

**THE FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

# RE-VISION

**2025**

"LEADING WITH PURPOSE"  
PROVERBS 29:18

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES**

### **Schedule and Agenda Booklet**

The Right Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.  
Presiding Prelate

Dr. Phyllis N. Green  
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# LEADERSHIP OF THE

First Episcopal District

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PRESIDING PRELATE



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EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR

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## THE EPISCOPAL GREETING

Dear Clergy, Laity, and Members of the First Episcopal District,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with great anticipation and hope that I welcome you to the 2025 Annual Conference Series, themed **"Re-Vision 2025: Leading with Purpose."** This theme marks an opportunity to reflect on the past while renewing and sharpening our focus for the future.

**"Re-Vision"** is an invitation to realign our focus, assess God's vision, and step into a future filled with purpose and possibility. As we reflect on our ministries from the past year, this series of conferences encourages each of us to take a fresh look at how we serve, how we lead, and how we can better embody the mission and values of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

This is a moment for **renewal** and **recalibration**. God is calling us to revisit our vision for our ministries, our communities, and our leadership. This is our time to reimagine what is possible and to emerge from this gathering with new energy and direction.

I encourage you to fully engage in this conference, to reflect deeply on where you've been, and to commit to **re-visions** where you are going. Let this be a time of celebration, growth, and fellowship as we work together to build stronger ministries that reflect the vision and values of The First Episcopal District. Align your discipleship goals with the larger mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and seek out opportunities to elevate your leadership and your service.

**Re-Vision 2025** is about **collective renewal**. Together, as one body, we can refine our vision for the future, expand our impact, and create lasting change in the communities we are called to serve. I believe that God is preparing us for greater things, and I'm excited about what's to come as we step forward with a clear vision and renewed purpose.

Let this be a time of powerful reflection, strategic planning, and bold action. I invite you to fully participate, engage with one another, and encourage others to join us in this journey toward greater service and leadership.

The future is bright when we lead with a shared vision, and I look forward to seeing how we will rise to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. May God bless you and keep you as we move forward together with Re-Vision for 2025 and beyond.

God First,

**Bishop Samuel Green, Sr.**, *Presiding Prelate*

**Dr. Phyllis N. Green**, *Episcopal Supervisor*

## The First Episcopal District ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

### THE CONFERENCE NOTES

1. All Clergy and delegates are required to answer the official roll call per the Discipline.
2. Please take note of the annual conference schedule. The conferences will open at 8:00 a.m. Please see the schedule of the annual conferences since they will not all open or close on the same day of the week. The Conference Service of Holy Communion will follow the Annual Sermon on opening day.
3. All ordained clergy will wear white robes for the opening worship services and black robes for the closing with clergy shirts and collars.
4. Clergy attire throughout the annual conference should be black, navy blue, or gray.
5. All Annual Conference evening services/activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end no later than 8:30 p.m. When planning evening activities, take in consideration that we are in conference all day, and so are the host church workers. We will be out of the building by 8:45 p.m., and the lights will be off at 9:00 p.m. We will strongly insist that we all follow this directive.
6. Presiding Elders and Pastors are expected to participate in the Annuity and Life Insurance Programs. Itinerant Elders and all other ordained persons receiving an appointment to a pastoral charge: The local church or other entity responsible for paying the participant's salary shall submit the retirement contributions to the District Representative prior to the Annual Conference and Midyear meetings. **Mandatory Contributions: The required minimum contribution amount for each enrolled clergy participant earning \$5,200 or more per year shall be twelve percent (12%) of annual salary. The required minimum contribution for persons earning less than \$5,200 shall be \$624.00. Half of the minimum contribution shall be paid prior to the Annual Conference and half prior to the Mid-Year Convocation.**
7. The Board of Examiners will meet with the bishop at 2:00 p.m. the day before the annual conference's opening.

## The Legacy of Bishops of the FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

1. Bishop Richard Allen 1816-1831
2. Bishop Morris Brown 1831-?
3. Bishop William Paul Quinn
4. Bishop James Alexander Shorter 1872-1876
5. Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne 1874-1880
6. Bishop John Brown 1881-1884
7. Bishop Richard Randolph Disney 1885-1887
8. Bishop Alexander Washington Wayman 1887
9. Bishop Jabez Pitt Campbell 1888
10. Bishop Henry McNeal Turner 1888-1892
11. Bishop Benjamin Tucker Tanner 1892-1896
12. Bishop William Benjamin Derrick 1900-1904
13. Bishop William Arnett 1904-1906
14. Bishop Wesley John Gaines 1906-1912
15. Bishop Evans Tyree 1912-1920
16. Bishop William Heard 1920-1926
17. Bishop William Tecumseh Vernon 1926-1927
18. Bishop Joshua H. Jones 1928-1932
19. Bishop William Heard 1932-1937
20. Bishop David Henry Sims 1938-1946
21. Bishop Richard Robert Wright, Jr. 1946-1948
22. Bishop Sherman Lawrence Green  
(supervised the work in Philadelphia and Delaware)
23. Bishop Decatur Ward Nichols 1948-1956
24. Bishop George Wilburn Baber 1956-1964
25. Bishop John Douglas Bright 1964-1972
26. Bishop Ernest Lawrence Hickman 1972-1976
27. Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand 1976-1984
28. Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings 1984-1992
29. Bishop Philip Robert Cousin, Sr. 1992-2000
30. Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming 2000-2003
31. Bishop Zedekiah Lazett Grady 2003-2004
32. Bishop Richard Franklin Norris 2004-2012
33. Bishop Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram 2012-2021
34. Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr. 2021-2024
35. Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. 2024-

## The Bishops of the AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Order No.</b>	<b>District</b>
Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr	2004	125	1st
Reginald Thomas Jackson	2012	132	2nd
Stafford J.N. Wicker	2016	137	3rd
Frederick Allen Wright	2021	142	4th
Francine A. Brookins	2021	141	5th
Michael Lee Mitchell	2016	134	6th
James Levert Davis	2004	123	7th
Ericka D. Crawford	2024	143	8th
Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.	2024	144	9th
Ronnie Elijah Brailsford, Sr.	2016	136	10th
Marvin Clyde Zanders, II	2021	140	11th
Silvester Scott Beaman	2021	139	12th
Harry Lee Seawright	2016	133	13th
Paul Jones Mulenga Kawimbe	2004	121	14th
Henry Allen Belin, III	2024	146	15th
Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath	2008	128	16th
Vernon Randolph Byrd, Jr.	2024	145	17th
Jeffrey Bernard Cooper, Sr.	2024	147	18th
Wilfred Jacobus Messiah	2004	120	19th
Gregory V. Eason	2024	148	20th
David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.	2004	124	Ecumenical & Urban Affairs
Errenous Earl McCloud, Jr.	2004	127	Located

<b>Retired Bishops Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Order No.</b>
Frank Curtis Cummings	1976	95
Philip Robert Cousin, Sr.	1976	96
John Richard Bryant	1988	106
Robert Vaughn Webster *	1992	110
Theodore Larry Kirkland	1996	115
Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.	2000	116
Vashti Murphy McKenzie	2000	117
Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram	2000	118
Preston Warren Williams, II	2000	119
Carolyn Tyler Guidry	2004	122
John Franklin White	2008	130
Clement Willie Fugh	2012	131
E. Anne Henning Byfield *	2016	135
Frank Madison Reid, III	2016	138

\*Deceased

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## **Annual Conferences 2025 DAILY AGENDA**

### **BERMUDA**

#### **PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

##### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

- 8:30 a.m. **Women's Missionary Society Conference Branch Annual Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Service  
Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Board of Examiners Meet with Bishop
- 3:30 p.m. Bishop in private consultation with pastors, preachers, and congregations by request
- 7:00 p.m. **Women In Ministry Worship Service**

#### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

##### **THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

- 8:00 a.m. **Business Session**  
Roll Call  
Organization of the Annual Conference  
Presiding Elder's Summary Report  
Board of Examiners' Report
- 10:00 a.m. **The Opening Worship Service/Annual Sermon/  
Holy Communion**
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. **Business Session**  
Pastors' Annual Reports  
Administrative and Literary Reports
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Lay Witness Night**



## FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:00 a.m. **Conference Institute**
- 10:00 a.m. **Business Session**
- 12:00 Noon **The Service of Ordination**
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 3:00 p.m. **Business Session**
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Ministry of Evangelism Night**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Conference YPD Worship Service and Annual Meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. **Memorial and Retirement Service**
- 12:00 Noon **Sons of Allen Men's Ministry Service**  
Clergy Family Luncheon
- 3:00 p.m. **Business Session**
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- Morning Worship at your local church
- 2:00 p.m. **Conference Church School**
- 3:30 p.m. **Closing and Commissioning Service**  
Reading of Appointments

## Annual Conferences 2025 DAILY AGENDA

### DELAWARE NEW ENGLAND WESTERN NEW YORK

#### PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

##### WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. **Women's Missionary Society Conference Branch Annual Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
- 12:00 p.m. WMS Worship Service  
Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Board of Examiners Meet with Bishop
- 3:30 p.m. Bishop in private consultation with pastors, preachers, and congregations by request
- 7:00 p.m. **Women In Ministry Worship Service**

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

##### THURSDAY

- 8:00 a.m. **Business Session**  
Roll Call  
Organization of the Conference  
Presiding Elders' Summary Reports  
Board of Examiners' Report
- 10:00 a.m. **The Opening Worship Service/Annual Sermon/  
Holy Communion**
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. **Business Session**  
Pastors' Annual Reports
- 5:30 p.m. Recess/Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Lay Witness Night**

## FRIDAY

- 8:00 a.m. **Conference Institute**
- 9:00 a.m. **Business Session**  
Administrative Reports  
Literary Reports  
**Memorial and Retirement Service**
- 12:00 Noon **The Service of Ordination**
- 2:00 p.m. Clergy Family Luncheon
- 3:30 a.m. **Business Session**
- 5:30 p.m. Recess/Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Ministry of Evangelism Night**

## SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. **Conference YPD Worship Service and Annual Meeting**
- 10:00 a.m. **Sons of Allen Men's Ministry Worship Service**
- 2:00 p.m. **Conference Church School**
- 3:30 p.m. ***Closing and Commissioning Service***  
Reading of Appointments

## Annual Conferences 2025 DAILY AGENDA

### NEW JERSEY NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA

#### PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

##### WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. **Women's Missionary Society Conference Branch Annual Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
- 12:00 p.m. WMS Worship Service  
Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Board of Examiners Meet with Bishop
- 3:30 p.m. Bishop in private consultation with pastors, preachers, and congregations by request
- 7:00 p.m. **Women In Ministry Worship Service**

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

##### THURSDAY

- 8:00 a.m. **Business Session**  
Roll Call  
Presentation of Transfers  
Organization of the Annual Conference  
Presiding Elders' Summary Reports
- 10:00 a.m. **The Opening Worship Service/Annual Sermon/  
Holy Communion**
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. **Business Session**  
Board of Examiners Report  
Pastors' Annual Reports
- 5:30 p.m. Recess/Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Lay Witness Night**

## FRIDAY

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Pastors' Reports  
Administrative Reports  
Literary Reports
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. **Ministry of Evangelism Night**

## SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. **Conference YPD Worship Service and Annual Meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. **Business Session**
- 12:00 Noon **Hour of Power - Sons of Allen Men's Ministry**
- 2:00 p.m. **Clergy Family Luncheon**

## SUNDAY

- Morning Worship at your local church
- 2:00 p.m. **Conference Church School**
- 3:30 p.m. ***Closing and Commissioning Service***  
Reading of Appointments

## The First Episcopal District ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES 2025

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND VENUES

#### The 139th Session of the Bermuda Annual Conference

**MARCH 6-9, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, March 5

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Saint Paul AME Church

Hamilton, Bermuda

Vernon Temple AME Church

Southampton, Bermuda

Hosts

#### The 102nd Session of the Delaware Annual Conference

**MARCH 13-15, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, March 12

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Mount Zion AME Church

101 North Queen Street

Dover, Delaware 19908

(302) 678-9478

Reverend Ellis B. Louden, Host Presiding Elder

#### The 153rd Session of the New Jersey Annual Conference

**APRIL 3-6, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, April 2

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Bethel-Hosanna AME Church

3465 Haddonfield Road

Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109

(856) 665-0419

Venue:

Doubletree Hotel

2349 Marlton Pike West

Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

Reverend Richard F. Norris, II, Host Pastor

## The 174th Session of the New England Annual Conference

**APRIL 10-12, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, April 9

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Bethel AME Church

255 Goffe Street

New Haven, Connecticut 06511

(203) 865-0514

Venue:

Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale

155 Temple Street

New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Reverend Steven A. Cousin, Jr., Host Pastor

## The 203rd Session of the New York Annual Conference

**APRIL 24-27, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, April 23

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Greater Allen AME Cathedral

110-31 Floyd H. Flake Blvd.

Jamaica, New York 11433

(718) 206-4600

Reverend Stephen A. Green, Host Pastor

## The 29th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference

**MAY 1-3, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, April 30

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Bethel AME Church

1525 Michigan Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14209

(716) 886-1650

Reverend Paul J. Thomas, Host Pastor

## The 209th Session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference

**MAY 29 - JUNE 1, 2025**

Pre-Conference Activities

Wednesday, May 28

- Women's Missionary Society Day
- Women In Ministry Worship Service

Bethel AME Church

512 E. Strawberry Street

Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602

(717) 393-8379

Venue:

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

25 South Queen Street

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 17603

Reverend Edward M. Bailey, Host Pastor

## First Episcopal District Post Conference Convocation and Planning Meeting

**June 12-14, 2025**

# THE 139<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE BERMUDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 6-9, 2025

**Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church**

Hamilton, Bermuda

**Reverend Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed**

*Host Pastor*

**Vernon Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**

Southampton, Bermuda

**Reverend Dr. Leonard M. Santucci**

*Host Pastor*

**Reverend Howard H.L. Dill**

Host Presiding Elder

## SERMONS:

Missionary Day  
(Wednesday) ..... The Hon. Reverend Dr. Emilygail A. Dill

Women In Ministry  
(Wednesday Evening)..... Reverend Judith Gardner

Annual Sermon  
(Thursday)..... Reverend Dr. Jahkimmo F.J. Smith

Lay Witness Night  
(Thursday)..... Reverend Ralph D.S. Trott, II

Ordination  
(Friday Noon)..... Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.

Evangelism Night  
(Friday)..... Evangelist Esther Douglas

YPD Annual Day  
(Saturday)..... Reverend Gilbert Hayward

Sons of Allen  
(Saturday Noon) ..... Reverend Dr. Leonard M. Santucci

Closing and Commissioning  
(Sunday) ..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.



**The 139th Session**  
**BERMUDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: Leonard Santucci, Emilygail Dill, Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed, Jahkimmo Smith, Ruth VanLowe Smith, Presiding Elder Consultant: Howard Dill

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: Howard Dill, Charles Smith, Milton Burgess, Ruth VanLowe Smith, *(To Be Elected)*,  
*(To Be Elected)*

**TRIEERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed, Lorne Bean, Gilbert Hayward, Ralph Trott II, *(To Be Elected)*

**CHURCH GROWTH & EVANGELISM:** Reverends: Jahkimmo Smith, Ralph Trott, Joyce Hayward, Lashonna Smith;

**Delegates:** Alice Vickers, Evelyn Santucci

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Reverends: Ralph Trott, Dione Greene, Cyril Simmons;

**Delegates:** Gail Bulford, Brent Furbert, Carolyn Pemberton

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Ruth Van Lowe Smith, Milton Burgess, Wendell Christopher, Rodney Grimes;

**Delegates:** Jeannaire Christopher-Peters, Jewell Wears, Durand Greene

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed, Lorne Bean, Gilbert Hayward, Ralph Trott, Esther Douglas;

**Delegates:** Grenell Stocks, Alice Vickers, Jeannaire Christopher-Peters

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Dione Green, Rodney Grimes; Sis. Theresa Wilson, Director;

