

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# 52<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Session of the General CONFERENCE 2024

## OFFICIAL CONFERENCE BOOKLET

AUGUST  
21-28



THE PANDEMICS.  
THE PROMISE.  
THE PLAN.



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## GREETINGS FROM BISHOP JAMES L. DAVIS



### Greetings:

As the African Methodist Episcopal Church, "The largest Black Methodist denomination in the United States," assembles in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the 52nd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, we are at a defining moment in the history of our church and our world.

How can we best carry out the Mission of the AME Church, which is "To Minister to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people?" We can build a better tomorrow by intentionally rethinking and planning for a future within the design and will of the Master Architect of all creation. Our decisions will determine our destiny as we seek to achieve the church's primary mission: to equip God's people to carry out Christ's Great Commission for saving the world.

At the writing of this greeting, the state of our nation and the world presents many challenges for all of us. However, despite the challenges, we can gain insight, inspiration, and hope from those on whose shoulders we stand today. We can take a page from their spiritual playbook and the progress they made to ensure that our church and succeeding generations prosper and are equipped for service in God's Kingdom.

As you recall, the AME Church was among the first denominations in the United States founded on racial rather than theological distinctive and has persistently advocated for African Americans' civil and human rights through social improvement, religious autonomy, and political engagement. Just as they, may we commit ourselves to transforming our church, community, and the world so that others can see Christ in us.

Additionally, our powerful Theme, The Pandemics. The Promise. The Plan, validated by the sobering scripture, contained in the letter written by the Prophet Jeremiah in chapter 29: verse 11, which says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster. To give you a future and a hope," These reflections should lead every facet of our personal, professional, and spiritual lives to think and live a biblical worldview based on God's unchanging Word. May we be empowered and empower others to trust God in all things.

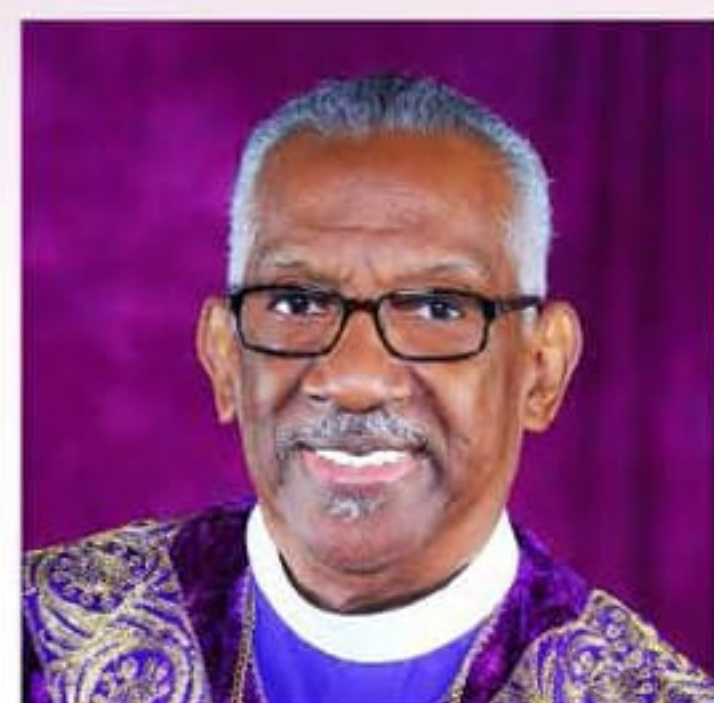
I hope that our combined energy, commitment, and dedication to God's plan for us as agents of liberation and social justice for all humankind, will lead us to re-imagine transformations for empowering and developing clergy and lay for the next phase of this journey. May God grant us wisdom and courage to lead the church He placed in our hands in the direction He wants it to go for embracing all members of the human family.

