

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCES





*African Methodist Episcopal Church
Fifth Episcopal District*

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2024 Annual Conference Booklet

2024 – 2028 Quadrennial Theme:
Mental Health, Music and Mission

Scriptures:
Acts 16:25-26

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EPISCOPAL GREETING

Greetings in the joy of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

As the new Bishop and Supervisor of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, we are thrilled to embark on this journey with you. Our theme, ***Mental Health, Music, and Mission***, draws inspiration from Acts 16:25-26, where Paul and Silas, through their prayers and singing, not only experienced personal liberation but also transformed their entire community. Their faith and worship led to a miraculous earthquake that opened prison doors and set everyone free. Our anchor song is *Blessed Assurance*, reminding us that everything is already alright.

Mental Health

Multiple pandemics and compounded grief have taken a toll on our well-being. Restoring and maintaining our mental health is essential. Just as Paul and Silas found strength in their faith, we must create a supportive environment within our church where everyone feels valued and heard. We will use all available resources to create opportunities for healing and hope.

Music

Music is a unifying and comforting tool. Like the hymns that Paul and Silas sang, music has the power to heal and inspire, bringing us closer to God and each other. Let us lift our voices in praise, allowing the melodies of our faith to transform and unite our community.

Mission

Our mission is to meet the least, the lost, and the left out. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, serving others with love and grace. Together, we will make a tangible impact in our communities, reflecting the heart of God in all we do.

May God bless each of you, all of us as, and all we touch as we embark on this exciting journey.

In faith,

Rt. Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Esq.
Presiding Bishop

Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH
Episcopal Supervisor of Missions

THEME SONG

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” (Hymn #450)

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby
Tune: Phoebe P. Knapp*

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President, Young People's Department

***Fifth Episcopal District
~ 2024 Schedule ~***

September 4 - 7, 2024	133 rd Session Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Host: Bethel AME Church, Portland, OR
September 11 – 14, 2024	17 th Session Midwest Annual Conference Host: Ebenezer AME Church, Kansas City, MO
September 24 – 28, 2024	138 th Session Desert Mountain Annual Conference Host: Historic Tanner AME Church, Phoenix, AZ
October 2 – 4, 2024	160 th Session California Annual Conference Host: Brookins AME Church, Oakland, CA
October 9 – 12, 2024	170 th Session Missouri Annual Conference Host: St. James AME Church, St. Louis, MO
October 23 – 27, 2024	100 th Session Southern California Annual Conference Host: Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles, CA
October 28, 2024	Fifth District Planning Meeting Host: Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles, CA
March 10 – 13, 2024	Midyear Conference and Quadrennial Celebration Host: TBD

NOTES Regarding Annual Conference:

Each Annual Conference will set the date for its respective YPD Conventions.

YPD Convention Dates for each Annual Conference:

August 31, 2024	Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Host: Allen AME Church, Tacoma, WA
September 7, 2024	Midwest Annual Conference Host: Ebenezer AME Church, Kansas City, MO
September 27, 2024	Desert Mountain Annual Conference Host: Tanner Chapel AME Church, Phoenix, AZ (Friday) Marriott Hotel - Chandler, AZ (Saturday)
October 4 -5, 2024	California Annual Conference Location: Hilton Hotel - Concord, CA
October 11 – 12, 2024	Missouri Annual Conference Location: Airport Marriott – St. Louis, MO
October 12, 2024	Southern California Annual Conference Host: Ward AME Church, Los Angeles, CA

Wednesday: Available for Component Meetings and WMS Service.

Thursday: The Opening Day for each the SIX Annual Conferences. The Conference Organization will take place in the morning; the Opening Worship Service and Annual Sermon will take place in the evening.

Friday: The Service of Word, Ordination and Sacrament will be held in the PNW, DMT, MDW and MO Conferences.

Saturday: The Closing/Commissioning Service for the PNW, DMT, MDW and MO Conferences will be held midmorning. The Service of Word, Ordination and Sacrament for the CA and SCC Conferences will be held.

Sunday: The Closing/Commissioning Service will be held for the CA and SCC Conferences.

DAILY AGENDA
Pacific Northwest, Desert Mountain, Midwest, Missouri
Annual Conferences
(All meetings to be held in a Hybrid format – Virtual and In-person)

WEDNESDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Login for Virtual Participation
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	WMS Convention WIM Convention Bishop meets with Finance Committee, Board of Examiners
12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.	WMS Lunch Break Bishop meets with Congregation Reps (as needed)
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	WMS Convention WIM Convention Bishop and Presiding Elders' Council Meeting and Meal*
7:00 p.m.	WMS Event – Worship / Program
9:00 p.m.	Committee and Component Meetings

THURSDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Login for Virtual Participation
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Morning Manna
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session I Call to Order Roll Call Conference Organization Election of Secretarial Staff Election of Finance Committee Election of Conference Trustees Election of Judiciary Committee Appoint Ministerial Efficiency Committee Appointment of Marshalls Set the Conference Bar Presiding Elder (s) Summary Report Board of Examiners Report Pastor's Annual Reports
12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Hour of Power – WIM in Charge
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Business Session II Pastor's Annual Reports (Continued) Conference Committee Reports
7:00 p.m.	Opening Worship Service (Annual Sermon/Black Robes) Welcome Event following Service*

FRIDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Login for Virtual Participation

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Morning Manna

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Casting the Vision

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Business Session III

Unfinished Business

Retirement Liturgy

Memorials

Disciplinary Questions

12:00 Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Service of Ordination and Sacrament of Holy Communion
(White Robes for Participants/Black Robes for Ordinands)

2:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Conference in Recess

7:00 p.m.

Lay Witness (Lay Organization in charge)

SATURDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Login for Virtual Participation

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Church School/Bible Study

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

YPD Activity

10:00 a.m.

