

**JUNE 2022**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church  
President of the Council of Bishops  
General Board Chairman  
Chairman of the Commission of Statistics and Finance  
Members of the General Board**

**FROM: Mr. Marcus T. Henderson, Sr.  
Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, A.M.E. Church**

The Finance Department appreciates **Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**, Chairperson of the Commission of Statistics and Finance, Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield, immediate Past President of the Council of Bishops for their encouragement and support. A heartfelt welcome to Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr., President of the Council of Bishops.

The Commission Chairperson, the members of the Finance Commission, the staff of the Finance Department, and I express our collective thanks to the Bishops, General Officers, Connectional Officers/Ex-Officio, General Board Members and each of you for your support and understanding that you have shown this office in this very difficult period in the life of the church. I am very pleased to offer appreciation to the staff for their support and assistance, and to **Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Sr.**, my predecessor and **Mr. Harry J. Richards** who both agreed to serve as temporary consultants to the Department during this period of transition of Administration.

**AME Pillars**

As my tenure began as the Treasurer, our Lord and Savior called pillars of the Church home to be with him. In July 2021, the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church had a home going service for the **Retired Supervisor Dr. Stan McKenzie**, who became the first male Supervisor in the over 200-year history of the AME Church when his wife, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie was elected the first female bishop in 2000. From 2000 to 2021, Supervisor McKenzie served as an Episcopal Supervisor of Missions and Children's Work of the Women's Missionary Society in the 18th, 13th, and 10th Episcopal Districts.

Supervisor McKenzie created a ministry strategy to meet the needs of youth and adults across the state of Texas. He led a diverse missionary ministry that included outreach and emergency assistance through clothes, food drives, soup kitchens, and holiday basket distributions. In addition to sponsoring blood donation drives, walks, health fairs, and other wellness programs, the WMS supports the work of missions internationally, in Southeast Africa, Liberia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church had a celebration of life in December 2021 for the 113th elected and consecrated Bishop, **The Right Reverend William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr.** Bishop DeVeaux pastored congregations in Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, and Washington, DC. To God Be the Glory for the dedicated and outstanding leadership Bishop DeVeaux provided to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal Districts as their Presiding Prelate.

Following in his father's footsteps he served in the United States army as a chaplain. During enemy fire, he brought comfort and solace to troops in combat during the Vietnam Conflict. He has served on the faculties of Meharry Medical College, Princeton Theological Seminary and Howard University School of Divinity. In the field of theological education, Bishop DeVeaux is recognized for his achievements as the Executive Director of the Fund for Theological Education Inc. During his tenure, scholarships to Black, Hispanic and Native American students were granted to support their theological education.

**Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams** transitioned peacefully January 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a veritable titan of an educator and leader in the A.M.E. Church. Dr. Williams had just celebrated her 103rd birthday with family and friends on December 15th of 2021. She taught at four A.M.E. colleges-Edward Waters College, Shorter College, Morris Brown College, and Wilberforce University for over decade.

While her academic career took off, Dr. Williams began to ascend the leadership ranks of the A.M.E. Church. She served as a delegate to the A.M.E. General Conference in 1964 and became a board member of the National Council of Churches in 1968. From 1976 to 1984, she was an alternate member of the A.M.E. Church's Judicial Council, serving as president of the 13th District Lay Organization from 1977 until 1985. At the

1984 General Conference, Williams was named editor of The A.M.E. Church Review, the oldest African American literary journal.

Contributions were made to institution in their honor. We want you to be reminded that, “...*And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.*” (1 Corinthians 12:28)

First and foremost, I appreciate each Districts for making timely quarterly payments and on time. As of March 31, 2022, there are no receivables. Please note: Advanced budget payments of **\$707,005** have also been received by some districts.

### **AME Church Finance Department**

The AME Church Finance has a new Logo and a newly rolled out Finance Department Website [www.amecfo.org](http://www.amecfo.org) where the Denomination can meet The Department Team Members and review helpful information, released quarterly, to assist with various “**Financial Matters,**” Connectionally and Personally. The focus is, “**Build the people, Build the Church.**”

### **Telephone Technology Innovations**

The African Methodist Episcopal Church Finance Department has upgraded its telephone technology in the Washington, DC Office and for the Nashville, TN offices.



