

6th Episcopal District Annual Report *A More Excellent Way*



Report to Council of Bishops

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Council of Bishops
General Board
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Los Angeles, California



Dear Bishops and Members of the General Board:

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.

Supervisor Christy Davis Jackson and I are thankful to God and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, for the opportunity to serve as the Episcopal Leaders of the Sixth Episcopal District. The people of Georgia have welcomed us warmly and been supportive of our vision and goals for this quadrennial. They have embraced us and made us feel at home. We are thankful and appreciative to the ministers and laity of the Sixth Episcopal District for welcoming us and joining with us in promoting God's kingdom and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

This quadrennial we have established four priorities for the Sixth Episcopal District. These four priorities are:

Church Growth
Christian Education
Handling Money God's Way
Social Justice

These four priorities will grow the church spiritually and numerically, help free congregants and families from debt and financial bondage and enable God to be first in their lives and commit the church to seeking God's kingdom and will in every local community and throughout the State of Georgia. Every minister, church and component is committed to these priorities. At the forthcoming Leadership Congress those in attendance will be taught and trained to be able to implement these priorities. The result of these four priorities is to "show a more excellent way" for each clergy, lay person and church to glorify and serve God.

Additionally, the Sixth Episcopal District is committed to ministering to and bringing in the church millennials. The average age of most of the congregations in Georgia is 65 and over. It is critical that we win millennials and bring them in the church, or our church will continue to slowly die. This effort must begin with millennials who at one time were in our church. A national survey released earlier this year pointed out that 59% of millennials who grew up in the church, no longer attend the church. It is imperative that we one, find out why and second, make the church relevant and meaningful to them.

Georgia faces what some would consider obstacles or mountains, but we view them as opportunities. We believe God, that standing on His Word we will be able "to do greater things" in His name.

Again, we are delighted to serve as and with the wonderful people of the Sixth Episcopal District, and we believe the best is yet to come.

All God's best.

Yours and His,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reginald T. Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R' and 'J'.

Reginald T. Jackson
Bishop

Sixth Episcopal District

Number of Annual Conferences - 6

South Georgia Conference
Southwest Georgia Conference
Georgia Conference
Augusta Conference
Macon Conference
Atlanta-North Georgia Conference

Conferences

South Georgia Conference

Presiding Elder Districts - 3
Number of Churches - 90
Number of Conversions - 134
Number of Accessions -142
Membership - 3,715
General Budget Paid - \$191,870.00

Southwest Georgia Conference

Presiding Elder Districts - 2
Number of Churches - 47
Number of Conversions -125
Number of Accessions -170
Membership - 2, 637
General Budget Paid - \$155,146.00

Georgia Conference

Presiding Elder Districts - 2
Number of Churches - 50
Number of Conversions - 137
Number of Accessions - 144
Membership - 3,460
General Budget Paid - \$181,627.00

Augusta Georgia Conference

Presiding Elder Districts - 2
Number of Churches - 51
Number of Conversions - 117
Number of Accessions - 156
Membership - 3,682
General Budget Paid - \$138,500.00

Macon Georgia Conference

Presiding Elder Districts - 3
Number of Churches - 77
Number of Conversions - 243
Number of Accessions - 213
Membership - 6,173
General Budget Paid - \$229,696.00

Atlanta- North Georgia Conference

Presiding Elder Districts - 3
Number of Churches - 94
Number of Conversions - 568
Number of Accessions - 1224
Membership - 29,475
General Budget Paid - \$489,749.00

Total Number of Churches - 409
Total number of circuits - 62
Total including circuits - 471
Total Conversions - 1,324
Total Accessions - 2,049
Total Active Membership - 49,142
Total General Budget Paid - \$1,386,588.00

Amount General Fund Collected and sent to the Chief Financial Officer -
\$1,386,588.00

Represents the same amount paid last year.