Closing/Commissioning Service
(Black Robes)****Pacific Northwest Annual Conference ONLY***

DAILY AGENDA
California and Southern California
Annual Conferences
(All meetings to be held in a Hybrid format – Virtual and In-person)

WEDNESDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Login for Virtual Participation
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	WMS Convention WIM Convention Bishop meets with Finance Committee, Board of Examiners
12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.	WMS Lunch Break Bishop meets with Congregation Reps (as needed)
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	WMS Convention WIM Convention Bishop and Presiding Elders' Council Meeting and Meal*
7:00 p.m.	WMS Event – Worship / Program
9:00 p.m.	Committee and Component Meetings

THURSDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Login for Virtual Participation
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Morning Manna
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session I Call to Order Roll Call Conference Organization Election of Secretarial Staff Election of Finance Committee Election of Conference Trustees Election of Judiciary Committee Appoint Ministerial Efficiency Committee Appointment of Marshalls Set the Conference Bar Presiding Elder (s) Summary Report Board of Examiners Report Pastor's Annual Reports
12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Hour of Power – WIM in Charge
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Business Session II Pastor's Annual Reports (Continued) Conference Committee Reports
7:00 p.m.	Opening Worship Service (Annual Sermon/Black Robes)

FRIDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Login for Virtual Participation
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Morning Manna
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Casting the Vision
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session III Pastor's Annual Reports (Continued) Conference Committee Reports
12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Hour of Power
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Business Session IV Unfinished Business
7:00 p.m.	Lay Witness (Lay Organization in charge)

SATURDAY

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Login for Virtual Participation
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Church School/Bible Study
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Business Session V Retirement Liturgy Memorial Service Disciplinary Questions
10:00 a.m.	Ordination Service and the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Participants in White Robes/Ordinands in Black Robes)
1:00 p.m.	YPD Event
1:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Conference in Recess
7:00 p.m.	Centennial Celebration*
SUNDAY 3:00 p.m.	Closing/Commissioning Service (Black Robes)

**Southern California Annual Conference ONLY*

**133rd SESSION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
SEPTEMBER 4 – 7, 2024**

HOST PRESIDING ELDER

Rev. Spencer F. Barrett

HOST CHURCH & PASTORS

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Portland, OR*
Rev. Allison Cannady Smith, *Pastor*

VENUE

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
5828 NE 8th Avenue
Portland, OR 97211

SERMONS

Rev. Dr. Carey Anderson, *Annual Sermon*
Rev. Theodore Payne IV, *Meditation*
Rev. Betsy Williams, *Meditation*
Ordination
Closing Commissioning

INSTITUTE

TBA

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Bill Dickens

COMMITTEES

(To Be Elected) Judiciary, Finance, Trustees
(To Be Appointed) Ministerial Efficiency

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Registrar: Jene'l Scornier.

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Rev. Philip Ross, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Rev. Dalondric Bergen.
Delegates: Ms. Diane Mitchel (Primm Tabernacle, Seattle, WA), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima, WA), Ms. Armiliza Harden (Walker Chapel, Renton, WA), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings, MT).

STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Betsy Williams.
Delegates: Mr. Al Claxton (First A.M.E., Fairbanks, AK), Mr. Eric Hill (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Ms. Bobbie Smith (Bethel, Portland, OR), Mr. Charles H. Williams (Union Bethel, Great Falls, MT).

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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EVANGELISM

Rev. Theodore Payne, IV, Rev. Andrew Mutuma, Rev. Doris Cope, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Tara Young, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Kimberly Sales. **Delegates:** Mr. John Farrow (Ebenezer, Bremerton, WA), Mr. Douglas Jenkins (Fountain Chapel, Vancouver, BC), Ms. Chantay Brown, (Bailey, Everett, WA), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings, MT), Ms. Dallas Richardson (First A.M.E., Seattle, WA), Mr. Charles H. Williams (Union Bethel, Great Falls, MT), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen, Tacoma, WA).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Dr. Gail Stewart, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Dr. Doris Cope. **Delegates:** Ms. Wanda Griffin (Bailey, Everett, WA), Mr. Terry Cox (Bethel, Yakima, WA), Ms. Dona Hereford (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Mr. Isaac Greer (Wayman, Billings, MT).

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Dr. Doris Cope. **Delegates:** Mr. Al Claxton (First, Fairbanks, WA), Mr. Eric Hill (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima, WA), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings, MT), Ms. Chantay Brown (Bailey, Everett, WA).

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Dr. Doris Cope, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Barry Ray. **Delegates:** Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima, WA), Ms. Chantay Brown, (Bailey, Everett, WA), Mr. Eric Hill (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Mr. Al Claxton (First, Fairbanks, WA), Ms. Kiara Bennett (Bethel, Portland, OR).

CHURCH SCHOOL

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Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Doris Cope, Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Theodore Payne, IV. **Delegates:** Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings, MT), Mr. Eric Hill (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Mr. Charles Williams (Union Bethel, Great Falls, WA), Ms. Desley Brooks (First A.M.E., Seattle, WA), Ms. Diane Mitchell (Primm Tabernacle, Seattle, WA), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima, WA).

MEMORIALS

Rev. Theodore Payne, IV, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Barry Ray, Rev. Phillip Ross, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Kenneth McWilliams, Rev. Tara Young. **Delegates:** Mr. John Farrow (Ebenezer, Bremerton, WA), Mr. Eric Hill (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Mr. Charles H. Williams (Union Bethel, Great Falls, MT), Ms. Desley Brooks (First A.M.E., Seattle, WA), Ms. Diane Mitchell (Primm Tabernacle, Seattle, WA), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima, WA).

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Ms. Shawn Lee - Director *of Lay Activities*

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Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Phillip Ross, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Dr. Doris Cope. **Delegates:** Mr. Eric Hill (Bethel, Spokane, WA), Ms. Desley Brooks (First A.M.E., Seattle, WA), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen, Tacoma, WA), Ms. Chantay Brown (Bailey, Everett, WA).

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YPD

Mr. Tremaine Marshall – *PNWC YPD Director*
Ms. Denise Brown - *PNWC YPD President*

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SOCIAL ACTION

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Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Kenneth McWilliams, Rev. Barry Ray. **Delegates:** Mr. Al Claxton (First A.M.E., Fairbanks, AK), Mr. Charles H. William (Union Bethel, Great Falls, WA), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings, MT), Mr. John Farrior (Ebenezer, Bremerton, WA).

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**17th SESSION OF THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 2024**

HOST PRESIDING ELDERS

Rev. John Cage, *Host Presiding Elder*
Rev. Dr. Karla J. Cooper, *Co-Host Presiding Elder*

HOST CHURCHES & PASTORS

Ebenezer AME Church, Kansas City - Rev. Rodney Moody, *Pastor*
St. John AME Church, Topeka – Rev. Mae Etta Hall, *Pastor*
St. Mark’s AME Church, Topeka – Rev. Shirley Heermance, *Pastor*

VENUE

Hilton Kansas City Airport Hotel
8801 NW 112th Street
Kansas City, MO 64153

SERMONS

Rev. Rodney Moody, *Annual Sermon*
Rev. Brenda Smith, *Thursday Morning Manna*
Rev. Barbara Harper, *Friday Morning Manna*
Ordination
Closing Commissioning

INSTITUTE

Rev. Pamela Hughes Mason, *Chair*
Rev. Rodney Moody, *Dean*

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Gail McClenton

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(To Be Appointed) Ministerial Efficiency

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Rev. Pamela Hughes Mason, Rev. Rodney Moody, Rev. Irene Prince, Rev. Dr. Mark Smith, Rev. Juli Boyd.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Steve Barnes, Rev. Edward Walzer, Rev. Carmi Woods, Rev. Rachel Williams Glenn, Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Clifton St. James. **Delegates:** Gregg Tabernacle, Bethel/Hutchison; Annette Dabney (St Luke Lawrence, St John Omaha), Campbell Chapel; Allen-St John, Bethel/Omaha; Grant-Lovell; Bethel/Macon.

