

**TWELFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Oklahoma State | West Arkansas | East Arkansas | Arkansas

**2023
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES**

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE | CONFERENCE AGENDA |
WORSHIP AND PROGRAM GUIDE

Celebrating God's Faithfulness:
From Membership To Discipleship



**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell Episcopal Supervisor**



CALLED TO SERVE

Lifting Christ, Loving the People and Leading the Church Through Evangelism

An Extraordinary Legacy - An Incredible Future

FROM MEMBERSHIP TO DISCIPLESHIP

Commitment to Active Stewardship

CHANGING THE ATMOSPHERE

You Are Essential

REACHING FOR THE GOLD

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES: 2016 - 2022

THE BISHOP'S WORD

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

I give thanksgiving and praise to God for all He has done and is doing in the life of the Twelfth Episcopal District. It has been a spiritually enlightening and rather adventurous seven years since we took the helm as your Episcopal Leaders, and we are all the more blessed because of it. In spite of, or because of, the events and circumstances of our time together, there is a greater awareness and understanding and focus in the membership like never before.

As we begin the last Annual Conference Series of our tenure as Bishop and Supervisor of the 12th District, we are met with a myriad of emotions. It is a bittersweet time, as we look back over all that God has done, while we are looking forward to the things He yet has in store. It is our prayer that we have wholly pleased the Lord through the services and teachings and endeavors we have spear-headed. We're not tired yet, and we certainly are not done. We are anticipating a major move of God in all that we do in this coming 2023-2024 Conference year.

Words cannot express how excited we are to have the privilege to serve the African Methodist Episcopal Church through the 12th Episcopal District. During the last seven years we have gotten to know the wonderful members, and we are yet grateful for their request to the 2016 Episcopal Committee and for their Godly judgement in assigning us to serve as Episcopal Leaders of the 12th Episcopal District.

I often refer to the theme of the first District meeting after our arrival in 2016, **READY-SET-GO**, and how that truly set the pace for all that we've done since that gathering. It has been the guiding spirit and attitude of the members of the 12th, and we have witnessed a people with a genuine love for Christ and a heart for serving the Church of God. You are most assuredly **CALLED TO SERVE**, and have proven with every Conference, Convocation, District or Local meeting, and worship service, every aspect of our District Motto.

For this upcoming Conference year, we will come full circle, still ***Celebrating God's Faithfulness***, while emphasizing our journey ***From Membership to Discipleship***. God has blessed our endeavors, increased our resources and enlarged our territory, but the true measure of our effectiveness in the upbuilding of His Kingdom, is evidenced by our becoming more and more like Christ everyday and leading others to Him by letting our light shine. This is our never ending assignment and our goal is for every member of the 12th - from the youngest to the oldest - to be fully equipped Disciples of Christ. No more "pew members!" Everybody working, everybody serving, everybody participating, everybody involved in the life of the church and its mission.

Supervisor Cordelia and I are so grateful for each of you... the Presiding Elders, officers, pastors and members, for the commitment and the sacrifices you have made to keep this District running and help increase God's Kingdom. We appreciate you. We love you. We thank God for you. And we look forward to working with you in our final year together. Let us continue to love, pray for, encourage and support one another as a true family in Christ.

Blessings to each of you,
Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell
and Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell



ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

In our desire to return to in-person gatherings for Annual Conference, in a way that ensures the safety of all participants, the following protocols are being implemented:

COVID-19 / CDC PROTOCOLS

1. Everyone who attends the Conference is required to take a **COVID-19 test** prior to attending the Conference.
2. Acceptable COVID tests include Antigen (Rapid), PCR and home tests.
3. If you test positive, please follow the CDC quarantine guidelines. Notify anyone you have come in contact with, who may be at risk of exposure.
4. Masks are optional during the conference. However, if you are coughing, you should definitely wear a mask, even if you are negative for COVID.
5. Anyone experiencing COVID symptoms should stay home. You are excused from the conference.

