

NOTICE FROM PRESIDENT OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE AME CHURCH:

INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN BRIEF, ARGUMENT OR EVIDENCE

IN RE: THE MATTER OF BISHOP PRESTON W. WILLIAMS'S REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY DECISION

The Judicial Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church intends to conduct closed deliberations for the purpose of issuing a declaratory decision on the following clause in the Ministers' Bill of Rights relative to new pastoral appointments:

“[T]he new appointment, when available, shall be comparable or better than the previous one.” Part V, Section VII, subparagraph 1, The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (“*Discipline*,”), 2012 edition, page 100.

The deliberations shall be exclusively among the members of the Judicial Council to resolve the interpretation, meaning and/or application of the above-quoted provision as to whether the certified Pastor's Annual Report shall be the tool to measure comparability of appointments. To assist in its deliberations, the Judicial Council invites affected parties in accordance with the *Discipline*, Part XI, and Section XX, Subparagraphs H 11 and 12, page 293, to submit written briefs, arguments and evidence. All submissions shall be submitted on or before April 15, 2015, by postage pre-paid mail or email to the following:

Judicial Council c/o Reverend Francine Brookins,
Secretary,
P.O. Box 310827,
Fontana, CA 92331,
Or email to JCAMESecretary@ymail.com

Affected persons, for purposes of this invitation, are all active Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and all active itinerant elders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Briefs, arguments and evidence shall be accepted only from those persons thus defined as affected persons. No submission shall be more than 3 pages in length, 12 point font, double spaced and shall identify the name, address and affected person's status (for example, active itinerant elder.)

/Signed/

PATRICIA MAYBERRY
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The Judicial Council of the AME Church