft. Walton Beach

New Properties secured, led by **Rev. Cecil Williams, Pastor**



The House of Valor



The Life Center



The Gallery/Board Room

AME Church Hobe Sound ~ Gomez Cemetery Cleanup Project

The cemetery was part of the Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, located in Hobe Sound in 1910 and closed in 1991. **The Reverends James Givens, Patricia Wallace**, Presiding Elders and Trustees of the South Conference led in the Cemetery's Clean-up.



- The number of annual conferences **6**

- The number of members in each annual conference:

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| Florida | 13,391 | West Coast | 11,131 |
| Central | 12,438 | East | 11,259 |
| South | 16,427 | Bahamas | 796 |

- The amount of the General Budget Fund apportioned.

❖ The Episcopal District **\$1,563,129.00**

❖ Each of the annual conferences

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| Florida | 276,247.51 | West Coast | 272,190.19 |
| Central | 277,472.19 | East | 323,296.96 |
| South | 409,422.15 | Bahamas | 4,500.00 |

- The amount of the General Fund collected and sent to the office of the Chief Financial Officer of the AME Church, from each of the annual conferences. **\$1,563,129.00**

- This amount reflects the same as reported in the previous year.

- Ministers who have been expelled during the year. **None**

- Ministers who have withdrawn from the connection during the year. **4**

Sis. Rebecca Arlena Thompson

Bro. George Ervin, II

Sis. Carla Johnson

Sis. Roncia St. Clair

- Congregations that have split or withdrawn from the connection during the year. **None**

- Give details of new churches organized or established during the year. **None**



“EXALTING CHRIST, EXPANDING HIS CHURCH, EMPOWERING HIS PEOPLE”

LAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LEDC)



Third Annual Luncheon during Mid-year Celebration

The Hon. Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff of Orange County, Florida was the speaker Flanked by Rev. Terence R. Gray and Mr. Reginald McGill

LAUNCHING THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Young Adult Panel Discussion during the Founder's Day Celebration

16TH ANNUAL SONS OF ALLEN RETREAT



LEFT: “Man Up and Rise to the Challenge” March through downtown St. Augustine **CENTER:** Opening Worship Photo at St. Paul AME Church St. Augustine **RIGHT:** The Sons of Allen offers a moment of silence at St. Augustine Old Slave Market

DOROTHY ADAMS PECK EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE



The Emerging Leaders Institute will **help young women develop leadership and interpersonal skills and abilities that will make them better** contributors to the Women's Missionary Society and Community. Photos feature Bishop and Supervisor Richardson, Bishop Ann Henning-Byfield, President Bryant and Conference Presidents.