STATE OF COUNTRY

Rev. Dr. V. Gordon Glenn, Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Victoria Parker Mothershed, Rev. May Etta Hall, Rev. Teresa Ambler, Rev. Vernon Winfrey. **Delegates:** Bethel/KC, Ebenezer/KC, St John/Omaha, Power of Faith, Trinity/KCK/, Gilbert Memorial, Quinn Chapel/Lincoln, Willis Chapel, St John/Topeka, Ward Cain Grant.

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Steve Barnes, Rev. Irene Prince, Rev. Bridget Mitchell, Rev. Shirley Heermance, Rev. Barbara Harper, Rev. Lucilla Miller, Rev. Donald Morrison. **Delegates:** Bethel/Macon, Grant Lovell, St. Paul/Independence, Halls Chapel.

EVANGELISM

Rev. Victoria Parker Mothershed, Rev. Steve Barnes, Rev. Lucilla Miller, Rev. Brenda Smith, Rev. Akiki Kabagarama, Rev. Andrew Rollins, Rev. Everett Fletcher. **Delegates:** Allen St John, Allen Chapel/Omaha, St. Mark/Topeka, Ward Chapel/Junction City, St. Paul/Independence; Bethel/Manhattan; Ward Chapel/Richmond.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Rachel Williams Glenn, Rev. May Etta Hall, Rev. Jacqueline Ford, Rev. Dr. V. Gordon Glenn, Rev. Irene Prince, Rev. Barbara Harper, Rev. Lucilla Miller. **Delegates:** Mariah Walker, Gilbert Memorial, Grant/Wichita.

MINISTRIES TO THE YOUTH

Rev. Bridget Mitchell, Rev. Kristen Sexton, Rev. Jane Burns, Rev. Rachel Williams Glenn, Rev. Everett Fletcher. **Delegates:** Bethel/Macon, Ward Chapel Cain Grant/KC, Ward Chapel/Junction City, Ebenezer/KC, St. John/Topeka, Allen St John/KC, Gregg Tabernacle/KC, *YPD President* - Mar Quis Johnson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Irene Prince, Rev. Clifton Neal St. James, Rev. Jacqueline Ford, Rev. Michelle Cole Rucker, Rev. Teresa Ambler. **Delegates:** Grant/Wichita; Theresa Canidy St. Paul/Wichita; Nadine Terry, Mt Olive/Emporia; Trinity; Bethel/Manhattan; St Matthew/Booneville; Gilbert Memorial; Annette Dabney, St. Luke/Lawrence.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Rev. Andrew Rollins, Rev. Juliet Hemphill, Rev. Lucilla Miller. **Delegates:** Ward Chapel Cain Grant/KCMO, First AME/KCK; St Paul/Independence; Allen Chapel/Omaha; Nedra Locke, St Paul/KCK; Nadine Terry Mt Olive/Emporia; Bethel/Winfield.

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Rev. Juli Boyd, Rev. Stacy Evans, Rev. Shirley Heermance, Rev. Vernon Winfrey. **Delegates:** Greater New Bethel; Bethel/Hutchison; Allen St. John/KC; Ward Chapel Cain Grant/KC; Bethel/Leavenworth; Quinn Chapel-Lincoln, delegate.

CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES

Rev. Andrew Rollins, Rev. Brenda Smith, Rev. May Etta Hall, Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Benjamin Finnell. **Delegates:** Ward Chapel/Junction City; Gail McClenton, Grant/KCK; Halls Chapel; Theresa Canidy, St. Paul Wichita; Bethel/KCMO.

MISSION, CIRCUITS, STATIONS

Rev. Vernon Winfrey, Rev. Rachel Williams Glenn, Rev. Edwin Donaldson, Rev. Lucilla Miller, Rev. Irene Prince. **Delegates:** Zion/Mayview; Ward/Junction City; Nedra Locke, St. Paul/KCK; Mariah Walker; Halls Chapel/Newton; Ward-Iola; Handy Chapel.

CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS

Rev. Carmi Woods, Rev. Steven Barnes, Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Juli Boyd. **Delegates:** Gail McClenton, Grant Chapel/KCK; Nedra Locke, St. Paul/KCK; Quinn Chapel/Independence KS.

LOCAL CHURCH INSURANCE

Rev. Brenda Smith, Rev. Steven Barnes, Rev. Lucilla Miller. **Delegates:** Allen St John/KCMO; Ebenezer/KCMO; Bethel/KCMO; Gregg Tabernacle; Gilbert Memorial; Greater New Bethel; Bethel/Manhattan; Ward Chapel/Junction City.

SOCIAL ACTION

Rev. Clifton St. James, Rev. Victoria Parker Mothershed, Rev. Pamela Hughes Mason, Rev. Vernon Winfrey, Rev. Dr. V. Gordon Glenn. **Delegates:** Quinn Chapel/Lincoln; St. Paul/Independence MO; Ward Chapel Cain Grant; Trinity; First; Ward/Iola.

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Rev. Steven Cousin, Rev. Dr. Mark Smith, Rev. Pamela Hughes Mason, Rev. Benjamin Finnell, Rev. Carmi Woods, Rev. John Cager, Rev. Dr. Karla J. Cooper. **Delegates:** First; Allen St. John; Bethel/KCMO; Theresa Canidy, St. Paul/Wichita; Trinity; Ebenezer; Quinn Chapel-Lincoln, Delegate.