James L. Davis  
General Conference Commission Chair

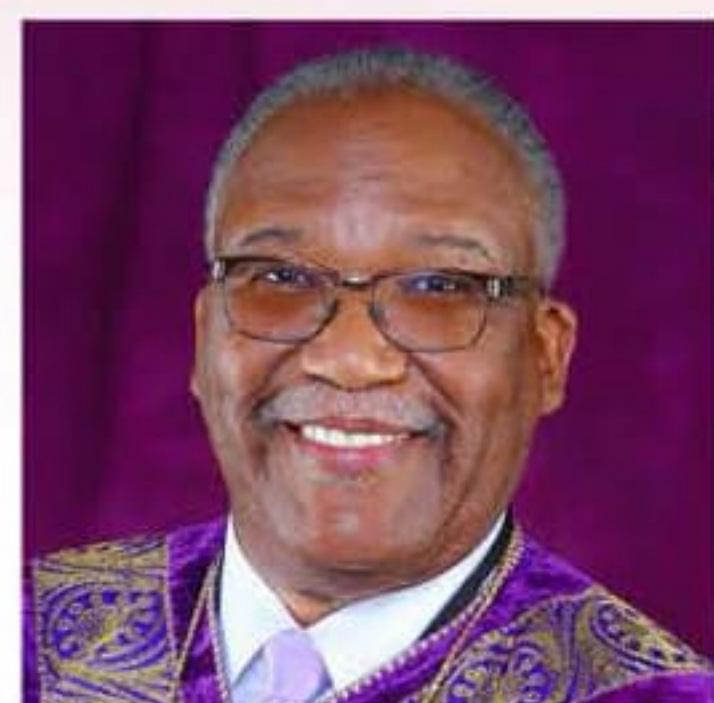




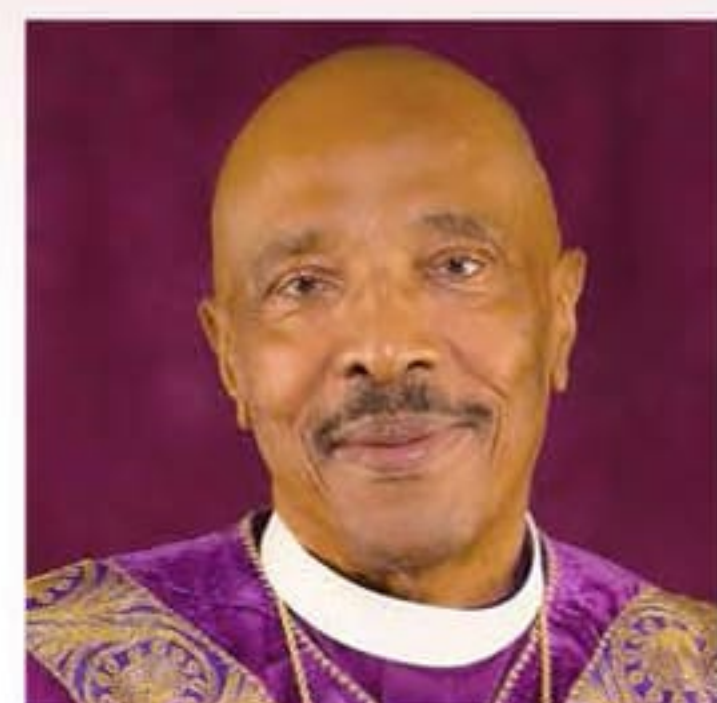
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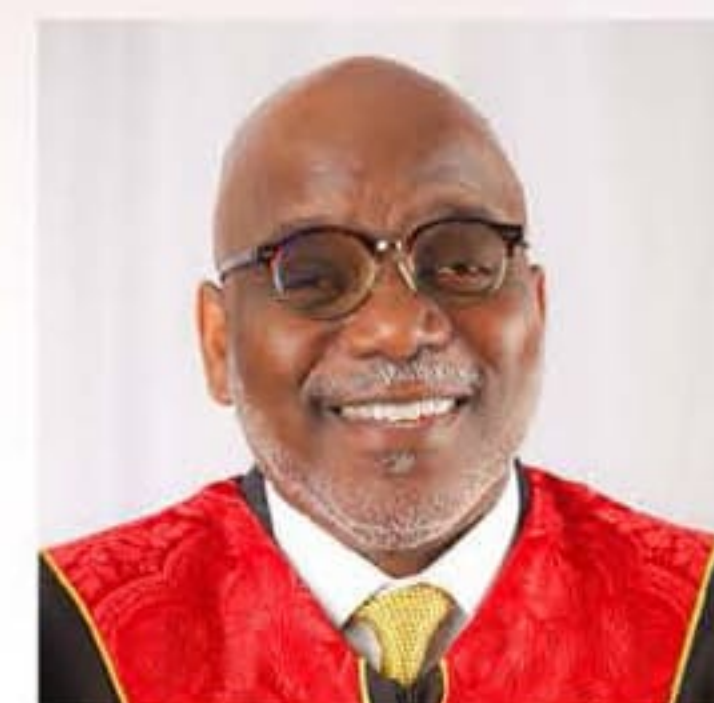
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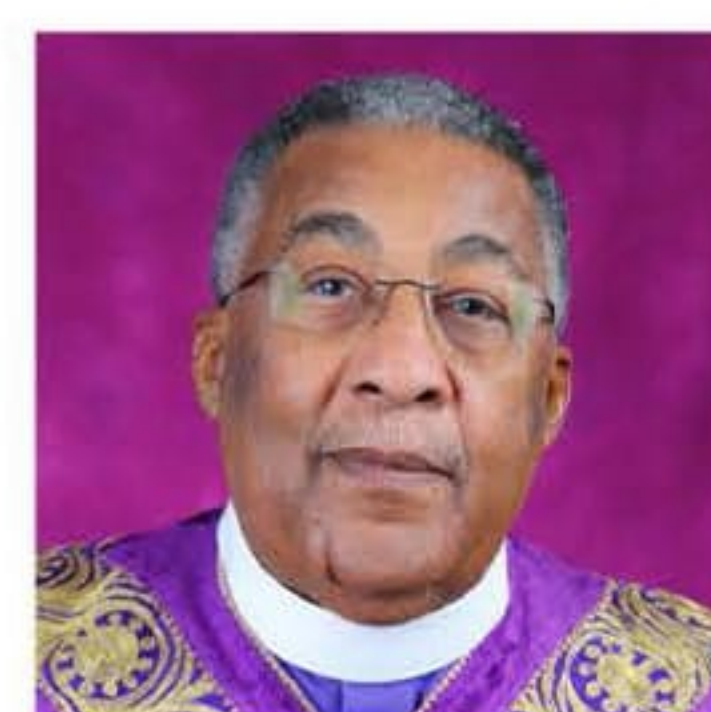
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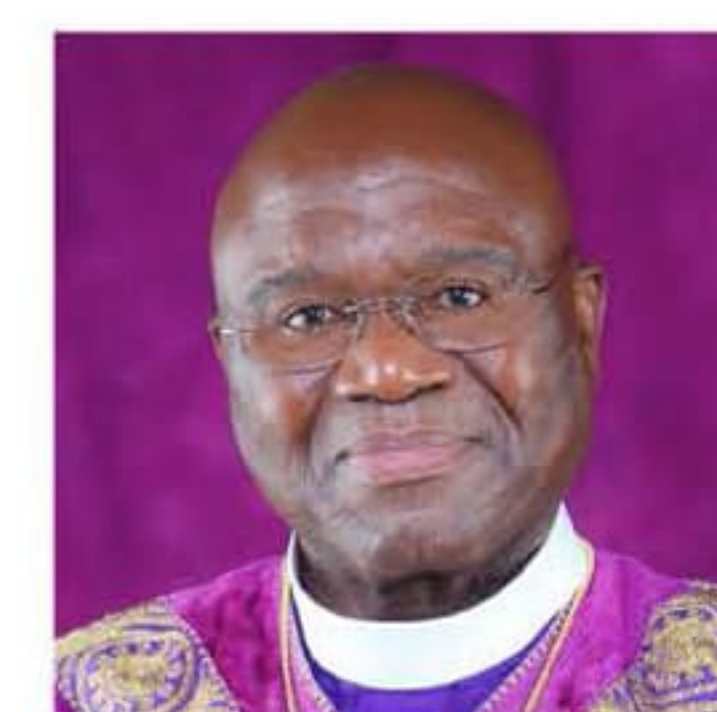
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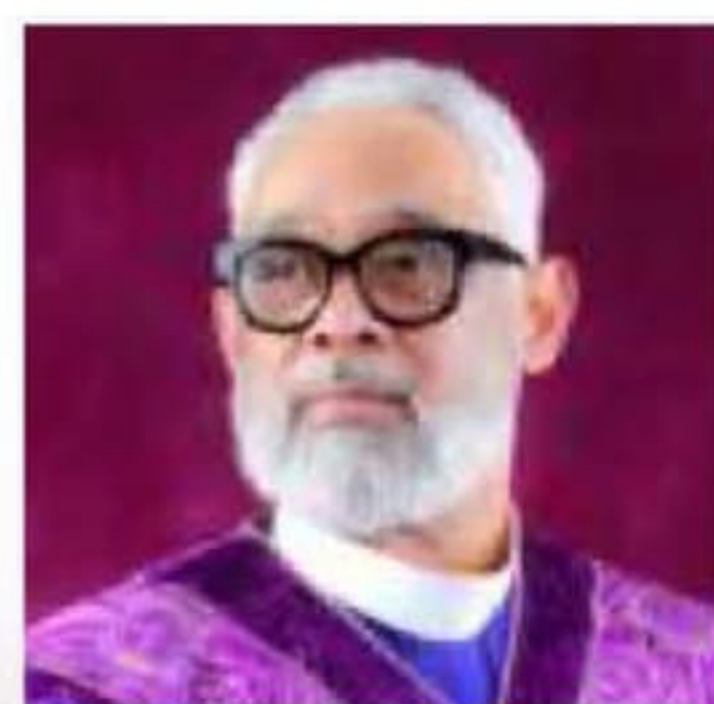
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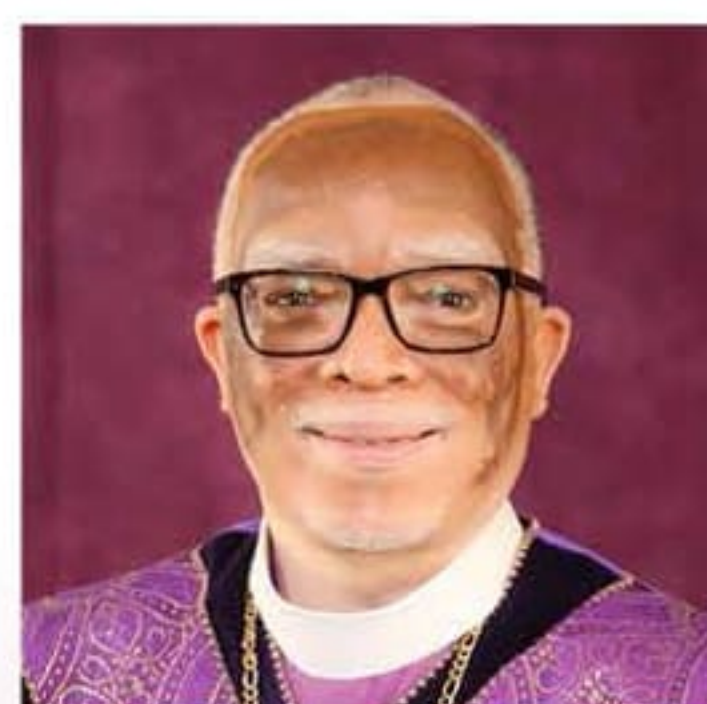
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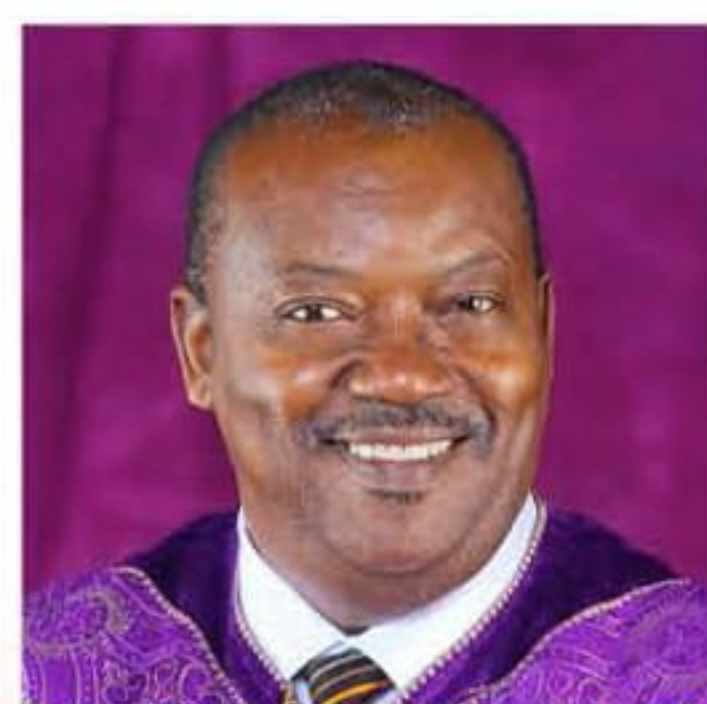
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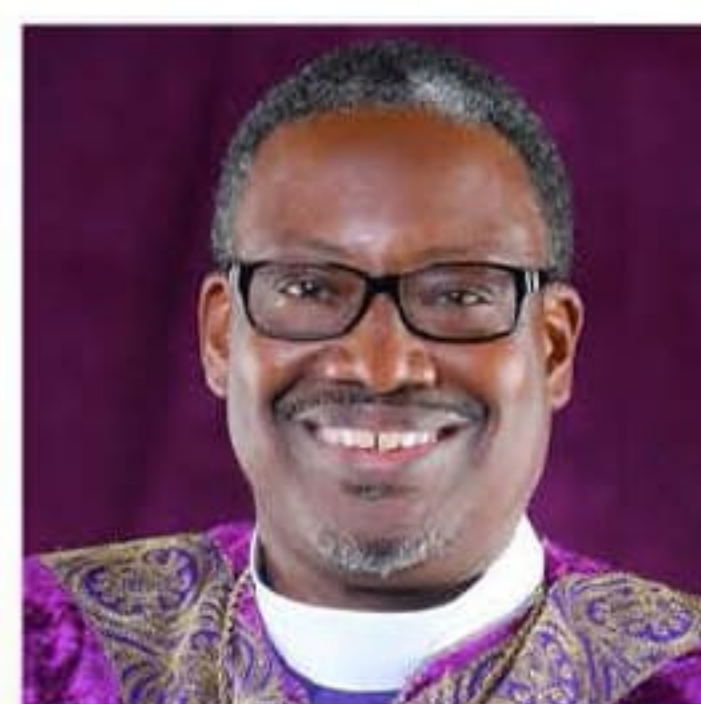
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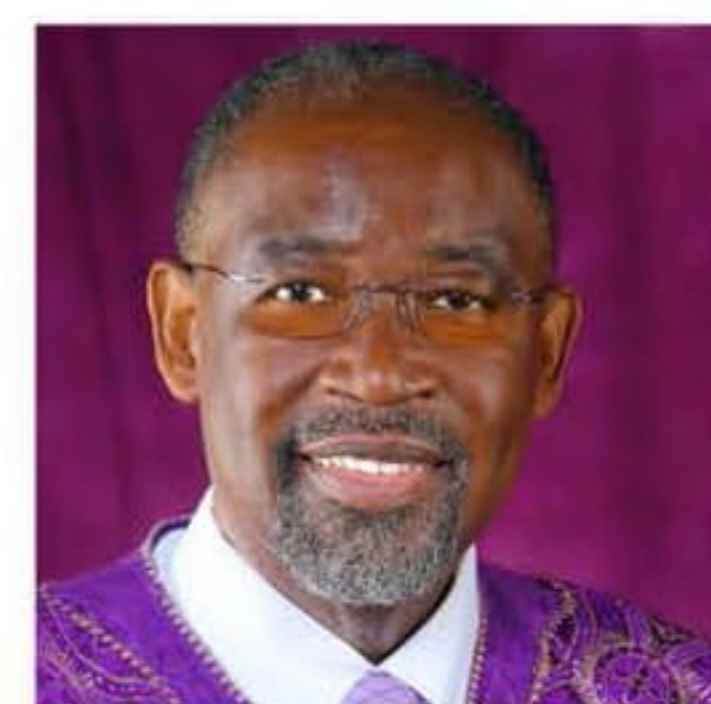
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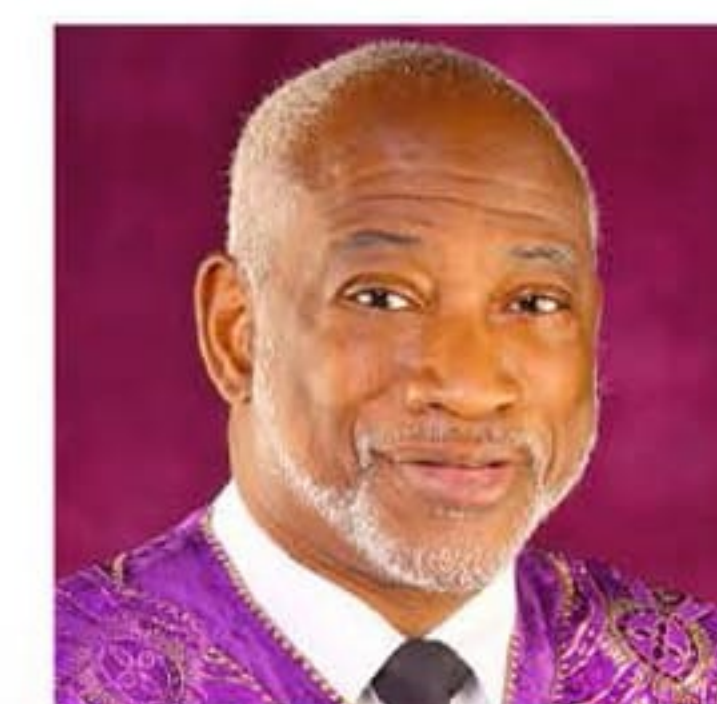
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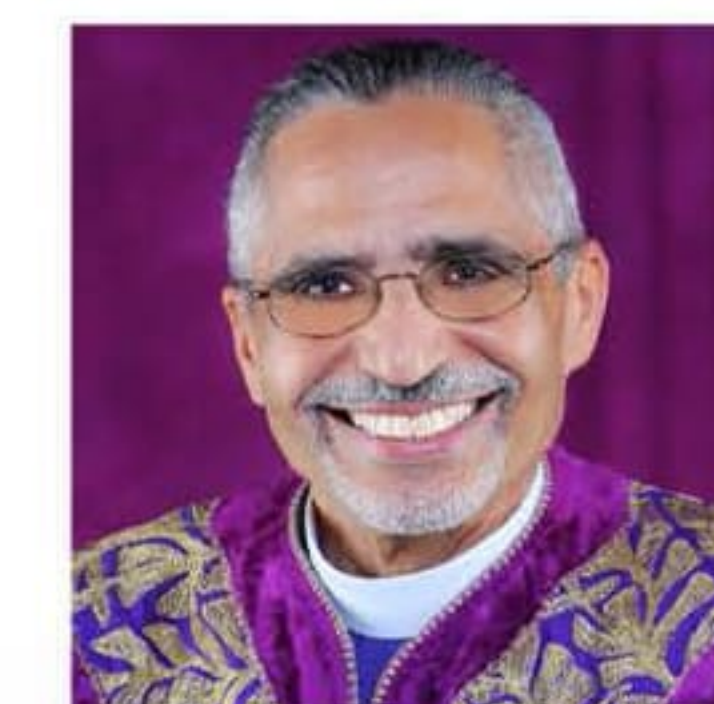
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AT THE 2024  
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AUGUST 22-28 | 8:30AM EDT

