

# SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## 2026

SCHEDULE OF

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES

*Schedule of Annual Conference Series and Committees*

### REVIVE US AGAIN:

*From Service to Kingdom Impact*

*The Right Reverend*

**MICHAEL L. MITCHELL**

Presiding Bishop

**MRS. CORDELIA D. MITCHELL**

Episcopal Supervisor

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE MITCHELL TEAM***

This is not an ordinary season for the church, God is calling His people to lift their eyes higher, not merely to reflect on past accomplishments, but to discern what He now requires. The Spirit is stirring and reviving the Church, calling us beyond routine faithfulness into purposeful Kingdom impact.

The 2026 Connectional theme of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, “Revive Us Again: Reviving Our Connection to African Methodism,” calls us back to a faith rooted in prayer, sacrifice, justice, and action. African Methodism has always been faith lived out, formed through discipleship, expressed in service, and directed toward transforming lives and communities. To revive this connection is to reclaim its purpose-driven witness in the world.

God has graciously guided us along a sacred journey, from membership to discipleship, from discipleship to service, and now calls us forward once again, from service to Kingdom impact. This movement reflects our heritage: faith that produces justice, service that leads to liberation, and ministry that changes lives.

As we move toward the annual conference season, we are reminded that God revives us not to remain where we are, but to advance His Kingdom. Our sacred gatherings will be moments of affirmation, alignment, and preparation as we step boldly into what God is calling us to become.

Supervisor Cordelia and I are deeply grateful for the faithful members of the Sixth District. Your commitment, resilience, and willingness to grow have prepared you for this moment. We are confident that God is positioning this District not only to serve well, but to make a lasting Kingdom impact.

As we continue to revive our connection to African Methodism, may we recommit ourselves to Kingdom work that transforms lives, strengthens communities, and glorifies God.

***Bishop Michael and Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell***



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# ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

## **PASTORAL / PRESIDING ELDER REPORTS**

Each Pastor is expected to submit their completed Pastoral Report form to the Presiding Elders by the due date established by the Presiding Elder. The financial report from each local church is to be reported to the Presiding Elder at least two (2) weeks prior to the opening date of the conference. Presiding Elders are required to submit their comprehensive reports with summaries; pastoral reports, names and addresses of each subscriber to periodicals, and participants in the ministerial annuity program under one cover.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Choir members of all local churches of the conference are asked to join the Annual Conference Choir. Your voice and talent is needed as a source of inspiration and praise. The Host church takes the leads with the choirs.

## **VESTMENTS**

**Presiding Elders and Ordained Clergy** are to bring their robes to conference - white for Opening and black for Closing. All ordained clergy are expected to wear black/white clergy shirts/blouses with clergy collar for the Opening and Closing services. During the Annual Conference only wear black, blue or gray attire.

## **BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

The **Board of Examiners** will meet with the Bishop on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. The Board is expected to meet with all candidates prior to the opening of the Annual Conference and inform them of their attendance requirement and recommendation pending approval of the Bishop and Annual Conference.

## **ROLL CALL AND ORGANIZATION**

**Roll Call and Organization of the Annual Conference** will take place on **Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Pre-checkin will be available at 12:00 pm.** Members of the Annual Conference, who are unable to attend should request to be excused by the Bishop by sending a request to Mrs. Terra White @ [sixthdistrict@ame6.church](mailto:sixthdistrict@ame6.church).

## **WMS NIGHT IN WHITE**

Wednesday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

## **ANNUAL SERMON/COMMUNION SERVICE**

Thursday Morning at 9:30 a.m.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE—LAY WITNESS**

Thursday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

## **SONS OF ALLEN WITNESS**

Friday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

## **WOMEN IN MINISTRY WITNESS**

Friday Morning at 11:30 a.m.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL EXPLOSION**

Friday Evening at 5:30 p.m.

## **CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

Friday at 6:30 p.m.