PASTORAL / PRESIDING ELDER REPORTS

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

7. Choir members of all local churches of the conference are asked to join the Annual Conference Choir. Your voice and talent is needed as a source of inspiration and praise.

VESTMENTS

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

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

9. The **Board of Examiners** will meet with the Bishop on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. The Board is expected to meet with all candidates prior to the opening of the Annual Conference and inform them of their attendance requirement and recommendation pending approval of the Bishop and Annual Conference.

ROLL CALL AND ORGANIZATION

10. **Roll Call** and Organization of the Annual Conference will take place on **Thursday at 1:00 p.m.** Members of the Annual Conference, who are unable to attend in person or virtually should request to be excused by the Bishop by sending a request to 12thepiscopaldistrict@gmail.com

Annual Sermon/Communion Service

Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Service - Friday at 6:00 p.m.

YPD Witness - Saturday at 11:00a.m.

SHORTER COLLEGE

11. There will be a special project report on the Friday Night service for Shorter College. Shorter College Trustees, along with Presiding Elders and Conference Lay Presidents are asked to take the lead in promoting and reaching the conference financial goal for Shorter College. Shorter College is in the final stage in the process of completing the first phase of Dormitories on the campus.

PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

Greetings Members of the 12th Episcopal District!

We are excited as we prepare for the 2023 In-Person Annual Conference Series!!!

To submit all reports for the Annual Conference, we will utilize the **12th Episcopal District Annual Conference Reporting Portal (The Portal)**. The Portal will allow you to upload Pastoral reports, as well as Administrative and Literary reports. There is also a separate portal provided for submission of WMS and YPD reports. The links for the reporting Portals are provided below.

Annual Conference Reporting Portal
(Pastoral & Literary Reports) [CLICK HERE TO UPLOAD](#)

WMS Reporting Portal [CLICK HERE TO UPLOAD](#)

YPD Reporting Portal [CLICK HERE TO UPLOAD](#)

CONFERENCE NOTES

The Annual Conference **business sessions** will be held in person and streamed via Zoom for the entire Conference to view virtually. However, Zoom participants will not be allowed to speak or ask questions. The names of attendees via Zoom will be forwarded to the Conference Secretary.

The WMS and WIM sessions will be in-person only. The MSWAWO session will be in person and via Zoom. The YPD Business Session will be held in person only and the Worship Explosion will be held in person and streamed via Facebook on the 12th Episcopal Facebook page.

All Worship Services will be streamed via Facebook on the 12th Episcopal District page. .

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12th Episcopal District of the AME Church

2023 Pre-Conference Requirements & Annual Conference Dates

CONFERENCE	DUE DATE	DUE FROM CONFERENCE
OKLAHOMA	August 4, 2023	REPORTING PORTAL available for reports to be uploaded (Pastoral, Literary, WMS/YPD)
	August 11, 2023	ALL REPORTS DUE
	August 24-26, 2023	OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WEST	August 18, 2023	REPORTING PORTAL available for reports to be uploaded (Pastoral, Literary, WMS/YPD)
	August 25, 2023	ALL REPORTS DUE
	September 7-9, 2023	WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
EAST	September 1, 2023	REPORTING PORTAL available for reports to be uploaded (Pastoral, Literary, WMS/YPD)
	September 8, 2023	ALL REPORTS DUE
	September 21-23, 2023	EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ARKANSAS	September 15, 2023	REPORTING PORTAL available for reports to be uploaded (Pastoral, Literary, WMS/YPD)
	September 22, 2023	ALL REPORTS DUE
	October 5-7, 2023	ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EPISCOPAL ASSIGNMENT**First****Second****Third****Fourth****Fifth****Sixth****Seventh****Eighth****Ninth****Tenth****Eleventh****Twelfth****Thirteenth****Fourteenth****Fifteenth****Sixteenth****Seventeenth****Eighteenth****Nineteenth****Twentieth****Ecumenical and Urban Affairs****Located****BISHOP****Julius H. McAllister, Sr. (129)****James Levert Davis (123)****E. Earl McCloud, Jr. (127)****John F. White, Sr. (130)****Clement W. Fugh (131)****Reginald T. Jackson (132)****Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. (125)****Stafford J. N. Wicker (137)****Harry Lee Seawright (133)****Adam J. Richardson, Jr. (115)****Frank Madison Reid III (138)****Michael Leon Mitchell (134)****E. Anne Henning Byfield (135)****Paul JM Kawimbe (121)****Silvester S. Beaman (139)****Marvin C. Zanders II (140)****David R. Daniels, Jr. (124)****Francine A. Brookins (141)****Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr. (136)****Frederick A. Wright , Sr. (142)****Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath, Sr. (128)****Wilfred J. Messiah (120)**

