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**51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session**  
of the  
**GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM**

*From Legacy to Mission:  
A Call to Prophetic, Educational and Social Engagement*

**Orange County Convention Center**  
**Orlando, Florida**  
**July 8-15, 2020**

**Bishop John F. White**, General Conference Commission Chairperson  
**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie**, Program Committee Chairperson  
**Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.**, Host Bishop/Senior Bishop  
**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell**, Council of Bishops President  
**Dr. Richard Allen Lewis**, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer  
**Rev. Dr. Jeffery Cooper, Sr.** General Secretary/Chief Information Officer

## Pre-General Conference Activities

- June 28-July 7, 2020**      **AAMES Camporee**  
Camp La-No-Che  
Paisley, Florida
- July 1-7, 2020**      **Revision Committee (11:00 am)**  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida
- July 6-7, 2020**      **Credentials Committee (9:00 am)**  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida
- Rules Committee (11:00 am)**  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida
- July 7, 2020**      **Health Commission Training (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)**  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida
- General Conference Commission (11:00 am)**  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida
- Orientation of Delegates and General Conference  
Committees (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)**  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida
- 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Banquet (7:00 pm)**  
Orange County Convention Center, Valencia Ballroom  
Orlando, Florida

## General Conference Agenda

### Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – Day 1

7:00 – 8:00 am      Practicing the Presence – The Power in Prayer

9:00 am	Processional Line Up
9:45 am	Praise and Worship Begins 11 <sup>th</sup> District Choir and MCAM Praise Team
9:55 am	Proclamation
<b>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Opening Worship Service</b>
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Mall Richardson opens
2:57 pm	Centering Moment
<b>3:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session I</b> Roll Call General Conference Commission Credential Committee Report Rules Committee
<b>4:05 - 4:20 pm</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>  Election Committee Election of the Episcopal Committee Chairperson
<b>5:50 pm</b>	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment
6:00 – 7:15 pm	Dinner
<b>7:30 – 10:20 pm</b>	<b>Business Session II</b> Call to Order
<b>7:30 -8:30 pm</b>	Episcopal Address
<b>8:32 – 10:20 pm</b>	Episcopal District Video Reports (Three-minute maximum) Districts: 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19 Districts: 2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20
<b>10:20 -10:23 pm</b>	Announcements Adjournment
<b>10:30 – 12:00 am</b>	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

General Conference Committee Meetings

**Thursday, July 9, 2020 – Day Two**

6:00 – 7:00 am	Practicing the Presence – The Power in Prayer
7:00 – 8:45 am	8 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast 9 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast Joint Breakfast for 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and 20 <sup>th</sup> Districts CONN-M-SWAWO + PKs Breakfast Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
8:00 – 8:40 am	Legacy to Mission
8:45 – 9:40 am	Prophetic Voices
9:42 am	Centering Moment
<b>9:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session III</b> Call to Order Minutes Reports: General Secretary/CIO Treasurer/CFO Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance AME Inc.
<b>11: 00– 11: 10 am</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b> Revisions Committee (First Report) Episcopal Committee (First Report) Judicial Council
12:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch 13 <sup>th</sup> District Luncheon RAYAC Working Lunch
<b>2:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session IV</b> Call to Order Reports: AME Publishing House <i>The Christian Recorder</i> Department of Research and Scholarship Department of Christian Education

<b>4:15 – 4:30 pm</b>	Revisions Committee (Second Report) <b>Wellness Break</b> Department of Church Growth and Development Connectional Lay Organization Strategic Planning
	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements/Adjournment
6:00 – 7:45 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 8:00 pm	General Officers' Retirement Celebration
<b>8:00 – 9:45 pm</b>	<b>Business Session V</b> Call to Order Reports: Revisions Committee (Third Report) Department of Global Witness & Ministry SADA Women's Missionary Society Episcopal Committee (Second) Announcements Adjournment
10:00 – 12:00 am	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

**Friday, July 10, 2020 – Day Three**

6:00 – 7:00 am	Practicing the Presence – The Power of Prayer
7:00 – 8:45 am	Chaplains Breakfast Connectional Lay Organization Breakfast Women in Ministry Breakfast Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
8:00 – 8:45 am	Legacy to Mission How to Reach the Masses - Millennials and Ministry
8:45 - 9:40 am	Prophetic Voices (AME Next)
9:42 am	Centering Moment

<b>9:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session VI</b> Call to Order Minutes Report: Commission on Stewardship and Finance Revision Committee (Fourth Report)
<b>10:45 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:55 am</b>	Educational Institutions Music and Christian Arts Ministry Annual Conference Boundaries Economic Development Public Relations
<b>11:56 am</b>	Announcements Adjournment
12:00 – 1:45 pm	Lunch
12:00 – 1:45 pm	Payne Theological Seminary Luncheon
<b>2:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session VII</b> Call to Order Reports:
<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b>	Social Action Sons of Allen CONVO Revisions Committee Health Commission Overseas Development/AME India State of the Church
<b>3:15 – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>  Episcopal Committee (Third Report)  Commission on Stewardship and Finance Theological Institutions Episcopal District Projects
<b>5:50 pm</b>	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements
<b>6:00 pm</b>	Adjournment
6:00 – 7:45 pm	Dinner