**138th SESSION OF THE DESERT MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
SEPTEMBER 24 – 28, 2024**

HOST PRESIDING ELDERS

Rev. E. Teresa Nelson, *Host Presiding Elder*
Rev. Sheriolyn Curry Hodge, *Co-Host Presiding Elder*

HOST CHURCH & PASTORS

Historic Tanner Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Chandler*
Rev. Dr. Benjamin Thomas Sr., *Pastor*

VENUE

Marriott Phoenix Chandler
1600 S. Price Road
Chandler, AZ 85286

SERMONS

Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler, *Annual Sermon*
Rev. Daryell Jackson, *Thursday Morning Manna*
Thursday Noon Hour of Power
Rev. William Cornick Jr., *Friday Morning Manna*
Friday Noon Hour of Power
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STATE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Donna Davis, Rev. Brenda Hector, Rev. William Cornick Jr., Rev. Eric Taylor. **Delegates:** Deborah Harris (Harbert Chapel), Russlyn Wells (Prince Chapel), Francis Lupoe (Greater Bethel), (Embry), (Shorter).

STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Rev. Gerald Richard, Dr. Jovetia Watson, Rev. Arnold Jackson. **Delegates:** Sulie Richardson (Tanner), Sandra Sheppard (Murph), Leslie Taylor (Queen Creek Mission), (First AME), (Embry).

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Dr. Jesse Dompree, Rev. Brenda Hector, Rev. Jovetia Watson, Rev. Eric Taylor. **Delegates:** Dr. Linda Garrett (Mt. Moriah), Valeria Wilhoite Brooks (St. Paul), Evangelist Randy Taylor (Harbert Chapel), Timothy Wells (Price Chapel), (Historic Trinity).

EVANGELISM

Rev. Daryell Jackson, Rev. Charles Wright, Rev. Jovetia Watson, Rev. Dr. Helen Hunter, Rev. Dr. Shiame Okunor. **Delegates:** Vicki Thomas (Mt. Moriah), Evangelist Vashi Moore (Holy Trinity), Allison Smith (Grant), Bernadette Rodriguez (Sierra Vista), (Shorter), (Campbell).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Charles Wright, Rev. Dr. Vada Southern, Rev. Corey Moore, Rev. Tonya Taylor. **Delegates:** Adora Griffin (Tanner), Rogelio Zepeda Garza (The Word Of God), (First AME, Pueblo), (Payne).

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Eve-Lynn Hopkins, Rev. Gerald Richard, Rev. Daryell Jackson, Rev. Dr. Jesse Dompree. **Delegates:** Rogelio Zepeda Garza (The Word of God), Rev. Jasmon Cornick (Murph), (Jordan), (Allen Chapel).

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MEMORIALS

Rev. Brenda Hector, Rev. Stephanie Duncan, Rev. Angela Miller, Rev. Denaylon Franklin, Rev. Naomi Harris. **Delegates:** Tara Ashley (Howard), (Historic Trinity), (Jordan).

RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith, Rev. Dr. Helen Hunter, Rev. Charles Wright, Rev. Daryell Jackson. **Delegates:** Allison Smith (Grant Chapel), Albert Smith (Owen Chapel), (Jordan), (Payne Chapel).

CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES

Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith, Rev. Stephen Garnett, Rev. Dr. Vada Southern, Rev. Corey Moore. **Delegates:** Rev. Angel Green (Holy Trinity), (First AME, Pueblo), (Payne), (Shorter).

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS

Rev. Shelby Goodman, Rev. Corey Moore, Rev. Dr. Shiame Okunor, Rev. Donna Davis. **Delegates:** Valerie Wilhoite Brooks (St. Paul), Mary Poore (Owen Chapel), (Historic Trinity), (Allen Chapel).

CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith, Rev. Corey Moore, Rev. Eric Taylor, Rev. Brenda Hector, Rev. Daryell Jackson. **Delegates:** Francis Lupoe (Greater Bethel), (Emby), (Payne Chapel).

LOCAL CHURCH INSURANCE

Rev. Dr. Vada Southern, Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith, Rev. Eve-Lynn Hopkins. **Delegates:** Vicki Thomas (Mt. Moriah), (Shorter), (Campbell Chapel).

SOCIAL ACTION

Rev. Arnold Jackson, Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler, Rev. Gerald Richard, Rev. Jovetia Watson.
Delegates: Jesse Watkins (Grant), Rev. Tarachel Goodman(Sierra Vista), (Shorter), (Jordan), (Allen).

PRESIDING ELDER APPORTIONMENT

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Thomas Sr., Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler, Rev. Michael Permillion, Rev. Jovetia Watson, Rev. Charles Wright, Presiding Elders: Rev. Sheriolyn Curry Hodge and Rev. E. Teresa Nelson. **Delegates:** Jasmon Cornick (Murph), Dr. Linda Garrett (Mt. Moriah), (Payne).

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Rev. Charles Wright, Rev. Tonya Taylor, Rev. Michael Permillion, Rev. Shelby Goodman, Rev. Dr. Jovetia Watson. **Delegates:** Cherrie Sharrod (Greater Bethel), Valerie Wilhoite Brooks (St. Paul), (Campbell), (Payne).

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rev. Corey Moore, Rev. Stephen Garnett, Rev. Dr. Shiame Okunor, Rev. Eric Taylor. **Delegates:** Rev. Angela Green (Holy Trinity), Tara Ashley (Howard), Vickie Thomas (Mt. Moriah), (Payne).

SONS OF ALLEN

Rev. M. Leroy Alaman, Rev. Arnold Jackson, Rev. Daryell Jackson, Rev. Charles Wright.
Delegates: (Payne), Albert Simon (Owen), (Jordan), Vicki Thomas (Mt. Moriah), Rogelio Zepeda Garza (The Word Of God), (Shorter).

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YPD

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Rev. Tarachel Goodman, *Conference Coordinator*
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Rev. Tanya Davis-Ezidinma, *RMD Coordinator*

**160th SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
OCTOBER 2-6, 2024**

HOST PRESIDING ELDERS

Rev. Dr. Harold R. Mayberry, *Host Presiding Elder*

HOST CHURCH & PASTORS

Brookins African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Oakland*

Rev. Dr. M. JoDavid Sales, *Pastor*

VENUE

Hilton Concord Hotel

1970 Diamond Blvd.

Concord, CA 94520

SERMONS

Rev. Anthony Hughes, *Annual Sermon*

Rev. Taylor Walton (Capt. Ch. USAF), *Thursday Morning Manna*

Rev. Dr. Rosalynn Brookins, *Thursday Noon Hour of Power*

Rev. Teri McClanahan, *Friday Morning Manna*

TBA, *Friday Noon Hour of Power*

Ordination

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STATE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Jason Thompson, Rev. Debra Whitlock Lax, Rev. Darius Riggins, Rev. Carmel Ross.