## FEATURED PREACHERS

**AUG 22ND**  
**REV. PAUL**  
**MESSIAH**



**AUG 23RD**  
**REV. LAVEESHIA**  
**PRYOR**



**AUG 24TH**  
**REV. DR. JOSEPH**  
**A. HOOPER**



**AUG 26TH**  
**REV. DR. LEONDRA**  
**STONE**



**AUG 26TH**  
**REV. DR. RODRECUS**  
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**AUG 28TH**  
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## Schedule at a Glance

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# PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE

## Activities and Committee Meetings

*All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)*

**August 1-4, 2024**

Camp Lazarus – Delaware, Ohio

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**August 14 – 20, 2024**

Revisions Committee

Room D280

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**August 19 – 20, 2024**

Rules Committee

Room D281

Credentials Committee

Room D282

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**Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

7:45 am – 3:30 pm	IHC Training, <i>Room D180</i>
12:00 noon	IHC Luncheon, <i>Room D181</i>
3:00 pm	General Conference Commission, <i>Room C171-C172</i>
3:30 pm	Delegate Orientation, <i>Short North Ballroom A</i>
6:30 pm	Host District Welcome Event, <i>Battelle Grand Ballroom</i>





# DAILY EVENTS

## August 21-28, 2024

7:00 am – 9:00 pm	Prayer Room	Meeting Room C151
7:00 am – 9:00 pm	Quiet Room	Meeting Room C162
7:00 am – 9:00 pm	Wellness Room	Meeting Room A120 and D182
9:00 am – 8:00 pm	Vendors	Exhibit Halls C&D <i>(Not open during Worship)</i>
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	Exhibit Hall C <i>(Not open during Worship)</i>
7:00 am – 9:00 pm	The Social Action War Room	Meeting Room B140





# DAY 1

## Wednesday, August 21, 2024

10:00 am	Opening Worship Service, <i>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</i> <b>Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe, <i>Preaching</i></b>
1:00 pm	Lunch The Dr. Fry Brown Womanist Discourse Luncheon, <i>D180-D181</i>
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Business Session 1, <i>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</i></b>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr., <i>Presiding</i></b> Roll Call Credentials Committee Report Rules Committee Report
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe, <i>Presiding</i></b> General Conference Commission Election of the Episcopal Committee Chairperson Sponsor Moment Announcements Adjournment
6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	<b>3rd District Dinner, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b> <b>Boston University School of Theology, <i>D181</i></b>
8:00 pm – 9:45 pm	<b>Business Session 2, <i>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</i></b> <b>Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr., <i>Presiding</i></b> Call to Order Episcopal Address - <b>Bishop James L. Davis</b> Bishop's Quadrennial Distinguished Service Awards Recipients: The Hon. Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm Deaconess Opal Lee Astronaut Stephanie Diana Wilson The Rev. Floyd H. Flake The Rev. Cecil "Chip" Murray The Rev. Hannock M. Phiri Judge M. Monica Leeuw The Honorable Calvin Smyre Announcements Adjournment





## DAY 2

### Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Conn-M-SWAWO Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom A</i></b> <b>5th District Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b> <b>1st District Breakfast, <i>Short North Ballroom B</i></b>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Morning Manna, <i>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</i> Rev. Paul Messiah, <i>Preacher</i> 15th Episcopal District Presiding Elder, Cape Town District
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Business Session 3, <i>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</i></b> <b>Bishop James L. Davis, <i>Presiding</i></b>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Call to Order Greetings from the State of Ohio Government Officials Minutes Reports: The General Conference Commission The General Secretary The General Treasurer The Sunday School Union
10:30 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Bishop Errenous E. McCloud Jr., <i>Presiding</i></b> Reports: Episcopal Committee (First) Revisions Committee (First) Judicial Council The Department of Retirement Services Sponsor Moment Announcements Adjourn
12:00 noon	<b>Turner Theological Seminary Luncheon, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b> <b>IHC First Aid/CPR Class, <i>Ohio Center C</i></b>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Business Session 4, <i>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</i></b>
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, <i>Presiding</i></b> Call to Order Reports: The Department of Global Witness and Ministry Revisions Committee (Second) Election Commission The Department of Church Growth and Development





