

2023

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Fifth Episcopal District***

A Holy Nation!

**2023 Planning Meeting
October 27-30, 2023
Hilton Hotel LAX Airport
Los Angeles, CA**

***The Season of
Praise and Thanksgiving***

***Scriptures:
Psalm 150 KJV
Revelations 19:1-6 KJV***

***Bishop Clement W. Fugh
Mrs. Alexia B. Fugh***

***Presiding Bishop
Supervisor***



BISHOP CLEMENT W. FUGH
Presiding Bishop, Fifth Episcopal District
And
MRS. ALEXIA BUTLER FUGH
Supervisor, Fifth Episcopal District



Episcopal Greeting

Greetings All:

Ms. Aundra Lafayette, at the age of seventy-five (75) regularly appears with the Nashville Ballet as a guest performer and is invited by many local congregations to “praise dance” during their services of worship. I asked Ms. Lafayette when she is *praise dancing*, who is she and what is going through her mind? She responded, “I am a child of God who in those moments is giving back. My dance is an offering to Him, and it is intended to be a blessing to all who witness it.”

Mariah Le Costa who at the age of four (4) became the darling of the Southern California Conference and Fifth Episcopal District worship gatherings in Los Angeles when without orchestration or prodding, she would leave her Mother’s side in the sanctuary (the Ballroom), and find a corner in which to run and leap, to twill and dance in response to the “move of the Spirit” that she felt in that sacred space.

David, King of Ancient Israel, “danced with gladness before the Lord,” as he escorted the Ark of the Covenant (the Symbol of God’s presence) from the house of Obed-Edom, back to the City of David. (II Samuel 6: 14-22)

Reverend Stephanie Adams, author of *MY BODY IS THE TEMPLE*, inspired by I Corinthians 6:19, prefers *liturgical dance to praise dance*. To Reverend Adams, “*Liturgical dancing* is a prayer involving one’s total being that goes up to God, is received, and then returns to bless His people.”

The common thread that flows from David, the ancient King of Israel, to Mariah a child is that *true praise is spontaneous*. Not only is it spontaneous, but there are occasions when a simple nod of the head, or the raising of hands, or the recitation of “Hallelujahs and Amens” are not enough. On those occasions when the Spirit of God moves within us, touches the very ground of our being, our whole body becomes an instrument of praise. *Hence, we dance!*

When I recount all that has transpired in the world, in this nation, in the lives of so many of us since we began our sojourn together July 2016, the Seasons that we have gone through, nothing seems more appropriate than for us to spend this year in *A SEASON OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING*.

*“Preserved by power Divine, To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus praise we join, And in His sight appear.
“What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed,
Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.
“But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love,
And still He doth our help afford, And hides our life above.”*

Today I give you license, if you feel like dancing, then dance!

There are some of us who can’t carry a tune in a bucket, but the melody in our heart is in perfect pitch. The same grace is extended to those who have no rhythm. Irrespective of how awkward your movement may appear to onlookers, if it is your prayer, your offering of exalted praise, then who is to judge? Dance!

Blessings All,

Clement W. Fugh,
Bishop



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Episcopal District

Bishop Clement W. Fugh, *Presiding Bishop*

October 27-30, 2023 (Pacific Standard Time)

HYBRID: In-Person – Hilton Hotel LAX Airport; Virtual – Via ZOOM

Planning Meeting Master Schedule

Friday, October 27 – Saturday, October 28, 2023

Fifth District Young People's Department

Theme:

Mrs. Shnelle Stewart, *Fifth District YPD Director*

Mr. Joseph Brown, *Fifth District YPD President*

(See Attached Convention Schedule)

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Fifth District Presiding Elders' Council

Dinner Meeting – Hilton LAX Hotel

Monday, October 30, 2023

7:00 – 7:55 a.m.

Registration and Login

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Morning Devotional Led by RAYAC

Rev. Stephanie Allen, *Presiding*

Rev. Marvin McKenzie, *Preacher*

8:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Component Meetings

(Meeting Rooms assigned upon request)

Sexual Misconduct Training Module – Online

Rev. Sheriolyn Curry Hodge, *Resource*

Fifth District Women's Missionary Society

Mrs. Alexia B. Fugh, *Supervisor*

Presiding

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION

A. Component Reports (5 minutes)

B. Hawaii Mission Report (video)

Rev. Vickie Lee, *Pastor, Hale Ho'onani Fellowship, HI*

C. Annual Conference Financial Summary

Rev. J. Edgar Boyd, *Fifth District Treasurer*

D. Annual Conference Statistical Report

Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith, *Chief Secretary*



E. Fifth District Economic Development Fund
Mr. L. C. D. Carey, *President*

F. Mid-Year Conference

March 12-15, 2023

Hilton Hotel LAX Airport, Los Angeles, CA

General Conference Preparation:

- 1. Elections**
- 2. Appointments**
- 3. Nominations at General Conference site**
- 4. Q & A**

1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF PLENARY SESSION

2:00 p.m.

