

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Episcopal District

EPIPHANY

TRAINING INSTITUTE

RESTORING THE TEMPLE ORDER



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Rev. Dr. Benjamin N. Thomas Sr., *Host Pastor*

JULY 17 - 21, 2018

**Renaissance Glendale Hotel Spa and Resort
Glendale, AZ**

*... to equip His people for works of service
so that the Body of Christ
may be built up.*

~ Ephesians 4:12





July 17, 2018

Praise the Lord, Saints:

We gather this week in Glendale, AZ, to culminate our Season of Epiphany, a year-long emphasis upon training, illumination, edification and awakenings (Ah hah!), as we work to Restore Temple Order.

Hopefully we have gained a renewed sense of what it means to ***“handle the holy” – holy things, sacred spaces/places, first fruits (the tithe), and the “holiness” that each of us is to our Lord and Maker*** (Leviticus 20:26).

PRESIDING PRELATE

Right Reverend Dr. Clement W. Fugh

Fifth Episcopal District | African Methodist Episcopal Church

Preaching and teaching opportunities have been designed to lend clarity to the roles that we play in the body of which Christ is the head.

“And He (Christ Himself!) gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (person), unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

~ Ephesians 4:11-14 ~

(KJV)

So please, open your heart and your head as we take this walk together.

Clement W. Fugh
Bishop

July 17, 2018

Greetings to ALL!

I pray during this Epiphany Training Institute, each of us will discover where our God-given gifts are to be used in the life of the church! God gives us so many opportunities to make a difference and to serve Him and His people!

I would like to welcome and thank Dr. Jeanette Harris, Connectional WMS Treasurer, for taking the time to provide

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insight into our responsibilities as missionaries and to prepare us for the upcoming Quadrennial.

It is my sincere prayer that every woman attending this conference begins to look around to identify someone to train to 'take your place' or in the case of our beautiful, talented younger women, identify someone who will be your mentor! We must pass on our knowledge to the younger generation if our church is to survive!

Once again, greetings to you all in Jesus' name. May you have that '**epiphany moment**' where you discover your place in the life of the church!

Peace and Blessings,

Alexia Fugh
Episcopal Supervisor



EPIPHANY TRAINING INSTITUTE

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WOMEN

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LAY CONVENTION

TUESDAY, JULY 17

10a – 2p	Epiphany Registration	
2p – 3p	General Epiphany Plenary Session	Solana E
3p – 4p	COMPONENT BREAKOUTS	
	MEN'S GROUP	Solana ABCD
	WOMEN'S GROUP	Solana FGHI
	CHILDREN YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP	Cascade Rooms
4p – 6p	Epiphany Registration	
4p – 6p	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
6p – 8p	Epiphany Opening Worship Service	Solana E
8p – 10p	COMPONENT PLENARIES	
	Women's Missionary Society	Solana I
	Women In Ministry	Solana G
8p – 10p	CHILDREN YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP	Solana E
10p – 12p	RECEPTION Children Youth Group	Cascade Foyer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

6a – 8a	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	
8a – 9a	Epiphany Bible Study	Solana E
8a – 10a	Epiphany Registration	
9a – 10:30a	EPIPHANY TRAINING INSTITUTES	
	Stewards	Solana G
	Trustees	Solana H
	Clergy	Solana I
	Presiding Elders	Asteria Boardroom
9a – 10:30a	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	Cascade Rooms
10:30a – 12noon	EPIPHANY TRAINING INSTITUTES	
	Auxiliaries	Solana G
	Class Leaders	Solana H
	Music Department	Solana I
10:30a – 12noon	RAYAC PLENARY	Solana ABCD
10:30a – 12noon	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	Cascade Rooms
12noon – 1p	Epiphany Hour of Power	Solana E
1p – 2p	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1p – 2p	LUNCH Children Youth Group	CASCADE G
2p – 4p	Restoring Temple Order Training	Solana E
2p – 4p	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	Cascade Rooms
4p – 6p	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
4p – 6p	DINNER Children Youth Group	Cascade G
6p – 8p	Children Youth YOUNG ADULTS Worship Experience	Solana E
8p – 10p	MEN'S CONFERENCE	Solana ABCD
8p – 10p	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE DANCE	Solana FGHI
8p – 10p	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP MOVIE	AMC Theatre
10p – 12midnight	YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP	Cascade F