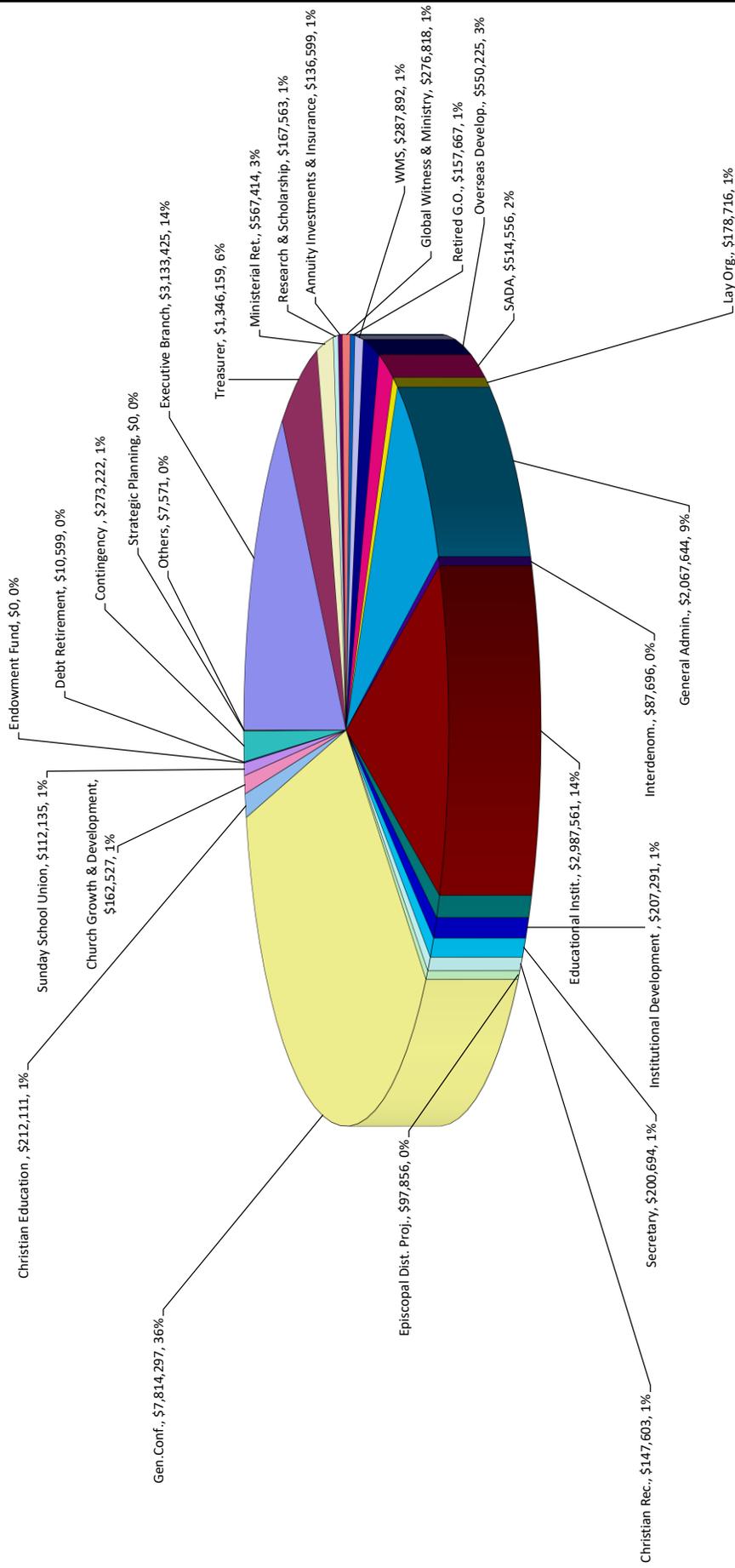
### **General Conference 2024**

We are actively planning for the **52<sup>nd</sup>** Quadrennial General Conference that is only 24 months away. Over the last few months, we have been working with the Cincinnati Visitor’s Bureau and Duke Energy Convention Center and the General Conference Commission to ensure proper planning for the 2024 Quadrennial General Conference. More information regarding the 2024 Quadrennial General Conference is forthcoming months.