**Delegates:** Trina Bean, Lana Jordan, Alice Vickers

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:**

Reverend Maureen Clemendor, Coordinator;

**Delegates:** Alice Vickers, Evelyn Santucci, Durand Greene

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Superintendent Shangri-la Durham Thompson

**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Wendell Christopher, Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed, Emilygail Dill;

**Delegates:** Jeannaire Christopher-Peters, Dorothy-Ann Seaman, Trina Bean

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverends: Leonard Santucci, Milton Burgess, Kent Bascome, Joyce Hayward;

**Delegates:** Durand Greene, Grenell Stocks, Trina Bean

**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:**

Reverends: Leonard Santucci, Kent Bascome, Joyce Hayward;

**Delegates:** Jewell Wears, Diann Matthews, Grenell Stocks

**DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY:** Reverends: Milton Burgess, Wendell Christopher; WMS President, Candice Clarke, Lay President, Antoni Lightbourne; Presiding Elder Consultant: Howard Dill

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Anthoni Lightbourne, President

**SONS OF ALLEN MEN'S MINISTRY:** Reverends: Leon Jennings, Cyril Simmons, Rodney Grimes, D'Wain Wales, Gilbert Hayward

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** Candice Clarke, President

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Maxceta Paynter, Acting YPD Director

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverend Judith Gardner, President

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Donna-Lee, Chandler Smith, President

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**

Reverends: Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed, Leonard Santucci, Ruth VanLowe Smith, Lorne Bean;

**Delegates:** Jeannaire Christopher-Peters, Trina Bean, Grenell Stocks

**MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:**

Reverends: Charles Alexander Smith, Dione Green, Esther Douglas;

**Delegates:** Lana Jordan, Trina Bean, Diann Matthews

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: Lorne Bean, Ralph Trott II, Georgette Godwin, Larry Smith, Fredrick Ingram;

**Delegates:** Diann Matthews, Lana Jordan, Dorothy-Ann Seaman, Jewell Wears

**RESOLUTIONS:** Reverends: Lorne Bean, Wendell Christopher, Milton Burgess;

**Delegates:** Trina Bean, Diann Matthews, Jeannaire Christopher-Peters, Evelyn Santucci

# THE 102<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 13-15, 2025

## Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

101 North Queen Street  
Dover, Delaware 19904

(TBA)

Host Pastor

### Reverend Ellis B. Louden

Host Presiding Elder  
Dover District

### Reverend Dr. J. Stanley Justice

Associate Presiding Elder  
Wilmington District

## SERMONS:

Missionary Day  
(Wednesday Noon).....Reverend JoAnne M. Holder

Women In Ministry  
(Wednesday Evening).....Reverend Vera V. Worthy

Annual Sermon  
(Thursday)..... Reverend Marcus D. Briddell

Lay Witness Night  
(Thursday)..... Reverend Dr. Ronniere D. Robinson

Ordination  
(Friday Noon).....The Rt. Reverend Erika D. Crawford

Evangelism Night  
(Friday).....Reverend Frances Benson

YPD Annual Day  
(Saturday AM) .....Reverend Kyle C. Thomas

Sons of Allen  
(Saturday Noon) .....Reverend John S. Jordan

Commissioning  
(Saturday PM)..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.

## The 102nd Session of the DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: Stanley Hearst II, Dania Griffin, Rita Paige, Karen L. Washington, Marcus D. Briddell, Ronniere D. Robinson Tesha Miller, Kim Harrington, Kyle Thomas;

**Presiding Elder Consultants:** Ellis Louden, Stanley Justice

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: J. Stanley Justice, Dania Griffin, Rita M. Paige, Tesha A. Miller, Karen L. Washington,  
One Clergy Additional To Be Elected

**TRIERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Luther L. Walker III, Rosalyn Winder, Kim Y. Billups, Sonja L. Ayers, One Additional Clergy To Be Elected

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Cheryl Cooper, Barbara Lash, Reverend April Davis, Reverend JoAnne Holder, Renee Bryant, Karen Lewis;

**Delegates:** Terri Burton, Kai Sparkman

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Pamela Connolly, Rita Paige, Jean Briggs, Luther Walker III, Deborah Carpenter, James Hill, Jr., Kim Harrington; Trina Walker, Bobby Jones;

**Delegates:** Tanya Ellis, Susie Bleen

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverends: Shanika S. Perry Dickerson, Carman Walston, Regina Gray

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Reverends: Tesha Miller, James Hill, Jr., Tamika Cobb-Ali, John S. Jordan, Kim Harrington; Priscilla Snell, Darnesha Young;

**Delegate:** Nicole Weston

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: James Hill, Jr., Stanley Hearst II, Gayle Williams, Jerome Morris, Luther Walker III, Daniel Gueh;

**Delegates:** Charles Drummer, Linda Farrare, Margie Stewart, Kai Sparkman

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Kim Harrington, Idola Batson, Luther Walker III, Maurice Butler;

**Delegates:** Deborah Davis, Pearl Cannon, Cathrine Ransome, Tracey Duker

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverends: Maxine Johnson, Tesha Miller, Karen Washington, Deborah Carpenter;

**Delegates:** Denny Brittingham, Myron Rochester, Sr.

**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM:**

Reverends. Deborah McCaffity, JoAnne Holder, Belindia Boyer, Janet Maull-Martin, Kim Harrington, Floyd Jackson;

**Delegates:** Bonnie Stinnett, Denny Brittingham, Donna Henderson

**MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:** Reverends: Tesha Miller, Deborah McCaffity, Deborah Carpenter, John Jordan;

**Delegates:** Nicole Weston, Sandra Ross

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**

Reverends: Stanley Hearst II, Sonja Ayers, Karen Washington, Dania Griffin;

**Delegates:** Kai Sparkman, Mt. Zion, Dover, Mary Williams, B.J. Herring

**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:**

Reverends: Stanley Hearst II, Karen Washington, Maurice Butler, Deborah McCaffity;

**Delegates:** Nancy Kellam, Daniel Hopkins, Jeff Chandler

**DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY:** Reverends: Dania Griffin, Janet Maull-Martin, Ronniere Robinson, Kyle Thomas;

**Delegates:** Delema Lott, Denise Drummond

**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Ronniere Robinson, Janet Maull-Martin, Jerome Morris, John Jordan;

**Delegates:** Marceleate Ruffin, Lakeisha Morris, Donna Henderson

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** Janet Bordley, Darlene Justice, Sebrena Taylor, Leatrice Wisher, Tasha Stevens-Gueh, Esq., Lisa Powell

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Sherry White, Priscilla Snell, Sebrena Taylor, Dionne Sinclair, Deanna Sinclair, Tracey Pickett

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Sharon Drew, Dorothy Coleman, Rosalynne Hart, Louise Hudson, Edna Sharp

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Reverend Vera Worthy, Darlene Justice, Pamela Robinson, Vienna Walker, Reverend Zakiya Griffin, Deloris Price, Angela Hill, Bruce Orr

**SONS OF ALLEN MEN'S MINISTRY:** Reverend James Hill, Jr., Charles Moore, Raphael Young, Lester Gibbs, Nicholas Bagley, Clyde Mines, Lenny Brittingham, James Kennedy, Gary Savage

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:** To Be Established

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** Reverends: Rita Paige, Marcus Briddell, Tesha Miller, Belindia Boyer, James Hill, Jr., Kim Harrington, Floyd Jackson;

**Delegates:** Diane Watson, Lester Gibbs, Delema Lott

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: Idola Batson, Kim Harrington, Rosalyn Winder, Gayle Williams, Luther Walker III, John Jordan;

**Delegates:** Arlene Serrano, MacArthur Williams, Sandra Ross

**RESOLUTIONS:** Reverends: Maurice Butler, Regina Gray, Luther Walker III;

**Delegates:** Lester Gibbs, Andrea Hopkins, Robert Brown

# THE 153<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 3-6, 2025

**Bethel-Hosanna AME Church**  
3465 Haddonfield Road  
Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109  
(856) 665-0419

**Reverend Richard F. Norris, II**  
Host Pastor

**Venue:**  
Doubletree Hotel  
2349 Marlton Pike West  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

**Reverend Dr. James Coaxum, III**  
Camden-Trenton District  
Host Presiding Elder

**Reverend Dr. C. Carlton Woodward**  
Newark District  
Associate Presiding Elder

**Reverend Vernard R. Leak**  
New Brunswick District  
Associate Presiding Elder

**Reverend Dr. Gregory P. Nelson**  
Atlantic City District  
Associate Presiding Elder

## SERMONS:

Missionary Day  
(Wednesday) ..... Reverend Dr. Angela M. Battle

Women In Ministry  
(Wednesday Evening)..... Reverend Crystal E. James

Annual Sermon  
(Thursday)..... Reverend Melvin E. Wilson

Lay Witness  
(Thursday)..... Reverend Justin B. Anderson

Sons of Allen Men's Ministry  
(Friday Noon)..... Reverend Howard M. Jenkins, Jr.