THURSDAY, JULY 19

6a – 7a	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	
7a – 12noon	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE	Solana FGHI
7:30a – 12noon	MEN'S CONFERENCE	Solana ABCD
9a – 12noon	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	Cascade Rooms
12noon – 2p	CONFERENCE LUNCHES	(Please see Detailed Schedules)
2p – 4:30p	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE	Solana FGHI
2p – 5:30p	MEN'S CONFERENCE	Solana ABCD
2p – 5:30p	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	Cascade Rooms
4p – 6p	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
5:30p – 7p	DINNER Children Youth Group	Cascade G
6p – 10p	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE EXPO	Solana E
7p – 10p	CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	Cascade Rooms
7p – 10p	MEN'S CONFERENCE	Solana ABCD

FRIDAY, JULY 20 – Lay Schedule taken from Lay Convention Schedule_2018_Guide (rev3) –

6a – 8a	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	
8a – 10a	5th District Lay Motivational Breakfast & Awards Ceremony	Cira Ballroom
10a – 11:30a	Epiphany Institute Reports	Solana ABCD
11:30a – 1p	Epiphany Closing Service	Solana ABCD
10a – 1p	5th District Lay Convention Registration	
1p - 2:30p	LAY LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
3p – 5p	5th District Lay Convention Business Session I	Solana ABCD
5:15p – 8:15p	5th District Lay Training & Workshops	Solana ABCD & Aurora C & D

SATURDAY, JULY 21 – Lay Schedule taken from Lay Convention Schedule_2018_Guide (rev3) –

8a – 9a	5th District Lay Devotion	Solana ABCD
9:15a – 11a	5th District Lay Convention Business Session II	Solana ABCD
11:15a – 1:15p	5th District Lay Training & Workshops	Solana ABCD & Aurora C & D
1:15p – 2:30p	LAY LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:30p – 5:30p	5th District Lay Convention Business Session II	Solana ABCD
1p - 2:30p	LAY DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
7p – 8:30p	5th District Lay Love Feast	Solana ABCD

DETAILED SCHEDULES FOR EACH EPIPHANY COMPONENT GROUP:

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FIRST AID – AURORA A | **PRAYER ROOM** – AURORA B

MEN

This Men's Conference is designed to tap into the inner man, the man we don't want others to see. The man that has messed up in areas of his life with education, careers, marriage, children and other relationships. **Our hope is that the men will allow themselves to be vulnerable in their weaknesses so that Christ can strengthen us and restore our inner man so that we can, with Christ, restore the relationships with our families, churches and communities.**

ALL SESSIONS OF THE MEN'S CONFERENCE HELD IN SOLANA ABCD

TUESDAY, JULY 17

..... BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN.

3p – 4p..... **MEN'S GROUP BREAKOUT**.....

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

..... BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN.

8p – 10p..... **THE TALK**.....

Dr. Freddie Haynes, Senior Pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, will kick off our Men's Conference as he challenges, motivates and encourages the men in attendance.

Dr. Haynes is a prophetic pastor, passionate leader, social activist, and eloquent orator and educator engaged in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, fighting against racial injustice; committed to economic justice and empowerment in under-served communities and touching and transforming the lives of the disenfranchised. You don't want to miss this opening kickoff session to our Men's Conference.

Dr. Freddie Haynes

THURSDAY, JULY 19

..... BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
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7:30a – 8:15a..... **MORNING SPIRITUAL TRAINING**.....

Morning Prayer and Bible Study

Br. Vernon Goode

8:30a – 9a **PHYSICAL TEMPLE TRAINING**

Dr. Ralph Williamson, Pastor of First AME Church - Las Vegas, NV, will lead the men in a light fitness routine before we begin our sessions.

Rev. Ralph Williamson, D.Min.

9:15a – 10:30a..... DO-OVER PANEL.....
This workshop focus is to discuss the highs, lows and in-betweens in life in a panel setting, moderated by Presiding Elder Lowe, who will construct questions that will guide the conversation.

Moderator: Presiding Elder Edmund Lowe
Panelists: Presiding Elder Jonathan Rhone, Rev. Norman Copeland, Rev. Leslie White, Bro. Joe Anderson

10:45a – 12noon..... PERSONAL CARE | ETIQUETTE.....
Workshop stressing the importance of attire and appearance when engaging with society. Review proper appearance when going on interviews, attending church, and engaging with all forms of society. Our young men will also attend this session.

Facilitators: Presiding Elder Booker Guyton, Br. Bill Dickens, Br. Curtis Brewton

12noon – 1:30p..... MEN'S LUNCHEON..... Dave & Buster's
Westgate Entertainment District
9460 West Hanna Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305

2p – 2:30p..... PHYSICAL TEMPLE TRAINING.....
Dr. Ralph Williamson, Pastor of First AME Church - Las Vegas, NV, will lead the men in a light fitness routine before we begin our sessions.

Rev. Ralph Williamson, D.Min.