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey, *President*

Fifth District Presiding Elders' Council
Presiding

Bishop James L. Davis, *Presiding Bishop*
Second Episcopal District, Preacher



CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

**Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey, Presiding Elder, Worship Leader
Los Angeles South District**

Monday, October 30, 2023

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

THE PRELUDE

Southern California Conference Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey

THE OPENING HYMN

Rev. Dr. Harold Mayberry

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING, Hymn #7, AME Hymnal

*Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
Come Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend; Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend!
Come holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!
To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore: Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore! Amen.*

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Edmund Lowe

THE CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Choir and Congregation

IS YOUR ALL ON THE ALTAR, Hymn #333, AME Hymnal

*You have longed for sweet peace, and for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest or be perfectly blest
Until all on the altar is laid. That I may feel You Breathe on me. AMEN*



Refrain:

*Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart, does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest and have peace and sweet rest,
As you yield Him your body and soul.*

SELECTION

Southern California Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Rev. Spencer Barrett

Epistle

Mr. Lamar Rose, *President*
Fifth District Lay Organization

Gospel

Rev. John Cager

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Rev. Dr. Karla Cooper

THE WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS &

Rev. Sheriolyn Curry Hodge

THE OFFERATORY APPEAL

Rev. Allen Williams

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

Rev. E. Teresa Nelson

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop Clement W. Fugh, *Presiding Bishop,*
Fifth Episcopal District

THE SERMON SELECTION

Southern California Conference Choir

THE SERMON

Bishop James L. Davis, *Presiding Bishop,*
Second Episcopal District

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Lee Goodman

THE SPECIAL APPEAL

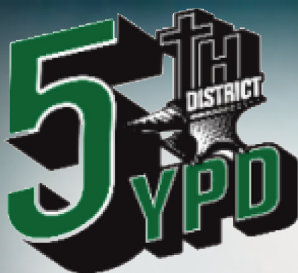
Rev. Edgar Boyd

THE CLOSING REMARKS

Bishop Clement W. Fugh

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop James L. Davis



Fifth District YPD Planning Meeting
Friday, October 28 – Sunday, October 30, 2023

Chosen Theme - 5D Presents “#Stay Woke”

1 Thessalonians 5:6- 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

This year’s planning meeting workshops will focus on the following:

- **Spiritual Awakening**
- **Mental/Physical Awakening**
- **Financial Literacy**
- **College/career readiness (life outside the church.) This is to keep our YPD’S who have graduated involved.**
- **Voting/Social Justice**

Friday, October 27, 2023

Attire: Conference T-Shirt

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Campaign Hall & Registration
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Workshop Planning & Bonding
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Workshop Segment #1 “Preparing for the Next Level”
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal or Dance/Praise Team Practice Run of Service
10:00 pm	Praise & Paint TBD
12:30 am	Curfew



Saturday, October 28, 2023

Attire: District Jersey

7:00 am – 8:45 am	Mission Outreach (Eboard) – TBD
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast (On Your Own)
9:00 am	Devotion
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Ice Breaker/Bonding Time
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Monique Gonzales
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<u>Workshop Segment #2 “Mental/ Physical Awakening”</u>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<u>Workshop Segment #3 “Exploring Relationships”</u>
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch (District Lunch)
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Youth Night Rehearsal
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting 13+ <i>Scavenger Hunt/Praise and Paint</i> - Mother Sunbeams, Allen Stars (2-12)
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Break
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm	Executive Board Meeting Session #2 – Elections 13+ <i>Scavenger Hunt Part TWO</i> - Mother Sunbeams, Allen Stars (2-12)
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner (District Dinner) and Break for Youth Night
Attire: Episcopal, Conference and Local Think Big “Hope” Theme Shirt w/ Black bottoms	
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Worship Experience – Rev. Askia Stewart Jr.
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Fun Activity (Ice Cream Social and Game Night)
Attire: Sports Themed Jersey	
12:30 am	Curfew

Sunday, October 29, 2023

YPD Departure



***The Women's Missionary Society
Of the
Fifth Episcopal District
Clement W. Fugh, Presiding Bishop
Alexia B. Fugh, Supervisor***

Planning Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 30, 2023

(8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Supervisor Alexia B. Fugh, *Presiding*

8:45 a.m.	Call to Order and Greetings	Alexia Fugh, <i>Supervisor</i>
8:50 a.m.	Devotion	Dessie Dantzler
	Conference BHAGs (each Conference President will present – 5 mins each)	
9:00 a.m.	Pacific Northwest Conference	Denise Williams
9:05 a.m.	Desert Mountain Conference	Rev. Minnie Wharry
9:10 a.m.	California Conference	Alice Johnson
9:15 a.m.	Midwest Conference	Nedra Locke
9:20 a.m.	Missouri Conference	Lisa Collier
9:25 a.m.	Southern California Conference	Marye Barnett
9:30 a.m.	Recap of 2023 YPD/WMS Quadrennial	
9:40 a.m.	YPD	Shnelle Stewart
9:50 a.m.	WMS	Lessie Thompson/ Deborah Rabb
10:00 a.m.	Constitution and By-Laws Charlotte Ned	
10:10 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Supervisor Moments	Alexia Fugh
10:30 a.m.	Missionary Benediction	



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