

Beaufort District Presents Conferences of the AME Church Workshop







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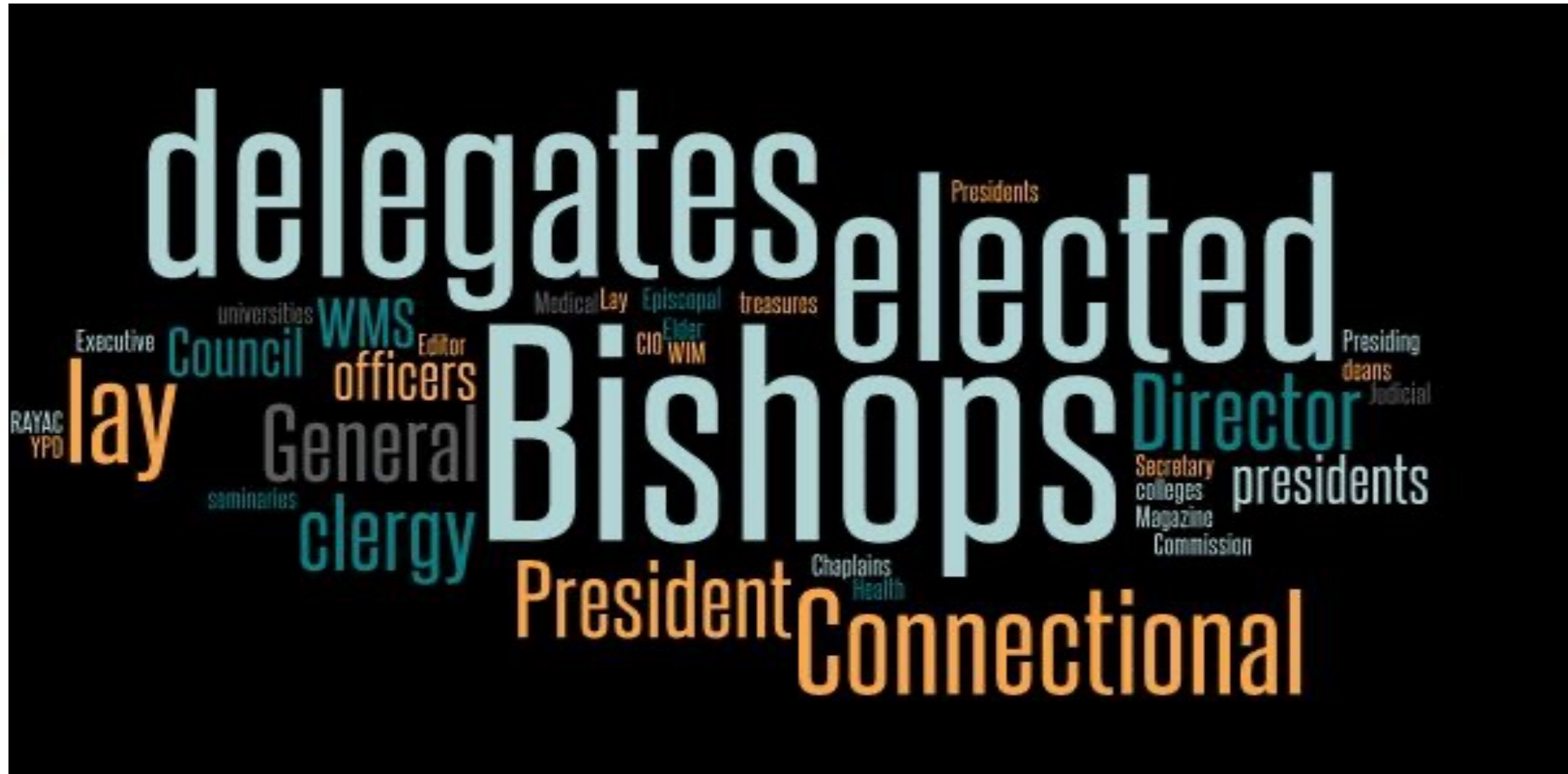
The Lawmaking body of the Church

Meet every four years (quadrennially) to:

- elect officials
- create and amend laws
- receive committee reports



Composition of the General Conference





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This body is empowered with the responsibility of making, changing or amending the laws that are changeable with some exceptions. special exceptions alluding to our articles of faith, doctrine and existing standards. The episcopacy shall not be done away with nor the plan of itinerancy. Laws granting trials to ministers and appeals shall remain intact. The same applies to our laity. Our general rules shall not be destroyed.