Evangelism Night  
(Friday) ..... Reverend Tammy M. Mitchell

YPD Annual Day  
(Saturday AM)..... Reverend Rochelle Haggins

Ordination  
(Saturday Noon) ..... Rt. Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

Commissioning  
(Sunday) ..... Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.

## The 153rd Session of the NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: Ronald L. Slaughter, Danielle L. Hunter, Jerome Stembridge, W. Golden Carmon, Sr., Eric R. Wanda Burrell Billips, Myra Turner Billips, Joseph A. Hooper, Michael K. Keene, Charles F. Boyer, Deborah K. Blanks, Reginald McRae, Ritney A. Castine, Kenneth Mitchem, Melvin E. Wilson;

**Presiding Elder Consultants:** Vernard R. Leak, C. Carlton Woodard, Gregory P. Nelson, James Coaxum, III

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: Vernard R. Leak, Lesly R. Devereaux, Tammie M. Mitchell, Marti Robinson, Stephen E. Bryant, Sr., Charles F. Boyer

**TRIEERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Gregory P. Nelson, Vanessa L. Perry, Wendy Mason Harris, Samuel L. Hayes, Jr., Carl Stuart

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Reverends: Stephen E. Bryant, Sr., Gloria Walker, A. Marie Walker, Lillie G. Battle, Ritney A. Castine, Dennis E. Hughes, Laverne McClellan Trent, Eyesha Marable, Angela M. Battle, Deborah L. Brooks, Garvin Murray, Manuel M. Biagas, Jameel A. Morrison, Gloria Walker;

**Delegates:** Sarah Pettus, Frances Smith, Samuel Jones, Carla Hines

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Josiah Haggins, Crystal E. James, Terrell W. Person, Marti Robinson, Stephen E. Bryant Sr., Leslie Harrison, Maurice Tyndall, Larry Jennings, Shemaj Ragin, Jameel A. Morrison, Tammy Mitchel, Ronald Sparks;

**Delegates:** Rosie Thompson, Maria Littles, Frances Smith, Ava Rhem

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverends: Deborah K. Blanks, Wanda Burrell, Ratona Stokes-Robinson, Terrilisa Durham Bauknight, Angela M. Battle, Zina Thompkins, Rhonda Hart, Tiffany Malone, Natalie Mitchem, Cynthia D. Jackson, Deborah L. Brooks, LaGreta Brown, Wendy Mason, Blanche Woodward, Leslie Harrison, Faith Mack, Amber Scott

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Reverends: Ritney A. Castine, Justin B. Anderson, Richard F. Norris II, Rayya E. Brown-Wright, Josiah Haggins, Marti Robinson, Shanaj Robinson, Rhonda Hart, Cassandra Renee Hart, Langston L. Washington, Jermaine Harrington, Amber Scott, Maurice Tyndell;

**Delegates:** Xedea Green, Norine Bailey, Jasmine Louis, Charde' Robinson

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: Richard F. Norris II, Ratona Stokes-Robinson, Lillie Battle, Mark-Anthony Rassmann, Sr., Deborah K. Blanks, Lesly R. Devereaux, Larry D. Jennings, Wanda Burrell, Jameel A. Morrison, George E. Britt, Jerome S. Stembridge, Marti Robinson, Rhonda Hart, Gregory Smith, Paul P. Martin, Vannessa Perry, Maurice Tyndall, Andrea Davis, Shemaj Ragin;

**Delegates:** Gwendolyn Tucker, Charlene Anderson, Cynthia Murphy, Tuana Grundy

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Kenneth Mitchem, Tiffany J. Malone, Amber Scott, Natalie Mitchem, Arthur O Hall, Jr., Faith Mack, M. Shawn Bradley, Larry D. Lewis, Sr., George E. Britt, Samuel Hayes, LaGreta Brown, Adrienne Wilkins, Larry D. Jennings, Ronald Sparks, George Ann Alston, Frances Johnson, Andrea Davis;

**Delegates:** Erica Rassmann, Gwendolyn Smith, Donna Searles, Carla Hinds

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverends: Sidney Williams, Jr., Charles F. Boyer, Richard F. Norris II, Gregory Smith, Manuel M. Biagas, Adrian Wilkins, Angela M. Battle, Ronald Sparks, Garvin Murray, Faith Mack, Kenneth Mitchem, Laverne McClellan Trent, Samuel L. Hayes, Jr., Arthur O. Hall, Jr.;

**Delegates:** Melanie Woods, Annette Chambers, Izetta James, James Thompson

**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM:** Reverends: Eric R. Billips, Sr., Richard F. Norris II, Charles E. Wilkins, Sr., Vanessa Perry, Jeffrey M. Johnson, Julian La Rosa Cooper, Ritney A. Castine, Melvin E. Wilson, Stephen E. Bryant, Sr., Michael W. Sturdivant, Sidney S. Williams Jr., Cassandra Renee White, Laverne McClellan Trent, Lesly Devereaux, Jermaine Harrington;

**Delegates:** Sharon Carmichael, Samuel Jones, Jasmine Louis, Shirley Coleman

**MISSIONS, STATIONS AND CIRCUITS:** Reverends: W. G. Carmon, Sr., Josiah Haggins, Rayya E. Brown-Wright, Shemaj Ragin, Adrian Wilkins, Jameel Morrison, Cassandra Renee White, Dr. Jerome S. Stembridge, Wanda Burrell, Julian La Rosa Cooper, Cynthia D. Jackson, Carl Stuart, Gregory Smith;

**Delegates:** Izetta James, Bernice Dillings, Celeste Robinson, Bloneva Watson

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**

Reverends: Melvin E. Wilson, Charles F. Boyer, Howard M. Jenkins, Jr., Richard F. Norris II, Eric R. Billips, Sr., Dennis E. Hughes, Ritney A. Castine, W. Golden Carmon, Sr., Ronald L. Slaughter, Joseph A. Hooper, Lesly R. Devereaux, Charles Wilkins, Samuel L. Hayes, Kenneth Mitchem, Jameel Morrison, Deborah K. Blanks;

**Delegates:** Birdie Cody, Sharon Foushee, Elizabeth Clark, Evelyn Collins



**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:**

Reverends: Ritney A. Castine, Crystal E. James, Tiffany Malone, Natalie Mitchem, Carl Stuart, Tammie M. Mitchell, Jerome S. Stenbridge, Vanessa Perry, George E. Britt, Wanda Burrell, Samuel L. Hayes, Jr., Jeffery Johnson;

**Delegates:** Jasper Fussell, Eugene Hill, Carolyn Massey, Sherrill Austin

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Reverends: Charles E. Wilkins, Sr., Crystal E. James, M. Shawn Bradley, Larry D. Lewis, Sr., A. Marie Walker, Stephen E. Bryant Sr., Larry D. Jennings, Sr.,

Garvin Murray, Michael K. Keene, Sr., Dennis E. Hughes, Carl Stuart, Natalie Mitchem, Michael Sturdivant, Manuel M. Biagas, Ronald Sparks, Gregory Smith;

