



**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**  
**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 51<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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

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

### July 3-5, 2021

<b>8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Credentials Committee</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 12 Noon EDT</b>	Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida	<b>8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>

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

### July 5, 2021

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

<b>8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT</b>	<b>MCAM – Hymn Workshop</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST</b>
	<i>*Virtual - Pre-Recorded &amp; Streamed to Facebook, Youtube, and Website</i>	

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

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

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

<b>7:00 pm – 9:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District</b>	<b>1:00 am – 2:30 am SAST</b>
------------------------------	---	-------------------------------

\*Virtual Ticketed Banquet

# GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Orlando EDT**

**South Africa Time SAST**

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Day 1**

<b>5:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>11:30 am SAST</b>
<b>5:45 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>The Intercessory Prayer</b> <i>Bishop Sarah Francis Davis Prayer Group</i>	<b>11:45 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Reverends Robert and Ann Champion Shaw, 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually to Social Media platforms and in Delegation Rooms</i>	<b>12:00 pm – 12:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am EDT</b>	Processional Line Up	<b>1:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:30 am EDT</b>	<b>Praise and Worship</b> MCAM Connectional Praise Team (Live)	<b>1:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:45 am EDT</b>	<b>Proclamation</b> <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson</i> The Grand Processional	<b>1:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:00 am – 11:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Opening Worship Service</b> <i>Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Preaching</i> <i>*Streamed Live from the Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	<b>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner Break	<b>5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>11:00 am EDT</b>	<i>The Virtual Mall Opens</i> <i>*Available Online</i>	<b>5:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:40 pm EDT</b>	Seating of the Delegations	<b>6:40 pm SAST</b>
<b>1:00 pm – 5:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session I</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>7:00 pm – 11:10 pm SAST</b>



<b>1:00 pm – 2:10 pm EDT</b>		<b>7:00 pm – 8:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Senior Bishop, Presiding</i>	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Rules Committee	
	General Conference Commission	
<b>2:10 pm – 2:20 pm EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>8:10 pm – 8:20 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:20 pm – 4:20 pm EDT</b>		<b>8:20 pm – 10:20 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Presiding</i>	
	Election Committee	
	Election of the Episcopal	
	Committee Chairperson	
<b>4:25 pm – 5:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>Episcopal Address</b>	<b>10:25 pm – 11:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Gregory Ingram</i>	
	<i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	
<b>5:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>A Word from Our Sponsors</b>	<b>11:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Church Mutual</i>	
	Announcements	
	Adjournment	
<b>5:15 pm EDT</b>	Dinner	
<b>6:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Open</b>	
<b>6:45 pm – 8:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>AME HBCU GOSPEL NIGHT</b>	
	<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>	
<b>8:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Episcopal District Delegation Meetings</b>	
	<b>General Conference Committee Meetings</b>	

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Day 2**

<b>Cape Town Delegation</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
-----------------------------	---------------------------------

Auxiliary Meetings  
*\*Virtual Replay of AME HBCU Night*

<b>5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>12:00 Noon SAST</b>
<b>6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Reverend Susan Buckson, 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	<b>12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:55 am EDT</b>	Seating of the Delegations	<b>12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Business Session II</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 8:50 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes  <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson Introduction</i> <i>The Honorable Val Demings, 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District</i> General Secretary/CIO Treasurer (CFO) AME Publishing House The Christian Recorder	<b>1:00 pm – 2:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:50 am – 9:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>2:50 pm – 3:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>9:00 am – 10:30 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Paul M Kawimbe, Presiding</i> Commission on Statistics and Finance (First Report)	<b>3:00 pm – 4:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>10:30 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<i>Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding</i> Revisions Committee (First Report) Episcopal Committee (First Report)	<b>4:30 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon EDT</b>	Announcements/Adjournment	<b>6:00 pm SAST</b>



**12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT Lunch/Dinner** **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST**

**Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 1)**

*Sponsored by Social Action Commission*

*\*Streamed Live in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms.*

**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**

*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

**1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT** **7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST**

*Bishop David R. Daniels, Presiding*

Reports:

Revisions Committee (Second Report)

**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** **8:50 pm – 10:00 pm SAST**

*Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., Presiding*

AME, Inc.

AME Future Fund, LLC

**4:00 pm EDT** Announcements **10:00 pm SAST**

Adjournment

**4:00 pm – 5:30 pm EDT** Dinner **10:00 pm – 11:30 pm SAST**

**Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 2)**

*Sponsored by The Social Action Commission*

*\*Streamed Live to all Delegation Rooms.*

**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** **11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST**

**/Auxiliary Meetings**

*\*Replay of late evening events*

**5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT** **Intercessory Prayer** **11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST**

**6:00 am EDT** **Delegation Rooms Opened** **12:00 Noon SAST**

**Temperature and Badge Check**

**6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT**      **Morning Manna**      **12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST**  
*Reverend Zwelile S. Thwala, 18th Episcopal District*  
*\*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms*

**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**  
*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

**7:00 am – 8:00 am EDT**      **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm SAST**  
*Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Presiding*  
Call to Order  
Minutes  
Reports:  
    Judicial Council