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The General Conference elects bishops and assigns them to their Districts. It tries, expels, impeaches or disrobes Bishops, elects General officers, guards the destiny of the Connection, hears and receives reports of departments and regulates the work, discipline and polity of each.





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There is no appeal from the General Conference. In the interim of the General Conference, the Bishops govern the church and interpret its laws and mandate.





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The General Conference Commission approved a hybrid model, consisting of both virtual and in-person sessions, and rescheduled the Conference, This had been slated for July 8-15, 2020. So, not even a global pandemic could keep the African Methodist Episcopal Church from doing God's work.





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The General Conference is composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay Delegates, which represents the Annual Conferences from around the world!





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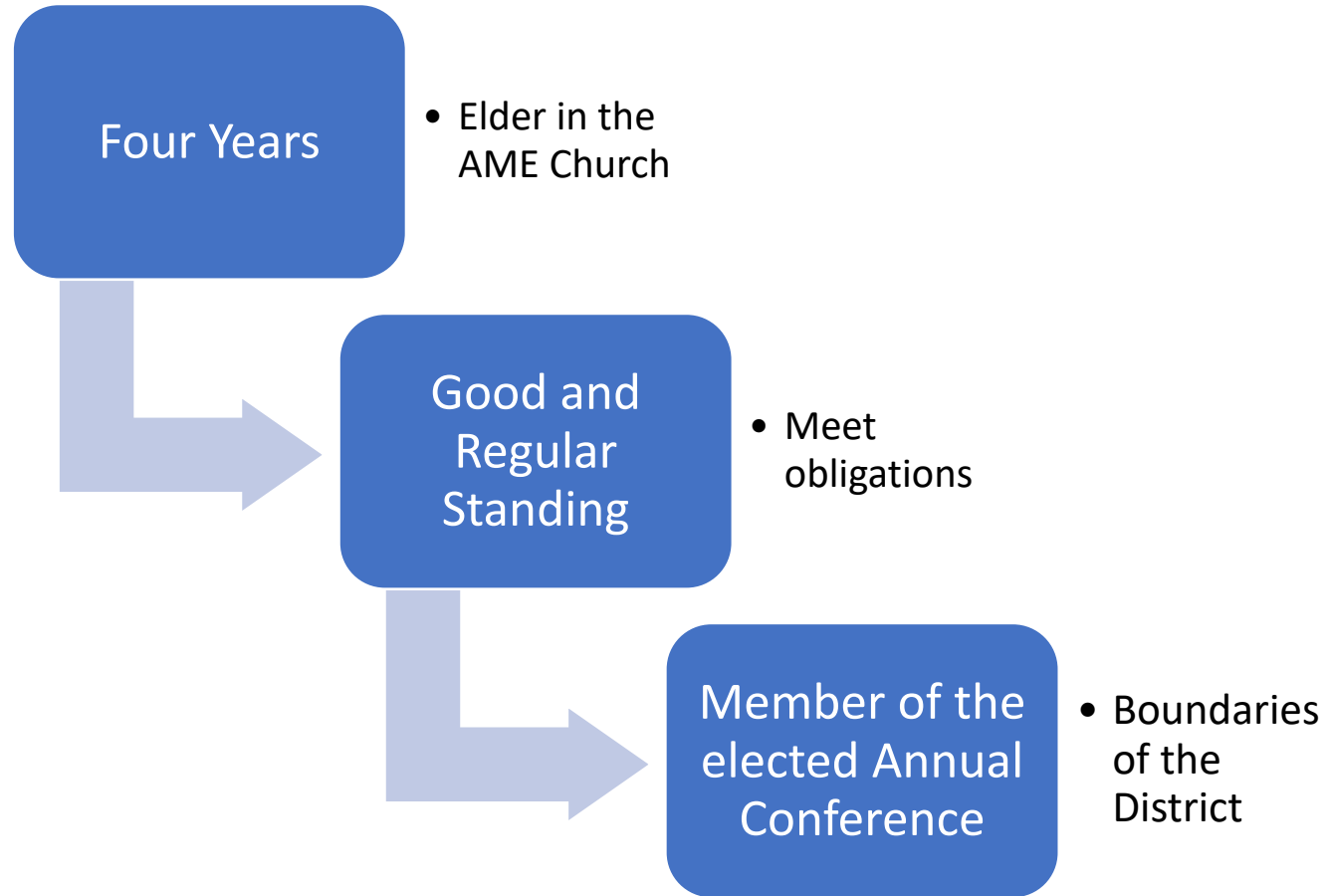
It is composed of the Bishops, who serve ex-officio as presidents, according to the rank of election, and an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, elected by each of the Annual Conferences and Lay Electoral Colleges of the Annual Conferences.



