

51st 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 6-10, 2021

Bishop John F. White, General Conference Commission Chairperson
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Program Committee Chairperson
Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Host Bishop

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Senior Bishop
Bishop Anne Henning Byfield, President, Council of Bishops
Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Cooper, General Secretary/Chief Information Officer

The General Conference Commission voted to have the 51st Quadrennial Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church called the “Orlando Hybrid” as it will comply with all federal, state, local laws and the Florida Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control’s guidelines.

Point of contact information for emergencies, concerns and where to call/go for assistance will be given to Delegates, Alternates, and Registered Observers.

- Full vaccination is strongly recommended for all attendees. All attendees must take personal responsibility to be masked, stay self-aware of how you feel daily, be observant of crowding in the hallways and elevators which will be marked, and follow the directions of the posted safety protocols.
- Each Pre-General Conference Committee will meet in its own sanitized individual room of no more than 250 persons in Orlando and in South Africa. Delegates from Episcopal Districts 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and Chaplains will be meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in a setting previously approved by the South African government. They will be connected virtually with all applicable safety protocols in place.
- Each Episcopal District, Chaplains and Registered Observers will be in designated individual sanitized rooms of no more than 250 persons, masked, and physically distanced.
- Main stage events such as worship services, business sessions and special presentations will be streamed virtually to each Episcopal District, Chaplains, and Registered Observer rooms.
- All worship services including the Opening Worship Service, Morning Mana/Master Classes, Episcopal Address, Communion Service, Retirement of Bishops and General Officers, Installation of General Officers and Judicial Council, and the Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops will be streamed on YouTube, AME Church website (www.ame-church.com), and Facebook Live.
- During the General Conference, Delegates will have voice and voting in real-time, in both Orlando, Florida and Cape Town, South Africa.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRE-ACTIVITIES

Orlando EDT

South African Time SAST

June 30- July 5, 2021

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Revision Committee	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

July 3-5, 2021

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Credentials Committee	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 12 Noon EDT	Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Rules Committee	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

July 5, 2021

8:00 am – 4:00 pm EDT	Health Commission Training	2:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
	Orange County Convention Ctr Orlando, Florida	

8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT	MCAM – Hymn Workshop	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST
	(Virtual)	

9:00 am – 11:00 am EDT	General Conference Commission	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST
	Orange County Convention Ctr Orlando, Florida	

10:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	General Conference Committees	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
	Orange County Convention Ctr Orlando, Florida	

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Orientation of Delegates	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
	Orange County Convention Ctr Orlando, Florida	

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT	11th Episcopal District	11:00 pm – 12:30 am SAST
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**Welcome and Banquet
(Virtual Pre-Recorded)**

GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Orlando EDT

South Africa Time SAST

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Day 1

5:45 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:45 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:00 am – 6:45 am EDT	Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded)	12:00 pm – 12:45 pm SAST
7:00 am EDT	Processional Line Up	1:00 pm SAST
7:30 am EDT	Praise and Worship Begins (Streamed Live) 11 th District Choir/Praise Team and/or MCAM Praise Team	1:30 pm SAST
7:45 am EDT	Proclamation Processional Begins (Streamed Live)	1:45 PM SAST
8:00 am – 11:00 am EDT (Streamed Live)	Opening Worship Service	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST
11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner Break	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST
11:00 am EDT	Mall Richardson Opens (Available Online)	5:00 pm SAST
12:40 pm EDT	Seating of the Delegations	6:40 pm SAST
1:00 pm – 5:10 pm EDT 1:00 pm – 2:10 pm EDT	Business Session I Roll Call Credential Committee Report Rules Committee General Conference Commission	7:00 pm – 11:10 pm SAST 7:00 pm – 8:10 pm SAST
2:10 pm – 2:20 pm EDT	Wellness Break	8:10 pm – 8:20 pm SAST

2:20 pm – 4:20 pm EDT	Election Committee Election of the Episcopal Committee Chairperson	8:20 pm – 10:20 pm SAST
4:25 pm – 5:10 pm EDT	Episcopal Address (Streamed Live)	10:25 pm – 11:10 pm SAST
5:10 pm EDT	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment	11:10 pm SAST
5:15 pm EDT	Dinner	
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm EDT	AME HBCU GOSPEL NIGHT (Virtual Pre-Recorded) Featuring Gospel artist, J. J. Hairston 14 AME Colleges, Universities and Seminaries	
8:00 pm EDT	Episcopal District Delegation Meetings General Conference Committee Meetings	

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Day 2

	Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings (Virtual Replay)	11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded)	12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST
6:55 am EDT	Seating of the Delegations	12:55 pm SAST
7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Business Session II	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
7:00 am – 8:50 am EDT	Call to Order Treasurer (CFO) General Secretary/CIO Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance	1:00 pm – 2:50 pm SAST