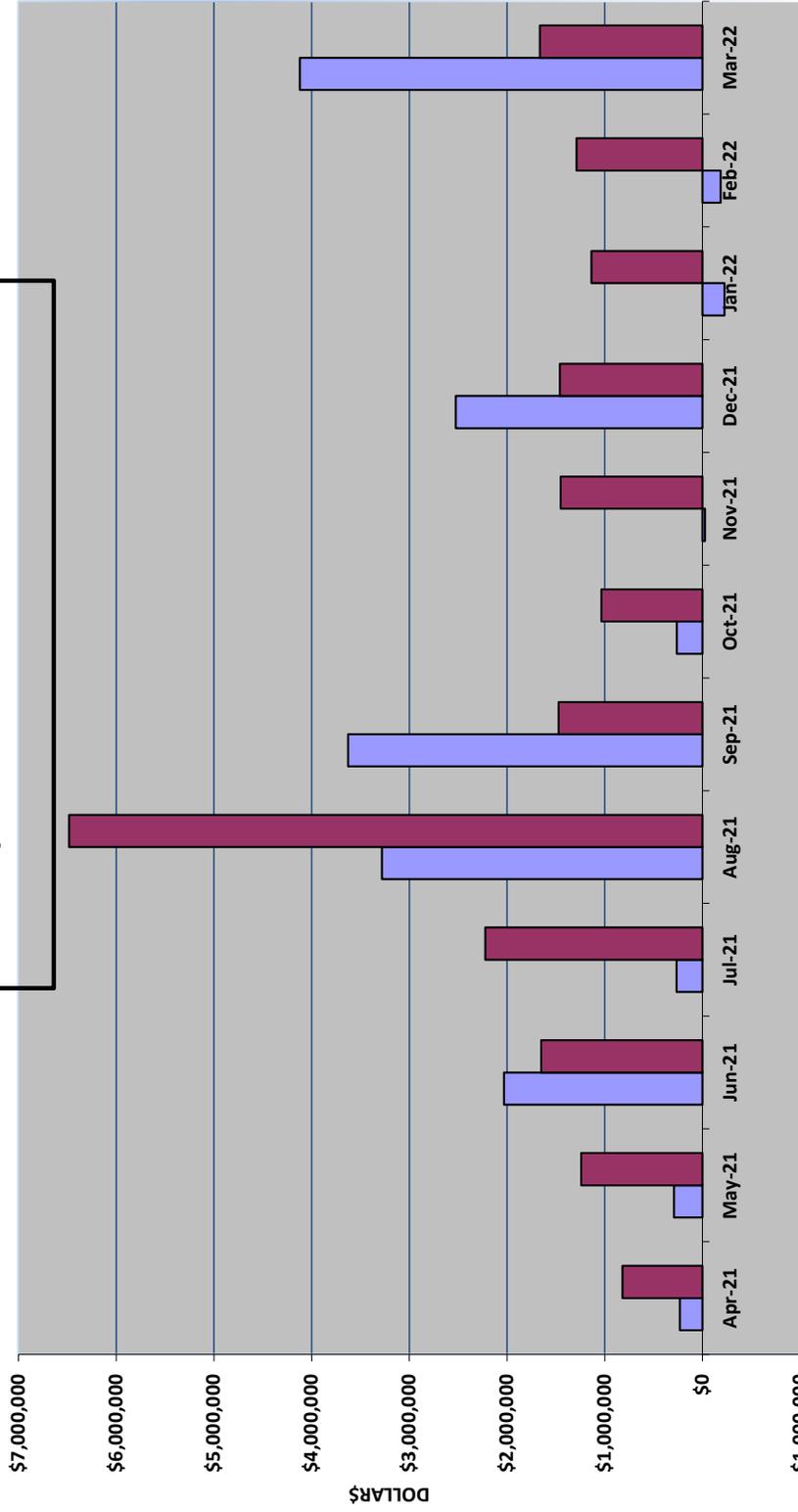
### **Special Appreciation**

I am pleased and offer appreciation to an excellent staff. In a short period of time, each person has given his/her best in meeting the needs of the work of the Office of the Treasurer. A special thank you to the Commission on Statistics and Finance, as well as the entire African Methodist Episcopal Church Finance Department. We will continue to pursue God’s desires for the task of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**African Methodist Episcopal Church Expense Chart  
April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022**



**AME Church Actual Revenues and Expenses  
April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022**



	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
Revenue	\$231,442	\$292,904	\$2,031,037	\$265,266	\$3,281,140	\$3,627,848	\$261,568	-\$26,005	\$2,524,598	-\$224,474	-\$186,712	\$4,119,225
Expenses	\$820,027	\$1,242,002	\$1,651,454	\$2,224,269	\$6,482,572	\$1,472,153	\$1,033,135	\$1,451,804	\$1,459,565	\$1,137,025	\$1,288,164	\$1,662,962