2:45p – 4p..... RECLAIMING FUTURE GENERATIONS.....
Topic will engage the younger generation to engage in the future of church and society, working with adults for Kingdom Building. Men mentoring and training young men to lead. Our young men will attend this session.

Facilitator: Rev. Charles Lee-Johnson, D.Min.

4:15p – 5:30p..... MEN IN RELATIONSHIPS.....
This workshop will deal with the joys/pains of men in relationships. Relationships will include those with: Christ, father, wife, children, siblings, and each other. Working towards healing the wounds of broken relationships and guidance towards reconciliation.

Facilitators: Rev. Keith Cordier, Rev. Charles Dorsey, Ed.

..... DINNER ON YOUR OWN.....

7p – 10p..... MEN IN SERVICE.....
Culmination of our time together will be focusing on men in service towards one another. Foot washing will be one demonstration of servitude.

Bishop Clement W. Fugh

It is our hope and prayer that ALL women of the 5th Episcopal District will be spiritually renewed, inspired, and uplifted through the various activities, Empowerment and Breakthrough sessions that have been planned. We are excited about our anointed Presenters and Speakers who will offer God's spirit, knowledge, and expertise on their assigned subject matter. **At the end of our Epiphany Experience, we desire to leave FILLED and CHANGED Women!**

ALL SESSIONS OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE HELD IN SOLANA FGHI
(Unless otherwise Noted)

TUESDAY, JULY 17

..... **BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN.**

3p – 4p.....WOMEN'S GROUP BREAKOUT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

..... **BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN.**

8p – 10p..... WHITE OUT: A CELEBRATION OF US.....
A kickoff party of fun, good music, and dancing - bring your 'dancin' shoes! Attire is classy, casual WHITE. There will be a DJ and desserts will be served.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

..... **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**

7a – 7:30a MORNING MANNA DEVOTION.....
Psalmist: Stacie Roberson Mason
Presenter: Rev. Karla Cooper

EMPOWERMENT SESSIONS

7:45a – 8:30a .. PROPHETIC RESISTANCE IN A CULTURE OF IGNORANCE
Guest Speaker: Rev. Traci Blackmon
Senior Pastor of Christ the King United Church of Christ | Florissant, MO
Executive Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ

8:30a – 9a CONVERSATION WITH SISTAH LEADERS.....
This is a forum with Sistah Leaders discussing the State of the Black Union
Moderator: Jennifer Ellis
Panelists: Rev. Traci Blackmon,
The Honorable Leah Landrum-Taylor,
Dr. Jackie DuPont-Walker | AMEC Social Action Chair

BREAKTHROUGH SESSIONS

9:15a – 10:30a **FINANCES**
"What is it costing you?": How to Better Manage Your Finances and Get Out of Debt
Presenter: Donna Watson, Esq.
 Estate Planner | The Legacy Experience, LLC and Trust Administrator | Country Club Trust Company | Kansas City, MO

10:45a – 12noon **MIND**
"What if they don't like me?": Mastering the FEAR of Rejection
Presenter: Dr. Lynette Sparkman-Barnes
 Associate Director | University of Missouri | Kansas City Counseling Services

12:15p – 2:15p **HEART & SOLE LUNCHEON** **SOLANA E**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Mila Cooper
 Assistant Pastor | Wayman AME Church | Dayton, OH
 Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion | Antioch College | Dayton, OH

BREAKTHROUGH SESSIONS

2:15p – 3:30p **SPIRIT**
"Why am I here?": DISCOVERING Your DIVINE PURPOSE
Presenter: Rev. Karen Stewart
 Director of Evangelism and Discipleship | First Institutional Baptist Church | Phoenix, AZ

4p – 4:30p **BODY**
Faith Fitness
Presenter: Pamela Pitcher
 Faith Fitness Motivator | Trainer

..... **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

6p – 9p **SISTAHS' EXPO** **SOLANA E**
 Please support our 'Sistah' Entrepreneurs and learn more about their Business.