Ministers who have been expelled - 0

Ministers who have withdrawn - 18

Number of congregations who have left or withdrawn from the connection - 0

New churches organized during the year

Antioch East AME Church
1790 Ebenezer Road
Conyers, Georgia 30094
Rev. Shawn Drains, Pastor

Organized at the 143rd Session of the Atlanta-North Georgia Annual Conference on May 26, 2017. This church is an offspring of Antioch AME Church, Stone Mountain, GA.

Highlights

Sixth Episcopal District contributed \$55,000.00 to mission work in Districts 14 to 20.

14th District - \$10,000.00

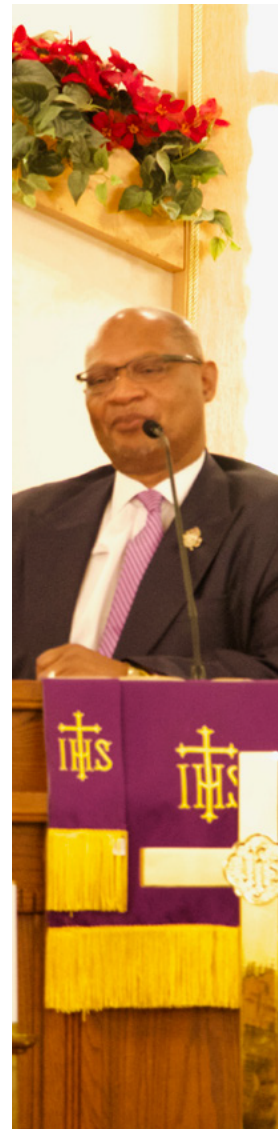
16th District - \$10,000.00

18th District - \$10,000.00

20th District - \$25,000.00

Contributed \$4,000.00 to Conference of National Black Churches

Morris Brown College continues its efforts toward accreditation and plans to submit accreditation application to SACS this summer.



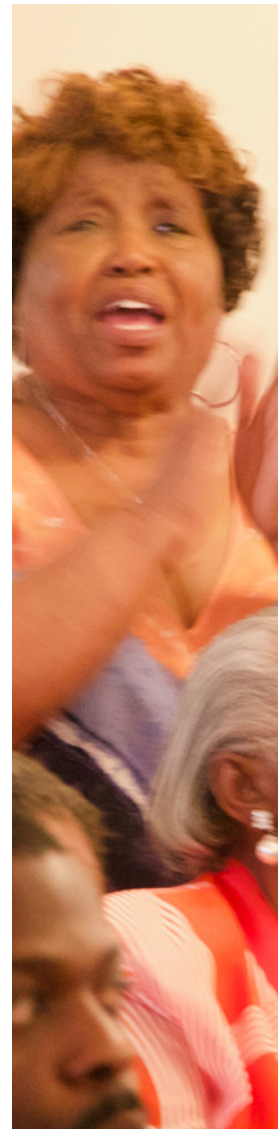
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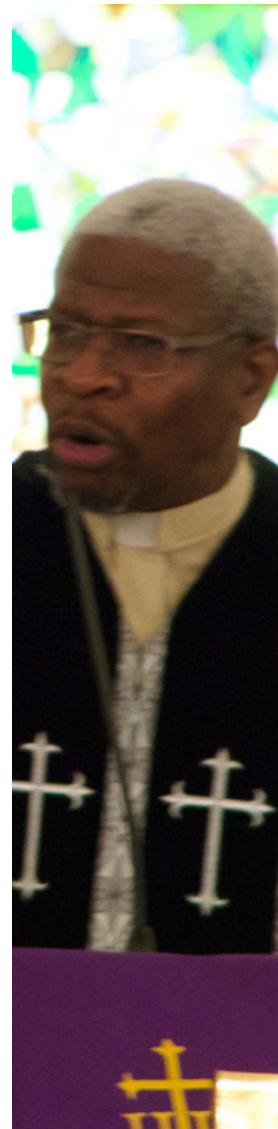
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