## DAY 2

### Thursday, August 22, 2024

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister Sr., *Presiding***

**Reports:**

The Department of Christian Education

The Christian Recorder

The Department of Research and Scholarship

The Women's Missionary Society

Connectional Lay Organization

**Sponsor Moment**

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

6:00 pm

**Dinner**

6:00 pm

**3rd District Dinner, *Union Station Ballroom C***

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

**Sunday School Union Training (Class Leaders), D280**

8:00 pm – 9:45 pm

**Business Session 5, Exhibit Halls A&B**

8:00 pm – 9:45 pm

**Bishop John F. White, *Presiding***

**Call to Order**

**Reports:**

Christian Debutante Master's Commission

SADA

The Educational Institutions

The Theological Scholarships

Episcopal Committee (Second)

The Episcopal District Projects

Social Action

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

10:00 pm – 11:45 pm

**Episcopal District Delegation & Committee Meetings,  
*GCCC Meeting Rooms***





# DAY 3

## Friday, August 23, 2024

6:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Jarena Lee Awards Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom B</i></b>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>5th District Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Morning Manna, Exhibit Halls A&B Rev. LaVeeshia Pryor 13th Episcopal District - Pastor, St. John AME Church, Frankfort, Kentucky
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Business Session 6, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b> <b>Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding</b>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Call to Order Welcome State of Ohio Officials Minutes Reports: The Economic Development Revisions Committee (Fourth) Social Action Sponsor Moment
10:30 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, <i>Presiding</i></b> Reports: Public Relations Health Commission Music and Christian Arts Ministry Announcements Adjournment
12:00 noon	<b>Lunch</b> <b>8th District Luncheon, <i>Union Station Ballroom A</i></b> <b>3rd District Luncheon, <i>Short North Ballroom B</i></b> <b>12th District Luncheon, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b> <b>IHC First Aid/CPR Class, <i>Ohio Center C</i></b>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Business Session 7, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Bishop Harry L. Seawright, <i>Presiding</i></b> Call to Order Reports: Memoirs State of the Church Reception of Fraternal Delegates
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, <i>Presiding</i></b> Reports: Revisions (Fifth) Episcopal Committee (Third)





# DAY 3

## Friday, August 23, 2024

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield, <i>Presiding</i></b> <b>Reports:</b> Worship and Liturgy Commission Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC) Women in Ministry (WIM) <b>Sponsor Moment</b> <b>Announcements</b> <b>Adjournment</b>
6:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b> <b>General Officers Dinner, <i>D180</i></b>
6:15 pm – 7:45 pm	Sunday School Union Training (Stewards), D280
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	CDMC Registration, <b><i>Hilton Columbus Tower 2</i></b> <b><i>Charles Massey Room</i></b>
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	CDMC Events, <b><i>Hilton Columbus Tower 2</i></b> <b><i>Charles Massey Room</i></b>
8:00 pm – 9:45 pm	Ecumenical Worship Service, Exhibit Halls A&B
10:00 pm – 11:45 pm	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings, <b><i>GCCC Meeting Rooms</i></b>





# DAY 4

## Saturday, August 24, 2024

7:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Women's Missionary Society Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom BC "150 Year Celebration"</i></b>
8:30 am – 12:00 noon	<b>CMDC Registration and Workshops <i>Hilton Columbus Tower 2, Charles Massey Rooms</i></b>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Morning Manna, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper 1st Episcopal District – Pastor, St. Luke AME Church, Newark, New Jersey</b>
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Business Session 8, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., <i>Presiding</i></b>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Call to Order Minutes Reports:     Revisions Committee (Sixth) Sponsor Moment</b>
10:30 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr., <i>Presiding</i> Reports:     Budget and Finance Committee Announcements Adjournment</b>
12:00 noon	<b>Lunch 6th District Luncheon, <i>Union Station Ballroom A</i> 1st District Luncheon, <i>Union Station Ballroom B</i> IHC First Aid/CPR Class, <i>Ohio Center C</i></b>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Business Session 9, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b>
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, <i>Presiding</i> Call to Order Reports:     Budget and Finance (Last)</b>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Bishop Frank M. Reid III, <i>Presiding</i> Reports:     Revisions Committee (Seventh)     – Last opportunity to present new legislation</b>
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>CDMC Rehearsal, <i>Hilton Columbus Tower 2, Pheoris West Room</i></b>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Bishop Silvester S. Beaman, <i>Presiding</i> Dr. Fry Brown Presentation Social Action Celebration Memorial Service</b>





## DAY 4

### Saturday, August 24, 2024

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Announcements Adjournment
6:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>RAYAC Presents “40 Under 40ish”</b> <b><i>Union Station Ballroom B</i></b>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>3rd District Dinner, <i>Short North Ballroom A</i></b>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>CMDC Scholarship Banquet, <i>Short North Ballroom B</i></b>
6:15 pm – 7:45 pm	Sunday School Union Training (Trustees), D280
8:00 pm – 9:45 pm	Retirement Celebration General Officers and members of the Judicial Council; Retirement Celebration Bishops, Exhibit Halls A&B <b>Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, <i>Preaching</i></b>
10:00 pm – 11:45 pm	Episcopal District Delegation & Committee Meetings, <b><i>GCCC Meeting Rooms</i></b>





## **DAY 5**

### **Sunday, August 25, 2024**

7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Connectional Lay Organization Breakfast</b> <i>Union Station Ballroom B</i>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>AME Church School Fellowship</b> <i>Short North Ballroom B</i>
8:00 am	Church School, <i>Short North Ballroom A</i>
10:00 am	Worship Service and Holy Communion Exhibit Halls A&B <b>Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield, Preaching</b>
1:00 pm	Lunch <b>3rd District Luncheon, Union Station Ballroom C</b> <b>7th District Luncheon, Union Station Ballroom B</b> <b>12th District Luncheon, Union Station Ballroom A</b> <b>IHC First Aid/CPR Class, Ohio Center C</b>
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>AME Women in Ministry (WIM) Elections</b> <i>Short North Ballroom A</i>
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Christian Debutante and Master Ceremony,</b> <i>Hilton Columbus Tower 2, Pheoris West Room</i>
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	HBCU Night, Exhibit Halls A&B
9:00 pm – 10:45 pm	Episcopal District Delegation & Committee Meetings, GCCC Meeting Rooms





# DAY 6

## Monday, August 26, 2024

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast
7:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>13th District Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom A</i></b> <b>2nd District Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom B</i></b> <b>10th District Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b> <b>5th District Breakfast, <i>D281-D282</i></b> <b>11th District Breakfast, <i>Short North B</i></b>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Morning Manna, Exhibit Halls A&B Rev. Leondra Stoney 7th Episcopal District Pastor, Bethel AME Church, McClellanville, South Carolina
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Business Session 10, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b> <b>Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II, <i>Presiding</i></b>
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Call to Order Minutes Reports: Revisions Committee (Eighth)
11:30 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Bishop Francine A. Brookins, <i>Presiding</i></b> Revisions Committee (Continued) Announcements Adjournment
12:00 noon	<b>Lunch</b> <b>9th District Luncheon, <i>Union Station Ballroom A</i></b>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Business Session 11, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Bishop Frederick R. Wright, <i>Presiding</i></b> Call to Order Revisions Committee (Continued)
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr., <i>Presiding</i></b> <b>Election of Bishops, General Officers and Judicial Council</b> Announcements Adjournment
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings, GCCC Meeting Rooms





# DAY 7

## Tuesday, August 27, 2024

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast <b>5th District Breakfast, <i>Union Station Ballroom C</i></b>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Morning Manna, Exhibit Halls A&B Rev. Dr. Rodrecus M. Johnson, Jr. 10th Episcopal District Pastor, Anderson Chapel AME Church, Killeen, Texas
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Business Session 12, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b> <b>Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe, <i>Presiding</i></b>
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Call to Order Unfinished Business
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Installation Service – General Officers and Judicial Council <b>Bishop James L. Davis, <i>Presiding</i></b> Minutes Resolutions Revisions Committee (Final Report) Announcements Adjournment
12:00 noon	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Business Session 13, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b> <b>Bishop David R. Daniels Jr., <i>Presiding</i></b>
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations
5:30 pm – 6:00 PM	Preview of the 53rd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference Announcements Adjournment
6:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm – 9:45 pm	Music and Christian Arts Presentation, Exhibit Halls A&B
10:00 pm – 11:45 pm	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings, <i>GCCC Meeting Rooms</i>





# **DAY 8**

## **Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

<b>7:00 am – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30 am – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Morning Manna, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. James R. Hooper</b>  <b>12th Episcopal District</b>  <b>Presiding Elder, Pine Bluff/Helena District</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Consecration Service</b>  <b>(Live on the Word Network)</b>  <b>Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b>  <b>Bishop Frank M. Reid III, Worship Leader</b>  <b>Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr., Preaching</b>  <b>Passing of the Senior Bishop Medallion</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Business Session 14, Exhibit Halls A&amp;B</b>  <b>Bishop Frank M. Reid III, <i>Presiding</i></b>  <b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Assignment of Bishops</b>  <b>Adjournment</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>General Board Organization, Short North Ballroom A</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Episcopal Supervisors Meeting,</b>  <b><i>Meeting Rooms D281-D282</i></b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>General Officers' Meeting, Meeting Room D180</b>



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The top half of the poster features two men in purple vestments with gold embroidery. Between them is a circular gold seal. The seal's outer ring contains the text 'THE FIFTY-SECOND QUADRENNIAL SESSION' at the top and 'THE PANDEMICS • THE PROMISE • THE PLAN' at the bottom. The inner circle features a shield with a cross and the words 'METHODIST EPISCOPAL AFRICAN', a statue of a man, and the date 'AUGUST 21-28, 2024' and location 'COLUMBUS, OH'. Below the seal, the text 'JEREMIAH 29:11' is visible.

# OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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Greater Columbus Convention Center  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Wednesday, The Twenty-first Day of August  
Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
10:00 am EDT

The bottom of the poster shows a stylized city skyline at night with various skyscrapers and a bridge, all in shades of purple and blue, with some lights glowing.





## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.  
Worship Leader

The Moments of Praise

Third Episcopal District and MCAM

The Proclamation (*from the rear of the Hall*)

Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.

*“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.”*

I Chronicles 16:3-24

The Great Procession

Connectional Officers, Judicial Council, General Officers, Bishops

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

AME Hymnal No. 5, *Diadem*

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,

*And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,

The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

AME Hymnal No. 647

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Call to Worship

Bishop James L. Davis  
Second Episcopal District  
Chair, General Conference Commission





- Bishop: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem!
- People: **For a day in Thy court is better than a thousand, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
- Bishop: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.
- People: **Those that dwell in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.**
- Bishop: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.
- People: **For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**
- Bishop: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.
- People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing His praises.**

### The Opening Hymn

**Bishop Errenous E. McCloud Jr.  
Third Episcopal District, Host Bishop**

#### *And Are We Yet Alive* AME Hymnal No. 304

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?  
Glory and praise to Jesus give For His redeeming grace.

Preserve by power divine, To full salvation here,  
Again, in Jesus praise we join, And in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed,  
Fightings without and fears within Since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord, Hath brought us by His love.  
And still, He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast, Of His redeeming power,  
Which saves us to the uttermost, Till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross Till we the crown obtain.  
And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain.

### The Invocation

**Bishop Frank M. Reid III  
Eleventh Episcopal District  
President, Council of Bishops**





## The Choral Response

***Let It Breathe on Me***  
AME Hymnal No. 295

*Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me.  
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.  
Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me,  
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.*

## The Anthem

**Third Episcopal District Choir**

## The Scripture Lessons

### The Old Testament

**Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NSRVUE)**

**Bishop Clement W. Fugh**  
**Fifth Episcopal District**

*“For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile”*

### The Epistle

**Philippians 1:3-6 (NSRVUE)**

**Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath**  
**Ecumenical and Urban Affairs**

*“I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”*

### The Gospel

**Matthew 16:13-18 (NSRVUE)**

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister Sr.**  
**First Episcopal District**

*“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”*

## The Choral Preface to The Decalogue

**From All That Dwell**

**Bishop John F. White Sr.**  
**Fourth Episcopal District**

AME Hymnal No. 69  
*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise.  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung: Through every land by every tongue.*





### The Summary of The Decalogue

Hear what Christ Our Savior saith: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

### The Gloria Patri

AME Hymnal No. 626

### Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### The Gospel Selection

### Third Episcopal District Choir

### The Litany

### Bishop Anne Henning-Byfield Thirteenth Episcopal District

### The Pandemics, The Promise, The Plan: A Litany Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.

**Leader:** We have come to Columbus as the church *gathered*. Till yesterday, we were the church *scattered*, situated on five continents in 39 countries. We have gathered under the theme, “The Pandemics, The Promise, The Plan.” We arrived with our historic theological mantra, spoken in many tongues, “God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Holy Spirit our Comforter, Humankind our Family.”

**People:** **A thousand afflictions to vex our souls, yet we are the Church first things First — we are called to Worship.**

**Leader:** In the Pandemic, we could not meet. We stood by yawning graves waiting to receive the remains of loved ones, friends and colleagues. Never once did we think to say, “This is the work of a *hoax*.” The Pandemic was real — airborne— as easy to contract as inhaling — breathing what was expected to be fresh air.

**People:** **A thousand afflictions to vex our souls, yet we are the Church, we are called to Pray.**

**Leader:** The Pandemic has been real, relentless and nearly intractable — and so are racism, fascism, ageism, xenophobia, hate, gun violence, police brutality, gender discrimination, voter suppression, economic disparities, and War. Metaphorically, they are in the air we breathe. Some have whispered, “*I can’t breathe*.” Together, they are killing our institutions, our relationships, our trust.

**People:** **A thousand afflictions to vex our souls, yet we are the Church; we are called to Civic and Political Engagement.**





**Leader:** The retelling of the big lie and living in denial will not change the facts in America: teaching true history is being stifled; Gang Violence and Anarchy are rife in Haiti, and so is Human Trafficking, and the Displacement of thousands in Central Africa, Human Suffering in Gaza, abject poverty apparent in too many places. Democracy is endangered. Climate change is real.

**People:** **A thousand afflictions to vex our souls, yet we are the Church, we are called to Vigilance; we are called to Vote.**

**Leader:** We confess that our fellowship has been fractured. Some feel betrayed and injured, a circumstance with the potential to tear us apart, fragmented and feeble. Was the Vision given to our venerable founder merely myopic?

**People:** **A thousand afflictions to vex our souls, yet we are the Church, we are called to Hope.**

**Leader:** We are the heirs of Richard and Sarah Allen, and a great cloud of witnesses who preceded us since 1787 and 1816. We are beneficiaries of their vision and mantra of Salvation, Liberation and Education, a global ministry under the banner of Jesus, the Living Lord, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**People:** **A thousand afflictions to vex our souls, yet we are the Church, we are called to Stand for the cause of Justice, in every corner of the world; we are called to Go.**

**Leader:** “In the world you will have tribulation,” Jesus said, “but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” “Do not be afraid. Lo, I am with you.”

**People:** **A thousand afflictions may vex our souls, yet we are the Church, we are called to Witness. "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."**  
(2 Corinthians 1:20)

**The Offering for Missions**

**Bishop David R. Daniels Jr.**  
**Seventeenth Episcopal District**

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

**The Presentation of the Preacher**

**Bishop Reginald T. Jackson**  
**Sixth Episcopal District**

**The Sermonic Selection**

**Third Episcopal District Choir**

**The Quadrennial Sermon**

**Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe**  
**Fourteenth Episcopal District**  
**President, General Board**





**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell**  
**Twelfth Episcopal District**

**The Offertory**

**Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr.**  
**Seventh Episcopal District**

**The Offertory Response**

*All Things Come of Thee*  
AME Hymnal No. 644  
*All things come of Thee, O Lord.*  
*and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen*

**The Announcements**

**Bishop Silvester S. Beaman**  
**Fifteenth Episcopal District**  
**Secretary, Council of Bishops**

**The Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker**  
**Eighth Episcopal District**

AME Hymnal No. 647  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**The Benediction**

**Bishop Harry L. Seawright**  
**Ninth Episcopal District**

**The Recessional**

**Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.**  
**Nineteenth Episcopal District**

***Siyahamba “We are Marching in the Light of God”***

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',*  
*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',*  
*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',*  
*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-,*  
*Khanyen' kwenkhos',*  
*Siyahamba, hamba,*  
*Siyahamba, hamba,*  
*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-,*  
*Khanyen' kwenkhos'.*  
*Siyahamba, hamba,*  
*Siyahamba, hamba,*  
*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*We are marching in the light of God,*  
*We are marching in the light of God,*  
*We are marching in the light of God,*  
*We are marching in the light of,*  
*The light of God,*  
*We are marching, marching,*  
*We are marching, marching,*  
*We are marching in the light of,*  
*The light of God,*  
*We are marching, marching,*  
*We are marching, marching,*  
*We are marching in the light of God.*



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## ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE



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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath  
Ecumenical and Urban Affairs

Worship Leader

The Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

AME Hymnal No. 647

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship

Bishop Errenous E. McCloud Jr.  
Third Episcopal District

Bishop: We have gathered in this place to worship.

People: **We will worship God in the beauty of God's holiness.**

Bishop: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

People: **For the Lord is great and worthy to be praised.**

Bishop: We will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in our mouths.

People: **Let the people rejoice for we have a wonderful God. Sing unto the Lord a new song.**

The Opening Hymn

Bishop Francine A. Brookins  
Eighteenth Episcopal District

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

AME Hymnal No. 62

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; Free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.





Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore.