BEAUTY DEMOS

6:15p – 6:45p **FIX MY HAIR** **Tarsula Foster**
 Proprietor/Master Stylist, Design by Tarsula Hair Gallery, St. Louis, MO

7p – 7:30p **FIX MY NAILS** **Stephanie Freeny Green**
 Master Nail Tech, Serenity MYO Salon, St. Louis, MO

7:45p – 8:15p **FIX MY MAKE-UP** **Sharrilyn Rose** | Mary Kay Cosmetics

8:30p – 9p **FIX MY SPACE** **Tamara Sisk**
 Interior Designer, San Francisco

9p – 10p **CLOSING BY CANDLELIGHT** **SOLANA E**

From beginning to end, this component of the Epiphany Training Institute is designed to equip young people for works of service! The Empowerment Sessions will provide opportunities to share, learn and strengthen our participants' understanding of Christ, self, and others. Session leaders include clergy, educators, social workers, youth leaders and young adults who will facilitate dynamic, interactive discussions on relevant topics young people face on a daily basis. Additionally, young people will participate in a youth | young adult led worship experience, leadership development, and team building activities. Intertwined throughout the Epiphany Training Institute are opportunities for fellowship with peers and elders. **Young people are sure to leave the Epiphany Training Institute ready to assist in restoring the temple order and letting their light shine at home, at church, at school, and in the community.**

**ALL SESSIONS OF THE CHILDREN | YOUTH CONFERENCE HELD IN
CASCADE AREA - Lower Level of Hotel | (Unless otherwise noted)**

TUESDAY, JULY 17

..... **BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

3p – 4p..... **ORIENTATION & TEAM BUILDING** **CASCADE F**

8p – 10p..... **REHEARSAL & WORSHIP PREPARATION**..... **SOLANA E**

10p – 12midnight.....**RECEPTION****CASCADE FOYER**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

.....**BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**.....

9a – 10:30a **I DREAM IN COLOR**..... **Ages 5-12**
Youth will express their faith through various art forms.

Facilitator: Ashaya Stewart

9a – 10:30a**STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE 'N' WORD** **Ages 13-16+**
Dialogue about the meaning, use and controversy of the 'n' word.

Facilitator: Professor Neal A. Lester

10:30a – 12noon.....**HISTORY NO MYSTERY** **Ages 5-8**
In this interactive workshop, children will take on a junior detective approach by exploring the history of the AME church, African American History, with an emphasis on celebrating children in our history.

Facilitator: Rev. Allison Stradford

10:30a – 12noon.....**HISTORY NO MYSTERY** **Ages 9-16+**
Discovering Black excellence through the exploration of "our" story. An interactive experience highlighting the greatness of our past.

Facilitator: Rev. Cubie Finley

12noon – 2p **LUNCH**..... **CASCADE G**

2p – 3p..... **HOME TRAINING** **Ages 5-8**
Young people will talk about the importance of using their own voice, and personal etiquette.

Facilitator: Dr. Eula Saxon Dean

2p – 3p.....**DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION** **Ages 9-12**
Young people will discuss the impact attire, media images, and peers have on self-esteem.

Facilitators: D'Nell Whitman & Shaylan Richardson

2p – 4p.....**RESTORING TEMPLE ORDER TRAINING** ..**Ages 13-16+ | SOLANA E**

- 3p – 4p**..... **CHOICES** **Ages 5-8**
In this interactive session, young people will role play making good choices.
Facilitator: Michael Williams
- 3p – 4p**..... **HOME TRAINING** **Ages 9-12**
Young people will talk about the importance of using their own voice, and personal etiquette.
Facilitator: Dr. Eula Saxon Dean
- 4p - 6p**..... **DINNER** **CASCADE G**
- 6p – 8p**... **CHILDREN | YOUTH | YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.** . **SOLANA E**
Preacher: Rev. David D. Price, First AME Church, Los Angeles, CA
- 8p – 10p**..... **MOVIE NIGHT** **(Ages 5-16+) AMC Westgate 20**
 Westgate Entertainment District, 9400 West Hanna Lane, Glendale, AZ 85305
- 10p – 12midnight**..... **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS** **Ages 13-16+**
Hesitation be gone! Let's talk about it all; school, grades, relationships, mental health, whatever it may be. The RAYAC and Young Adults are here for you.
Coordinator: Jocelyn Iglehart

THURSDAY, JULY 19

- **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**
- 9a – 10:30a** **EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT ME!** **Ages 5-12**
Participants will participate in writing their own story, journaling and poetry writing.
Facilitator: Ms. Cassandra Gay
- 9a – 10:30a** **INTERNALIZED RACIAL INFERIORITY: COLORISM** **Ages 13-16+**
Participants will explore the ways in which young people of color view negative stereotypes about their cultural/racial group and limit their educational and leadership aspirations.
Facilitator: Rev. Kirkpatrick Tyler
- 10:30a – 12noon** **BIBLE DAYS** **Ages 5-8**
In this interactive session, children will learn and role-play Bible verses to increase their understanding of the Word of God.
Coordinator: Shnelle Stewart
- 10:30a – 12noon** **IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD** **Ages 9-12**
This session will engage young people in discussing emotions | feelings through 'what if' scenarios.
Facilitator: Dr. Lynda Gordon
- 10:30a – 12noon** **I AM NOT ALONE** **Ages 13-16+**
Young people deal silently with stress, depression, anxiety and other mental health issues. Participants will learn basic life skills to understand it is OK to ask for help.
Facilitator: Natalie Goode
- 12noon – 2p** **LUNCH** .. *(Young People will join the Men's & Women's Lunches)*
- 2p – 3p**..... **FIT FOR THE KINGDOM** **Ages 5-8**
In this interactive workshop, children will use physical exercise to learn the importance of being fit to do the work of God, as young Christians.
Coordinator: Rev. Allison Stradford
- 2p – 3p**..... **NO, IS A COMPLETE SENTENCE.** **Ages 9-12**
Young people will have a conversation about personal space and harassment in its various forms.
Facilitator: Dr. Shirley Mays