Delegates: Sis. LaTrenda Easton (St. Andrews) and Sis. Dorris Brooks (St. Paul-Pixley).

STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Rev. A. Keith Williams, Sr., Rev. Robert Morton, Rev. Robin Crawford, Rev. Melvin Bell.

Delegates: Sis. Eileen James (Murph Emmanuel) and Sis. Peggy Goree (Brooks Chapel).

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Rev. Rodney Smith, Rev. Hugh Wesley, and Rev. Sharon Avril, Rev. Eric Cole. **Delegates:** Dr. Karen White (Brookins) and Sis. Cherry Price (Allen Chapel-San Francisco).

EVANGELISM

Rev. Robin Hood, Rev. Michael Porter, Rev. Antoinette Miles, Rev. Boston Woodson, Jr.
Delegates: Sis. Erma MaGee (Bethel-Chico) and Sis. Deborah Brannon (Carter Memorial).

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Hugh K. Wesley, Rev. Cubie Finley, III, and Rev. Dana Spencer. **Delegates:** Sis. Michele Dickerson-Smith (Allen-San Francisco) and Sis. Jean Roquemore (Ebenezer).

EMPLOYEE SECURITY

Presiding Elder Harold R. Mayberry; and Rev. Cecil Williams, Jr., Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Jason Thompson, Rev. Gilbert V. Richards, II, Rev. Anthony L. Hughes, Rev. M. JoDavid Sales, Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Rosalynn Brookins. **Delegates:** Sis. Faye Combs (St. Paul-Berkeley) and Bobby Sisk (Bethel-San Francisco).

RESOLUTION

Rev. Michael S. Porter, Rev. Sharon Avril, Rev. Robin Crawford, Rev. Antoinette Miles, Rev. Hugh Wesley. **Delegates:** Sis. Patricia Cushenberry (St. James-Modesto) and Sis. Mallun Breedlove (Wright Chapel).

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS

Presiding Elder Harold R. Mayberry, Rev. Cecil Williams, Jr., Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Dominic L. Holland, Rev. Cubie Finley, III. **Delegates:** Sis. Irma Lastra (FAME-Oakland) and Sis. Marsha Luster (Parks Chapel).

CLASSIFICATION FOR PASTORS AND CHURCHES

Rev. Robin Hood, Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Cecil Williams, Jr., Rev. Sharon Avril and Rev. Anthony L. Hughes. **Delegates:** Sis. Eileen Jones (Murph-Emmanuel) and Sis. Tempest Franklin (St. James-San Jose).

PRESIDING ELDER APPORTIONMENT

Presiding Elder Harold R. Mayberry, Rev. Cecil Williams, Jr., Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Anthony L. Hughes, Rev. Jason Thompson, Rev. M. JoDavid Sales, Rev. Cubie Finley, III, Rev. Loretta Dickerson-Smith. **Delegates:** Bobby Sisk (Bethel-San Francisco), Sis. Irma Lastra (FAME- Oakland), Dr. Karen White (Brookins) and Sis. Marsha Luster (Parks Chapel).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. M. JoDavid Sales, Rev. Marianne Williams, Rev. Sandra Smith Blair, Rev. Lejon Payne (Consultant), and LaTrenda Easton. **Delegates:** Sis. LaTrenda Easton (St. Andrews) and Sis. Deborah Roberts (FAME Bay Point).

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rev. Deborah A. Whitlock Lax, Rev. Dominic Holland, Rev. Nicholas Williams. **Delegates:** Sis. Marva Hamilton (Allen Chapel-Sacramento) and Sis. Sandy Bovee (Bethel-Sparks).

MEMORIALS

Rev. Michael S. Porter, Evangelist Deloris Stephens, Rev. Gilbert V. Richards, II and Rev. Eric Cole. **Delegates:** Bro. Eric Rocker (New Beginnings) and (St. Paul Fowler).

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH, Episcopal District Supervisor, Mrs. Alice M. Johnson, Conference President, Mrs. Toi Porter, YPD Director, Mrs. Mary Mayo Mayberry, Bay Valley District Consultant, YPD President, Miss Makenna Irving, and Conference Members.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Rev. L. Dominic Holland, Rev. Boaston Woodson, Rev. Cubie Finley. **Delegates:** Sis. Mallun Breedlove (Wright Chapel) and Sis. Sandy Bovee (Bethel-Sparks).

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Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Cecil Williams, Jr., Rev. Rosalynn K. Brookins, Rev. Jason Thompson, Rev. Boaston E. Woodson, Jr., Rev. Anthony L. Hughes, Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. A. Keith Williams. **Delegates:** Sis. Brenda Lee (Resurrection) and Sis. Jean Roquemore (Ebenezer).

SONS OF ALLEN

Mr. N. Bruce Williams, Rev. Cubie Finley, III, and Conference Members

HEALTH COMMISSIONS

Dr. Keedra Sales, Conference Director, Dr. Brazell Carter. **Delegates:** Sis. Marva Hamilton (Allen-Sacramento) and Sis. Marsha Luster (Parks Chapel).

LAY ACTIVITIES

Ms. Millie Davis and the CCLO Executive Committee and Conference Members

SOCIAL ACTION

Rev. M. JoDavid Sales, Rev. Rosalynn K. Brookins, Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Robin Crawford. **Delegates:** Sis. Donna Stream (FAME-El Sobrante) and Dr. Karen White (Brookins).

PRAYER

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RAYAC

Ms. Vanessa Anderson, Rev. Robert Morton, Ms. Jahna Nicks, Conference Members, and Young Adult Delegates.

**170th SESSION OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2024**

HOST PRESIDING ELDERS

Presiding Elder Edmund E. Lowe, Sr., *Host Presiding Elder*

HOST CHURCH & PASTORS

St. James AME Church, St. Louis, MO
Rev. Charles Norris, *Pastor*

VENUE

Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel
10700 Pear Tree Lane
St. Louis, MO 63134

SERMONS

Rev. Shelia Scott, *Annual Sermon*
Rev. Keith Cornelius, *Thursday Morning Manna*
Rev. Regina L. Lowe, *Missionary Hour of Power*
Rev. Dinah Tatman, *Friday Morning Manna*
Ordination
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Reverend Beverly Stith, Reverend Sheila Scott, Reverend Anthony McPherson, Reverend
Gabrielle Kennedy, Reverend James Boler, Reverend Howard Abernathy, Rev Clarence Franklin,
Reverend Zelldrick Preston, Consultant.