### **The Invocation**

**Bishop Frank M. Reid III**  
**Eleventh Episcopal District**

### **The Choral Response**

*Anointing, Fall on Me*

Anointing, fall on me  
Anointing, fall on me  
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me  
Anointing fall on me

### **The Scripture Lesson**

**John 17: 20-23**

**Bishop Paul J. Kawimbe**  
**Fourteenth Episcopal District**

*"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

### **The Gloria Patri**

AME Hymnal No. 626

**Glory Be to the Father**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### **The Gospel Selection**

**Third Episcopal District Choir**

### **The Presentation of the Preacher**

**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie**  
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA





**The Sermonic Selection**

**MCAM**

**The Sermon**

**Dr. Marcus D. Cosby Sr.  
Pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker  
Eighth Episcopal District**

**The Offertory**

**Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr.  
Seventh Episcopal District**

**The Offertory Response**

AME Hymnal No. 644  
*All things come of Thee, O Lord.  
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

*All Things Come of Thee*

**The Announcements**

**Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II  
Sixteenth Episcopal District**

**The Doxology**

AME Hymnal No. 647  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Benediction**

**Bishop Philip Robert Cousin Sr.  
Retired**



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## MEMORIAL SERVICE



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# MEMORIAL SERVICE

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II  
Sixteenth Episcopal District  
Worship Leader

The Moments of Praise

MCAM

The Opening Hymn

Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker  
Eighth Episcopal District

*Time is Filled with Swift Transition*  
AME Hymnal No. 513

*Time is filled with swift transition, naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Hold to his hand, God's unchanging hand,  
Hold to his hand, God's unchanging hand;  
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring,  
if by earthly friends forsaken still more closely to Him cling.*

*Covet not this world's vain riches, that so rapidly decay,  
seek to gain the heav'nly treasures, they will never pass away.*

*When your journey is completed, if to God you have been true,  
fair and bright the home in glory your enraptured soul will view.*

The Call to Worship

Bishop Frederick A. Wright  
Twentieth Episcopal District

Leader: Blessed are they who die in the Lord.  
People: **They will rest from their labor.**

Leader: Blessed are they who die in the Lord.  
People: **Their deeds will follow them.**

Leader: Let us remember our colleagues, friends and loved ones as people who have an anchor and a hope.  
People: **They are precious in the sight of the Lord.**

All: **The gift of God is eternal life, Hallelujah and Amen!**





## The Prayer

**Bishop Francine A. Brookins**  
**Eighteenth Episcopal District**

## The Scripture

***1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 (NRSV)***

**Bishop Wilfred Messiah**

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.

## The Memorial Video Tribute

## The Memorial Liturgy

**Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield**  
**Thirteenth Episcopal District**

The names of those to be remembered by the General Conference have been lifted in the Episcopal Address. You are invited to stand to honor those you have known and love. When you hear the phrase, "**Absent from the Body**" everyone is invited to respond by saying: "**Present with the Lord**".

**Bishop:** Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live. Whoever believes in Me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Because I live, you also shall live."

**People:** **O God of both the living and the dead, we praise Your Holy Name for all Your servants who have finished their course in faith. Encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we pray that we may share with them the inheritance of the saints.**

**Bishop:** This afternoon we celebrate and remember those who have died since we last gathered together. We give thanks to You O God for our ordained clergy, including Bishops, Presiding Elders and pastors who this year have finished their labors ... Absent from the Body.

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

**Bishop:** We give thanks to You O God, for the spouses of our clergy, former Supervisors of Missions and Children's Work, and spouse of our General Officer, who this year have finished their labors ... Absent from the Body.

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

**Bishop:** We give thanks to you O, God for our strong and faithful lay Connectional Lay Officers, Lay leaders and laypersons who transitioned since we last assembled...Absent from the Body

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**





Bishop: We give thanks to You O God, for the evangelists, exhorters, deaconesses and their spouses who this year have finished their labors ... Absent from the body.

**People: Present with the Lord.**

*Everyone is invited to share aloud the names of persons you want to remember this afternoon.*

Bishop: Absent from the Body.

**People: Present with the Lord.**

Bishop: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work ... Absent from the Body.

**People: Present with the Lord.**

**All: O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once gain meet face to face. Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn

**Bishop David R. Daniels Jr.  
Seventeenth Episcopal District**

### *Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*

AME Hymnal No. 511

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.*

#### *Chorus:*

*When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when traveling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh.*

*Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving every day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay.*

*Onward to the praise before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.*

## The Benediction

**Bishop Philip R. Cousin Sr.  
Retired**



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## THE SERVICE OF RETIREMENT FOR BISHOPS AND GENERAL OFFICERS



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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop John R. Bryant  
Worship Leader

The Moments of Praise

MCAM

The Call to Worship

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram  
Retired

Bishop: The Bible instructs us to give honor to those to whom honor is due. Today we gather to pay tribute to six Bishops for their years of service and labors of love in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We salute them for a job well done.

**People: For them, O God, we give Thee thanks.**

Bishop: We thank you, O God, for their strength to bear burdens and their grace to share blessings.

**People: For them, O God, we give Thee thanks.**

Bishop: For their ministries, sacrifices, lives touched, services rendered, and sermons preached,

**People: For them, O God, we give Thee thanks.**

Bishop: For the collective years of Episcopal Service given by Bishops Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., Julius H. McAllister, Sr., John F. White, Clement W. Fugh, Anne Henning Byfield and Frank M. Reid III, we praise God for them.

**People: We affirm their ministries; and thank them for lives touched, sermons preached, districts led, and churches built and dedicated all to the glory of God. The Lord's name be praised.**

Bishop: For the families who have shared this journey, we praise God for their sacrifice and service while sharing both the blessings and burdens of ministry; the Lord's name be praised.

**People: For them, O God, we give Thee thanks.**

Bishop: May Christ be honored, and His name be praised, both now and forevermore. Let the Church say, Amen, Amen, and Amen.

The Hymn of Praise

Bishop Preston W. Williams II  
Retired





***How Great the Wisdom***  
AME Hymnal No. 91

*How great the wisdom, power and grace Which in redemption shine!  
The heavenly host with joy confess  
The work is all divine, The work is all divine,  
The work is all divine.*

*Before His feet they cast their crowns, Those crowns which Jesus gave,  
And, with ten thousand thousand tongues,  
Proclaim His power to save, Proclaim His power to save,  
Proclaim His power to save.*

*They tell the triumphs of His cross, The sufferings which He bore;  
How low He stooped, how high He rose,  
And rose to stoop no more, And rose to stoop no more,  
And rose to stoop no more.*

*O let them still their voices raise, And still their song renew;  
Salvation well deserves the praise  
Of men, and angels, too, Of men, and angels, too,  
Of men, and angels, too.*

**The Invocation**

**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie**  
Retired

**The Statement of Purpose**

**Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.**  
Nineteenth Episcopal District

We come now in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to give praise to God for the life and labors of the servants who are retiring from the offices of Bishop and General Officers in our church. We acknowledge with appreciation not only them, but their families who played a pivotal role in what they have been able to achieve.

The record of your active ministry is written not only in the Annals of African Methodism but has also been etched and given to God. Your Church is deeply grateful for your ministry, the care, compassion, and commitment which you have faithfully displayed since taking your vows of installation and consecration. This Church has been made the better because of your years of sacrificial service and fruitful labor.

We pray God's blessing upon you as you begin a new season in your life as a retired servant of the church. Today, we say thank you for a job well done and may the Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever more. Amen.

**The Presentation of Retirees**

**Reverend Dr. Jeffery Cooper**  
General Secretary /Chief Information Officer

Members of the General Conference we have assembled for this hour of worship to formally recognize the completion of the active service of these leaders in the church. As General Secretary, I present unto you these faithful servant leaders





for the recognition and honor due them for years of service, sacrifices given, visions caste, and untiring labors of love they rendered in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

*The General Secretary will then read the names of those to be retired,  
pausing after each name while the person shall rise.*

**THE GENERAL OFFICER**

Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry-Brown  
Rev. Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper

**THE BISHOPS**

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.  
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Sr.  
Bishop John F. White  
Bishop Clement W. Fugh  
Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield  
Bishop Frank M. Reid, III

**The Presentation of the Messenger**

**Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry  
Retired**

**The Ministry of Music**

**MCAM**

**The Message of Tribute**

**Bishop Reginald T. Jackson  
Sixth Episcopal District**

**The Video Ministry Highlights**

**The Response**

**The Doxology**

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***  
AME Hymnal No. 647

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**The Benediction**



# 5<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session of the General <sup>20</sup>24 CONFERENCE

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT



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# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

IN OBSERVANCE OF  
The Fifty-second Quadrennial Session  
OF THE  
**General Conference**  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Greater Columbus Convention Center  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Sunday, The Twenty-fifth Day of August  
Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
10:00 am EDT





## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop James L. Davis  
Chair, General Conference Commission  
Worship Leader

The Moments of Praise

Third Episcopal District and MCAM

The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
AME Hymnal No. 647

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Call to Worship

Bishop Errenous E. McCloud Jr.  
Third Episcopal District, Host Bishop

Leader: Christ has gathered the people of Allen to commune at this table.

People: **We share this sacrament as people of the Diaspora with common histories and beliefs, cultural diversities, political differences, and economic disparities.**

Leader: Remember and celebrate the One who provided the ultimate sacrifice.

People: **We rejoice and give thanks that Jesus is the substitute sacrifice for our redemption and made provisions for complete sufficiency of our salvation.**

Leader: Come, come with your hopes. Come your anxieties and fears, Come with your visions and prayers for this is the place where all may come.