- 2p – 3p** **YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION** **Ages 13-16+**
Temptation is all around us! It's sometimes hard to control and balance our life in worldly situations. Young People will discuss solutions to overcome temptation.
Facilitator: Rev. Rochelle Settle
- 3p – 4p** **I AM NOT MY HAIR** **Ages 5-12**
Young ladies will discuss the impact attire, media images, peers, and yes, even, hair, has on self-esteem.
Facilitator: Rev. Mia Shegog-Whitlock
- 3p – 4p** **NO, IS A COMPLETE SENTENCE** **Ages 13-16+**
Young people will have a conversation about personal space and harassment in its various forms.
Facilitator: Dr. Shirley Mays
- 4p – 5:30p** **BROTHER TO BROTHER** **Ages 5-12**
Young men will discuss friendship, fear and faith; and how to position themselves for success.
Facilitator: Jerome Garrison
- 4p – 5:30p** **ELEMENTS OF MANHOOD** **Ages 13-16+**
Young men will examine the socially constructed messages received about maleness and manhood; and bring forth a critical examination of their intergenerational notions of maleness and how these notions impact college and professional relationships.
Facilitator: Rev. Dr. JoDavid Sales
- 4p – 5:30p** **I AM MY SISTER'S KEEPER** **Ages 5-12**
This session will explore sisterhood, and the importance of encouraging and supporting each other.
Facilitator: Chlo'e Rickett Gay
- 4p – 5:30p** **OKAY SIS (SISTERS IN SPIRIT)** **Ages 13-16+**
Okay, So let's be honest. Finding a balance between true sisterhood and relationships we may form with women we encounter on a daily basis is very important.
Facilitator: Alaysha Finley
- 5:30p – 7p** **DINNER** **CASCADE G**
- 7p – 8p** **BLACK BOY JOY** **Ages 5-12**
In this interactive session, boys will learn about God's purpose and plan for their lives, as they celebrate the journey of being in their own black | brown skin.
Facilitator: Askia Stewart Jr.
- 7p – 8p** **MEN IN SERVICE** **Ages 13-16+ | SOLANA ABCD**
- 7p – 8p** **BLACK GIRLS ROCK** **Ages 5-12**
In this interactive session, girls will learn about God's purpose and plan for their lives, as they celebrate the journey of being in their own black | brown skin.
Coordinator: Rev. Allison Stradford
- 7p – 8p** **BLACK GIRLS ROCK** **Ages 13-16+**
Young ladies will participate in an interactive panel discussion focusing on career goals.
Moderator: Ka'Dijah Brown
- 8p – 10p** **THE MESSAGE IN THE MUSIC** **Ages 5-12**
In this interactive session, children will increase their understanding of the Word of God through song.
Coordinator: Shnelle Stewart
- 8p – 10p** **TRANSFORMING A MESS INTO A MESSAGE** **Ages 13-16+**
Participants will gain a better understanding of how to protect their mind and spirits from demonic influences via music; and identify how hip hop can be used by God, to help the church connect with missing generations.
Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Charles Lee Johnson

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Hour of Power | July 18th @ 12noon
Preacher: Rev. Dr. James F. Miller
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CHILDREN | YOUTH | YOUNG ADULTS

Worship Experience | July 18th @ 6pm
Preacher: Rev. David Price
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EPIPHANY

Closing Celebration | July 20th @ 11:30am

Worship Services



PRESIDING PRELATE

Right Reverend Adam Jefferson Richardson Jr.

Eleventh Episcopal District | African Methodist Episcopal Church



Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. was elected and consecrated the 115th Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1996 at Louisville, Kentucky.