**8:00 am – 8:10 am EDT**      **Wellness Break**      **2:00 pm – 2:10 pm SAST**

**8:10 am – 9:10 am EDT**      **2:10 pm – 3:10 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding*  
Reports  
    Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance  
    Department of Research and Scholarship  
    Department of Christian Education  
    Department of Church Growth and Development  
    Connectional Lay Organization

**9:10 am – 10:10 am EDT**      **3:10 pm – 4:10 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Julius McAllister, Sr. Presiding*  
Reports  
    Department of Global Witness & Ministry  
    SADA  
    Women’s Missionary Society  
    Revisions Committee (Third Report)

**10:10 am – 11:10 am EDT**      **4:10 pm – 5:10 pm SAST**  
*Bishop John F. White, Presiding*  
    Commission on Statistics and Finance (Second Report)  
    Music and Arts Ministry

Annual Conference Boundaries  
Economic Development

**11:10 am – 12:00 Noon EDT** **5:10 pm – 6:00 pm SAST**

*Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding*  
Episcopal Committee (Second Report)

**12:00 Noon EDT** **A Word from Our Sponsors** **6:00 pm SAST**

Announcements  
Adjournment

**12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT** Lunch/Dinner **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST**

Auxiliary Events/ Meetings

**1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT** **Business Session V** **7:30 pm – 10:30 pm SAST**

*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

**1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT** **7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST**

*Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding*  
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)

**2:45 pm – 3:25 pm EDT** **Memorial Service** **8:45 pm – 9:25 pm SAST**

*Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Worship Leader*

*\*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.*

**3:25 pm – 3:30 pm EDT** **Praise and Worship** **9:25 pm – 9:30 pm SAST**

MCAM Connectional Praise Team

*\*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.*

<b>3:30 pm – 5:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> <i>Bishop Samuel Green Sr., Preaching</i>	<b>9:30 pm – 11:00 pm SAST</b>
	Announcements Adjournment Benediction	
<b>5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT</b>	Dinner	
<b>6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings</b>	
<b>6:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>Auxiliary Meetings/Programs</b>	

**Friday, July 9, 2021 – Day 4**

	<b>Cape Town Delegation</b> /Auxiliary Meetings <i>*Virtual Replay of Late Evening Events</i>	<b>11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened</b> <b>Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>12:00 Noon SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Rev. Cindy Rudolph, 4th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	<b>12:00 Noon – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:55 am EDT</b>	Seating of Delegations	<b>12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Business Session VI</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 8:30 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes Reports: Commission on Stewardship and Finance (Third Report) Revision Committee (Fifth Report)	<b>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm SAST</b>

<b>8:30 am – 8:40 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>2:30 pm – 2:40 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:40 am – 9:40 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding</i> WIM Theological Institutions Episcopal District Projects Women in Ministry RAYAC	<b>2:40 pm – 3:40 pm SAST</b>
<b>9:40 am – 9:50 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>3:40 pm – 3:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>9:50 am – 10:50 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Presiding</i> Episcopal Committee (Third Report)	<b>3:50 pm – 4:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>10:50 pm – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Presiding</i> Quadrennial Theme Richard Allen Award Revisions Committee (Sixth Report) General Conference Committees Report <b>Announcements</b> <b>Adjournment</b>	<b>4:50 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon – 1:45 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner	<b>6:00 pm – 7:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session VII</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Presiding</i> Call to Order Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh Report)	<b>8:00 pm – 9:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>3:05 pm – 3:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>9:05 pm – 9:10 pm SAST</b>
<b>3:10 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Retirement Service of Bishops and General Officers</b> <i>Bishop James Davis, Preaching</i>	<b>9:10 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>

**4:00 pm EDT**                      A Word from Our Sponsors                      **10:00 pm SAST**  
Announcements  
Adjournment

**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm EDT**      Dinner

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT**      **Christian Debutante Ball/  
Christian Masters Commission  
Dedication Ceremony**

*\*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms*

**7:30 pm – 9:00 pm EDT**      Episcopal District Delegation  
and Committee Meetings

### Saturday, July 10, 2021 – Day 5

**Cape Town Delegation**                      **11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST**  
/Auxiliary Meetings

**5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT**      **Intercessory Prayer**                      **11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST**

**6:00 am**                      **Delegation Rooms Opened**                      **12:00 Noon SAST**  
**Temperature and Badge Check**

**6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT**      **Morning Manna**                      **12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST**  
*Rev. Matthew Watley, 2nd Episcopal District*  
*\*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms*

**6:55 am EDT**                      Seating of Delegations                      **12:55 pm SAST**

**7:00 am – 11:00 am EDT**      **Business Session VIII**                      **1:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST**  
*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

*Bishop Frank M. Reid, III  
& Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Presiding*  
Call to Order  
Minutes  
Election Committee  
Election of Bishops, General Officers and Judicial Council

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT**      Lunch/Dinner                      **5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST**

**Council of Bishop Lunch with Bishops-Elect**

**12:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT Business Session IX 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST**  
*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm EDT 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Presiding*  
Revisions Committee (Final report)  
Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations  
Resolutions  
Unfinished Business

**1:30 pm – 2:00 pm EDT Installation General Officers and Judicial Council 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm SAST**  
*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.*

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Preaching*  
*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.*

**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**