## **YPD WITNESS**

Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

# Active Bishops

## ACTIVE BISHOPS OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

Wilfred Jacobus Messiah	120   2004	19th
Paul Jones Mulenga Kawimbe	121   2004	14th
James Levert Davis	123   2004	7th
David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.	124   2004	Ecumenical
Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.	125   2004	1st
Errenous Earl McCloud, Jr. *	127   2004	Located
Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath, Sr.	128   2008	16th
Reginald Thomas Jackson **	132   2012	Deceased
Harry Lee Seawright	133   2016	2nd
Michael Leon Mitchell	134   2016	6th
Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.	136   2016	10th
Stafford J. N. Wicker	137   2016	3rd
Silvester Scott Beaman	139   2021	12th
Marvin Clyde Zanders II	140   2021	11th
Francine Angelique Brookins	141   2021	5th
Frederick A. Wright , Sr.	142   2021	4th
Erica D. Crawford	143   2024	8th
Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.	144   2024	9th
Vernon Randolph Byrd, Jr.	145   2024	17th
Henry Allen Belin, III	146   2024	15th
Jeffery Bernard Cooper, Sr.	147   2024	13th & 18th
Gregory Vaughn Eason	148   2024	20th

# *Retired Bishops*

## RETIRED BISHOPS OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

Frank Curtis Cummings **	95   1976
Philip Robert Cousins, Sr.	96   1976
John Richard Bryant	106   1988
Robert Vaughn Webster **	110   1992
Theodore Larry Kirkland	114   1996
Adam Jefferson Richardson	115   1996
Vashti Murphy McKenzie	117   2000
Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram	118   2000
Preston Warren Williams, II	119   2000
Carolyn Tyler Guidry **	122   2004
Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr.	129   2008
John Franklin White	130   2008
Clement Willie Fugh	131   2012
Elizabeth Anne Henning Byfield **	135   2016
Frank Madison Reid, III	138   2016

# *General Officers*

## GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

**Dr Marcus T. Henderson**

*Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer*

**The Reverend Tyronda Burgess**

*General Secretary/Chief Information Officer*

**The Reverend Roderick D. Belin**

*President/Publisher AME Sunday School Union*

**Dr. John Thomas, III**

*Editor, AME Christian Recorder*

**The Reverend Dr. John F. Green**

*Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry*

**The Reverend Brian K. Blackwell**

*Executive Director, Department of  
Retirement Services*

**Dr. Marcellous A. Norris**

*Executive Director, Church Growth and Development*

**The Reverend Dr. Garland F. Pierce**

*Executive Director, Department of Christian Education*

**The Reverend Dr. Mark K. Tyler**

*Historiographer/Executive Director,  
Department of Research and Scholarship*

## RETIRED GENERAL OFFICERS

Dr. Paulette Coleman

Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson

Dr. Kenneth H. Hill

Dr. Daryl B. Ingram

Dr. Johnny Barbour, Jr.