He was assigned to the 14th Episcopal District which includes six countries in West Africa. In the 2000 – 2004 quadrennial, he served as chair of the Lay Commission and as a member of the World Methodist Council. He has chaired the Health Commission and served twice as chair of the Commission on Seminaries, Universities, Colleges and Schools. In 2002, Bishop Richardson served as President of the Council of Bishops and the Presiding Bishop of the 19th Episcopal District with headquarters in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Beginning in 2004, he served as the presiding bishop of the Second Episcopal District which includes North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC. For eight years, the Second District saw phenomenal growth in membership, educational support, missions-related ministries,

and ministry to men, health, prisons, the advancement of women in ministry, and a commitment to social and political action. Bishop and Mrs. Richardson took great pride in the District's embrace of ministries to youths and young adults.

At the 2012 General Conference, Bishop Richardson was elected president of the General Board and was assigned to the Electrifying, Empowering Eleventh Episcopal District which includes Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Prior to his election as a Bishop, he was senior minister of the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Tallahassee, Florida. For eighteen years his leadership and teaching skills produced a major ministry of growth in membership, new and expanded facilities, outreach to the poor and dispossessed, with an active presence in the community.

Bishop Richardson began his educational pursuit in the public schools of Tampa, Florida. He received the B.A. degree from the Florida A&M University (*where he was noted as the head drum major of the famed Marching '100' Band*). He received the Master of Divinity degree from the Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta and the Doctor of Sacred Theology degree at the ITC through the Atlanta Theological Association.

His ministry has included teaching at the Interdenominational Theological Center and Morris Brown College in Atlanta, and as adjunct instructor at his alma mater, Florida A&M University.

He has received recognition from the City of Tallahassee, the State of Florida and the many places he has taken his message of hope and encouragement. In 1994, he was cited by Tallahassee Magazine as one of the most influential people of that city in the past fifteen years.

Bishop Richardson has contributed articles or chapters in several books, including: **"The Great High Priest"** in the African American Devotional Bible, 1997 (*Congress of National Black Churches*); **"Courage to Face the Battles of Life"** in *Ain't That Good News*, 1984 (*the Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram, ed.*); **"An Introduction to the New Testament"** and **"Pastoral Care"** in *The Pastor's Manual of the AME Church*, 1976 and 2000 (*Dr. George L. Champion, ed.*); and has written several instructional manuals for discipleship training and spiritual formation for churches he has served and for use on the lecture circuit, which include **Take Me To The Water: A Manual For Christian Baptism**, 1996; **African Methodism 101**, 1996; **Traditional and Charismatic Styles of Ministry**, 1996; **The Wedding Manual**, 1994; **The Funeral Manual**, 1995; and **Headlines to Homilies: Sermons on Political, Commercial and Other Popular Annoyances**, 2000. His most recent publication is **"Let the Church say Amen: Liturgy, Litany and Homily,"** published in 2012.

His travels outside of the United States have taken him to 30 countries, commonwealths and nation states. He and his wife of 48 years, Dr. Connie Speights, are the proud parents of two adult children, Monique (*an attorney*), and Trey (*a certified radiographer and recipient of two Master's degrees in music theory and classical saxophone*).

EPIPHANY

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

July 17, 2018 | 6pm

WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Spencer Booker | Pastor

St. Paul AME Church | St. Louis, MO

THE PRELUDE Organ Voluntary

THE PROCESSIONAL *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (#53) .. Choir, Ministers, Bishops

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe of Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee. AMEN.*

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (#647).....

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Benjamin N. Thomas Sr.
Historic Tanner Chapel AME Church | Phoenix, AZ

THE HYMN OF PRAISE *How Great The Wisdom* (#91) Rev. Vernon Burroughs
Brookins AME Church | Oakland, CA

*How great the wisdom, power and grace,
Which in redemption shine!
The heavenly host with joy confess
The work is all divine.
The work is all divine.
The work is all divine.*

*Before His feet they cast their crowns,
Those crowns which Jesus gave,
And, with ten thousand thousand tongues,
Proclaim His power to save.
Proclaim His power to save.
Proclaim His power to save.*

*They tell the triumphs of His cross,
The sufferings which He bore;
How low He stooped, how high He rose,
And rose to stoop no more.
And rose to stoop no more.
And rose to stoop no more.*

*O let them still their voices raise,
And still their song renew;
Salvation well deserves the praise
Of men and angels, too.
Of men and angels, too.
Of men and angels, too.*

THE INVOCATION **Rev. Gregory McLeod**
Fountain of Hope AME Church | Las Vegas, NV

PRAYER RESPONSE *Take Time to Be Holy* (#286)

*Take time to be holy; Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, And feed on His Word;
Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

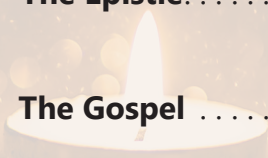
*Take time to be holy, The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone;
By looking to Jesus, Like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