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Frank Curtis Cummings

Philip Robert Cousins, Sr.

Henry Allen Belin, Jr.

John Richard Bryant

Robert Vaughn Webster

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Preston Warren Williams, II

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Former Retired Episcopal Supervisor

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Health Coordinator (Oklahoma)

THE REVEREND NORMA GILLOM

Health Coordinator (Arkansas)

DR. VANESSA CLEAVER

STEM Director

MRS. SHELIA WASHINGTON

Technology Coordinator

Schedule of Annual Conferences

OKLAHOMA STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 24, 2023 **WMS**
August 24-25, 2023 **Annual Conference**
August 26, 2023 **Youth Meeting & Worship**

Avery Chapel AME Church
1425 Kelham Blvd | Oklahoma City, OK 73117
(405) 424-3331 Church | (404) 323-3105 (Pastor)

The Reverend Elijah Shafah
Host Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Harvey Potts
Host Presiding Elder
The Reverend Dr. Ruth Holmes
Associate Presiding Elder

WEST ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 7, 2023 **WMS**
September 7-8, 2023 **Annual Conference**
September 9, 2023 **Youth Meeting & Worship**

Saint Paul AME Church
1501 Caddo | Arkadelphia, AR 71923
(870) 246-2820 (Church) | (870) 794-5723 (Pastor)

The Reverend Tom W. Scott
Host Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James Giles
Host Presiding Elder
The Reverend Dr. Kent J. Broughton
Associate Presiding Elder

Schedule of Annual Conferences

EAST ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 21, 2023 **WMS**
September 21-22, 2023 **Annual Conference**
September 23, 2023 **Youth Meeting & Worship**

Saint John AME Church

1117 West Pullen | Pine Bluff, AR 71601
(870) 535-3760 (Church) | (870) 692-7469 (Pastor)

The Reverend Chestine Sims
Host Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James Hooper
Host Presiding Elder
The Reverend Dr. Harriel White
Associate Presiding Elder
The Reverend Dr. Angela Brewster
Associate Presiding Elder

ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 5, 2023 **WMS**
October 5-6, 2023 **Annual Conference**
October 7, 2023 **Youth Meeting & Worship**

Bethel AME Church

600 Cedar Street | North Little Rock, AR 72214
(501) 374-9948 (Church) | (870) 305-6520 (Pastor)

The Reverend Tyrone Broomfield
Host Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Tyrone Broomfield
Host Presiding Elder
The Reverend Dr. Truman Tolefree
Associate Presiding Elder
The Reverend Dr. Reginald Cleaver
Associate Presiding Elder

Agenda and Daily Schedule

THURSDAY MORNING

Pre-Conference Meetings

- 07:30 a.m. **WMS MEMBERS SIGN-IN AND ENTER THE MEETING**
- 08:00 a.m. **WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION**
- 9:00 a.m. Women In Ministry
- 10:00 a.m. Bishop's Meeting with the Presiding Elders
- 10:30 a.m. M-SWAWO Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Bishop's Meeting with the Board of Examiners