STATE OF CHURCH

Reverend Anthony McPherson, Reverend David Parker, Reverend Gabrielle Smith Kennedy,
Reverend Zelldrick Preston, Reverend Jasmine Thompson, Rev. Dr. Priscilla Dowden-White.
Delegates: Sister JoAnne Hammock (Bethel, Paynesville), Sister Betty Miller, Sister Carol Carrol
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STATE OF COUNTRY

Reverend Anthony McPherson, Reverend Beverly Stith. **Delegates:** Sister Brenda Simpson (St.
James, St. Louis), Brother Gary West (Imani), Sister Kay Bisch (Buren Chapel, Herculanum).

CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS

Reverend Claudine Murphy, Reverend Stephanie Allen, Reverend Earl Strauther. **Delegates:** Sister Carolyn Hemphill (Bethel, Louisiana), Sister Barbara Freeman (Tri-Union).

TEMPERANCE

Reverend Stephen Lamkin, Reverend William Harrold, Reverend Violet Ewell, Reverend Jasmine Thompson. **Delegates:** Sister Vivienne Frye-Perry (St. Peter), Sister Ella Coe (Christ Our Redeemer).

EVANGELISM

Reverend Sheila Scott, Reverend Keith Cornelius, Reverend Dinah Tatman, Reverend James Boler, Reverend Dr. JoAnn Owens, Reverend Charley Johnson. **Delegates:** Sister Regina Whitehorn (St John Kennett), Sister Dorothy Powell (Parks Chapel & Webster Groves), Mother Nannie Harmon (Rock Chapel, St. Louis).

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Reverend Jasmine Thompson, Reverend David Parker, Reverend Stephanie Allen, Reverend Lori Beason, Reverend Gabrielle Kennedy, Sister Michelle Franklin, Sister Cassandra Gay, Sister Narisella Ryan, Brother Robert McRath (Boy Scouts), Sister Vivienne Frye-Perry (Girls Scouts).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reverend Janice Parker, Reverend Cheryl Hairston, Reverend Charley Johnson. **Delegates:** Reverend Nanette Gaines (St. Paul), Evangelist Kathy Hamilton Thomas (St. James), Sister Delores Jarrett (Christ Our Redeemer), Sister Patricia Samuels (St. Peter), Sister Odessa Owens (Rock Chapel).

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Reverend Claudine E. Murphy, Reverend Dr. Spencer Lamar Booker, Retired Presiding Elder C. Jessel Strong, Consultant, Reverend Donna Simms. **Delegates:** Sister Cheryl Blanks (Bethel, Sikeston), Sister Deborah Cooper (Rock Chapel).

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Rev. Howard Abernathy, Rev. Dinah Tatman, Sis. Mamie Carter (St. Paul, Columbia).

RESOLUTIONS

Reverend Beverly Stith, Reverend Gabrielle Kennedy, Reverend Tawana Rickmon, Reverend Zelldrick Preston, Consultant, Reverend Carolyn Kent. **Delegates:** Sister Nannie Harmon (Rock Chapel, St. Louis), Sister Joanne Hammock (Bethel, Paynesville), Sister Priscilla McClellan (Brown Chapel, Poplar Bluff), Sister Geneva Allen-Patterson (St. James, Cape Girardeau).

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Reverend Gabrielle Kennedy, Reverend Anthony McPherson, Reverend Dinah Tatman, Reverend Edith Reed. **Delegates:** Sister Tamara Buck (Perry Chapel, Charleston), Sister Valarie Mosley (Allen Hannibal).

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS

Reverend Keith Cornelius, Reverend David Parker, Reverend Zelldrick Preston, Consultant, Reverend Carolyn Kent, Reverend Jasmine Thompson, Reverend Kimberley Woodruff. **Delegates:** Sister Carol Carrol (St. Paul, St. Louis), Brother Billie Kibbee (Olive Chapel, Kirkwood), (Parks Chapel, Webster Groves) – Sis. Dorothy Powell

PRESIDING ELDER APPORTIONMENT

Reverend Spencer Lamar Booker, Reverend Charles Norris, Reverend Lee Clayton Goodman, Esq., Reverend Keith Cornelius, Reverend Dr. Roger Richardson, Reverend Beverly Stith, Reverend Kevin Jacques, Sr., Reverend Claudine E. Murphy, Reverend Anthony McPherson. **Lay:** Sister Florette Hampton – Tri Union, Dr. Michael Ward – St. James, Sister Kirstan Fair – Wayman, Sister Joycie Ebb – St. Paul, Sister Patricia Samuels – St. Peter, Sister Ella Coe – Christ Our Redeemer, Presiding Elder Edmund E. Lowe, Sr. – Advisor

MEN'S MINISTRY

Reverend Dr. Roger Richardson, Reverend Dr. Spencer Booker, Reverend Charles Norris, Reverend Keith Cornelius, Reverend David Parker, Reverend Anthony McPherson, Brother Simeon Dockett, St Paul, St Louis.

LAY ORGANIZATION

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Reverend Gabrielle Kennedy, Rev Regina Lowe, Reverend Sheilia Scott, Rev Dr Karla Frye, Reverend Beverly Stith, Reverend Violet Ewell, Reverend Dr. Joanne Owens, Reverend Janice Parker, Reverend Debbie Thornton.

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Reverend Dr. Roger Richardson, Reverend Dr. Spencer Lamar Booker, Rev Charles Norris, Reverend Keith Cornelius, Reverend Janice Parker, Presiding Elder Edmund E. Lowe, Sr. Presiding Elder Lee Clayton Goodman, Esq.

HEALTH MINISTRY

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

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**100th SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
OCTOBER 23 - 27, 2024**

HOST PRESIDING ELDERS

Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey, Jr., *Host Presiding Elder*
Rev. Allen L. Williams, Sr. DMin., *Co-Host Presiding Elder*

HOST CHURCH & PASTOR

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Los Angeles*
Rev. Kelvin t. Calloway, *Pastor*

VENUE

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5711 Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

SERMONS

Rev. Barry Settle, *Annual Sermon*
TBD, *Thursday Morning Manna*
Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson, *WIM Thursday Noon Hour of Power*
Friday Morning Manna
Friday Noon Hour of Power
Ordination
Closing Commissioning

INSTITUTE

TBD

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

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STATE OF CHURCH

Revs. Timothy O. Coston, Jr., Kirkpatrick Tyler, Godfrey Patterson, Andross Milteer, Mary S. Minor, Gerald Anderson, Kenneth Arbuckle, Terrence Sims, Gimel Rogers, Elbert Sherrod.
Delegates: (Bethel/San Diego), Glenda Smith; (Cain Memorial/ Bakersfield), Angela Bostick; (A.K. Quinn/Moreno Valley), Martha Brantley Jackson.