THE ANTHEM **Epiphany Choir**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS **The Psalter** **Rev. Gordon Glenn**
Ward AME Church | Kansas City, MO

The Epistle **Mr. Lamar Rose**
1st Vice President | 5th District Lay

The Gospel **Mrs. Louise Waller**



THE DECALOGUE (*Abridged*) **Rev. Dr. Terry McCray-Hill**
Bethel AME Church | Portland, OR

THE BENEVOLENT OFFERING **Mrs. Deborah Rabb**
1st Vice President | 5th District WMS

THE ACTS OF PRAISE IN MOTION **Chosen | Beautiful Praise Dancers**
First AME Church | Las Vegas, NV

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP **Rev. Keith Cordier**
Christ Our Redeemer AME Church | Kansas City, MO

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER **Bishop Clement W. Fugh**
Presiding Prelate | Fifth Episcopal District | AME Church

THE SERMONIC SELECTION **Epiphany Choir**

THE SERMON **BISHOP ADAM JEFFERSON RICHARDSON JR.**
Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District | AME Church

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP **Rev. Anthony Steele**
Allen AME Church | Tacoma, WA

THE OFFERTORY APPEAL **Rev. Allen Williams**
Presiding Elder | Los Angeles North District

THE CHORAL OFFERTORY RESPONSE. *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (#646).....

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whatever the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler**
Shorter Community AME Church | Denver, CO

THE DOXOLOGY ***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*** (#647).....

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

BENEDICTION **Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson Jr.**
Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District | AME Church





SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Dr. James F. Miller

DuPage AME Church | Lisle, IL

was Dr. Roy L. Miller, his father.

“Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers . . .”

He has pastored three churches: Turner Memorial, Chicago; Greater St. Paul, Chicago and DuPage, Lisle, with an emphasis on personal spiritual growth and church evangelism. Since

October 1989 he has led DuPage in increasing membership from 150 to nearly 2000 and in building a \$7 million worship facility. Several capital and stewardship campaigns undergirded the financial challenge. Dr. Miller is the proud author of, *Go Build A Church: Spiritual Administration for Growth* and the accompanying workbook, *40 Days to Spiritual & Statistical Growth*. His book has been republished by Pilgrim Press under the title *Go Grow Your Church: Spiritual Leadership for African American Congregations* and is in bookstores across the country. Under the umbrella of JFM Ministries, Dr. Miller shares his knowledge of stewardship and church growth with other congregations across Christendom.

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me . . .” is reflected in his ministry.

Dr. Miller serves as: 4th District Director of Stewardship having previously served as District Christian Education Director for 12 years. He is a member of the Chicago Conference Board of Trustees, the Chicago Conference Board of Examiners, the Finance Committee of the Chicago Conference, North District Statistician, and Chairman of the Board of R.E.A.C.H. Ministries (a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization). He has served as a member of the General Board, the Episcopal Committee of the AME Church and an Adjunct Professor at Wheaton College in Black Church History. Dr. Miller serves as the AME Church denominational representative on the Ecumenical Stewardship Advisory Council. He is a life member of the NAACP and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

He has taken seriously the words, “study to show thyself approved.”

Dr. Miller earned his B.A. degree from Morris Brown College and his Masters of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry, both from McCormick Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the AME Church.

He is married to the Rev. Lana Parks Miller and together they have four adult children; Rev. Morgan, Jimal (Riché), Ashley, and Preston; and two granddaughters, Peyton & Taylor.

Rev. Dr. James F. Miller, the son of the late Presiding Elder Roy L. Miller and the late Dr. Evelyn Davis Miller, is the Senior Pastor of DuPage AME Church, Lisle, Illinois.

“I know the plans I have for you...”

After graduating from Morris Brown College, Dr. Miller attended John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL for one year. Realizing that the law was not his calling, he accepted a position at National Bank of Detroit and was trained in managing a financial office and customer service. His subsequent position at Continental Bank, Chicago trained Dr. Miller in budget balancing, loan approvals, investments and high balance customer service. Subsequently, God saved Dr. Miller and called him into the Christian ministry at Grant Memorial AME Church, Chicago, where the Pastor

EPIPHANY

HOUR OF POWER

July 18, 2018 | 12noon

WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Dr. Ralph Williamson | *Pastor*
First AME Church | Las Vegas, NV

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Francine Brookins**
Bethel AME Church | Fantana, CA

THE HYMN OF PRAISE *The Church's One Foundation* (#519) **Rev. Roger Richardson**
Christ Our Redeemer AME Church | St. Louis, MO

*The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.*

*Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose race is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.*