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 12:30 p.m. **CONFERENCE MEMBERS SIGN-IN AND ENTER MEETING**
- 01:00 p.m. **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(Business Session)**
- Expressions from Bishop Michael L. Mitchell
 - Roll Call
 - Presentation of Transfers
 - Organization of Conference
 - Presiding Elders' Summary Reports
 - Board of Examiners Report
 - Mission, Circuit & Stations Report
 - Conference Trustees Report
 - Presiding Elders' Salaries & Upkeep Report
 - Pastors' Annual Reports
 - Receiving of Guests
- 04:30 p.m. Component Meetings/Break
- 06:00 p.m. **OPENING WORSHIP (Annual Sermon)**

Agenda and Daily Schedule

FRIDAY MORNING

07:30 am	Breakfast
08:30 a.m.	MORNING GLORY SERVICE / SONS OF ALLEN-WIM
9:30- 11:45 a.m.	BUSINESS SESSION ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE Pastors' Annual Reports
12:00 p.m.	NOON-DAY WITNESS SERVICE / LAY
1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:15 p.m.	BUSINESS SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastors' Annual Reports• Ministerial Efficiency Report• Literary Reports• Disciplinary Questions• Memorial Service• Retirement Service
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00 p.m.	COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE & APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY

08:30 a.m.	YPD MEMBERS SIGN-IN AND ENTER THE MEETING
09:00 a.m.	YPD BUSINESS SESSION
11:00 a.m.	YOUTH EXPLOSION WORSHIP SERVICE

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147TH SESSION OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Sermon

The Reverend Elijah Shafah

Morning Glory

The Reverend Garland Hall

Noon Day Witness

The Reverend Winston Prescott

Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LITERARY REPORTS/COMMITTEES

BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

The Reverends Gerald Patterson (Chairperson), Keith Mayes, Elijah Shafah, Keith R. Mayes, Sr., Marcellus Fields, Dennis Hampton, Magnus Scott, Kevin Clayton, Presiding Elders (Ex-Officio)

MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:

The Reverends Kevin Clayton, Marcellus Fields, Travis Doolin Terrel McBride, Dr. Presiding Elder Harvey G. Potts

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE: To Be elected:

Reverends (Presiding Elder) Ruth Holmes, Gerald Patterson, Earl Williams, Jr., Leonard Sheppard, Magnus Scott

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To be elected

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To be elected.

DEEDS, ABSTRACTS AND ABANDONED PROPERTY:

The Reverends Kevin Clayton, Marcellus Fields; **Johnny Flenory**, **Sisters** Gussie Hall, Lois Vaughn, Morlyn Ester; **Brothers** Leroy Horne, James Rowland

INCORPORATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY:

The Reverends Gerald Patterson, Earl Williams, Jr., Brandon Sims, Lynette Hilliard Thomas; **Sisters** Cheryl Williams, Ruthie Thomas; **Brothers** Wayne Grissom, Fred Freeman

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The Reverends Leonard Shepard, Dennis Hampton, Lynnette Hilliard Thomas, Johnny Mae Norman; **Sisters** Garvice Shockley, Venita Adams; **Brothers** Jerome Riley, Wayne Grissom, Leroy King, Eli Atkinson

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The Reverends Keith Mayes, Sr, Elijah Shafah, Marcellus Fields, Earl Williams, Jr., Travis Doolin; Sisters Sandra Lucas Fields, Regan Green; Brothers Fred Freeman, Ray Hatton

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Reverends Terrel McBride, Dennis Hampton, Earl Williams, Jr., Garland Hall, Brandon Sims, Freeman Culver III; Sisters Garvice Shockley, Regan Green, Brother Rufus Howard, Thomas Clark, Kevin Brown, Julius McNair

ANNUITY AND INVESTMENTS:

The Reverends Travis Doolin, Magnus Scott, Brandon Sims, Winston Prescott; Sister Morolyn Ester; Gay Len Peterson, Jean Bell Manning,

STATE OF THE CHURCH:

The Reverends Keith Mayes Sr., Kevin Clayton, Sandra Burton, Travis Doolin; Sisters Lois Vaughn, Omera Combs; **Brothers** Leroy Horne, James Roland

STATE OF THE COUNTRY:

The Reverends Elijah Shafah, Brandon Sims, Leonard Sheppard, Freeman Culver, Thomas Webb, Magnus Scott; **Sister** Carmen Bennett, Leroy King

TEMPERANCE:

The Reverends Garland Hall, Monica Bailey, Earl Williams Jr.; **Sisters** Janice Timberlake, Debra Bray, Gay Len Peterson, Brother: Jerome Riley

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The Reverend Sandra Burton, (Coordinator) and the Women Clergy of the Conference.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Reverends Travis Doolin, Kevin Clayton; **Sisters** Regan Green, Dr. Jean Bell Manning

SONS OF ALLEN:

The Reverends Marcellus Fields, Leo Bray, Willie Weary, Kevin Clayton, **Brother**, Conference Officers, Local Presidents

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LAY ACTIVITIES:

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

Sister Brenda Fields, Conference Officers, Area Directors, Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell

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Sister LeJuan Lewis, Conference Officers, Area Directors, Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell

DEBUTANTE AND MASTERS:

Sister Lynita Rodgers, Local Church Commissioners

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Sister Patricia Davenport, Brother Arthur Holmes, Local Church Superintendents

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE:

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Sisters Cheryl Bolar, Garvice Shockley, Sandra Lucas Fields, Brother Wayne Grissom

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

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RESOLUTIONS:

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MUSIC:

Host Church Musical Staff, PE District Music and Conference Musicians

M-SWAWO+PKs:

Sister Stephanie Crawford (President), Sister Sabrena Newsom, Conference Officers, Clergy Spouses, Widows, Widowers, Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell

West Arkansas Annual Conference

140TH SESSION WEST ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Sermon

The Reverend Charlene Boone

Morning Glory

The Reverend Arthur Coulter

Noon Day Witness

The Reverend Michael Harris

Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

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MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE:

The Reverends Daryell Howell, Ruthie Murphy, Angela Rogers, Linda Butler, Presiding Elder James Giles

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE: To Be Elected:

The Reverends Arthur Coulter, T. W. Scott, Gregory Nettles, Shirley Renix, Charlene Boone, Linda Butler, Presiding Elder Kent J. Broughton

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To be elected.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To be elected.

DEEDS, ABSTRACTS, ABANDONED PROPERTY:

The Reverends Keith Granberry, Andrew Banks, Lewis Newton, Roy Smith, **Sisters** Ethel McGill, Ida Tramble, Nellie McBride, Carol Scott, Brothers Aubrey Hill, James Scott, David Fielding, Gary Hunter

INCORPORATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY:

The Reverends Daryell Howell, Michael Harris, Charlene Boone, Shirley Renix, Donnie Tank, Norma Gillom, **Sisters** Verna Jones, Rubye Watson, Carolyn Williams, Dr. Carolyn Jones, Kimberly Yarber, Brenda Yarbrough, **Brothers** Darrell Muldrew, John Davis

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The Reverends Gregory Nettles, J. Wayne Rogers, Theresa Ngantchie, Karal Hammock, Cleophis Collier, **Sisters** Luvenia Hicks, Bernice Nelson, Cynthia Muldrew, Mary Cotton, Shirley Smith, **Brother** Luther Tidwell, Eric Stuckey

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The Reverends T. W. Scott, Charlene Boone, Angela Rogers,, Michael Harris, Linda Butler, Horace Charles, Sarah Green, **Sisters** Ethel Halton, Carolyn Todd, Carol Scott, Lillie Gulley, **Brother** Charles Moore