Dr. Calvin Sydnor, III

Dr. Richard Allen Lewis

Dr. George F. Flowers

Dr. James C. Wade

Reverend Dr. Teresa Fry Brown

# *Connectional Officers*

## CONNECTIONAL OFFICERS OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

**Mrs. Deborah Taylor-King, President**

*Women's Missionary Society*

**Mrs. Jacqueline Dupont-Walker, Consultant**

*Social Action Commission*

**Ms. Anita M. Brannon, President**

*CONN-M-SWAWO+PK's*

**Mrs. Ora L. Easley, Administrator**

*Clergy Family Information Center*

**Mr. Jeremy D. Satterwhite, President**

*Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC)*

**Mrs. Lyndajo A. Jones Watson, Administrator**

*Christian Debutante-Master Commission*

**Judge Tania E. Wright,**

*President Judicial Council*

**Attorney Douglass P. Selby**

*AME Church General Counsel*

**Reverend Michele Goodloe, President**

*Presiding Elder's Council*

**Reverend Maurice Wright, Director**

*Music and Christian Arts Ministry*

**Mrs. Richelle Fry Skinner, Connectional Director**

*Young People's Division—WMS*

**Matikane Abednego Makiti, President**

*Connectional Lay Organization*

**Reverend Dr. Ann Marie Bentsi-Addison**

*Executive Director, International Health Commission*

**Ouida Collins, MD MPH**

*Medical Director, International Health Commission*

**Ms. Joyce Johnson, Connectional President**

*Young People's Division – WMS*

**Reverend Dr. Joy Gallmon, President**

*Women in Ministry*

**Mr. Monroe Miller, President**

*Sons of Allen*

**Mr. Robert Nicolas, Executive Director**

*AME SADA (Service and Development Agency)*

**Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts**

**Reverend Dr. Missouri McPhee - Boy Scouts Director**

**Ms. Michele L. Neal - Girl Scouts Director**

# SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

## **SOUTH CONFERENCE**

**March 11-14, 2026**

NELSON CHAPEL AME CHURCH

640 Hall St. | Bainbridge, GA 39819

Reverend Calvin Reynolds | Host Pastor

229-246-0493

Reverend Kenneth Cody | Host Presiding Elder Reverend

J. C. Roberts | Associate Presiding Elder Reverend

Patrick Brinson | Associate Presiding Elder

## **SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE**

**March 25-28, 2026**

GREATER WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH

1330 Talbotton Rd. | Columbus, GA 31901 Reverend

Curtis Fraizer | Co-Host Pastor

706-324-6944

Co-Host

SAINT JOHN AME CHURCH

3950 Steam Mill Rd. | Columbus, GA 31907 Reverend

Dr. Richard Washington | Co-Host Pastor

706-682-6944

Reverend John Bass | Host Presiding Elder Reverend

Joseph Baker | Associate Presiding Elder

## **GEORGIA CONFERENCE**

**April 8-11, 2026**

SAINT JAMES AME CHURCH

632 East Broad St. | Savannah, GA 31401 Reverend Dr.

Byram McKinzie | Host Pastor

912-236-2051

Reverend Dr. Jai Haithco | Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Billy McFadden | Associate Presiding Elder

Reverend Catherine Mathis | Associate Presiding Elder

# SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

## **AUGUSTA CONFERENCE**

**April 22-25, 2026**

FIRST AME CHURCH

521 N. Hull St. | Athens, GA 30601

Reverend Chekibe Holman | Host Pastor

706-548-1454

Reverend Anthony Scott, Sr. | Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Marvin Colbert | Associate Presiding Elder

### HOST SITE

Ebenezer Baptist Church

205 N. Chase St.

Athens, GA 3060

## **MACON CONFERENCE**

**May 6-9, 2026**

SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH

2501 Shurling Dr. | Macon, GA 31211

Reverend Forrest Dickey | Host Pastor

478-745-0507

Reverend Bertram Smith | Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Nathaniel Veal | Associate Presiding Elder

Dr. Toni Belin-Ingram | Associate Presiding Elder

## **ATLANTA NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE**

**May 20-23, 2026**

SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH

1540 Pryor Rd. | Atlanta, GA

Reverend Dr. Shawn Drains | Host Pastor

404-662-9711

Reverend Dr. Larry Hudson, Sr. | Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Dr. David Rhone, Jr. | Associate Presiding Elder

Reverend Kimberly McMichael | Associate Presiding Elder

Reverend Thomas Stegall | Associate Presiding Elder

# AGENDA | DAILY SCHEDULE

## Pre-Conference Meetings

SUNDAY BEFORE - DMC

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m.	<b>WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION</b>
9:30 a.m.	Bishop's Meeting with the Presiding Elders
10:30 a.m.	Bishop's Meeting with the Board of Examiners

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

12:00 p.m.	<b>PRE-CHECKIN</b>
1:15 p.m.	<b>DEVOTION (Board of Examiners Candidates)</b>
1:30 p.m.	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Business Session)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expressions from Bishop Michael L. Mitchell</li><li>• Roll Call</li><li>• Presentation of Transfers</li><li>• Organization of Conference</li><li>• Presiding Elders' Summary Report</li><li>• Board of Examiners Report</li><li>• Conference Trustees Report</li></ul>
4:30 p.m.	Break/ Dinner
6:00 p.m.	<b>WMS Night in White Worship Service</b>

### THURSDAY MORNING

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	<b>OPENING WORSHIP (Annual Sermon/Holy Communion)</b>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m.	<b>BUSINESS SESSION</b>
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE - Lay Witness</b>

# AGENDA | DAILY SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY MORNING

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	<b>SONS OF ALLEN WITNESS</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>BUSINESS SESSION</b>
11:30 A.M.	<b>WOMEN IN MINISTRY WITNESS</b>
1:00 P.M.	Lunch Break

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m.	<b>BUSINESS SESSION</b>
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Break
5:30 P.M.	<b>CHURCH SCHOOL EXPLOSION</b>
6:30 P.M.	<b>CLOSING &amp; COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolution Committee Report</li><li>• Pastoral Appointments</li></ul>

## SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.	<b>YPD BUSINESS SESSION</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>YOUTH EXPLOSION WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
1:00 p.m.	<b>RAYAC</b>

# 114th SESSION

## SOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### WMS Night In White Service

The Reverend Elizabeth Hill

### Annual Sermon

The Reverend Johnathan Moore, Sr.