STATE OF COUNTRY

Revs. Gregory McLeod, Larry Holloway, Benjamin Thomas, Jr., Carlton Rickman, Kenneth Arbuckle, Joan Taylor, Timothy O. Coston, Jr., Larry E. Campbell, Van White, Bernadette Johnson. **Delegates:** (Johnson Chapel/ Santa Ana), Betty Arnold; (First AME/LA), Tracy Beidleman; (Grant/LA), Janice Hinton.

TEMPERANCE

Revs. Michael Eagle, Bill Hence, Jr., Bernadette Johnson, Gregory McLeod, Michael Carr, Denise Jackson. **Delegates:** (Brown Memorial/Pasadena), Cathy Hunter; (Bethel/San Diego), Glenda Smith; (Allen Chapel, San Bernardino), Kelli Stanford; (Bethel/Blythe), Flora Spiller.

EVANGELISM

Revs. Dwaine Jackson, Carl Webb, Godfrey Patterson, Darryl E. Walker, Kirkpatrick Tyler, Mary S. Minor, Antonio Dupre, Gregory McLeod, **Delegates:** (First Providence), Elizabeth Willis; (Castaic Community/LA), Veronica Chriss; (Bryant Temple/LA), Lorraine Patterson; (Holy Trinity/LB), Valerie Walker; (Grant /Long Beach), Suzette Nelson; (Price Chapel/LA), Alicia Howard; (Second/LA), Iberia Nelson.

MINISTRIES TO THE YOUTH:

Revs. Patricia Freeman, Benjamin Thomas, Rethis Murry, Bernadette Johnson, Ralph Williamson, Kenneth Arbuckle, Dwaine Jackson, Timothy O. Coston, Jr. Harvey Vaughn, Raichera Baker; **Delegates:** (First/Las Vegas), Glenda Logan Osby Miller; (St. James/LA), Gail Kennedy; (Bethel/LA), Monique Redmon; (Ward/LA), Durwyn Robinson; (Walker Temple/LA), Kevin Laudermill.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Revs. Ralph Williamson, Joyce Kitchen, Terrence Sims, Mercedes Tudy-Hamilton, Gimel Rogers, Karen Anderson, Larry E. Campbell, William Sheppard, Tracy Johnson, Dwaine Jackson. **Delegates:** (Corona Community/Corona), Lenora Daniels; (Greater Harvest/Victorville), Sharon Williams; (Price Chapel/LA), Alicia Howard; (New Philadelphia/Long Beach), Wilneta Jenkins; (Johnson Chapel/El Centro), Wallace Phillips; (Bethel/Perris), Deborah Jarrett Rabb; (Cain Memorial/Bakersfield), Angela Bostick.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Revs. Timothy O. Coston, Jr., Marvin McKenzie, Jeffery Clark, Antonio Dupre, Michael Eagle, Larry Holloway, Mary S. Minor, Joyce Kitchen, Barry Settle, Kenneth Arbuckle, Carl Webb, John Hill, Gregory McLeod, Michael Carr. **Delegates:** (Emmanuel/LA), Theresa Daviston; (Bethel/Oxnard), Tandra Hill; (St. Mark/LA), Gwen Owens; (St. Paul/San Bernardino), LeChelle Watson; (First/LA), Tracy Beidleman; (First /Santa Monica), Lory Council.

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Sister Kathy Green, President, First/LA; and the Executive Board

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Rev. Judi Wortham, President, First AME Church LA; and the Executive Board

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Gwendolyn Williams – Brookins –Kirkland Community; LA

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THE MEMORIAL LITURGY

Bishop: Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live. Whoever believes in Me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Because I live you also shall live.”

People: **O God of both the living and the dead, we praise Your Holy Name for all Your servants who have finished their course in faith. Encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we pray that we may share with them the inheritance of the saints.**

Bishop: We celebrate and remember those who have died since we last gathered together. We give thanks to You O God for our ordained clergy, including Bishops, Presiding Elders, and pastors who this year have finished their labors...**Absent from the Body.**

People: **Present with the Lord.**

Bishop: We give thanks to You, O God, for the spouses of our clergy, former Supervisors of Missions and Children’s Work, and spouse of our General Officer, who this year have finished their labors...**Absent from the Body.**

People: **Present with the Lord.**

Bishop: We give thanks to You O God, for our strong faithful Connectional Lay Officers, Lay leaders and laypersons who transitioned since we last assembled...**Absent from the Body.**

People: **Present with the Lord.**

Bishop: We give thanks to You O God, for the evangelists, exhorters, deaconesses and their spouses who this year have finished their labors...**Absent from the Body.**

People: **Present with the Lord.**

Bishop: We give thanks to You O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work. Everyone is invited to share aloud the names of persons they wish remembered. **Absent from the Body.**

People: **Present with the Lord.**

All: **O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once again meet face to face.**

THE RETIREMENT SERVICE ORDER FOR THE RETIREMENT OF 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 the 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 Thy continual help, that in all our work, 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 Preacher

Bishop, The _____ Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this session the completion of the active service of _____ minister(s), _____. As secretary of the Annual Conference, I present to you this/these faithful ministers for this service of recognition and honor, in appreciation of their untiring labors in the Christian ministry.

The Response

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

The Statement of Achievement

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)

The Tribute

Presiding Elder or Bishop

The Response of the Retiree

The Closing Remarks

The Benediction

A SERVICE OF WORD, ORDINATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Procession

The Call to Worship

- Leader: This is none other than the house of God.
- People: The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship in spirit and in truth.
- Leader: For the Father seeketh such to worship Him.
- All: Let us worship Him in deed, in spirit, and in truth. Amen.

The Opening Hymn

The General Confession

- Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God
- People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoing the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Declaration of Pardon

- Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to You with true repentance and sincere faith; have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect

- For Deacons: Almighty God who by thy divine providence hath appointed diverse orders of ministers of thy church, and didst inspire thine apostles to choose to the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with other mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully

serve thee in this office to the glory of thy holy name and the edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect

For Elders: Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by the Holy Spirit has appointed diverse orders of ministers in thy church, mercifully behold thy servants now called to the office of Elder(s) and replenish them with the innocent of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy name and the edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

Epistle (Deacons)

Timothy 3:8-13

For Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And, let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Epistle (Elders)

Ephesians 4:7-13

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.). And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ, until we attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of fullness of Christ.

