

General Board
Commission Report Form

Commission On:	Publications
Presiding Officer:	Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
General and/or Connectional Officers:	Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown- Historiographer/Executive Director, Department of Research and Scholarship Reverend Roderick D. Belin – President/ Publisher AME Sunday School Union Mr. John Thomas III – Editor, The Christian Recorder
Vice Chairperson:	Rev. Henry A. Belin III
Secretary:	Ms. Stephanie Burks

Actions Taken:

Commendations were given to the General Officers for their service.

Recommendations:

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

- Initiation of a connectional database of all archive holdings throughout the church. This would begin as a formal request to all local church, annual conference and episcopal district historians to provide listing of archival holdings (papers, recordings, books and objects) in their current archive or church history collection. The inventory should be submitted to the Historiographer/Executive Director of Research and Scholarship for establishment of a digital connectional compendium of archival resources ordered by episcopal district. The listing would be linked to the Department website for access to all members of the church. Completion projected December 2018.
- Usage of the Department of Research and Scholarship website for all research requests, article submissions, archive data bases, subscription updates and updates and payments beginning January 1, 2018.

AME SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

- That the Church supports the vision of the AMEC Publishing house to be the sole provider of all print and digital media for all the Connectional Departments of the AME Church.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER

- Churches are encouraged to purchase at least two (2) copies of The Christian Recorder. One copy should be mailed to the church address.
- Bishops of the Church are encouraged to apply the Discipline provision to Chaplains and Supernumeraries that “All traveling preachers in the Connection are required to subscribe to The Christian Recorder, and to the Voice of Missions or The A.M.E. Church Review or The Journal of Christian Education. Presiding elders, at their quarterly conferences, shall require all local preachers to subscribe to at least one of the church periodicals.”
- The laity of the church—especially Stewards, Trustees and Class Leaders—are encouraged to subscribe to The Christian Recorder. Pastors should display copies of The Christian Recorder in a public area and make an appeal for subscriptions the month before the Annual Conference.

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- The Bishops of the Church are encouraged to assist the Editor in identifying a network of volunteer reports to cover pertinent events in the various Annual Conferences and Episcopal Districts.
- Clergy and laity are encouraged to share news stories about churches and AME ministries produced by other news outlets and obtain formal permission for reprinting in The Christian Recorder.

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