### Sons of Allen Morning Glory

The Reverend Timothy Lewis

### Women In Ministry Witness

The Reverend Arlisha Williams

### Lay Witness

Musical

### Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND LITERARY REPORTS/COMMITTEES

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS

**The Reverends** Dr. Debra Knight, Calvin Reynolds, Dr. Michael Ephraim, Sr., Rheunnette Haire, Timothy Lewis, Gail Brown, Tracy McGeathey, James Alexander, **exofficio**- PE Kenneth Cody, PE J. C. Roberts, PE Patrick Brinson

### MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE:

**The Reverends** Dr. Michael Ephraim, Sr., Jonhathan Moore, Tracy McGeathey, Renee Gee-Theophille, Calvin Reynolds

### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

**The Reverends** Dr. James McKenzie, Rheunnette Haire, Dr. Debra Knight, Dr. Vivian Green, Anthony Yarborough

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:** To Be Elected

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To Be Elected

### **DEEDS, ABSTRACTS, ABANDONED PROPERTY:**

**The Reverends** Anthony Yarbrough, Dr. M. Diann Flowers, Charlene Maddox, Chavetta Carter, **Sisters** Dorris Tolbert, Shirley Cooper, **Brothers** Carlos Ford, Howard Cochran, Willie Jackson

### **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, AND STATIONS:**

**The Reverends** Renee Gee-Theophile, Anthony Yarbrough, Tracy McGeathey, Gloria Gadson, Dr. Kathleen Joseph, Felecia Brockington, Tina Matchett, Edward Brown, Roger Pierce, **Sisters** Chahkara Smith, Cynthia Ingram, Brenda Williams

### **PRESIDING ELDER'S SALARY/UPKEEP:**

**The Reverends** Dr. Michael Ephraim, Sr., Anthony Yarbrough, Johnathan Moore, Sr., Rheunnette Haire, Tracy McGeathey, Dr. James McKenzie, Dr. Debra Knight, Chavetta Carter, **Sisters** Betty Orange, Anna Wynn, Janice Stewart, Rosemary Street-Nixon, Yvonne Bonner

### **CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT:**

**The Reverends** Dr. Vivian Green, Rev. Tracy McGeathey, Anthony Yarbrough, Michael Godwin, Tommy Curry, **Sisters** Chahkara Smith, Sherri Bell, Mazie Wilson, Jackie Jordan, Dr. Mary Willis, Ruby Baker, **Brother** Jimmy Littleton

### **STATE OF THE CHURCH:**

**The Reverends** James Alexander, Dr. Michael Ephraim, Sr., Michael Godwin, **Sisters** Cynthia Ingram, Ethel Wills, Brenda Williams

### **STATE OF THE COUNTRY:**

**The Reverends** Calvin Reynolds, Kely Faulk, Betty D. Williams, Dale Flucas, Evangelist Constance Brimm, **Sisters** Sherri Bell, Elizabeth Ford, Annie Register, Jean Lott, Shirley Frazier, Dr. Mary Willis, **Brothers** Wayne Turner,

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

**The Reverends** Dr. Shonjala Moore, Rheunnette Haire, Tracy McGeathey, Dr. James McKenzie, Dr. Vivian Green, Roger Pierce, **Sisters** Chahkara Smith, Janet Mitchell, Rosemary Street-Nixon, Brenda Williams, Earline Thomas, Mazie Wilson, McKayla Larkins, Medora Lawson, Carolyn Campbell, **Brothers** George Brown, Jarvis White

**SOCIAL ACTION:**

The Reverends Dr. Gloria Walden, Johnathan Moore, Sr., Linda Matchett, Gail Hawkins, Lurena Collier, Sharron Jackson, Renee Theophille, **Sisters** Stephanie McKenzie, Cutisha Keaton, Diane Bradley, **Brother** Carlos Ford

**MINISTERIAL CLASSIFICATION:**

**The Reverends** Racquel Carter, Arlisha Williams, Fred Moore, Sr., Dr. Katheleen Joseph, Gloria Gadson, Gail Brown, James Alexander

**MEMORIALS:**

**The Reverends** Arlisha Wilimas, Calvin Reynolds, Dr. M. Diann Flowers, Marshall Ingram, Roger Pierce, **Sisters** Gladys Florence, Ethel Wills, Ollie Faye Scott, Merita White, Katherine Thomas, Carolyn Campbell