**Delegates:** Carlos Hardy, Brenda Smith, Alfreida Coachman-Daniels, Denise Wadley-Smith

**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Terrell W. Person, Charles E. Wilkins, Sr., Charles F. Boyer, Richard F. Norris II, W. Golden Carmon, Sr., Ritney A. Castine, Melvin E. Wilson, Jameel A. Morrison, Ronald L. Slaughter, Carl Stuart, George E. Britt, Stephen E. Bryant, Sr., Lesly R. Devereaux, Michael K. Keene, Sr., Kenneth Mitchem, Justin B. Anderson, Natalie Mitchem, Ronald Sparks, Amber Scott, Faith Mack;

**Delegates:** Caren Gatson, Tina McGriff, Alfreida Coachman-Daniels, Valeria Baxter

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** Carla Hinds, Patricia Lee, Linda Burroughs, Victoria Howze, Brenda Skinner, Valerie Kelly, Monica Miller, Tamika Robinson, Nicelle Gordon-Scott, Sarah Leak, Reverend Blanche G. Woodward

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Philippa Olofintuyi, Allen Mitchell, Andrienne Robinson, Nykeria Jones, Corina Wilkins-Gadson, Chere' Robins-Manderville, Nicole Smith, Cathy Ingram, Erica Rassmann, Crystal Page, Jo-Ellyn Jones

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Elizabeth Clark, Lillian B. Linnen, Wanda L. Duckett, Shirley Colman, Dorothy Chandler, Rebecca Sellars, Valerie Chestnut, Ella Thompson, Keith Costen, Jr., Alfreida Coachman Daniels, Marie Merritt, Ina Walls, Caren Gatson, Joyce Dunkin, Frances Smith, Jasmine Louis

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Lynda Mitchell, Rosalee Boyer, Leslie Watson Wilson, Renee M. Bryant, Reverend Rhonda Hart, Birdie Codie, Theresa Hooper, Kyla Slaughter, Sherry Mitchem, Patricia Norris, Reverend Theresa Jenkins, Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr., Reverend Vernard R. and Mrs. Sarah Leak; Reverend Dr. C. Carlton and Reverend Blanche G. Woodward; Reverend Dr. Gregory P. Nelson, Reverend Dr. James Coaxum, III

**SONS OF ALLEN:** Reverends: Justin B. Anderson, Richard F. Norris II, Mark-Anthony Rassmann, Sr., Josiah C. Haggins, Ritney A. Castine, Marti Robinson, George E. Britt, Manuel M. Biagas, Donald L. Bellamy, Jerome S. Stembidge, Stephen E. Bryant, Sr., Langston Washington, Jr., Howard M. Jenkins, Jr., Melvin E. Wilson, Jimmy Stanley, Jameel Creque

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:**

*(To be established)*

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: Danielle L. Hunter, Ratona Stokes-Robinson, Deborah L. Brooks, Angela M. Battle, Donald L. Bellamy, Garvin Murray, Terrilisa Durham Bauknight, Vanessa Perry, Wanda Burrell, Manuel M. Biagas, LaGreta Brown, Gregory Smith, Faith Mack;

**Delegates:** Etha Pressley, Lois Bent, William Davis, Anthony Battle

**RESOLUTION:** Reverends: Deborah K. Blanks, Lillie G. Battle, Arthur O. Hall, Jr., Larry D. Lewis, Sr., Terrell Person, Ronald Sparks, Deborah L. Brooks, Garvin Murray, Samuel L. Hayes, J. Clinton Reynolds, George E. Britt, Lesly R. Devereaux, Sydney S. Williams, Jr., Carl Stuart, Michael Sturdivant;

**Delegates:** Susan Ash, Kirk Thomas, Phylis Johnson Lois Bent, Norine Bailey, Carla Hinds

# THE 174<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 10-12, 2025

## **Bethel AME Church**

255 Goffe Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511  
(203) 865-0514

### **Venue:**

Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale  
155 Temple Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

### **Reverend Steven A. Cousin, Jr.**

Host Pastor

### **Reverend Jocelyn K. Hart Lovelace**

Host Presiding Elder

## **SERMONS:**

Missionary Day (Wednesday Noon).....	Reverend Bria Y. Belim
Women In Ministry (Wednesday Evening).....	Reverend Dr. Gloria White Hammond
Annual Sermon (Thursday).....	Reverend Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.
Lay Witness Night (Thursday).....	Dr. Christina Dickerson Cousin
Ordination (Friday Noon).....	Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Bess
Evangelism Night (Friday).....	Reverend A. Iona Smith Nze
YPD Annual Day (Saturday AM).....	Reverend Wayne S. Daley
Sons of Allen Men's Ministry (Saturday AM).....	Reverend Pedro A. Castro, Jr.
Commissioning (Saturday PM).....	The Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.

## The 174th Session of the NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: Gregory G. Groover, Sr., Richard W. Clarke, Sandra G. Whitley, Ellis I. Washington, Robert A. Jackson, Jr., Theodore N. Hickman Maynard, Daylan K. Greer, Sr., Marcus T. McCullough, A. Iona Smith Nze, Steven A. Cousin, Pedro A. Castro, Jr., Janine Dailey, Khaden V. Nurse, Sr.

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: Jocelyn K. Hart Lovelace, Ellis I. Washington, Ray A. Hammond, Sandra G. Whitley, Two Additional Clergy To Be Elected

**TRIEERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Richard W. Clarke, Marcus T. McCullough, Alvin T. Riley, Janine A. Dailey, One Additional Clergy To Be Elected

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Josephine Anderson, Renee Goldsmith, Michael Larkin, Dwayne Junior, Winfrey Charles-Thomas

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Marcus T. McCullough, Marjorie Jones, Pedro Castro, Tamesha Mills, Josephine Anderson, Pedro A. Castro, Jr.;

**Delegates:** Jacqueline Anfield, Marcia Tapper-Miller

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverends: Janine Dailey, Sharel Roberson, A. Iona Smith-Nze, Sarah Smith, Marjorie Jones, Tamesha Mills, Sandra G. Whitley

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Reverends: Tamesha Mills, Marcus T. McCullough, Sean Lewis, Nicol Ayers, Madison Thomas-Ferguson, Steven A. Cousin, Jr.;

**Delegates:** Turahn Dorsey, Wendy Ramirez

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: Richard W. Clarke, Richard W. Clarke, Dayan K. Greer, Sr., Alvin T. Riley, Pedro A. Castro, Jr., Sean M. Lewis, A. Iona Smith-Nze;

**Delegates:** Patricia Williams, Margie Ford

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Robert A. Jackson, Steven A. Cousin, Jr., Marcus T. McCullough, Aderonke Lipede, George Walters-Sleyon, Sarah Smith;

**Delegates:** Lorraine Bradley, James Murphy

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverends: Sandra G. Whitley, Ray A. Hammond, Tamesha Mills, , Desiree Lindsay, Khaden V. Nurse, Sr.;

**Delegates:** Nealon Jaynes Lewis, Cathy Darby

**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM:** Reverends: Janine Dailey, Sarah Smith, Sean Lewis, Mariana White Hammond, Dayan K. Greer, Sr.;  
**Delegates:** Beverly Ross Martin, Rebecca Jones

**MISSIONS, STATIONS AND CIRCUITS:** Reverends: Ellis I. Washington, Sarah Smith, Martha Florestal;  
**Delegates:** Marcia Tapper Miller, Gene Bell

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**  
Reverends: Daylan K. Greer, Gregory G. Groover, Sr., Ellis I. Washington, Janine Dailey, Robert A. Jackson, Jr., Steven A. Cousin, Jr., Richard W. Clarke, Tamesha Mills;  
**Delegates:** Sharon Artis Jackson, Pedro Douglass, Patricia Williams

**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:**  
Reverends: Richard W. Clarke, Janine Dailey, Steven A. Cousin, Jr., Ellis I. Washington, Ray A. Hammond, Sandra G. Whitley;  
**Delegates:** Debbie Adjektiv-Salfah, Cynthia King

