



# 52<sup>ND</sup> QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Greetings!

As the African Methodist Episcopal Church, “The largest Black Methodist denomination in the United States,” assembles in Columbus, Ohio, for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, we are at a defining moment in the history of our church and our world.

How can we best carry out the Mission of the AME Church, which is “To Minister to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people?” We can build a better tomorrow by intentionally rethinking and planning for a future within the design and will of the Master Architect of all creation. Our decisions will determine our destiny as we seek to achieve the church’s primary mission: to equip God’s people to carry out Christ’s Great Commission for saving the world.

At the writing of this greeting, the state of our nation and the world presents many challenges for all of us. However, despite the challenges, we can gain insight, inspiration, and hope from those on whose shoulders we stand today. We can take a page from their spiritual playbook and the progress they made to ensure that our church and succeeding generations prosper and are equipped for service in God’s Kingdom.

As you recall, the AME Church was among the first denominations in the United States founded on racial rather than theological distinctiveness and has persistently advocated for African Americans’ civil and human rights through social improvement, religious autonomy, and political engagement. Just as they did, may we commit ourselves to transforming our church, community, and the world so that others can see Christ in us.

Additionally, our powerful Theme, The Pandemics. The Promise. The Plan, validated by the sobering scripture, contained in the letter written by the Prophet Jeremiah in chapter 29: verse 11, which says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster. To give you a future and a hope,” These reflections should lead every facet of our personal, professional, and spiritual lives to think and live a biblical worldview based on God’s unchanging Word. May we be empowered and empower others to trust God in all things.

I hope that our combined energy, commitment, and dedication to God’s plan for us as agents of liberation and social justice for all humankind, will lead us to re-imagine transformations for empowering and developing clergy and lay for the next phase of this journey. May God grant us wisdom and courage to lead the church He placed in our hands in the direction He wants it to go for embracing all members of the human family.

James L. Davis  
General Conference Commission Chair

**THE 52<sup>ND</sup> QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL**

**CONFERENCE** will be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 21-28, 2024 and is hosted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. All sessions will be held in the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC).



Columbus is the 14<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country and the fastest-growing city in the Midwest. Celebrated for its incredible arts, entertainment, fashion and culinary offerings, exciting collegiate and professional sports teams and spectacular sprawling green space on the Scioto Mile downtown riverfront, this city has something for everyone. Conference attendees will love exploring the place that is known as one of the nation's most creative, innovative and up-and-coming destinations.

Visit [experiencecolumbus.com](https://www.experiencecolumbus.com).

The Short North Arts District is located right outside the Greater Columbus Convention Center and is commonly referred to as the “Art & Soul” of Columbus. Attendees will enjoy exploring all the public murals, sculptures, galleries and performance art spaces located in this area with the Art Trail! [www.experiencecolumbus.com/arttrail](https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/arttrail).

Columbus is committed to social change and justice. When you visit Columbus, you become aware of volunteer opportunities that continue to break down barriers for communities of color. You'll see local, minority-owned businesses promoted for you to support while you're in town. It is efforts like these that reflect the spirit of Columbus—collaborative, forward-thinking and eager to stand up for what matters <https://cur.lt/wdntvggq>.







## HOUSING: WHERE TO STAY FOR GC2024

A block of rooms has been contracted in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Hotels are either connected to or within walking distance of the **Greater Columbus Convention Center**. The housing block will accommodate the AME Church's leadership, delegates, alternates, and some observers.

**Registration for GC2024 is required** to access the housing block for observers and guests. Upon receiving your registration confirmation email, you will be directed to a housing link to finalize the hotel reservation.

Housing for observers and guests will open on June 19, 2023. **Register for GC2024** at [www.ame-church.com](http://www.ame-church.com). Upon completion of your registration, follow the link provided for room reservations. Housing requests will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

**A minimum of four nights, with a four-night deposit, is required when making reservations.** Housing confirmations will be emailed once the process is completed.