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The Reverends Charlene Boone, Linda Butler, Norma Gillom, Andrew Banks, Theresa Ngantchie, Wilford Cross, Wanda Andrews, **Sisters** Suzanne Toney, Curtis Williams, Carolyn Hayes, Ethel McGill, Maude Nelson, Carolyn Toney **Brothers** Dallas Amos, Lewis Boyette, Bennie Scott, Andy Coleman

STATE OF THE CHURCH:

The Reverends Allison Howell, Arthur Coulter, Charlene Boone, Roy Smith, Gloria Young, Larry Ross, **Sisters** Patricia Roberts, Jo Ann Lee, Mary Walker, Sandra Sherman, **Brother** Melvin Stewart, Phillip Heard, Lucious Lewis

STATE OF THE COUNTRY:

The Reverends Charlene Boone, Norma Gillom, **Sisters** Dr. Anna Burnett Graham, Brenda Graves, Bernice Nelson, Ethel Halton, Barbara Hodkins, **Brother** Dewayne Toney

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Sisters Barbara Smith, Virginia Hollingshed, Evern Browning, Cheryl Cross, Marva Marks, Clara Brown, Linda Benton, Angelia Middleton, **Reverends** Horace Charles, Keith Granberry, Lessly Banks, **Brother** Dallas Amos

WOMEN IN MINISTRY:

The Reverends Allison Howell, (Coordinator) and the Women Clergy of the Conference.

SONS OF ALLEN:

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TEMPERANCE:

The Reverends Roy Smith, Donnie Tank, Angela Smith, James McGill, **Sisters** Nellie McBride, Gloria Harris, Sarah Todd, **Brother** J. C. Williams, Jessie Sanders, Jerry Williams, Darrel Muldrew

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Sisters Renea Fuller, Tuinsha Fuller

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

Sister Cynthia Muldrow, Conference Officers, Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Sister Kathy Fletcher, Brother Khalil Brownlee, Raveon Ward, Conference Officers, Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell

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CHURCH SCHOOL:

Reverend Horace Charles, **Sisters** Carol Scott, Lakesha Harris, Virginia Hollingshed, Buffie Nolan, **Brothers** Freddie Robinson, Gary Hunter, Milko Smith

LAY ACTIVITIES:

Brother Cecil McDonald (President), Conference Officers, Local Presidents

RESOLUTIONS:

Sisters Anna Burnett Graham, Barbara Smith, Ethel Halton, Betty Willingham, Roshurn Morgan

East Arkansas Annual Conference

150TH SESSION OF THE EAST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Annual Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Daniel Johnson

Morning Glory

The Reverend Cheryl Highsmith

Noon Day Witness

The Reverend Jeremy Jones

Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

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The Reverends Reginal W. Alexander, Sr., Cheryle Highsmith, Welton Boyce, Thomas Gibson, **Presiding Elder** Harriel White.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE: To be Elected:

Presiding Elder Harriel White III, Marvin Mosby, Thelma Harden, Christopher Goodman, Shalane Jenkins, Presiding Elder James R. Hooper

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To be elected **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To be elected

DEEDS, ABSTRACTS, ABANDONED PROPERTY:

The Reverends Reginal W. Alexander, Sr., Shalane Jenkins, Debra Senter, Thomas Gibson, Ceola Warner, **Sister** Dezerene Tatum, **Brothers** Joseph Caveness, Charlie Brown, Robert Carr

INCORPORATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY:

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The Reverends Thelma Hampton Harden Reginal W. Alexander, Sr., Thomas Gipson, Johnny Orr, Jeremy Jones, Gwain Hammock, **Sister** Jacqueline Rachal, **Brother** Earnest Sparks

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The Reverends Daniel W. Johnson, Reginal Alexander, Christopher Goodman, Chestine Sims, Terence Mayes, Jr., Kurbe Newsom. Welton Boyce, Lanette Frazier, **Sisters** Martha Fisher Simpson, Mary Caldwell