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Reverends: Mariama White-Hammond, Alvin T. Riley, Jr, Richard W. Clarke, Gloria Cater, Wayne S. Daley; Sharel Roberson, Nikolas Clarke-Durham, Shirley Rhodes Robinson;  
**Delegates:** Lorraine Bradley, James Murphy

**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Ray A. Hammond, Steven A. Cousin, Jr., Richard W. Clarke, Desiree Lindsay, George Walters-Sleyon, Pedro A. Castro, Jr., Sandra G. Whitley;  
**Delegates:** Cathy Darby, Diane Roberts

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** Shirley Rhodes Robinson, Jennifer Delatour, Ina Ogagan, Veronica Williams, Nicol Ayers, Eva Simmons, Brenda Birch, Reverend Katrina Jones, Annie Joseph, Cathy Williams, Roberta Green, Delores Johnson, Mary Joyner, Kaitlin Oliver

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Nicol Ayers, Meredith Thomas-Ferguson, Trevor Jones, Shirley Rhodes Robinson, Wendy Ramirez, Crystal Glassock

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Nickolas Clark-Durham, Linda Gant, Henry McMillian, Nicol Ayers, Sandra Mosby, Roshelle Wooten, Melton Hawkins, Cynthia King, Josephine Anderson, Annie Haynes

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Wendy Riley, Reverend Barbara Groover, Eddie J. Lovelace, Reverend Jennifer Little Greer, Mebe Clarke, Renee Delatour, Dr. Christina Nurse, Mark Buchanan, Dr. Christina Cousin, Katurah Washington

**SONS OF ALLEN:** Reverend Khaden Nurse, Joe Green, Eddie J. Lovelace, Reverend Ken Whitley, Phil Harman, Walter Mills, TR Jones, Samuel Ramsey, Dwayne Junior

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:**

Reverend Marjorie Jones, Nicol Ayers, Josephine Anderson, Delores Mitchell, Reverend Khaden Nurse, Shirley Rhodes Robinson;

**Delegates:** T.R. Jones, Eva Simmons, Patricia Williams

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: George Walters Sleyon, Tamesha Mills, Gloria Cater, Wayne Daley, Desiree Lindsay;

**Delegates:** Winfred Charles-Lawrence, Diane Roberts

**RESOLUTION:** Reverends: Robert A. Jackson, Jr., Ray A. Hammond, A. Iona Smith-Nze, Alvin T. Riley, Jr.;

**Delegates:** Cynthia King, Chandra Christopher

# THE 203<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 24-27, 2025

## Greater Allen AME Cathedral

110-31 Floyd H. Flake Blvd.  
Jamaica, New York 11433  
(718) 206- 4600

## Reverend Stephen A. Green

Host Pastor

## Reverend Dr. Jo-An L. Owings

Jamaica-Long Island District  
Host Presiding Elder

## Reverend Dr. Lanell D. Guyton

Brooklyn-Westchester District  
Associate Presiding Elder

## Reverend Dr. Kim W. Anderson

Manhattan District  
Associate Presiding Elder

## SERMONS:

Missionary Day (Wednesday) .....	Reverend Dr. Ellen Canty McEachern
Women In Ministry (Wednesday Evening).....	Reverend Dr. Linda C. Hill
Annual Sermon (Thursday).....	Reverend Orsellia R. Hughes
Lay Witness Night (Thursday).....	Sister Brittini Peters
Sons of Allen (Friday Noon) .....	Reverend Stephen M. Lewis
Evangelism Night (Friday).....	Reverend Lisa M. Williams
YPD Annual Day (Saturday AM).....	Reverend Tristan J. Salley
Ordination (Saturday Noon) .....	The Rt. Reverend Henry Allen Belin, III
Commissioning (Sunday) .....	The Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.

## The 203rd Session of the NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: Stephen A. Green, Kimberly Detherage, Evelyn Miller-Suber, David B. Cousin, Sr., Stephen M. Lewis, Richard McEachern, Kevin Miller, Vernon Peters, Lisa Williamson, Hugh B. Marriott, Brandon K. Allen, Robert R. Lowe, Craig J. J. Wright, Alicia Bailey, Tristan B. Salley, James E. Booker, Jr.;  
**Presiding Elder Consultants:** Lanel D. Guyton, Jo-An L. Owings, Kim W. Anderson

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: Lanel D. Guyton, Richard O. McEachern, Deborah C. Hicks, Paul S. Montgomery, Adunnola Waterman-French, One Additional Clergy To Be Elected,

**TRIEERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Kevin D. Miller, Lewanda Miller, Craig J. J. Wright, David K. Allen, Suzanne Moshett

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Reverends: Sandra Hall, Camille Smith, Paul Montgomery, Jacqueline Lynch; Members: Ronald Prioleau, Ida Fells, Mary Davis, Evang. Ann White-Sims, Jeffrey Lewis, Rodney Pitt

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Kevin Miller, Kenneth Shider, Kate N. Ofikuru, Brady Funn III, Omotayo Cole-Cineus; Evang. Sharese Wilson;

**Delegates:** Ruth Roseborough, Michelle Duff-Andrews, Barbara Williams

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverends: Alicia Bailey, Kimberly Detherage, Karen Dillon, Miranda Harrison, Juanita Houston Brown, Diane Neblett-Watson;

**Lay:** Carol Smith, Audra Browne, Channabel Morris

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Rashein McDonald, Precious Salley, Andrea Scott, Elzena Caldwell;

**Delegates:** Michelle Duff-Andrews, Tenesha Johnson, Calvary Fellowship

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: Stephen M. Lewis, Deborah Hicks, Diana Ortiz Bracy, Orsella R. Hughes, Saundra Taylor-Johnson;

**Delegates:** Ronald Prioleau, Doreen Jackman, Vanessa Smith

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Stephen A. Green, Kahlil G. James, Lisa Williams, Kate N. Ofikuru, Kenneth John, Sr., Ann Marie Bentsi-Addison Posey;

**Delegates:** Mary S. Davis, Tenesha Johnson, Sharese Wilson

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverends: Brady Funn III, Linda C. Hill, Ato Hakim Sparkman, Craig J.J. Wright, Sr., Jacqueline Lynch, Tyra Frazier;

**Delegates:** Sonia Isaac, Patrica Jones, Deloris Cooks



**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM:** Reverends: Lisa Williams, Kahlil James, Michelle B. Chang, David K. Allen, Adunnola Waterman-French, Miranda Harrison;

**Delegates:** Evang. Ann White-Sims, Audra Browne, Geneva Gillyard, Audra Browne

**MISSIONS, STATIONS AND CIRCUITS:**

Reverends: Ann Marie Bentsi-Addison Posey, Eugene Minson III, Adrian D. Wilkins, Michelle Chang, Diana Bracy, Omotayo Cole Cineus, Kevin Miller;

**Delegates:** Carol Smith, Raymond Adams, Barbara Williams

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**

Reverends: Robert Lowe Stephen Green, Pastor of First Bethel, David B. Cousin, Sr., Orsella R. Hughes, Linda C. Hill, Richard McEachern, Lisa Williamson, Carol Steptoe;

**Delegates:** Jeffrey Lewis, Deloris DeMoss, Edith Cartledge

**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:** Reverends: Tristan Salley, Kahli C. Mootoo, Jacqueline Lynch, Saundra Taylor Johnson, Vernon Peters;

**Delegates:** Carolyn Carter-Kennedy, Larry Ware, Selane Downey

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Reverends: Lisa Williamson, Adrian D. Wilkins, Jacqueline Lynch, Omotayo Cole Cineus, Vernon Peters, Deborah C. Hicks;

**Delegates:** Nathaniel Reynolds, Ruth Roseborough, Jocelyn Evans

**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Craig J.J. Wright, Sr., Kahlil G. James, Tristan Salley, Alicia Bailey, Brandon K. Allen, James Booker;

**Delegates:** Robin Batson, Debra Williams, Feebie Ragin

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** JoAnn McCaslin, Victoria Nwokelo, Dianne Hodnett, Jennifer Zimmerman, Shirley Ricks, Theresa Davis, Amber Green, Alma Speight, Elfrieda Parrilla, Feebie Ragin

