

51st Quadrennial Session  
of the  
**GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Service of Installation for  
General Officers and Judicial Council



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**IN OBSERVANCE OF  
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of the  
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Orlando, Florida**

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Cape Town, South Africa**

**Saturday, The Tenth Day of July  
Two Thousand Twenty-One  
1:30 – 2:00 pm EDT                      7:30 – 8:00 pm SAST**

# The Order of Service

Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield  
Worship Leader

## The Prelude

### The Call To Celebration

Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield

**Leader :** The Church gathers in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People:** **We come because we have been called to follow Him.**

**Leader:** Christ did not come into the world to be served, but to serve.

**People:** **We celebrate our Servant Lord by worshipping God.**

**Leader:** Let us sing and pray until we, too, have become servants!

**All:** **Let us sing and praise and be joyful together!**

### The Hymn Of Commitment

Bishop David R. Daniels

*All to Jesus I Surrender*

AME Hymnal No. 251

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame;  
Oh, the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory, to His Name!

### The Invocation

Bishop John R. Bryant

### The Scripture

Bishop John F. White

## THE PRESENTATION AND INSTALLATION OF GENERAL OFFICERS AND JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Bishop Ronnie Brailsford

**Bishop:** Senior Bishop Bryant and members of the 51st Session of the General Conference, I bring before you these persons who were elected to serve as General Officers and Members of the Judicial Council.

*The Secretary will then read the names of those to be installed  
as General Officers and Judicial Council Members.*

**Bishop Vashti M McKenzie**

Bishop: Hear what the apostle Paul has written: Our gifts differ according to the grace given us. If your gift is prophecy, use it as your faith suggests; if administration, then use it for administration; if teaching, then use it for teaching. Let the preachers deliver sermons, the almsgivers give freely, the officials be diligent, and those who do works of mercy do them cheerfully. Do not let your love be pretense, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. These are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good. I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Remember now, Paul says; he gave some apostles; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great head of the Church, we come now to install you as General Officers and members of the Judicial Council.

**The Charge****Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.**

Bishop: You have been granted the high privilege to serve as General Officers and Members of the Judicial Council in our Church and it lays upon you a solemn responsibility. What you have done alone with God in consecrating your lives in this service, you must now make answer to the following questions which the Lord Jesus Christ and the Doctrine and Discipline of our Church requires of you.

Are you now willing to take charge of this office and accept the responsibility thereof?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I am now willing.**

**Bishop Jeffery Leath:**

Bishop: Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that in taking upon you this position in the Church that your soul's desire is to the glory of God, and edifying of the Church?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I so believe and declare.**

**Bishop Michael L Mitchell:**

Bishop: Do you solemnly agree that, by the assistance of God's grace, you will endeavor faithfully to uphold the trust and confidence the members of our church has placed in you?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I do.**

**Bishop E. Earl McCloud:**

Bishop: Do you believe in your heart that you have been led by the Spirit of God to engage in this work and to assume its responsibilities?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I do believe.**

**Bishop Harry L Seawright:**

Bishop: Will you endeavor, as much as lies in you, to perform faithfully the duties of your office in the Connectional Church?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I will endeavor so to do.**

**Bishop: Stafford J. N. Wicker:**

Bishop: Will you be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scripture, and so to live that the power of God may be manifested in your life?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I will, by God's grace.**

**Bishop: Samuel L. Green Sr.:**

Bishop: Will you be governed by the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as it pertains to the fulfillment of the duties of your office? Will you be loyal to the church, and accept the authority of those to whom the church has committed the direction of your work?

**General Officers and Judicial Council Members: I will, the Lord being my helper.**

**THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION**

**Bishop Clement Fugh:**

Bishop: I call upon you to take charge of the work you have been elected to serve in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now the God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram:**

Bishop: Members of the General Conference, I commend to you these General Officers and members of the Judicial Council whom we this day have installed. In this Holy moment we too are called to a renewed consecration of our lives to Christ and God's Kingdom. As they go forth upon their mission and ministry, let us assure them that we are with them in spirit and support them with our prayers.

**People: We rejoice to recognize them as General Officers and Members of the Judicial Council of our Church. We thank God that you have dedicated your lives to His service and we shall follow you with our prayers.**

**Bishop Wilfred Messiah:**

Bishop: O God, We, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members of one another. United we pray; Your Kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And to this end, we dedicate ourselves in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Prayer of Dedication****Bishop James L Davis**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we beseech You to graciously behold these Your servants now poised to be installed as General Officers and Members of the Judicial Council in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Endow them with Your spirit; enrich them with Your heavenly grace; and strengthen them for the task which lies ahead. May they always remain humble and cognizant of the high privilege you have afforded them to serve in positions of leadership that they will always give an account of their stewardship and of the confidence placed in them by Your people. Amen.

**The Hymn of Celebration****Bishop Frank M. Reid III**

*I Am Thine, O Lord*  
AME Hymnal No. 283

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love for me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died.*  
*Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.

There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

**The Benediction****Bishop Julius McAllister**