<b>8:00 – 9:45 pm</b>	<b>Ecumenical Worship Service</b>
10:00 – 12:00 am	RAYAC Revival
10:00 – 12:00 am	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

## Saturday, July 11, 2020 – Day Four

6:00 – 7:00 am	Practicing the Presence – The Power of Prayer
7:00 – 8:45 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Breakfast 5 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast 6 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast 12 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
8:00 – 8:45 am	Legacy to Mission Social Engagement: Tech Tools for Evangelism/Discipleship
8:45 - 9:40 am	Prophetic Voices (AME Next)
9:42 am	Centering Moment
<b>9:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session VIII</b> Call to Order Reports: Women in Ministry Revisions Committee (Sixth Report) Commission on Stewardship and Finance Announcements Adjournment
12:00 – 1:45 pm	Lunch
12:00 – 1:45 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> District Luncheon
<b>2:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session IX</b> Reports: Commission on Stewardship and Finance
<b>3:45 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b> Revisions Committee (Seventh Report)

(Last opportunity to present new non-financial legislation)  
A Word from Our Sponsors  
Announcements  
Adjournment

<b>5:00 – 5:45 pm</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>
6:00 – 7:45 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	Christian Debutante Ball
<b>8:00 – 9:45 pm</b>	<b>Retirement Service for Bishops and General Officers</b>
10:00 – 12:00 am	RAYAC Revival
10:00 – 12:00 am	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

### **Sunday, July 12, 2020 – Day Five**

6:00 – 7:00 am	Practicing the Presence – The Power of Prayer
7:00 – 8:45 am	Women’s Missionary Society Breakfast Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
7:30 – 9:00 am	Church School for All Ages Department of Christian Education
9:00 am	Processional Line Up
9:45 am	Praise and Worship Begins 11 <sup>th</sup> District Choir and MCAM Praise Team
9:55 am	Proclamation
<b>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Service and Holy Communion</b>
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	MCAM Hymn Workshop
<b>3:00 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Debutante Masters Commission Dedication Ceremony</b>



3:30 pm	Women in Ministry (Elections)
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Election Commission Candidates Forum
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Legacy to Mission – Education: AME HBCU Gospel Concert (Benefitting AME colleges and universities. College, university, and seminary presidents along with alumni and should rep in school colors/paraphernalia. Three-five minute videos will be shown for recruiting. <b>Featuring gospel recording artist: JJ Hariston and Youthful Praise</b>
10:00 – 12:00 am	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

### **Monday, July 13, 2020 – Day Six**

6:00 – 7:00 am	Practicing the Presence – The Power of Prayer
7:00 – 8:45 am	1 <sup>st</sup> District Breakfast 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Breakfast 4 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast 7 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast 10 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast 11 <sup>th</sup> District Breakfast Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
8:45 - 9:40 am	Prophetic Voices
9:42 am	Centering Moment
<b>9:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session X</b> Call to Order Minutes Reports: Revisions Committee (Eighth Report) Episcopal Committee Revisions Committee (continued)
12:00 – 1:45 pm	Lunch
1:57 pm	Centering Moment

<b>2:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session XI</b> Revisions Committee Report (Continued) Election of Bishops, General Officers and Judicial Council A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment
6:00 – 7:45 pm	Dinner
<b>8:00 – 9:45 pm</b>	<b>Business Session XII</b> Election of Bishops and General Officers (If necessary) Revisions Committee (Continued) General Conference Committee Report
10:00 – 12:00 am	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

## **Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – Day Seven**

7:00 – 8:45 am	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
8:00 – 9:00 am	Practicing the Presence – The Power of Prayer
9:00 – 9:45 am	Prophetic Voices
9:57 am	Centering Moment
<b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session XIII</b> Call to Order Minutes Revisions Committee Report Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations Installation of General Officers and Judicial Council
12:00 – 2:45 pm	Lunch
<b>3:00 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Session XIV</b> Revisions Committee Report (Final) Resolutions General Conference Committees Reporting Unfinished Business

A Word From Our Sponsors  
Announcements  
Adjournment

5:00 – 7:45 pm            Dinner  
8:00 – 9:45 pm            Organization Event  
10:00 – 12:00 am        Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

### **Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – Day Eight**

8:00 am                    Processional Line Up  
8:45 am                    Praise and Worship Begins  
                                  11<sup>th</sup> District Choir and MCAM Praise Team  
8:55 am                    Proclamation  
**9:00 am                    Consecration of Bishops**  
**11: 30 – 12 Noon        Wellness Break**  
**12 Noon                    Business Session XV**  
                                  Call to Order  
                                  Episcopal Committee Report  
                                  Assignment of Bishops  
                                  Closing Prayer  
                                  Adjournment

### **General Board Meeting**

4:00 pm                    General Board Organization  
4:00 pm                    Episcopal Supervisor’s Meeting