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“THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE”

IN THE

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Discussion Points

Section III. THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2021 The Doctrine and Disciple of the AME Church (Pages 302-305)

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B). The Composition

C). The Sessions

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E). The Business and Duties

F). Financial Accountability

G). Other Committees

*** Ministerial Orders**

*** Social Services**

*** Mission Programs**

*** Mission Churches**

*** Christian Social Concerns**

~IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER~

- 1) What Is The Purpose Of The District Conference?**
- 2) Why Is The District Conference Needed?**
- 3) Who Is Required to Attend the District Conference?**
- 4) Who Is The Presiding Officer Of The District Conference?**
- 5) When should the District Conference be held?**
- 6) Inputs, Questions & Answers Session**

~What Is The Purpose Of The District Conference?~ (Section III. A. Purpose)

“The District Conference provides the opportunity for the Pastors, Itinerant and Local Preachers and the Laity to evaluate the work of the Local Churches and their positions, and through in-service programs, to sharpen their skills, develop new ones and receive fresh insight into the life and work of the Church of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.”

~Why Is The District Conference Needed?~

A) The Business and Duties:

- 1) The District Conference shall make provisions for obtaining the Presiding Elder's support, should the Annual Conference fail to do so. (*Note: Our Spiritual Leadership Team of "ANDERSON & ANDERSON" has refused the District Conference's Stewards effort to increase the Presiding Elder Support since February 16, 2018, the date of their appointment to the Beaufort District*)
- 2) The District Conference shall examine, by committee, all applicants for admission into Itinerant ministry and preachers presented for Local Deacon and Elders' orders. It shall recommend to the Annual Conference qualified Candidates for Itinerant Ministry.
- 3) The Annual Conference shall receive a report from the District Conference about those Preachers presented for local Deacon and Local Elder orders who satisfactorily past the examination. The report shall be signed by the "Presiding Elder" and "Secretary" and forwarded to the Chair of the Board of Examiners of the Annual Conference.

B) Financial Accountability: Presiding Elder District Budget Committee

- 1) There shall be Establishment in each Presiding Elder District a Budget Committee**
- 2) The Composition of the Budget Committee shall be made up of nine (9) persons: five (5) Ministers and four (4) Laypersons or (4) Ministers and (5) alternately, one(1) of whom shall be a young adult, age eighteen to thirty-five (18-35). The Presiding Elder shall serve ex-officio as Chairperson.**

3) Election:

The Committee shall be elected at the District Conference and serve for a term of one (1) fiscal

year. Where there is a person in the district who possesses accounting or legal expertise, such

person shall be considered for election by the District Conference.

4) Financial Report:

The Budget Committee shall prepare a comprehensive district financial report to include all financial assessments from the local church for the District operations, inclusive of income and expenses for the District Conference, Church School and Allen Christian Fellowship Conventions and Quarterly Conferences.

5) Annual Report: *(continue from slide #7 Financial Report)*

The Budget Committee shall present a printed, annual report of district income and expenditures to each local church of the districts of the annual conference, and the Episcopal District.

G). Other Committees

1) Establishment: Committees shall be appointed and shall submit reports &

2) Types:

A) Ministerial Orders (see 2021 The Doctrine and Discipline of the AMEC, pg. 304)

- The Presiding Elder must provide general oversight, including the appointing of the most competent ministers to the Committee on Ministerial Orders and the careful supervising of the examination of Candidates**
- The Committee on Ministerial Orders shall have some members who serve on the Annual Conference Board of Examiners, in addition to other persons assigned at the discretion of the Presiding Elder**
- A Member of the Annual Conference Board of Examiners shall chair the Committee on Ministerial Orders**
- The members of the District Conference Committee on Ministerial Orders shall, to the extent possible, have earned a Master of Divinity or equivalent degree from a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools or similar accrediting agencies**

(continue from Ministerial Orders slide #9): The Committee on Ministerial Orders will examine all applicants for admission into the traveling connection who have been recommended by the Quarterly Conference. Preachers coming to the District Conference not possessing the books (*current Book of Discipline, Hymnal and Bible*) required should not be examined by the District Conference committee. And those coming with everything required, the qualifications for itinerancy and a full member of the AME Church for one year shall be recommended to the Annual Conference

B). Social Services and Missions Programs

- **This Committee will help the Pastors and Laypersons assess local conditions relevant to the Pastoral charges and evaluate the progress of social services or mission programs of the churches.**

C). Mission Churches

- **This Committee will review the status of mission churches on the district to determine how they best can be helped.**

D). Christian Social Concerns

- **Among other concerns, this committee will hold workshops on voter registration and political action, with strong emphasis on encouraging youth and adults to register to vote.**

E). Stewardship and Finance

- **This Committee is to hold workshops on church finances and recordkeeping, budgeting, establishing church credit unions and investments. It will address the means necessary to make the churches financially more prosperous.**