



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	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 – 4:00 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
	<i>*Virtual - Pre-Recorded & Streamed to Facebook, Youtube, and Website</i>	

11:00 am EDT *ZOOM	General Conference Commission	3:00 pm SAST
	Orange County Convention Ctr Orlando, Florida	

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EDT	Orientation of Delegates	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm SAST
	Orange County Convention Ctr Orlando, Florida	

General Conference Committees
Immediately Following Orientation of Delegates
Orange County Convention Ctr
Orlando, Florida

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
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Auxiliary Meetings
**Virtual Replay of AME HBCU Night*

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 on 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	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
	<i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT		7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop David R. Daniels, Presiding</i>	
	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
	<i>Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., Presiding</i>	
	AME, Inc.	
	The Future Fund	
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)	
	<i>Sponsored by The Social Action Commission</i>	
	<i>*Streamed Live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	
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	
	<i>*Replay of late evening events</i>	
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 <i>Reverend Zwelile S. Thwala, 18th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and on 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		5:10 pm – 6:00 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding</i>	
	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
	<i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT		7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST
	<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)	
2:45 pm – 3:25 pm EDT	Memorial Service	8:45 pm – 9:25 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Stafford Wicker, Worship Leader</i>	
	<i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	
3:25 pm – 3:30 pm EDT	Praise and Worship	9:25 pm – 9:30 pm SAST
	MCAM Connectional Praise Team	
	<i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm EDT	Service of Word and Sacrament	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm SAST
	<i>Bishop Samuel Green Sr., Preaching</i>	

Announcements
Adjournment
Benediction

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 **11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST**
/Auxiliary Meetings
**Virtual Replay of Late Evening Events*

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** **12:00 Noon – 12:55 pm SAST**
Rev. Cindy Rudolph, 4th 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 – 12:00 Noon EDT **Business Session VI** **1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST**
**Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

7:00 am – 8:30 pm EDT **1:00 pm – 2:30 pm SAST**
Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding
Call to Order
Minutes
Reports:
Commission on Stewardship and Finance (Third Report)
Revision Committee (Fifth Report)

8:30 am – 8:40 am EDT **Wellness Break** **2:30 pm – 2:40 pm SAST**

8:40 am – 9:40 am EDT **2:40 pm – 3:40 pm SAST**
Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding

WIM
 Theological Institutions
 Episcopal District Projects
 Women in Ministry
 RAYAC

9:40 am – 9:50 am EDT **Wellness Break** **3:40 pm – 3:50 pm SAST**

9:50 am – 10:50 am EDT **3:50 pm – 4:50 pm SAST**
Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield
 Episcopal Committee (Third Report)

10:50 pm – 12:00 Noon EDT **4:50 pm – 6:00 pm SAST**
Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Presiding
 Quadrennial Theme
 Richard Allen Award
 Revisions Committee (Sixth Report)
 General Conference Committees Report

12:00 Noon EDT **6:00 pm SAST**
 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** **8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST**
**Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT **8:00 pm – 9:00 pm SAST**
Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Presiding
 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** **9:10 pm – 10:00 pm SAST**
Bishop James Davis, Preaching

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 on 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 – 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 on digital platforms*

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

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 on digital platforms.*

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT
**Closing Worship Service and
Consecration of Bishops**

Closing Worship Service and

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Preaching
**Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and on 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