People: **We come to be united with Christ and each other so that once again we will proclaim the blood still works and with the blood we will impact the world.**

*(Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield)*

The Opening Hymn

Bishop Frederick A. Wright  
Twentieth Episcopal District

*The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me*  
AME Hymnal No. 137

*The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary,  
The blood that gives me strength From day to day  
It will never lose its power.*

*It reaches to the highest mountain; It flows to the lowest valley,  
The blood that gives me strength, From day to day,  
It will never lose its power.  
The work is all divine.*





*It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears,  
The blood that gives me strength From day to day  
It will never lose its power.*

**The Invocation**

**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell  
Twelfth Episcopal District**

**The Anthem**

**Third Episcopal District Choir**

**The Scripture Lesson**

***1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)***

**Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.  
Nineteenth Episcopal District**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**The Preface to the Decalogue**

**Bishop Francine A. Brookins  
Eighteenth Episcopal District**

***From All That Dwell Below the Skies*  
AME Hymnal No. 69**

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.*

**The Summary of the Decalogue**  
*(Bishop Henry Turner's Version)*

**Leader:** You shalt have no gods but Me.

**People:** **Before no idol bow thy knee.**

**Leader:** Take not the name of God in vain.

**People:** **Nor dare the Sabbath-day profane.**

**Leader:** Give both thy parents honor due.

**People:** **Take heed that thou no murder do.**

**Leader:** Abstain from words and deeds unclean.

**People:** **Nor steal tho' thou art poor and mean.**

**Leader:** Nor make a willful lie, nor love it.

**People:** **What is thy neighbor's dare does not covet.**

**Leader:** With all thy soul, love God above,

**People:** **And as thyself thy neighbor love.**





## The Gloria Patri

***Glory Be to the Father***  
AME Hymnal No. 626

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## The Presentation of the Preacher

**Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry**  
Retired

## The Sermonic Hymn

**Bishop Harry L. Seawright**  
Ninth Episcopal District

***O Thou, In Whose Presence***  
AME Hymnal No. 83

O Thou, in Whose presence my soul takes delight,  
On Whom in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,  
My hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, Resort with thy sheep  
To feed them in pastures of love?  
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,  
Or alone in this wilderness rove?

Oh why should I wander, an alien from Thee,  
Or cry in the desert for bread?  
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,  
And smile at the tears I have shed.

He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice,  
And myriads wait for His word;  
He speaks! and eternity, filled with His voice;  
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

Dear Shepherd, I hear, and will follow Thy call,  
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice.  
Restore and defend me, for Thou art my all  
And in Thee I will ever rejoice.





**The Sermon**

**Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield  
Thirteenth Episcopal District**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Bishop Silvester S. Beaman  
Fifteenth Episcopal District**

**The Offering**

**Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II  
Sixteenth Episcopal District**

**The Offertory Response**

*All Things Come of Thee*  
AME Hymnal No. 644

*All things come of Thee, O Lord;  
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Contemporary)**

**Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson Jr., Celebrant  
Senior Bishop**

**The Solicitation**

**Bishop Frank M. Reid III  
Eleventh Episcopal District**

Christ our Lord invites all to this table. who earnestly repent of their sins, seek to live in love and peace with one another, intending to lead a new life following the commandments and example of a Holy God. We invite the same and ask you join us in General Confession.

**The General Confession**

**Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah**

Almighty God, Creator of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful God for Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.





### **The Summary of the Collects, Humiliation and Adoration**

**Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath**  
**Ecumenical and Urban Affairs**

Almighty God, who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You. Have mercy upon us; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You. Since we do not presume to come to Your table trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies, let us with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying, “Holy, holy, holy, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high.” Amen, Amen, Amen.

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

**Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.**  
**Tenth Episcopal District**

Almighty God, who of Your tender mercy did give us Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute and in the holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of Jesus’ precious death until Christ’s coming again; hear us, O. merciful God we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of remembrance of Christ’s death and passion, may be partakers of Christ’s most blessed body and blood. Who in the same night that Jesus was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, take eat, this My body which is broken for you, This, do in remembrance of Me. Likewise, after supper Jesus took the cup and after given thanks Christ gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for the remission of sins; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

### **The Sharing of the Elements**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker**  
**Eight Episcopal District**

**Third Episcopal District Choir -MCAM**

#### ***The Lord’s Prayer (Caribbean)*** **AME Hymnal No. 632**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.*  
*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, (Hallowed be Thy name)*

*On earth as it is in heaven, (Hallowed be Thy name)*  
*Give us this day our daily bread, (Hallowed be Thy name)*

*Forgive us our trespasses, (Hallowed be Thy name)*  
*As we forgive those who trespass against us, (Hallowed be Thy name)*





*Lead us not into temptation, (Hallowed be Thy name)  
But deliver us from all that is evil, (Hallowed be Thy name)*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, (Hallowed be Thy name)  
Forever and forever and ever, (Hallowed be Thy name)*

*Amen, amen, it shall be so, (Hallowed be Thy name)  
Amen, amen, it shall be so, (Hallowed be Thy name)*

## **The Celebration**

**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell**  
**Twelfth Episcopal District**

### ***What A Mighty God We Serve***

*What a mighty God we serve.  
What a mighty God we serve.  
Angels bow before Him.  
Heaven and earth adore Him.  
What a mighty God we serve.*

## **The Announcements**

## **The Closing Remarks**

## **The Benediction**

**Bishop Robert V. Webster**  
**Retired**

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## **The Recessional**

### ***Lord Make Me More Holy***

*Lord, make me more holy; Lord, make me more holy;  
Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make me more loving; Lord, make me more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:  
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make me more patient; Lord, make me more patient;  
Lord, make me more patient, until we meet again:  
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make me more faithful; Lord, make me more faithful;  
Lord, make me more faithful, until we meet again:  
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*



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## THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR GENERAL OFFICERS AND JUDICIAL COUNCIL



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The Fifty-second Quadrennial Session  
OF THE  
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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Greater Columbus Convention Center  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Tuesday, The Twenty-seventh Day of August  
Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
11:00 am EDT





## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Silvester S. Beaman  
Program Chair, General Conference Commission  
Worship Leader

The Prelude

MCAM

The Call To Celebration

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Sr.  
First Episcopal District

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 Harry L. Seawright  
Ninth Episcopal District

*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 Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.  
Nineteenth Episcopal District

The Scripture

Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe  
Fourteenth Episcopal District

THE PRESENTATION AND INSTALLATION OF GENERAL OFFICERS  
AND JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS





**Bishop David R. Daniels Jr.**

Bishop: Senior Bishop Richardson and members of the 52nd 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 Marvin C. Zanders II**

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 Samuel L. Green Sr.**

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 Errenous E. McCloud Jr.**

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 John F. White**

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 Reginald T. Jackson**

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 Michael Leon Mitchell**

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 E. Anne Henning-Byfield**

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 Samuel L. Green Sr.**

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 Clement W. Fugh**

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 Stafford J. N. Wicker**

**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 Jeffrey N. Leath**

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**  
**Eleventh Episcopal District**

*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 depts. 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 Francine A. Brookins**  
**Eighteenth Episcopal District**



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9:00 am EDT





## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Bishop Frank Madison Reid III  
Eleventh Episcopal District  
Worship Leader**

**The Moments of Praise**

**Third Episcopal District and MCAM**

**The Great Procession**

**Connectional Officers, Judicial Council, General Officers, Bishops**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

AME Hymnal No. 5, *Diadem*

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,

*And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,

**The Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

AME Hymnal No. 647

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**The Call to Worship**

**Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe**

**Leader:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**People:** **O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**The Hymn of Praise**

**Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield**





***Stand Tall, Stand Strong***  
Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield

*Declare God's majesty and might, in the midst of darkness and strife,  
Let Creation sing with delight, that evil can't win against the Light.*

***Stand tall. Stand strong, Allen's Church is the Lord's  
and to God all love and power we bestow.***

*No matter what chaos we face. (or) feeling we have been disgraced.  
Let those fears and shame be erased. And hasten to the place of God's grace.*

*Keep faith for God triumphs wrong! despite the noises from the throngs.  
The ancestors shout to fight on God's warring power is ever strong.*

***Shout*** *that the victory is ours! For the battle we are empowered.  
Now let the Church say it is so. Amen, Amen, and Amen.*

*It is so, it is so, it is so.*

***Stand tall. Stand strong, Allen's Church is the Lord's  
And to God all love and power we bestow.***

**The Call to Prayer**

**Bishop David R. Daniels Jr.**

Beloved, it is written in the Gospel of Luke that our Savior Christ continued the whole night in prayer before He chose and sent forth His twelve apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples who were at Antioch did fast and pray before they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas and sent them forth. Let us therefore, following the example of our Savior Christ and His Apostles, first enter into prayer before we admit and send forth these persons presented to us to the work whereupon we trust the Holy Spirit has called them.

**The Prayer of Intercession**

**Bishop Errenous E. McCloud Jr.**

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by Your Holy Spirit has appointed diverse orders of ministers in Your church, mercifully behold these Your servants, now called to the work and ministry of a bishop, and replenish them so with the truth of Your doctrine, and adorn them so with innocence of life that, both by words and deeds, they may faithfully serve You in this office to the glory of Your name, and the edifying and the well governing of Your church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Choral Response**

***Anointing Fall on Me***

*Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me.  
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me  
Anointing fall on me.*

**The Ministry of Music**

**Third Episcopal District MCAM**





## The Scripture Readings

### *Acts 20:17 - 35 (NRSV)*

**Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath**

From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Good News of God’s grace. “And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore, I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of His grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

### *John 21:15-17 (NRSV)*

**Bishop John F. White**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time He said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” Peter felt hurt because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

**The Choral Preface to the *Te Deum***

***From all that Dwell***

**Bishop Clement W. Fugh**

AME Hymnal No. 69

*From all that dwell below the skies Let Thy Creator’s praise arise,  
Let Thy Redeemer’s name be sung Through every land by every tongue.*

### **The *Te Deum Laudamus***

(Latin: “We Praise You, O God” /Xhosa: Siyakudumisa Thixo)

**Leader:** We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

**People:** **All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.**

**Leader:** To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.

**People:** **To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry.**





Leader: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth.

People: **Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.**

Leader: The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

People: **The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.**

Leader: The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.

