



THE INVESTITURE OF
BISHOP STAFFORD J.N. WICKER

AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 25, 2023

Dear Community Partner,

The Eighth Episcopal District of the AME Church would like to cordially invite you to the Investiture Celebration of our presiding prelate, the Rt. Rev. Stafford J.N. Wicker, as the President of the Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church during the General Board & Council of Bishops Meeting, **June 19-22, 2023**, in **New Orleans, LA**. The theme of this year's Investiture Celebration is "A Marvelous Ministry" and showcases forty-seven years of excellent ministry spearheaded by Bishop and Supervisor Wicker.

Investiture celebrations will span over two days. A gala will be held on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM** and a worship service on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Sheraton New Orleans Hotel at 500 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70130**.

To make these events a success, you are invited to become an investiture sponsor by participating at one of our giving levels which provides branding opportunities for corporations/organizations, vendor spaces for the AME Church General Board Meeting, and priority ad placements in our commemorative virtual souvenir journal. **To learn more about these sponsorship opportunities, we have enclosed our Investiture Sponsorship Guide, which contains information that will allow you and/or your organization to participate with us on this momentous occasion.**

If you require additional information about the Investiture of Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker and/or the work of the Eighth Episcopal District of the AME Church, please contact us at **v.wicker@gratesolutions.org**.

Thank you for your prayers, consideration, and support as we embark on this journey together. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Yours In Christian Service,

The Wicker Investiture Committee



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DONOR REPLY FORM

Name _____ Church/Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Regretfully, I will not be attending but am enclosing a LOVE OFFERING of \$ _____.
- I will be attending. Enclosed is payment for _____ # Reception Tickets at \$100.00 each.
- I will support the Investiture with a \$300 full-page Ad.
- I will support the Investiture with a \$800 vendor space.
- I will support the Investiture by sponsoring at the following level: _____.

To ensure the best representation of your ad in the Commemorative Digital Investiture Souvenir Journal, all ads should be as close to the following criteria as possible: **2550 pixels wide** (300 pixels/inch * 8.5 inches) and **3300 pixels tall** (300 pixels/inch * 11 inches). If you are unsure whether your ad will meet these guidelines, please contact d.grate@gratesolutions.org.

All completed ads should be sent to v.wicker@gratesolutions.org. Upon receipt of your ad, you will receive confirmation of compliance indicating your ad meets the requirements for inclusion and a confirmation of payment for the ad.

Please Note: Ads will only be placed in the Commemorative Digital Investiture Souvenir Journal if both confirmations have been successfully processed.

Payment Options:

Check payable to the "8th Episcopal District" with memo indicating investiture. Please mail all checks to Eighth District AME Church at P.O. Box 14227, Jackson, MS 39236.

Pay electronically with
Givelify: Eighth Episcopal District AME Church
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(When paying electronically, please indicate in the "Memo" or appropriate section your requested items for purchase. For additional information, please contact v.wicker@gratesolutions.org)

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Authorizing Signature _____

The deadline for tickets, ads, vendors, and sponsorship submissions is May 31, 2023.



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Giving Levels

New Orleans Saints Level | \$50,000

The donor will receive a Benefactor Level Table for eight (8) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's full page color back cover ad in Souvenir Journal; Invitations for two (8) to meet privately with President of the Council of Bishops, President of the General Board, and Senior Bishop of the AME Church; name and logo listed on official investiture website; one hundred twenty (120) second video to be played during reception; option to give live remarks during the reception.

Louis Armstrong Level | \$25,000

The donor will receive a Benefactor Level Table for eight (8) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's full page color back cover ad in Souvenir Journal; Invitations for two (6) to meet privately with President of the Council of Bishops and [Insert]; name and logo listed on official investiture website; one hundred twenty (120) second video to be played during reception; option to give live remarks during the reception.

Medgar Wiley Evers (Mississippi) Level | \$ 15,000

The donor will receive a Patron Level Table for eight (8) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's full page color inside back cover ad in Souvenir Journal; Invitations for two (4) to meet privately with President of the Council of Bishops and [Insert]; name and logo listed on official investiture website; ninety (120) second video to be played during reception; option to give live remarks during the reception.

The Pelican Level | \$10,000

The donor will receive a Patron Level Table for eight (8) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's full page color inside front cover ad in Souvenir Journal; Invitations for two (2) to meet privately with President of the Council of Bishops and [Insert]; name and logo listed on official investiture website; ninety (90) second video to be played during the reception.

The Magnolia State Level | \$7,500

Friend Level Table for eight (8) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's priority placement full page color ad in Souvenir Journal; company name and logo listed on official investiture website; sixty (60) second video to be played during reception.

The Mighty Mississippi River Level | \$5,000

Friend Level Table for eight (8) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's priority placement full page color ad in Souvenir Journal; company name and logo listed on official investiture website; sixty (30) second video to be played during reception.

The Louisiana Bayou Level | \$3,500

Sustainer Level Table for four (4) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's priority placement full page color ad in Souvenir Journal; company name and logo listed on official investiture website.

The Mississippi Delta Level | \$2,500

Sustainer Level Table for four (4) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's priority placement full page color ad in Souvenir Journal; company name and logo listed on official investiture website.

The Louisiana Cypress Level | \$1000

Supporter Level Table for two (2) at the Investiture Reception; Donor's priority placement full page color ad in Souvenir Journal; company name and logo listed on official investiture website.