8:50 am – 9:00 am EDT	Wellness Break	2:50 pm – 3:00 pm SAST
9:00 am – 10:00 am EDT	Commission on Statistics and Finance (Budget) (First Report)	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST
10:00 am – 11:00 am EDT	Revisions Committee (First Report)	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST
11:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Episcopal Committee (First Report)	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
12 Noon EDT	Announcement/Adjournment	6:00 pm SAST
12 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 1) <i>Sponsored by Social Action Commission</i> (Streamed Live)	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST
1:25 pm EDT	Seating of the Delegations	7:25 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Business Session III	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm EDT	Call to Order Reports: Revisions Committee (Second Report)	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm SAST
2:30 pm – 2:40 pm EDT	Wellness Break	8:30 pm – 8:40 pm SAST
2:40 pm – 4:00 pm EDT The Future Fund	AME, Inc.	8:40 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
4:00 pm EDT	Announcements Adjournment	10:00 pm SAST
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm EDT	Dinner Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 2) <i>Sponsored by Social Action Commission</i> (Streamed Live)	10:00 pm – 11:30 pm SAST
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT	Episcopal District Meetings /Auxiliary Meetings	

Thursday, July 8, 2021– Day 3

	Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings	11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded)	12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST
6:55 am EDT	Seating of the Delegations	12:55 pm SAST
7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Business Session IV	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
7:00 am – 8:00 am EDT	Call to Order Reports: Judicial Council & Appeals	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm SAST
8:00 am – 8:10 am EDT	Wellness Break	2:00 pm – 2:10 pm SAST
8:10 am – 9:10 am EDT	Reports AME Publishing House <i>The Christian Recorder</i> Department of Research and Scholarship Department of Christian Education Department of Church Growth and Development Connectional Lay Organization Department of Global Witness & Ministry SADA Women’s Missionary Society	2:10 pm – 3:10 pm SAST
9:10 am – 10:10 am EDT	Revisions Committee (Third Report)	3:10 pm – 4:10 pm SAST
10:10 am – 11:10 am EDT	Commission on Statistics and Finance (Second Report) Music and Arts Ministry Annual Conference Boundaries Economic Development	4:10 pm – 5:10 pm SAST
11:10 am – 12 Noon EDT	Episcopal Committee (Second Report)	5:10 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
12 Noon EDT	A Word from Our Sponsors	6:00 pm SAST

	Announcements Adjournment	
12 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner Auxiliary Events/ Meetings	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT	Business Session V Reports: Strategic Planning - Anvil/AME Next Educational Institutions Music and Christian Arts Ministry Annual Conference Boundaries Economic Development Public Relations Social Action Sons of Allen CONVO Health Commission Overseas Development/AME India Revisions Committee (Fourth Report, no new legislation with Financial implications)	7:30 pm – 10:30 pm SAST 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm EDT	Memorial Service (Streamed Live)	8:45 pm – 9:15 pm SAST
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm EDT (Streamed Live)	Praise and Worship Begins MCAM Praise Team	9:15 pm – 9:30 pm SAST
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm EDT	Worship Service and Holy Communion (Streamed Live) Announcement/Adjournment Benediction	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm SAST
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm EDT	Dinner	
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EDT	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings	
6:30 pm EDT	Auxiliary Meetings/Programs	

Friday, July 9, 2021 – Day 4

	Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings	11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded)	12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST
6:55 EDT	Seating of Delegations	12:55 pm SAST

7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT	Business Session VI	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
7:00 am – 8:30 pm EDT	Call to Order Minutes Reports: Commission on Stewardship and Finance (Third Report) Revision Committee (Fifth Report)	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm SAST
8:30 am – 8:40 am EDT	Wellness Break	2:30 pm – 2:40 pm SAST
8:40 am – 9:40 am EDT	WIM Theological Institutions Episcopal District Projects Women in Ministry RAYAC	2:40 pm – 3:40 pm SAST
9:40 am – 9:50 am EDT	Wellness Break	3:40 pm – 3:50 pm SAST
9:50 am – 10:50 am EDT	Episcopal Committee (Third Report)	3:50 pm – 4:50 pm SAST
10:50 pm – 12 Noon EDT	Quadrennial Theme Richard Allen Award Revisions Committee (Sixth Report) General Conference Committees Report	4:50 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
12 Noon EDT	Announcements Adjournment	6:00 pm SAST
12 Noon – 1:45 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner	6:00 pm – 7:45 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Business Session VII	8:00 pm – 10:00 am SAST
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT	Call to Order Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh Report)	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm SAST
3:05 pm – 3:10 pm EDT	Wellness Break	9:05 pm – 9:10 pm SAST
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Retirement Service of Bishops and General Officers (Streamed Live)	9:10 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

4:00 pm EDT	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment	10:00 pm SAST
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm EDT	Dinner	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT	Auxiliary Events/ Programs: (Virtual Pre-Recorded) Christian Debutante Ball/ Christian Debutante Masters Commission Dedication Ceremony	
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EDT	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings	

Saturday, July 10, 2021 – Day 5

	Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings	11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Master Class (Virtual Pre-Recorded)	12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST
6:55 am EDT	Seating of Delegations	12:55 pm SAST
7:00 am – 11:00 am EDT	Business Session VIII Call to Order Election Committee Election of Bishops and General Officers	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST
11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner Council of Bishop Lunch with Bishops-Elect	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Business Session IX Revisions Committee (Final report) Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations	6:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

Resolutions
Unfinished Business

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm EDT	Installation General Officers and Judicial Council (Streamed Live)	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops (Streamed Live)	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EDT	Business Session X Assignment of Episcopal Leadership Adjournment	11:00 pm – 12:00 am SAST

Sunday, July 11, 2021 - Day 6

7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT	Church School for All Ages Department of Christian Education
7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT	Council of Bishops Breakfast and Meeting Supervisors Breakfast General Officers Council Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:00 am EDT	Organization of the General Board