Housing for delegates and alternates will be facilitated through the Episcopal Districts. Delegates and alternates should contact their district office for procedures and deadlines.

## INQUIRIES?

Please visit [www.ame-church.com](http://www.ame-church.com).

**General Conference Information:** for vendor opportunities and pre-general conference activities: Contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal District at (614) 227-5812.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Contact Dr. Tiffany Davenport at [tdavenport@amecfo.org](mailto:tdavenport@amecfo.org)

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### August 20, 2024

Welcome Event Hosted by  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal District

#### August 21, 2024

Opening Worship Service

#### August 28, 2024

Closing Worship Service

Opening and Closing Worship  
will be available live stream via  
Facebook

(@amechurchofficial)

and YouTube

(@africanmethodistepiscopal9127)



## AMEC MEMBER CARD

The Member Card is a conduit for collecting demographic information for the AME Church. This data is vital when leveraging the Church's buying and negotiating power for contractual agreements with potential vendors and sponsors. It also expedites the registration process for AME Church meetings.

Registrants for the 2024 General Conference will receive a discount when the Member Card is used for registration. Further discounts will also be offered through our third-party partner, Abenity, granting savings on everything from pizza and the zoo to movie tickets, oil changes, and much more!

The Member Card is free. Sign up at Connectional AME Church meetings and receive a hard plastic card. You may also sign up for a digital-only card by visiting [www.ame-church.com](http://www.ame-church.com). **A hard plastic card will not be mailed.**

## AME MEETING APP

For the 2024 General Conference, we have deployed a new mobile application that will allow us to share information and communicate during the conference more easily. The application is available on the Android and iOS mobile platforms and is available now for this General Board and Council of Bishops Meeting.



Download the mobile app in the Apple or Google Play Store by searching "AME MEETINGS."



## OBSERVER REGISTRATION / FEES

Registration is only available online at [www.ame-church.com](http://www.ame-church.com).

Observer registration for the General Conference opens June 12, 2023, and will remain open for the duration of the Conference.

We have provided the following:

**An Active Military/Spouse discount.** To receive this discounted rate, a valid military ID must be presented onsite.

**PayPal will now be accepted for registration payments in addition to VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover.**

### All Paid Registrants Will Receive:

❖ General Conference Badge (Required for Entry)

❖ General Conference Kit Includes:

- ✓ General Conference T-Shirt
- ✓ General Conference Keychain
- ✓ General Conference Ink Pen
- ✓ General Conference Agenda
- ✓ General Conference Wristband
- ✓ Youth Observers will receive a backpack.

- ❖ Access to observer seating in the general business sessions
- ❖ Shuttle service to the Convention Center from several designated contracted hotels

Registration Type	With Member Card (MC)	Without Member Card (NMC)
6/12/2023 – 12/31/2023	\$165	\$175
1/1/2024 – 3/31/24	\$170	\$180
4/1/24 – 8/20/2024	\$175	\$185
Active Military/Spouse (valid ID)	\$165	MC Required
Student ID	\$50	\$50
(Valid college ID and proof of current enrollment at the registration desk on-site before obtaining registration materials.)		
Youth (ages 5-18)	\$25	(NMC)

Registrations are non-transferable and there will be no refunds.

Unclaimed registration material will not be shipped. **For information or assistance with registration, contact the General Conference Call Center** at 1-833-628-6180 or **email** [registration@amec-2024gc.org](mailto:registration@amec-2024gc.org).

## GENERAL CONFERENCE MERCH



Get your official General Conference merchandise in advance when you register for the 2024 General Conference by visiting [www.ame-church.com/shop](http://www.ame-church.com/shop).

Merchandise can be purchased onsite at the General Conference while supplies last.

- ❖ Hats
- ❖ Polos
- ❖ Water Bottle
- ❖ Tumblers
- ❖ Mugs



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