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Pattie Freeman, Elzena Caldwell, Andrea Scott, JoAnn McCaslin, Natalie Coggins, Brenda Cannon, Antoine Baker, Dina Brown Williams, Vanessa Sherwood

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Alicia Collins Dennis, Bonita O'Neil, Minnie Epton, Patricia Thornhill, JLI;

**Delegates:** Robinson Batson, Collie Felder, Yvette Joseph

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Alisha R. Marriott, Evang. Dorothy Hayward, Reverend Jacqueline Watkins, Randall Bailey;

**Delegates:** Robert Wilson, David Washington, Vannesa Sherwood

**SONS OF ALLEN:** Reverends: Kahli Mootoo, James Booker, Eugene Minson III; Members: Clarence Morrison, Cleo Smalls, Jr., Ronald Prioleau, Larry Ware, Rodney Pitt

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:**

Reverend Deborah C. Hicks, Rashein McDonald, Tony Morgan, Carolyn Carter-Kennedy, Patricia Jones, Mt. Carmel Brooklyn

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: Evelyn Miller-Suber, Craig J.J. Wright, Sr., Adrian D. Wilson, Kate N. Ofikuru, Kenneth John, Anthony Mitchell;

**Delegates:** Sonia Isaac, Niomi Spencer, Josulyn Evans

**RESOLUTION:** Reverends: Lisa Williamson, David K. Allen, Miranda Harrison, Anthony Mitchell, Brandon K. Allen, Michelle B. Chang;

**Delegates:** Robert Wilson, Ruth Ann Cooley, Deloris Cooks

# THE 29<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 1-3, 2025

**Bethel AME Church**  
1525 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209  
(716) 886-1650

**Reverend Paul J. Thomas**  
Host Pastor

**Reverend Paul J. Thomas**  
Buffalo-Rochester District  
Host Presiding Elder

**Reverend Dr. Faye Banks Taylor**  
Albany-Kingston District  
Associate Presiding Elder

## SERMONS:

Missionary Day (Wednesday Noon).....	Reverend Dr. Faye Banks Taylor
Women In Ministry Day (Wednesday Evening).....	Reverend Linda Van Alstyne
Annual Sermon (Thursday).....	Reverend James C. Simmons
Lay Witness Night (Thursday).....	Dr. Marc Lamont Hill
Ordination (Friday Noon).....	Reverend Dr. Norvel Goff, Sr.
Evangelism Night (Friday) .....	Reverend Makeeda E. Brooks
YPD Annual Day (Saturday AM).....	Brother Robert I. Dubose
Sons of Allen Men's Ministry (Saturday AM).....	Reverend William Cobb
Commissioning (Saturday PM).....	Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.

## The 29th Session of the WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: James C. Simmons,  
Makeeda Brooks, Kevin Taylor;

**Presiding Elder Consultants:** Faye Banks Taylor, Paul J. Thomas

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: Paul J. Thomas, Kevin T. Taylor,  
Earl E. Perrin, Jr., Shedlyn St. Fleur, Dion S. Greer, Sr.,  
One Additional Clergy To Be Elected

**TRIFIERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Faye Banks Taylor, Shirley Whitlock,  
Makeeda E. Brooks, Willie Pulliam, One Additional Clergy To Be Elected

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Reverends: Kevin Taylor, Frances Rogers,  
Delores Wynn;

**Delegates:** Joe Thomas, Carolyn Williams, Terry Patterson

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Kevin Taylor, Frances Rogers,  
Delores Wynn;

**Delegates:** Joe Thomas, Carolyn Williams, Terry Patterson

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverend Shedlyn St. Fleur

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Reverends: Charles Rogers, Earl Perrin,  
Shedlyn St. Fleur, Frances Rogers;

**Delegate:** Joi Robinson

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: Paulette Adams, Kevin Taylor,  
Shirley Whitlock, Dion Greer;

**Delegate:** Angela Johnson

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Charles Rogers, Earl Perrin,  
Paulette Adams, Shedlyn St. Fleur;

**Delegate:** David Lewis

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverend Willie Pulliam, Kevin Taylor,  
Shirley Whitlock, Paulette Adams;

**Delegate:** Eliza Jones

**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM:** Evangelist Darnice Jackson,  
Conference Evangelists

**MISSIONS, STATIONS AND CIRCUITS:** Reverends: Kevin Taylor,  
James Simmons, Charles Rogers;

**Delegate:** Charlene McKinnon

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**

Reverends: Kevin Taylor, James Simmons, Makeeda Brooks;

**Delegate:** Gena Kithcart

**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:** Reverend Willie Pulliam, Kevin Taylor, Shirley Whitlock, Paulette Adams;

**Delegate:** Lucretia Bowie

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Reverends: Earl Perrin, Willie Pulliam, Shedlyn St. Fleur, Robin Franklin;

**Delegate:** Naomi Pitts

**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Shirley Whitlock, Earl Perrin, Charles Rogers, Frances Rogers;

**Delegate:** Terry Patterson

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** Armour Rhea Funderburg

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Alexandria Carver-Noi

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Thomas Whitt

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Genell Thomas

**SONS OF ALLEN:** Reverends: Earl Perrin, Willie Pulliam, Charles Rogers, Dion Greer;

**Delegate:** Melvin Ruth

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:**

*(To be established)*

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: Shirley Whitlock, Willie Pulliam, Paulette Adams, Robin Franklin;

**Delegate:** Dr. Sharon L. Holder

**RESOLUTION:** Reverends: Shedlyn St. Fleur, Earl Perrin

# THE 209<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 27-June 1, 2025

**Bethel AME Church**  
512 E. Strawberry Street  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602  
(717) 393-8379

**Venue:**  
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square  
25 South Queen Street  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 17603

**Reverend Edward M. Bailey**  
Host Pastor

**Reverend Lawrence C. Henryhand**  
Harrisburg District  
Host Presiding Elder

**Reverend Dr. Janet J. Sturdivant**  
South District  
Associate Presiding Elder

**Reverend Dr. Stanley G. Smith**  
West Mainline District  
Associate Presiding Elder

**Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst, Sr.**  
Philadelphia District  
Associate Presiding Elder

## SERMONS:

Missionary Day (Wednesday) .....	Reverend Tianda C. Smart
Women In Ministry (Wednesday Evening).....	Reverend Dr. Patricia McAllister
Annual Sermon (Thursday).....	Reverend Bryan S. McAllister
Lay Witness Night (Thursday).....	Reverend Richard F. Norris, III
Sons of Allen (Friday Noon).....	Reverend M. Lloyd Guyton
Evangelism Night (Friday).....	Reverend Tiffany Lett Martin
YPD Annual Day (Saturday AM).....	Reverend Dominique Silas
Ordination (Saturday Noon) .....	Rt. Reverend Vernon R. Byrd, Jr.
Commissioning (Sunday) .....	Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.