People: **The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee.**

Leader: The Father of an infinite majesty.

People: **Thine adorable, true and only Son.**

Leader: Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

People: **Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.**

Leader: Thou art the Everlasting Son of the Father.

People: **When Thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.**

Leader: When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

People: **Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.**

Leader: We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.

People: **We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.**

Leader: Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

People: **O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage.**

Leader: Govern them and lift them up forever.

People: **Day by day, we magnify Thee.**

Leader: And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.

People: **Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.**

Leader: O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

People: **O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.**

Leader: O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

### The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.*





The Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

The Sermonic Selection

Third District Choir MCAM

The Sermon

Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson

There's nothing better than knowing Jesus; He will pick you and turn your life around  
You ought to know Him, get to know Him, right now, today, just come.  
There's nothing better than knowing Jesus, He gets sweeter as the days go by,  
You ought to know Him, get to know Him, right now, today, just come.  
Come on, come on, come on, come on, come on, come on Right now, today, just come.

The Recognition of Retiring Bishops

Bishop James L. Davis

The Stewardship Litany

Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.

Leader: Our call to Stewardship as an Act of Worship is historic; it is biblical; it is relevant to our relationship with Christ, to our spiritual maturity, to the manifold blessings we enjoy.  
**People:** **The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein.** (Psalm 24:1)  
Leader: Therefore, we cheerfully give and gladly affirm:  
**People:** **"The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the LORD Almighty.** (Haggai 2:8)  
Leader: Therefore, we cheerfully give and gladly affirm:  
**People:** **All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.** (1 Chron. 29:14)  
Leader: Therefore, we cheerfully give and gladly affirm:  
**People:** **For the Kingdom is Thine; the Power is Thine; the Glory is Thine; the earth is Thine, the money is Thine, and I am Thine. Through my stewardship, I am closer drawn to Thee.**  
*(A Litany by Bishop Adam J. Richardson)*

The Offering

Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr.

The Offering Response

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

AME Hymnal No. 646  
*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

## THE LITURGY FOR THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS

The Collect

Bishop Paul J. Kawimbe

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





*The presentation of persons elected to the office of Bishop  
by two elders to the Bishop, saying:*

**The Presenters:** Reverend Father/Mother in God, we present to you \_\_\_\_\_, the  
143rd person to be consecrated a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**The Presenters:** Reverend Father/Mother in God, we present to you \_\_\_\_\_, the  
144th person to be consecrated a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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145th person to be consecrated a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**The Presenters:** Reverend Father/Mother in God, we present to you \_\_\_\_\_, the  
146th person to be consecrated a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**The Presenters:** Reverend Father/Mother in God, we present to you \_\_\_\_\_, the  
147th person to be consecrated a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Bishop:**

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister Sr.**

Brothers and sisters, since the Holy Scriptures command that we should not be hasty in laying on hands and admitting any person to government in the Church of Christ, which He has purchased with no less price than the effusion of His own blood, before we admit you to this administration, we will examine you in certain articles to the end that the congregation present may have a fair trial, and bear witness how you are minded to behave yourself in the church of God.

**Bishop:** Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministration according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**Bishops-Elect: I am so persuaded.**

**Bishop Harry L. Seawright**

**Bishop:** Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined, out of the same Holy Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and teach and maintain nothing as required of necessity to eternal salvation but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the sacred Scriptures?

**Bishops-Elect: I am persuaded and so determined by God's grace.**

**Bishop:** Are you ready with faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word, and to use both private and public exhortations, to call upon and encourage others to do the same?

**Bishops-Elect: I am ready, the Lord being my helper.**

**Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.**

**Bishop:** Will you maintain and set forward, as much as shall lie in you, quietness, love, and peace among all people; and such as shall be unquiet, disobedient, and criminal, correct and punish according to such authority as you have by God's Word and as shall be committed unto you?





**Bishops-Elect:** I will do so, by the help of God.

**Bishop:** Will you be faithful in ordaining or laying hands upon others?

**Bishops-Elect:** I will do so, by the help of God.

**Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker**

**Bishop:** Will you show yourself gentle and merciful for Christ's sake to the poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

**Bishops-Elect:** I will so show myself, by God's help.

*Then the bishop shall say:*

**Bishop:** Almighty God our Heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant also to you strength and power to perform the same; that God may accomplish in you the good work which God has begun; that you may be found perfect and blameless in the last day through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

## THE VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

**Bishop Frank M. Reid III**

**Leader:** Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire

**People:** And lighten with celestial fire;

**Leader:** Thou the anointing Spirit art

**People:** Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart

**Leader:** Thy blessed unction from above

**People:** Is comfort, light, and fire of love.

**Leader:** Enable with perpetual light

**People:** The dullness of our blinded sight;

**Leader:** Anoint and cheer our soiled face

**People:** With the abundance of Thy grace.

**Leader:** Keep far our foes; give peace at home;

**People:** Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

**Leader:** Teach us to know the Father, Son,

**People:** And Thee of both to be but one!





Leader: That through the ages all along  
People: **This may be our endless song;**

Leader: Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
People: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

### The Prayer of Consecration

**Bishop Silvester S. Beaman**

**Bishop:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Bishops-Elect:** **And let our cry come unto You.**

**Bishop:** Let us pray:  
Almighty God, most merciful Father, who of Your infinite goodness has given Your only and dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death and was ascended into heaven, poured down His gifts abundantly upon His followers, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to the edifying and making perfect His church, grant, we beseech You, to these your servants such grace that they may be evermore ready to spread abroad Your Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with You, and use the authority given them not to destruction but to salvation, not to hurt but to help; so that as wise and faithful servants giving to Your family their portion in due season, they may at last be received into everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.**

*Then the bishop and elders present shall lay their hands upon the head of the bishops-elect kneeling, if able, the bishop saying:*

**Bishop:** The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of Bishop in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And remember that you stir up the grace of God which is given by the imposition of our hands; for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness.

*Then the Bishop shall deliver to the Bishop-elect the Bible, saying:*

**Bishop:** The Bible is the ancient book of the Church and serves as the heart of a Christian's private devotion in life. Among the symbolic treasures presented to you on this day of your consecration is the Holy Bible. Receive the Holy Scriptures; from them feed the flock committed to your care. Amen.

**Bishop:** Give heed to reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifested to all people. Take heed to yourself, and to your doctrine; for by so doing you shall both save yourself and them that hear you.





Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, devour them not. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcasts, seek the lost; be so merciful that you may not be too remiss; so minister discipline that you forget not mercy, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear you may receive the never fading crown of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Bishop shall deliver to the Bishop-elect the Pectoral Cross, saying:*

**Bishop:** The cross serves as a constant reminder to faithfully and joyfully proclaim Christ crucified by Word and Sacrament, prayer and praise, deed and silence, in season and out. Receive the cross as a sign of our Savior's suffering, death, and resurrection, and as a symbol of your Servant Life. Amen.

**The People Chant Aloud:** Amen. Amen. Amen.

*The Bishop shall administer the Lord's Supper. Before the Benediction, the following prayer shall be said with the newly consecrated Bishops and all others present:*

#### **The Prayer**

**Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II**

Most merciful Father, we beseech You to send down upon these Your servants Your heavenly blessings and so imbue them with your Holy Spirit that they, preaching Your word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech and rebuke with all patience and doctrines, but also may be to such as believe wholesome examples in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity, that faithfully fulfilling their course at the latter day may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous Judge, who lives and reigns one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

#### **The Blessing**

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen. (*Philippians 4:9*)

#### **The Communion Hymn**

***There is a Fountain Filled with Blood***  
AME Hymnal No. 255

**Bishop Francine A. Brookins**

*There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.*

2

*The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away:*





*Wash all my sins away,  
Wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.*

3

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed ones of God  
Be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more,  
Be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed ones of God,  
Be saved to sin no more.*

4

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.*

5

*When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy power to save:  
I'll sing Thy power to save,  
I'll sing Thy power to save;  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,*

## **The Service of Holy Communion**

**Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.**  
Chief Celebrant

### **The Solicitation**

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith to receive the Holy Sacrament, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, in the presence of His church.

### **The General Confession**

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.





Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Humiliation**

**Bishop John R. Bryant**

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may ever more dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

**Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you." Likewise, after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "All of you drink this, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me." Amen.

### **The Sharing of the Elements**

#### **The Prelude Sentence and The Lord's Prayer Hymn No. 634**

**Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie**

God of grace, we give You praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

**Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.





# The Closing Business Session

**Bishop Frank M. Reid, III**  
**President, Council of Bishops**  
**Presiding**

**The Transfer of the Senior Bishop Medallion**

**Bishop Adam J. Richardson**

**The Final Report of the Episcopal Committee**

**The Assignment of Bishops**

**The Closing Hymn**

**Bishop James L Davis**

***God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again***  
**AME Hymnal No. 45**

*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; 'Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His arms unfailing round you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again. Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threat'ning ways before you: God be with you till we met again.*

**The Adjournment *Sine Die***

**The Benediction**

**Bishop Silvester S. Beaman**

**The Recessional**





# The Episcopal Assignments

## 2024 — 2028

Episcopal District	Bishop	Retirement Date
First		
Second		
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Ninth		
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# The Episcopal Assignments

2024 — 2028

Episcopal District	Bishop	Retirement Date
Twelveth		
Thirteenth		
Fourteenth		
Fifteenth		
Sixteenth		
Seventeenth		
Eighteenth		
Nineteenth		
Twentieth		
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