**RESOLUTIONS: The Reverends** Stephanie Walton, Annie Shelton, Elizabeth Hill, Timothy Lewis, Evangelist Constance Brimm, Kelly Faulk, **Sisters** Tyrah Adams, Ethel Wills, Beulah Evans, Earline Thomas, Lucille Middlebrook **Brother** Donnie Ware

# 130th SESSION

## SOUTHWEST GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### WMS Night In White Service

The Reverend Norris Smith

### Annual Sermon

The Reverend Shirley Strawter

### Sons Of Allen Morning Glory

The Reverend Willie Barber

### Women In Ministry Witness

The Reverend Ruby Youngblood

### Lay Witness

Sis. Janice Stewart

### Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND LITERARY REPORTS/COMMITTEES

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

**The Reverends** Ernest Gordon, Curtis Frazier, Rev. Dr. Monica Spencer, Robyn Burnett, Jermaine Harris, B.A. Hart, Terrel McBride, **Sister** Jasmine Tullis, **Ex-officio** - Presiding Elder John W. Bass, Presiding Elder Joseph E. Baker

### MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE:

**The Reverends** P.E. John Bass, B.A. Heart, Vickie Alston, Sherryl Harris-King, Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks, Curtise Frazier

### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

**The Reverends** P.E. Joseph E. Baker, Jermaine Harris, Ernest Gordon, Angienette C. Damiani, Olivia Massey, Dr. Monica Spencer

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:** To Be Elected

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To Be Elected

**DEEDS, ABSTRACTS, ABANDONED PROPERTY:**

**The Reverends** Curtis Frazier, Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks, Sandy McLean, Norris Harris, Norris J. Smith, Olivia Massey, **Sister** Debra L. Bell, **Brothers** D.U. Pulliam, LaShaun Long

**MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, AND STATIONS:**

**The Reverends** Sonja King-Harris, Gerald Harris, Kini Spady, Ruby Youngblood, **Sisters** Inez Owens, Debra Hunter; **Brother** Bobby Jackson

**PRESIDING ELDER'S SALARY/UPKEEP:**

**The Reverends** Ernest Gordon, Michael Davis, B.A. Hart, Sherryl Harris-King, Olivia Massey, Lawrence Stewart, Shirley Strawter, Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks, Dr. Monica Spencer, Robyn Burnett; **Sisters** Maldvina Anderson, Debra Bell, Jacqueline Jennings, Sherald McPherson, **Brothers** Reginald Caldwell, Bobby Jackson

**CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT:**

**The Reverends** Dr. Monica Spencer, Carolyn Biggers, Michael Davis, Bernard Ford, Gerald Harris, Jermaine Harris, **Sister** Frederica Anderson-Edwards, **Brother** Norris Smith

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:**

**The Reverends** Carolyn Biggers, Angienette Damiani, Bernard Ford, Norris Smith, Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks, **Sister** Gladys Hopkins, **Brother** Maurice Sconiers

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:**

**The Reverends** Robyn Burnett, Norris Harris, Willie Bo Barber, Selena Clark, Sandra McLean, Lawrence Stewart, Shirley Strawter, Ruby Youngblood, **Sister** Maldvina Anderson, Debra Hunter, **Brother** Joe Jerald

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

**The Reverends** Angienette Damiani, Willie Bo Barber, Sonja King-Harris, Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks, Dr. Sharen Kelley, **Sisters** Gladys Hopkins, Maldvina Anderson, Mary Coppins, Debra L. Bell, Johnnie Mae Conaway, Jacqueline Jennings

**SOCIAL ACTION:**

**Reverends** Willie Bo Barber, Terrel McBride, Robyn Burnett, Norris Harris, Sonja King-Harris, B.A. Hart, Teddy Scott, Norris Smith, Dr. Monica Spencer, Ruby Youngblood **Sisters** Inez Owen, E. Ann Fuller, Jacqueline Jennings; **Brothers** Willie King, Sr., Byron Sands

**MINISTERIAL CLASSIFICATION:**

**The Reverends** Willie Bo Barber, Ernest Gordon, Jermaine Harris, Olivia Massey, Kini Spady, Lawrence Stewart, Dr. Richard Washington **Sisters** Lula M. Jones, Paula Wells, **Brothers** Bobby Jackson, Byron Sands

