



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Orange County Convention Center

Orlando, Florida

JULY 8 – 15, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Office of the General Secretary/CIO

Rev. Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper

At the 2019 AME General Board Meeting in Birmingham, AL, registration for the 2020 General Conference will open and upon registration hotel rooms will become available to the registered person.

1. Registration Fees

Observers:

\$115 – June 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019

\$120 – January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

\$125 – April 1, 2020 until start of Registration At 2020 General Conference

Note: AME member card is required for discount

Student with Valid ID:

\$50 – Increases to \$60 at site of the General Conference

Youth – (Age 5-18):

\$25 – Increases to \$35 at site of the General Conference

Delegates and Alternates:

Register through their District Office

2. Required Credentials for 2020 Candidates:

Office of Bishop

–Letter of intent to identify office being sought

–Certified Birth Certificate from your state or County Department of Vital Statistics

–Seminary (clergy) and college diploma (copies) and transcripts

Earned Master of Divinity Degree from an Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited seminary or, if outside of the United States, a minimum of 72 credit hours at the Master's degree level from an accredited seminary or University with a theology faculty as determined by the country in which he or she is educated.

–Ordination Certificate (Copy of Elder's Orders)

–Letter from your Presiding Bishop stating that you are in good and regular standing with your Annual Conference

–A recent Black and White Photo of yourself

Office of General Officer (excluding CFO)

–Letter of intent to identify office being sought

–Certified Birth Certificate from your state or County Department of Vital Statistics

–Ordination Certificate (Copy of Elder's Orders)

–Letter from your Presiding Bishop stating that you are in good and regular standing with your Annual Conference

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Treasurer/CFO

In addition to the above for General Officers

--be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and /or certified by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) with a current license, or be a Series 65 Investment Advisor Representative (LAR) with a current license, or have a Master's in Business Administration

(MBA) degree from an institution accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

--have a proven track record of applicable work experience and professional expertise

--be a layperson in good and regular standing

Office of Judicial Council

–Letter of intent to identify office being sought

–Certified Birth Certificate from your state or County Department of Vital Statistics

–Ordination Certificate (Copy of Elder’s Orders)

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--The number of members constituting the Judicial Council shall be nine (9), five (5) of whom shall be laypersons of the Church, at least three (3) of whom shall be lawyers and /or judges with full membership in the AME Church, provided said lawyers have a valid license to practice law and are in good standing in the state or territory where they hold a valid license, and said judges are in good and regular standing with their state/territory bar or licensing organization. The other four members shall be elders of the Church. There shall be four alternate members of the council- two lay alternates and two clergy alternates.

3. Submission Deadline Dates:

January 8, 2020

All Candidates’ Registration must be submitted to the Office of the General Secretary

March 8, 2020

An accurate list of elected General Conference Delegates due from each Episcopal District Bishop to the Office of the General Secretary

April 8, 2020

General Conference Committee Assignments due from each Episcopal District to the Office of the General Secretary

April 8, 2020

Receipt of Proposed Legislation due to the Office of the General Secretary

–Use the [Legislation Template](#) to submit legislation! The template will be activated January of 2019.

3. Pre-General Conference Committee Meetings:

Revisions Committee

July 1 - July 7, 2020

Rosen Centre Hotel

Orlando, Florida

Credentials Committee

July 6 - 7, 2020
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida

Rules Committee

July 6 - 7, 2016
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida

HOUSING

The headquarters hotel is the Rosen Centre Hotel along with six other hotels in the General Conference connected by skywalk or shuttle service to the hotel.

Delegate and Alternate housing will be handled through each Episcopal District Office.