PRAYER **Rev. Dr. Margaret Redmond**
Prince Chapel AME Church | Tucson, AZ



SCRIPTURE **Rev. Mark Smith**
Bethel AME Church | Kansas City, MO

MUSICAL SELECTION **Epiphany Choir & Congregation**

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER **Rev. Harold Mayberry**
First AME Church | Oakland, CA

SERMON **REV. DR. JAMES F. MILLER**
Senior Pastor | DuPage AME Church | Lisle, IL

INVITATION **Rev. LeSean Tarkington**
Grant AME Church | Wichita, KS

OFFERING **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

EPIPHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler**
Fifth District Director | Christian Education

REMARKS **Bishop Clement W. Fugh**
Presiding Prelate | Fifth Episcopal District

BENEDICTION **Rev. Mercedes Tudy-Hamilton**
Primm AME Church | Seattle, WA



MINISTER TO YOUTH

Rev. David D. Price

First African Methodist Episcopal Church | Los Angeles, CA



David D. Price hails from the sunny coast of Los Angeles, CA. Currently, he serves as the Minister to Youth at First A.M.E. Church of Los Angeles.

In 2014, Minister Price graduated from Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C., with a Bachelors of Arts in Government and a double minor in Theology and African American Studies. In addition, he received a Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in 2017 and spoke on behalf of the class of 2017 during the commencement ceremonies.

A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., his studies focus on the intersection of religion, government and politics, and the African diaspora in the context of the United States. **Minister Price is a member of the Academy of Preachers and a finalist in the prestigious 2016 Billings Preaching Competition at Harvard University.** Moreover, in 2016 he was honored as a Hopkins Shareholder, an award given to six Harvard Divinity School ministerial students annually in recognition of their demonstrated ministerial promise. **Most importantly, Minister Price loves God and believes that there is no greater power in this world than love.**

... there is no greater power
in this world than ...

— LOVE —

EPIPHANY

CHILDREN | YOUTH | YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

July 18, 2018 | 6pm

WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Benjamin N. Thomas Jr. | *Pastor*
A.K. Quinn AME Church | Moreno Valley, CA

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 66:1-4 (NLT)* **Alaysha Finley**
1st Vice President | 5th District YPD

PRAISE AND WORSHIP **Shaylan Richardson**
Music Coordinator|Director | Musician
Youth|Young Adult Musicians
Combined Choirs, Liturgical Dancers and Mime Ministry

PRAYER **Rev. Dr. Charles Dorsey**
RAYAC | Christ Our Redeemer AME Church | Irvine, CA

SCRIPTURE **William Cordier**
President | 5th District YPD

POETRY MOMENT | #iPRAISE | SELF-DENIAL **Askia Stewart Jr.**
2nd Vice President | 5th District YPD

SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENT **Brooke Blaylark**
1st Vice President | 5th District YPD



INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER **Rev. Benjamin N. Thomas Jr.**
A.K. Quinn AME Church | Moreno Valley, CA

CELEBRATION IN SONG **Shaylan Richardson**
Music Coordinator|Director | Musician
Youth|Young Adult Musicians
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SERMON **REV. DAVID D. PRICE**
Minister to Youth | First AME Church | Los Angeles, CA

INVITATION **Rev. Phillip Ross**
Bethel AME Church | Blythe, CA

OFFERING **Rev. Quantá Crews**
RAYAC | Historic Tanner Chapel AME Church | Phoenix, AZ

#iPRAISE | SELF-DENIAL OBSERVANCE **Richelle Fry-Skinner**
5th District YPD Director

EPIPHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler**
Shorter Community AME Church | Denver, CO

REMARKS **Mrs. Alexia Butler Fugh**
Episcopal Supervisor | Fifth Episcopal District | Women’s and Children’s Work

BENEDICTION **Rev. David D. Price**
Minister to Youth | First AME Church | Los Angeles, CA



Annual Conference Schedule 2018



Pacific Northwest
August 7 – 11, 2018
Bethel, Host
Spokane, WA

Desert | Mountain
August 28 – September 1, 2018
Greater Bethel, Host
Phoenix, AZ

California
September 5 – 9, 2018
St. Paul Berkeley, Host
Oakland, CA
Oakland Airport Hilton

Midwest
September 18 – 23, 2018
Ebenezer & Allen, Host
Independence, MO

Southern California
October 17 – 21, 2018
Bryant Temple, Host
Hilton LAX, Los Angeles, CA

Missouri
October 24 – 28, 2018
COR, Host
Airport Hilton, St. Louis

Planning Meeting
October 29 – 30, 2018
St. Louis, MO