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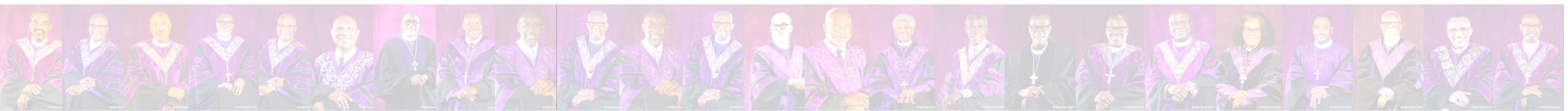
MINISTRIAL QUALIFICATIONS





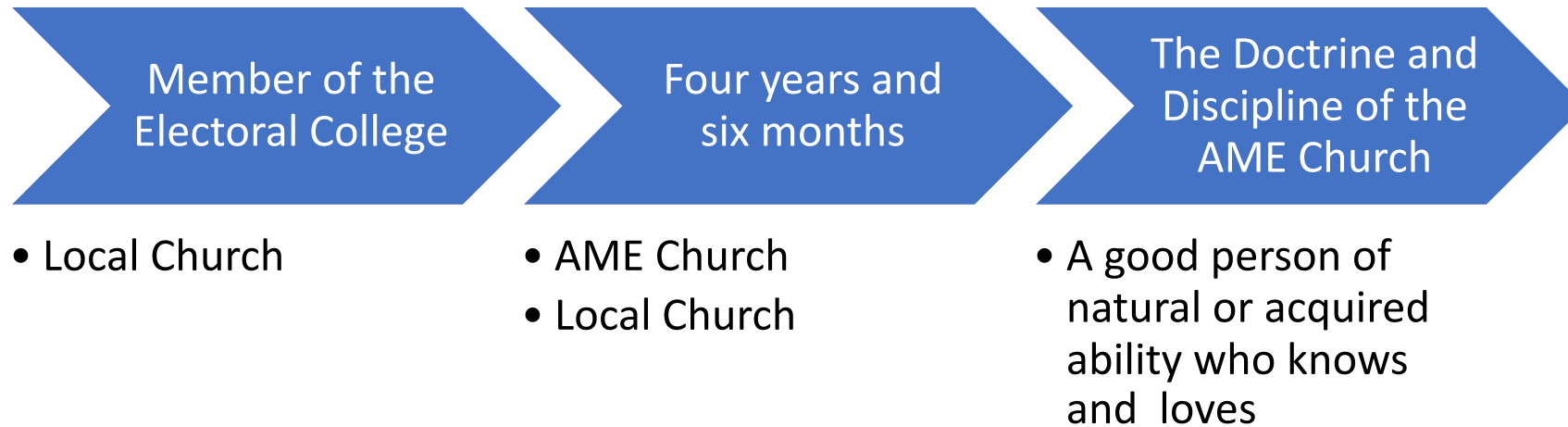
ELECTION OF DELEGATES: MINISTERIAL

- Ministerial delegates is elected by his or her Annual Conference
- Four years preceding the General Conference
- One must be under the age of 40
- Ministerial election and the Lay Electoral College election shall be held on the same date, in the same city, at difference places
- Election by secret ballot or voting machine
- Ballots must be identical





