



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
Cape Town International Convention Center
Cape Town, South Africa
July 6-10, 2021

Bishop John F. White, General Conference Commission Chairperson
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Program Committee Chairperson
Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Senior Bishop, Host
Bishop Anne Henning Byfield, President, Council of Bishops
Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
Rev. Dr. Jeffery 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 and Chaplains from Episcopal Districts 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 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, and Chaplains will be in designated individual sanitized rooms of no more than 250 persons, masked, and physically distanced. Registered Observers will be in sanitized exhibit halls that will be set at less than 30% of the seating capacity; therefore, social distancing will not be a problem.
- 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 Manna, 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
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

Revision Committee
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

July 3-5, 2021

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT
2:00 pm – 12 Noon EDT

Credentials Committee
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

Rules Committee
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

July 5, 2021

8:00 am – 4:00 pm EDT

Health Commission Training
Orange County Convention Ctr
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT

MCAM – Hymn Workshop

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST

**Virtual - Pre-Recorded & Streamed to Facebook, Youtube, and Website*

9:00 am – 11:00 am EDT

General Conference Commission
Orange County Convention Ctr
Orlando, Florida

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST

10:00 am – 12 Noon EDT

General Conference Committees
Orange County Convention Ctr
Orlando, Florida

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

Orientation of Delegates
Orange County Convention Ctr
Orlando, Florida

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT

11th Episcopal District
**Virtual Ticketed Banquet*

11:00 pm – 12:30 am SAST

GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Orlando EDT

South Africa Time SAST

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Day 1

5:15 am EDT	Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check	11:30 am SAST
5:45 am – 6:15 am EDT	The Intercessory Prayer <i>Bishop Sarah Francis Davis Prayer Group</i>	11:45 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Manna <i>Reverends Robert and Ann Champion Shaw, 5th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually to Social Media platforms and in Delegation Rooms</i>	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 MCAM Connectional Praise Team (Live)	1:30 pm SAST
7:45 am EDT	Proclamation <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson</i> The Grand Processional	1:45 pm SAST
8:00 am – 11:00 am EDT	Opening Worship Service <i>Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Preaching</i> <i>*Streamed Live from the Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	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	<i>The Virtual Mall Opens</i> <i>*Available Online</i>	5:00 pm SAST
12:00 Noon EDT	Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check	6:00 pm SAST
12:40 pm EDT	Seating of the Delegations	6:40 pm SAST
1:00 pm – 5:10 pm EDT	Business Session I <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	7:00 pm – 11:10 pm SAST

1:00 pm – 2:10 pm EDT		7:00 pm – 8:10 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Senior Bishop, Presiding</i>	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Rules Committee	
	General Conference Commission	
2:10 pm – 2:20 pm EDT	Wellness Break	8:10 pm – 8:20 pm SAST
2:20 pm – 4:20 pm EDT		8:20 pm – 10:20 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Presiding</i>	
	Election Committee	
	Election of the Episcopal	
	Committee Chairperson	
4:25 pm – 5:10 pm EDT	Episcopal Address	10:25 pm – 11:10 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Gregory Ingram</i>	
	<i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	
5:10 pm EDT	A Word from Our Sponsors	11:10 pm SAST
	<i>Church Mutual</i>	
	Announcements	
	Adjournment	
5:15 pm EDT	Dinner	
6:30 pm EDT	Delegation Rooms Open	
6:45 pm – 8:00 pm EDT	AME HBCU GOSPEL NIGHT	
	<i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	
	<i>Featuring Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah</i>	
	<i>Dr. Michael Sorrell, President Paul Quinn College</i>	
	<i>Gospel artist J. J. Hairston</i>	
	<i>14 AME Colleges, Universities and Seminaries</i>	
	<i>Sponsored by Church Mutual</i>	
8:00 pm EDT	Episcopal District Delegation Meetings	
	General Conference Committee Meetings	

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Day 2

Cape Town Delegation	10:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
Auxiliary Meetings	
<i>*Virtual Replay of AME HBCU Night</i>	