**MEMORIALS:**

**The Reverends** Curtis Frazier, Norris Harris, Sandra McLean, Norris Smith, **Sisters** Sandra Wesley, Lula Jones, **Brother** James Gunther

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**The Reverends** Vickie Alston, Millie Shorter, Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks, Sonja Rivers, Angienette Damiani, **Sisters** Debra L. Bell, Gladys Hopkins, **Brothers** Carvel Lewis, LeShaun Long

# 161st SESSION

## GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### WMS Night In White Service

The Reverend Deanna Benjamin

### Annual Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Bernard Clarke

### Sons of Allen Morning Glory

The Reverend Robert Evans

### Women in Ministry Witness

The Reverend Tammie McFadden

### Lay Witness

The Reverend Linus Robinson

### Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

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### MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE:

**The Reverends** P.E. Catherine Mathis, John Morse, Leonard Daniels, Tammie McFadden. Debra Cjhaney

### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

**The Reverends** P.E. Billy McFadden, Dr. Bernard Clarke, Douglas Stinson, Deborah Lanier-Scott, Terry Alexander, Dr. Cheryl Robinson

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:** To Be Elected

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To Be Elected

**DEEDS, ABSTRACTS, ABANDONED PROPERTY:**

**The Reverends** Gregory Lordnum, Terry Alexander, Dr. Bernard Clarke, Charles Dumas Jr., Leonard Daniels, John Morse Jr., Solomon Roberts, Jr., J. T. Musgrove, Douglas Stinson, Evelyn Taylor, **Sisters** Ramonia Dugger, Rachele Reddick, Jennie Mitchell, Sarah Russell, Jasmine Mickens, Martha Fuller, Marsha Simmons, **Brothers** Wendell Stevenson, William Mosley, Leroy Horne

**MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, AND STATIONS:**

**The Reverends** Leonard Daniels, Akia Stone-White, Dr. Rodney Reedy, Gregory Lordnum, DeBorah Lanier-Scott, Dr. Jonetta Prater, Abraham Frazier, Ernest Ryals, Tammie McFadden, **Sisters** Valaria Patterson, Sarah Russell, Gloria Osborne, Teresa Adams, Lisa Waye, Margariette Blakely, Wanda Washington, **Brothers** Ernest Lee, John Lewis, Nathaniel Medlock

**PRESIDING ELDER'S SALARY/UPKEEP:**

**The Reverends** John Morse, Jr. Dr. CJ Hollimon, Dr. Bernard Clarke, Debra Chaney, Dr. Byram McKinzie, Sr., Dr. Rodney Reedy, Dr. Gloria ReviereL, Debra Chaney, Lester Foster, Leonard Daniels, Ronald Miller **Sisters** Monica Bryant, Rachele Reddick, Anna Teresa Hopkins, Carmen Harvey

**CHURCH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT:**

**The Reverends** Debra Chaney, Dr. C.J. Hollimon, John Morse Jr., Ronald Miller, Shirly Bojang, Lester Foster, Solomon Roberts, Jr., Abraham Frazier, Dr. Brenda Nobles-Brown, Akia Stone-White, Dr. Bernard Clarke, **Sisters**, Lena Taylor, Glennera Martin, Paula Council, Dr. Felecia Forbes, Gloria Osborne, **Brothers** Melvin Monroe, Christopher Floyd

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:**

**The Reverends** Dr. Michael Stevens, Dr. C.J. Hollimon, Dr. Glenda Layton, Etholia Kent-Cooper, Dr. Gloria Reviere, Shirley Bojang, John Morse, Jr., Terry Alexander, Solomon Roberts, Jeremiah Jones, **Sisters** Lena Taylor, Glennera Martin, Paula Council, Dr. Felecia Forbes, Gloria Osborne, **Brothers** John Lewis, Lester Jackson

### **STATE OF THE COUNTRY:**

**The Reverends** Ronald Miller, Douglas Stinson, Solomon Roberts, Jrs., DeBorah Lanier-Scott, Evelyn Taylor, J.T. Musgrove, Annie Roberts, Leonard Daniels, **Brothers** Josiah Browne, Joseph Roberts, Ernest Lee, Christopher Floyd, **Sisters** Sharon Terry, Zilphia Smith, Lena Taylor, Gloira Osborne, Tammie Gibson, Melinda Scott-Hodge, Paula Council, Mildred Carter