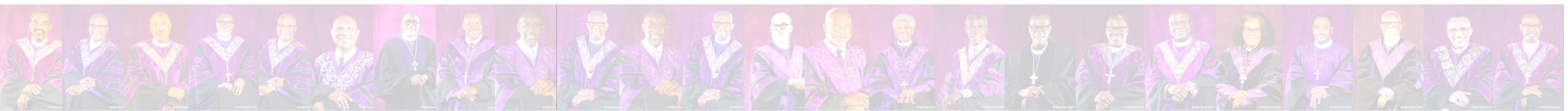
LAY QUALIFICATIONS





LAY ELECTORAL COLLEGE

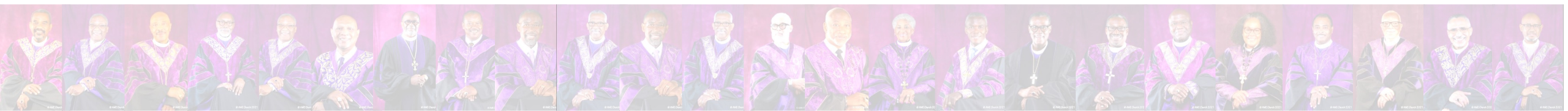
- Every Pastor shall publish a notice of the Church Conference at 2 weeks
- Held at least 3 months prior to the meeting of the Electoral College
- Only full members (18 and older) eligible to vote and elected
- Majority vote of those present (a young adult and adult Lay delegates)
- Equal number ministerial and of lay adult and young adult delegates
- Can only vote in electoral college election





LAY ELECTORAL COLLEGE

- Composed of one adult and one young adult (between the ages of 18-35)
- Must be in good and regular standing from each church
- Expenses are paid by the local church
- Assemble or meet at a place designated by the Annual Conference
- Elect the same number of alternates
- The adult lay electoral college from the host church shall take the chair for presiding until after the devotional then a permanent chair, secretary, two tellers and two clerks are elected.
- Majority vote rule

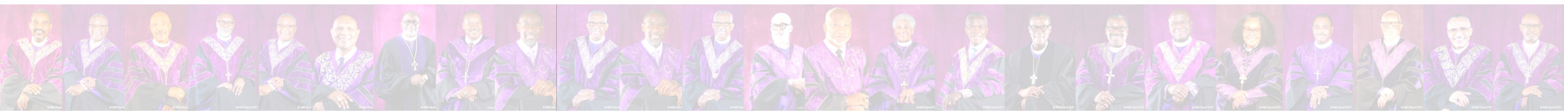




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- After the election if not contested, the secretary shall prepare and certify with his or her signature a report and forward to the Presiding Bishop and the secretary of the Annual Conference within 30 days.
- Unlawful for any minister to interfere in any way in the Electoral College
- The Episcopal District Lay President shall be a member of the General Conference by virtue of his or her position

The General Conference shall meet perpetually one every four year between June 15 and July 15

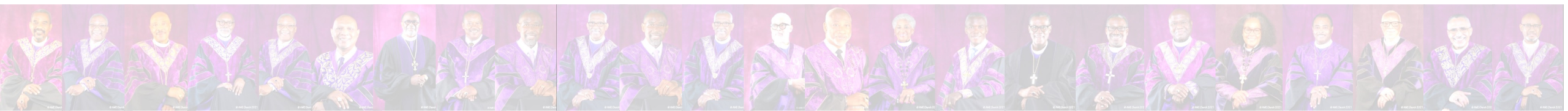




LAY ELECTION DAY

Be on time to the destinated
place called by the Bishop.

No proxy vote.



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