5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:00 am EDT	Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check	12:00 Noon SAST
6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Manna <i>Reverend Susan Buckson, 6th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST
6:55 am EDT	Seating of the Delegations	12:55 pm SAST
7:00 am – 12:00 Noon EDT	Business Session II <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
7:00 am – 8:50 am EDT	<i>Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson Introduction</i> <i>The Honorable Val Demings, 10th Congressional District</i> General Secretary/CIO Treasurer (CFO) AME Publishing House The Christian Recorder	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 – 10:30 am EDT	<i>Bishop Paul M Kawimbe, Presiding</i> Commission on Statistics and Finance (First Report)	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm SAST
10:30 am – 12:00 Noon EDT	<i>Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding</i> Revisions Committee (First Report) Episcopal Committee (First Report)	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
12:00 Noon EDT	Announcements/Adjournment	6:00 pm SAST
12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 1) <i>Sponsored by Social Action Commission</i> <i>*Streamed Live in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms.</i>	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 <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	7:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT	<i>Bishop David R. Daniels, Presiding</i> Reports: Revisions Committee (Second Report)	7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST
2:45 pm – 2:50 pm EDT	Wellness Stand and Stretch	8:45 pm – 8:50 pm SAST
2:50 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	<i>Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., Presiding</i> AME, Inc. AME Future Fund, LLC	8:50 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 The Social Action Commission</i> <i>*Streamed Live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	10:00 pm – 11:30 pm SAST
6:00 pm EDT	General Officer’s Council Dinner	
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT	Episcopal District Meetings/Auxiliary Meetings	

Thursday, July 8, 2021– Day 3

	Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings <i>*Replay of late evening events</i>	11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:00 am EDT	Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check	12:00 Noon SAST
6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Manna <i>Reverend Zwelile S. Thwala, 18th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	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 <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
7:00 am – 8:00 am EDT	<i>Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes Reports: Judicial Council	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	<i>Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding</i> Reports Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance Department of Research and Scholarship Department of Christian Education Department of Church Growth and Development Connectional Lay Organization	2:10 pm – 3:10 pm SAST
9:10 am – 10:10 am EDT	<i>Bishop Julius McAllister, Sr. Presiding</i> Reports Department of Global Witness & Ministry SADA Women’s Missionary Society Revisions Committee (Third Report)	3:10 pm – 4:10 pm SAST
10:10 am – 11:10 am EDT	<i>Bishop John F. White, Presiding</i> 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 – 12:00 Noon EDT	<i>Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding</i> Episcopal Committee (Second Report)	5:10 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
12:00 Noon EDT	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment	6:00 pm SAST

12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner Auxiliary Events/ Meetings	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT	Business Session V <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	7:30 pm – 10:30 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT	<i>Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding</i> 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 – 8:45 pm SAST
2:45 pm – 3:25 pm EDT	Memorial Service <i>Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Worship Leader</i> <i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	8:45 pm – 9:25 pm SAST
3:25 pm – 3:30 pm EDT	Praise and Worship MCAM Connectional Praise Team <i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	9:25 pm – 9:30 pm SAST
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm EDT	Service of Word and Sacrament <i>Bishop Samuel Green Sr., Preaching</i> Announcements Adjournment Benediction	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm SAST
5:00 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 <i>*Virtual Replay of Late Evening Events</i>	11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST
5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:00 am	Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check	12:00 Noon SAST
6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Manna <i>Rev. Cindy Rudolph, 4th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	12:00 Noon – 12:55 pm SAST
6:55 am EDT	Seating of Delegations	12:55 pm SAST
7:00 am – 12:00 Noon EDT	Business Session VI <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
7:00 am – 8:30 pm EDT	<i>Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding</i> 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	<i>Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding</i> 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	<i>Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Presiding</i> Episcopal Committee (Third Report)	3:50 pm – 4:50 pm SAST

10:50 pm – 12:00 Noon EDT		4:50 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Presiding</i> Quadrennial Theme Richard Allen Award Revisions Committee (Sixth Report) General Conference Committees Report Announcements Adjournment	
12:00 Noon – 1:45 pm EDT	Lunch/Dinner	6:00 pm – 7:45 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Business Session VII <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT		8:00 pm – 9:00 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Presiding</i> Call to Order Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh Report)	
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 <i>Bishop James Davis, Preaching</i>	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 – 6:00 pm EDT	Dinner	
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT	Christian Debutante Ball/ Christian Masters Commission Dedication Ceremony <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	
7:30 pm – 9:00 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
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5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT	Intercessory Prayer	11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST
6:00 am	Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check	12:00 Noon SAST
6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT	Morning Manna <i>Rev. Matthew Watley, 2nd Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	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 <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i> <i>Bishop Frank M. Reid, III</i> <i>& Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes Election Committee Election of Bishops, General Officers and Judicial Council	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 <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	6:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm EDT	<i>Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Presiding</i> Revisions Committee (Final report) Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations Resolutions Unfinished Business	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm SAST
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm EDT	Installation General Officers and Judicial Council <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm SAST
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT	Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Preaching</i> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EDT **Business Session X** **11:00 pm – 12:00 am SAST**
**Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Presiding
Assignment of Episcopal Leadership
Adjournment

Sunday, July 11, 2021 - Day 6

7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT Church School for All Ages
Department of Christian Education
**Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Main Hall and on digital platforms*

7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT Council of Bishops Breakfast and Meeting
Supervisors Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am EDT Organization of the General Board