### **MINISTERIAL CLASSIFICATION:**

**The Reverends** Dr. C.J. Hollimon, Tammie McFadden, Helen Baker, Glenda Layton, Vernecia Mells, Dr. Jonetta Prater, **Sisters** Monica Bryant, Sharon Terry, Theresa Adams, Theresa Larry, Teresa Hopkins, Patricia Tuggle, Carolyn Collins, **Brothers** Moses Roberts, B. J. Wilson

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

**The Reverends** Mavis Jaudon, Dr. C.J. Hollimon, Solomon Roberts Jr., Dr. Cheryl Robinson, Dr. Gloria Reviere, DeBorah Lanier-Scott, Lester Foster, Lucretia Stinson, Deanna Benjamin, Dr. Jonetta Prater, Jeremiah Jones, **Sisters** Wilheminia Gadson, Marguerite Birt, Carolyn Collins, Loretta Gaines, Thelma Hayes, Kim Anderson, Dr. Felecia Forbes, Ruth Prince, Sarah Parker, Darlene Wilson, Brenda Young-Price, Paula Council, Shirley Page, Pricilla Clifton, Alice Mitchell, Dr. Deonn Stone-Ellison, Carolyn Williams

### **SOCIAL ACTION:**

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# 112th SESSION

## AUGUSTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### WMS Night In White Service

The Reverend Terrie Patterson

### Annual Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Samuel Cooper, Jr.

### Sons of Allen Morning Glory

The Reverend Dr. Curry Butler, Jr.

### Women in Ministry Witness

The Reverend Geraldine Hill

### Lay Witness

The Reverend Eddie Walker

### Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

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**The Reverends** Pamela Eason Hobbs, Nokomis Jones, Dr. Samuel Cooper, Dr. Marlon Ector, Stephen Smith, Syreeta Holman

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**The Reverends** Dennis Roberts, Jr., Christopher Davis, Jerlyn Smith-Hudson, Marben Bland, Eddie Walker, III, Jimmy Roberts, Dr. Rosalind Turner Dr. Samuel Cooper, Jerald Crumby; **Sisters** Shalonda Bostic, Angela Booker-Fanning, **Brothers.** Jasper Williams

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**The Reverends** Alvin Jenkins, Dennis Roberts, James Jenkins, James Lawson, Roy Cowins, Jerald Crummy **Sisters** Angela Booker-Fanning  
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**The Reverends** Syreeta Holman, Alvin Jenkins, Kenneth Brown, Chekibe Holman, Clarence Jackson, James Lawson, Margaret A. Flemin, Patricia Wilder, **Sisters** Diane Brinson, **Brothers** Frank Thrasher , Antonio Young, David Smith

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# 143rd SESSION

## MACON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### WMS Night In White Service

The Reverend Simone Jones

### Annual Sermon

The Reverend Jacquelyn Craig

### Sons of Allen Morning Glory

The Reverend Arthur Willis

### Women in Ministry Witness

The Reverend Colette Lewis- Mitchell

### Lay Witness

The Reverend Dante Rome

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# 152nd SESSION

## ATLANTA NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### WMS Night In White Service

The Reverend Dr. Andra Lewis

### Annual Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Tar-U-Way R.A. Bright, Sr.

### Sons of Allen Morning Glory

The Reverend Dr. Reginald Cleaver

### Women in Ministry Witness

The Reverend Cynthia Strickland

### Lay Witness

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### Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

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**The Reverends** Dr. Greta B. Fowler, John Woods, Dr. Marques Harvey, Richard Lackey, Dr. Tracey Fletcher Allen, Cynthia Strickland, Dr. Susan Ephraim, Larry Lockett, Carla Gaines, Rose Mackey, Dr. Marguerite Doctor, Dr. Lola Russell, **Sisters** Melverna Thomas, Linda Farmer-Brown, Yolanda Thomas, Janet Woods, Glenda Clark, Rolanda Rowland, Willie Mae Crump, Evelyn Benton, **Brothers** Jason Ferguson, Robert Clark, Jasper Green, Daryl Mosby, Omar King (y)