Gospel (Deacons)

St. Luke 12:35-38

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hears his voice, and he calls his out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So, Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, see the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.”

The Gloria Patri

The Welcome, Felicitations and Announcements

Host Pastor

The Opportunities for Giving – Online Offering

The Finance Committee

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Presentation of the Preacher

The Musical Selection (Live)

The Preached Word

The Invitation to Receive Christ

The Presentation of Deacons

Elders: Reverend Father in God, I present unto you *this person/these persons* to be ordained Deacon(s).

Bishop: Take heed that the person(s) whom you present unto us be apt and meet by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the church.

Elder: I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them to be so.

Bishop: Members of the conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in this person/any of these persons presented to be ordained Deacon(s) for they ought not be admitted to that office, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

The Ordination of Deacons

Bishop: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the office of the ministry in the church of Christ, to serve God for the promotion of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answer: I trust so.

Bishop: Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: I do believe them.

Bishop: Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed and serve?

Answer: I will.

Bishop: It appertains to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service and especially when he administers the Holy Communion, to help him in the distribution thereof and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth and, in the absence of the Elder, to baptize. Furthermore, it is his office to search for the sick, poor, and impotent that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer: I will do so by the help of God.

Bishop: Will you frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

Answer: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and with their godly admonition?

Answer: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: *The Ordinand(s) kneeling and the Bishop lays on hand*
Take thou authority to execute the office of a deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bishop: *The Bible is presented to the Ordinand(s)*
Take thou authority to read the Scriptures and to preach the same in the Church of God in name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: *The People chant aloud*
Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Presentation of Elders

Elder: Reverend Father in God, I present unto you *this person/these persons* to be ordained Elder(s).

Bishop: Take heed that the person who you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the church.

Elder: I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Bishop: Members of the conference, these are they whom we propose, God willing, this day to ordain Elders, for after due examination we find not the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same.

But if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of them for the which he ought not be received into this holy ministry let him come forth in the name of God and show what the crime and impediment is.

The Ordination of Elders

Bishop: And you have heard, Brethren, of what dignity and how great importance this office is where unto are called. And now, again, we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you remember into how weighty an office you are called: that is, to be messengers, watchers of the flock, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to admonish to feed and provide for the Lord's family, to see for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

Always remember how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The church and congregation whom you must serve is his spouse, and his body. If it should happen that the congregation, or any member thereof, is hurt or hindered by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault of the punishment that will ensue. Now therefore, consider the end of the ministry toward the children of God, toward spouse and body of Christ, and see what you never cease your labor, care and diligence until you have done all that you are able to do, for all that are committed to your charge unto that agreement in faith, and to that ripeness

and perfectness of age in Christ, that there may be no place left among you either for error in religion, or for viciousness, in life. You cannot accomplish the doing of so weighty a work concerning the salvation of God's people with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy scripture, and with a life agreeable to the same, without the spiritual foundation which comes through the reading and study of the scripture, and the framing of your life and the lives of those who especially pertain to you, according to the rules of the same scriptures. For this reason, you must forsake all and set aside as much as you can all worldly care and studies.

We hope that you have weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time, and that you have clearly determined by God's grace to give ourselves to this office whereby it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lieth in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing and draw all your cares and studies this way, and that you will continually pray to God the Father by the meditation of our Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, that by daily reading and weighing of the scriptures you may wax riper and stronger in your ministry, and that you may so endeavor yourselves, from time to time to satisfy the lives of you and yours to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ that you may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns of the people to follow.

And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and his church, shall demand for you, touching the same.

Do you think in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Order of Elder?

Answer: I do so believe.

Bishop: Are you persuaded that the holy scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by scripture?

Answer: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading of the holy scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

Answer: I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them,

as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer: I shall apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you maintain and set forth, as much as lieth in you, sweetness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey your chief ministers unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting yourselves to their godly judgements?

Answer: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Venti Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit)

Bishop: Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire.

Response: And lighten with celestial fire;

Bishop: Thou anointing Spirit are

Response: Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart

Bishop: Thy blessed unction from above

Response: Is comfort, light, and fire of love.

Bishop: Enable with perpetual light

Response: The dullness of our blinded sight.

Bishop: Anoint and cheer our soiled face.

Response: with the abundance of thy grace.

Bishop: Keep far our foes; give peace at home;

Response: Where thou are guide, no ill can come.

Bishop: Teach us to know the Father Son,

Response: And thee of both to be but one!

Bishop: That through the ages all along

Response: This may be our endless song:

Bishop: Praise to Thy eternal merit,

Response: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness towards us has goodness towards us hast given us thy only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life, who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors, by whose labor and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy name for these so great benefits of your eternal goodness, and for that thou has vouchsafed to call these your servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks. We praise and worship thee, and we humbly beseech thee by the same blessed Son to grant unto all, either here or elsewhere call upon thy name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all thy other benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of you and your Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these your ministers as by them over whom they shall be appointed thy ministers that they holy name may be forever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Bishop: *The Ordinand(s) kneeling as the Bishop and six Elders lay on hands*
The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Ghost for the office and work of an elder in the church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the word of God and of His holy sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bishop: *The Bible is presented*
Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacrament in the Congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

The Communion Hymn *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* Hymn# 255

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father who of your tender mercy did give your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made there by His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world: and did institute and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you, and grant that we receiving these your creatures of bread and wine, according to your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood, who in the

same night that he was betrayed took bread; (1) Here *the elder is to take the piece of bread into his hand*, and when he had given thanks, he broke it. (2) *The Celebrant breaks the bread*, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take, eat: this is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.” Likewise, after supper, he took the cup. (3) *and here to lay his hands upon all vessels containing the wine*, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, “Drink all of it, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Amen.

The Elements Shared

The Lord’s Prayer

The Hymn of Fellowship and Celebration

The Doxology

The Benediction

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are admitted or readmitted to full connection?
4. Who have been elected and ordained Deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?
8. Who are the supernumerary Preachers?
9. Who are the superannuated Preachers?
10. Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference?
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and Conversation?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to The Christian Recorder and also the AME Review, The Voice of Missions, The Journal of Christian Education, The Secret Chamber, or The Missionary Magazine?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the Departments or the church publications?
16. Lay Organization:
 - (a) Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization?
 - (b) If not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
17. Women's Missionary Society:
 - (a) Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Women's Missionary Society?
 - (b) If not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Women's Missionary Society?
18. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
19. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

COMMISSIONING SCRIPTURE

St. Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.



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