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Reverends Lanette Frazier, Bianca Canley Mays, Jeremy Jones, Johnny Orr, **Sisters** Dr. Dorothy Henderson, Martha Fisher Simpson, Bobbie Newsom, Phyllis Childs, Channel Hooper, **Brothers** Charlie Brown, Marvin Hopson, Robert Carr

ANNUITY AND INVESTMENTS:

The Reverends Reginal W. Alexander, Johnny Orr, Debra Cooper, Lanette Frazier **Brothers** Shawn Jones, Eisadore Branch

STATE OF THE CHURCH:

The Reverends Shalane Jenkins, Christopher Goodman, Bianca Canley Mays, Artis Fletcher, Glory Richardson, **Sister** Inez McLemore, **Brothers** Eisadore Branch, Robert Carr

STATE OF THE COUNTRY:

The Reverends (Dr.) Daniel Johnson, Debra Cooper, Shalane Jenkins, Cheryle Highsmith, Marvin Mosby, **Sister** Barbara Richardson

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The Reverends Deborah Senter, Welton Boyce, David Vaughn, Dale McDonald, Isaiah Walker

WOMEN IN MINISTRY (WIM):

The Reverends Lanette Frazier (Coordinator) All of the Women Clergy of the Conference

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Reverends Lanette Frazier, Chestine Sims, Reginal W. Alexander, Bianca Canley Mays, Jeremy Jones, **Sisters** Joyce Bracy Vaughan, Mary Caldwell, Rebecca Cornelius, Yvonda Jones, Janice Streeter, **Brother** Dr. Levenis Penix

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Brothers Odell Davis, Conference President, Dr. Dorothy C. Henderson, all Conference Officers and Local Presidents

MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

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Sisters Angela Anderson, Martha F. Simpson, Dr. Dorothy Penix, Barbara Boyce, Debra Barnes, Krystal English, Latoya Abraham, Robin Turner, Jason Bivens

CHURCH SCHOOL:

The Reverends Belinda Slater, Cheryle Highsmith, Ceola Warner, Debra Cooper, **Sisters** Jeannette Buckner, Ira Watkins, **Brothers** Houston Marshall, Dr. Clifford Flowers, Leandro Simpson

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MEMORIAL:

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RESOLUTIONS:

The Reverends Belinda Slater, Debra Cooper, **Sisters** Dr. Dorothy C. Henderson, Faye Waters, Lucy Edwards

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THE 155th SESSION ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Sermon

Reverend Marcia Burns

Morning Glory

The Reverend Kevin Clark

Noon Day Witness

Reverend Bettie Tolefree

Closing Worship

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

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THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

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

Leader:

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

The Song of Hope

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

Refrain

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

*When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before His throne.*
(Words by Edward Mote; music by William Bradbury)

The Prayer:

Holy God, Gracious and Eternal, we honor and adore You as Lord, Sovereign and Mighty. We are grateful for the time You have permitted us to spend with loved ones, friends and colleagues. We are grateful and glad for the lessons we learned, for the memories shared and the encouragement received. By Your mercy, we are also thankful for the blessed hope of immortality through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Responsive Reading

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Leader: *But we would not have you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, concerning them that fall asleep; that you sorrow not as those who have no hope.*
People: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

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

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

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

People: Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The Roll Call:

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

(The deceased ministers and spouses)

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

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

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

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

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

The Benediction:

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

THE CEREMONY OF APPRECIATION For Superannuating Preachers

(A Memorial Service: Written by Bishop Adam J. Richardson)

The Statement of Purpose:

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

The Invocation:

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

The Presentation of the Preacher(s):

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

The Response:

Those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Psalm 126:2)

The Statement of Achievement

The Presiding Elders

The Message of Tribute

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

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

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

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

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