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The Reverends Carlos Young, Dr. Sharon Adair-Harden, Carla Gaines, Dr. Anton Elwood, Dr. Raphael Allen, Clarence Mitchell, John Feagin, George Harkness, Jeffery Murphy, Larry Lockett, Dr. Esther K. Powers Dr. Keith Lawrence, Dr. Marvin Crawford, Bridgett Hall-Manor; **Sisters** Anita Jackson, Connie Byrom, Lucy Mae Hicks, Celestine Burrell, Thelma Thomas, Brianna McNair, Joi Stinson(y); **Brothers** George Miller, Cornelious Woolfork, Randy Byrd, Ray Stegall, Lloyd Wayne Curtis, Michael Walker

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**The Reverends** John Young, Dr. Phillip Chisholm, Dr. Tracey Fletcher Allen, Orea Parker, Keith Alexander, Dr. Reginal Cleaver; John Woods, Jeffery Murphy, Carlos Young, Dr. Marguerite Doctor, Tony Brownlee, Darvin Waters, C.O. Adams, Dr. Regina Delay; **Sisters** Carolyn Ross; **Brothers** Joseph Rodrigues, Ricky Lynch

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# THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

For all the saints who, from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Leader:

Since the close of our last Annual Conference, seats have become vacant, family circles have been broken, and congregations have diminished in number by the visitation of the angel of death. Hearts have been made sad, tears have been shed, homes have been draped in crepe, and grief has been the daily companion of loved ones left behind. Yet, by faith, we have learned “not to sorrow as those who have no hope.” Today we pause to remember colleagues and loved ones who have run ahead of us to the great Coronation in the heavenly city beyond the celestial shore.

## The Song of Hope

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.*

## Refrain

*On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground us sinking sand.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found!  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before His throne.*

*(Words by Edward Mote; music by William Bradbury)*

## The Prayer:

Holy God, Gracious and Eternal, we honor and adore You as Lord, Sovereign and Mighty. We are grateful for the time You have permitted us to spend with loved ones, friends and colleagues. We are

grateful and glad for the lessons we learned, for the memories shared and the encouragement received. By Your mercy, we are also thankful for the blessed hope of immortality through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**The Responsive Reading**

*(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

**Leader:** *But we would not have you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, concerning them that fall asleep; that you sorrow not as those who have no hope.*

**People:** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

**Leader:** *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep.*

**People:** For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**Leader:** *Then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

**People:** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**The Roll Call:**

**Leader:** Brothers and Sisters, these are they who have run the race and finished their course this Conference Year. We thank the Lord for their labor and faithful witness.

(The deceased ministers and spouses)

(The deceased lay persons who were delegates at the last Annual Conference)

O God, we thank and praise You for the love, life and labor of our deceased colleagues and loved-ones. We thank You for their faithful witness in word and deed. Allow us to be inspired to emulate what was good in them that we too might see your face in the land of perfect day. We pray in the name of Him who took the sting from death and victory from the grave, even Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **The Song of Triumph and Hope**

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed,  
He's prepared for us a place.*

#### **Refrain**

*When we all get to heaven,  
what a day of rejoicing that will be,  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory.*

*Let us then be true and faithful,  
trusting, serving, every day,  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory,  
Will the toils of life repay.*

#### **The Benediction:**

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 24, 25)

# THE CEREMONY OF APPRECIATION For Superannuating Preachers

## **The Statement of Purpose:**

In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, let us enter into this service of the retirement of preachers from active work in ministry of the church. Let us pray.

## **The Invocation:**

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify Your Holy Name, and finally by Your mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Presentation of the Preacher(s):**

Bishop Mitchell, the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference desires to formally recognize at this session the completion of the Itinerant ministry of \_\_\_\_ of its ministers. As secretary of the Annual Conference, I present to you these faithful minister(s) for the service of recognition and honor, in appreciation of their untiring labors in the Christian ministry and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

## **The Response:**

Those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Psalm 126:6)

## **The Statement of Achievement**

### **The Presiding Elders**

## **The Message of Tribute**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. (Hebrews 11:1-2)

Beloved, the record of your active ministry is written. It is written in the records of God.

Your Church is deeply grateful for your ministry and for the care which you have exercised in faithfully fulfilling your vows of ordination. May the precious memories of your years of sacrificial service and fruitful labor be blessed and hallowed.

And now, as you yield your official responsibilities in the active ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, be assured that the years that are yet to be, may be filled with good works and become the crown of your entire ministry, bringing glory and honor to you and to the Church. The congregation of which you will be a member will look to you for spiritual guidance and godly example. Your sisters and brothers in ministry will continue to seek and respect your counsel. We will annually listen for your answer to the Roll Call of the Annual Conference.



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