## The 209th Session of the PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS:** Reverends: Jay B. Broadnax, Carlos D. Bounds, Patricia S. McAllister, Darnell L. Montgomery, Louis P. Attles, Jacqueline G. Capers, Albert Johnson, Esther L. Seales, Allan R. Robinson, Dietra C. Bell, Carolyn C. Cavaness, W. Ouemonde Brangman, Jacquita Wright-Henderson, Alberta Jones, Bryan S. McAllister, Kemperal J. Hinsley, M. Lloyd Guyton;

**Presiding Elder Consultants:** Lawrence Henryhand, Janet Sturdivant, Stanley Smith, Stanley Hearst, Sr.

**MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY:** *(To Be Appointed)*

**FINANCE:** *(To Be Elected)*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DEEDS & ABANDONED PROPERTY):**  
*(To Be Elected)*

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:** Reverends: Lawrence C. Henryhand, Patricia S. McAllister, Albert Johnson, Dietra C. Bell, M. Lloyd Guyton, One Additional Clergy To Be Elected

**TRIERS OF APPEALS:** Reverends: Dr. Stanley G. Smith, Allan R. Robinson, Alberta Jones, Michael Heath, April Martin

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Reverends: Bertha Johnson, Jacqueline Pinkney, Angela Baker, Wilberta Jackson, Cheryl L. Ford, Esther Seales, Alexis Washington, Linwood Smith, Sr.;

**Delegates:** Gwen Jackson, Gerald Samuels, Vivian Richardson, Joann Mathis Lee

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Reverends: Tiffany Lett Martin, Earl P. Singleton, Jay Broadnax, Michael Green, Albert Johnson, Bertha Johnson, Catherine Brownlee, Esther Seales, Louis Attles, Katherine P. Brooks, Wilberta Jackson, Geraldine Daniels;

**Delegates:** Mia White, Reverend Diana Clark, Lynn Ragsdale, Reverend Phyllis Harris

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** Reverend Stephanie Atkins

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Reverends: Carolyn C. Cavaness, Alexis Washington, Malcolm Sydnor, Louis Attles, Marlo Woods, Jacqueline Capers, Karen Jenkins, Ivy Berry, Garrison Lockley, Tianda Smart, Derrick Brown, Catherine Brownlee;

**Delegates:** Cheyenne Singleton, Joyce Robinson, Karen Roper, Tracy Wise

**STATE OF THE CHURCH:** Reverends: Dawn Christopher, Garrison Lockley, Emerson Cottrell, Lauren Whitfield, Tonya McClary, Jay Broadnax, Alexis Washington, Geraldine Daniels, Kevin Brownlee, Michael Heath, Bryan McAllister;

**Delegates:** Tamara Cooksey, Marie Butler, Barbara Warren, Julia Coleman

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:** Reverends: Patricia McAllister, Dietra Bell, Stephanie Atkins, Darnell Montgomery, Ivy Berry, Garrison Lockley, Kemperal Hinsley, Michael Heath, Carlos Bounds, Emmerson Cottrell;

**Delegates:** Gerald Williams, Jaqueline Scott, LaDonna Jennings, Shelton Brimage

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING:** Reverends: Alberta Jones, Edward Bailey, Marlo Woods, Michael Heath, Ivy Berry, Kemperal Hinsley, Michelle Pinkney-McBeth, Bryan McAllister, Jacqueline Capers, M. Lloyd Guyton, Stephanie Atkins, Diane Jefferson;

**Delegates:** Elberta Joe, Joetta Cryer, Olethia Bradshaw, Earlene Gaskins

**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM:** Reverends: Jacqueline Capers, Katherine Brooks, W. Ouemonde Brangman, Hilton Holt, Diane Jefferson, Lois Wilkinson, Lugenure Jones, Angela Baker, Michelle Pinkney McBeth, Dawn Christopher, Derrick Brown, Michael Green, Michael Heath, Kemperal Hinsley, Michael McMullen;

**Delegates:** Juanita Underwood, Jacqueline Scott, Marva Sharper, LaRaine Speller-Calhoun

**MISSIONS, STATIONS AND CIRCUITS:** Reverends: Marilyn Hubbard, Alberta Jones, Tianda Smart, April Martin, Dietra Bell, Louis Attles, Hilton Holt, Geraldine Daniels, Stephanie Atkins, Ivy Berry, Nicole Smith, Belindia Boyer;

**Delegates:** Priscilla Dorsey, Linda Davis-Burems, Deborah Stancil, Shawn Lee

**PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY AND UPKEEP:**

Reverends: Albert Johnson, Dawn Christopher, Carlos Bounds, Tianda Smart, W. Ouemonde Brangman, Patricia McAllister, Marlo Woods, Edward Bailey, Jacqueline Capers, Jay Broadnax, Pastor of St. Matthew, Pastor of Mother Bethel, Jacquita Wright-Henderson;

**Delegates:** Anita Matthews, Joyce Linda Reid, Ikelyn Tokley, Carrie Yon

**ANNUITY AND INVESTMENT INSURANCE:**

Reverends: Jacquita Wright-Henderson, Tiffany Lett-Martin, Louis Attles, April Martin, Esther Seales, Allan R. Robinson, Marilyn Hubbard, Kasha Sudler, Jacqueline Pinkney, Lauren Whitfield;

**Delegates:** Carlotta Barnes, Susan Butler, Cheryl L. Ford, Cynthia Taylor

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Reverends: Michael Heath, April Martin, Angela Baker, Esther Seales, Ivy Berry, Catherine Thornton-Brownlee, Lilieth Baugh, Derrick Brown;

**Delegates:** Georgianna Dorm, Martha Woods, Cyril Pyle, Lorraine Council



**SOCIAL ACTION:** Reverends: Carolyn C. Cavaness, Jay Broadnax, Tiffany Lett-Martin, Bryan McAllister, Belindia Boyer, Lois Wilkinson, Charley Mae Thomas, Angela Baker, Esther Seales, Stephanie Atkins, Garrison Lockley, Katherine Brooks, Emmerson Cottrell, Earl Singleton, Linda Ellerbe, Kemperal Hinsley;

**Delegates:** Louise Wilson, Ajene Atkins, Evelyn Showell, Angela Rice

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY:** Yvette Mattaway, Mary Randolph, Tameko Patten, Lillie Belle Jones, Reverend Sylvia Diggs, Resslera McCollum, Paulette Thompson, Phyllis Ruffin, Rosemary Manley, Mary Kent, Tammye Tuck, Karen Dixon, G. Marie Henryhand, Wanda E. Smith, Michael Sturdivant, Sharon Y. Hearst

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION (YPD):** Iyanna Mapp, Joy Morton, Debbie Brown, Bryant Martin Jr., Natoya Travers, Ashyah Jackson, Dominique Silas, Aiza McCollum, Katherine Thompson Shell

**LAY ORGANIZATION:** Kevin Lamb, Starsha Divine Frierson, Shawn James Lee, Cynthia Douse, Joanne Turner, Tameko Patton, Linda Frazier, Deborah Stancil, Ruth Nelson, Juanita Bryant, Marie Butler, Anita Matthews

**CLERGY FAMILY ORGANIZATION:** Deborah Washington, Rhonda McCall, Brenda Gray, Emily Ransome, G. Marie Henryhand, Michael Sturdivant, Wanda E. Smith, Sharon Y. Hearst, Ingrid Broadnax, Vivian Johnson

**SONS OF ALLEN:** Reverends: Chair to be Appointed, Garrison Lockley; Bro. Willie McCoy

**CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTE-MASTER COMMISSION:** Iyana Mapp, Joyce Jones, Dominique Silas, Jacquelyne Scott, Katherine Thompson-Shell, Marvin Richardson

**MEMORIALS:** Reverends: M. Lloyd Guyton, Jacqueline Pinkney, Wilberta Jackson, Lugenure Jones, Hilton Holt, Katherine Brooks, Michelle Pinkney-McBeth, Lilieth Baugh, Geraldine Daniels;

**Delegates:** Darren York, Carrie Harris-Baldwin, Sharon Dyitt, Suzanne Hazzard

**RESOLUTION:** Reverends: Katherine P. Brooks, Jacqueline G. Capers, Jacquita Wright-Henderson, Dietra Bell, Darnell Montgomery, Earl P. Singleton, Carolyn C. Cavaness, Lilieth Baugh, Emmerson Cottrell, Michael Heath, Kemperal Hinsley;

**Delegates:** Sandra Burhanan, Thomas Ross, Joan Duvall-Flynn, Donna Hare

## THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

### THE ASSURANCE

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the lord. Even so, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

(Revelation 14:13)

### THE CALL TO REFLECTION

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, Hymn No. 364

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 is 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.

### 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 for the encouragement we received in our relationships with those who are now "absent from the body." 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, even as the rest, which 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** (Conference Secretary)

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, these are they who have run the race and finished their course this annual conference year. We thank the lord for their labor and faithful witness.

(The names of deceased bishops, episcopal supervisor, general and connectional officers)

(The names of deceased ministers and spouses)

(The names of deceased lay persons who were delegates at the last annual conference)

## **THE PRAYER**

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 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 Resurrected, Reigning, and Ruling Lord. Amen.

## THE SONG AND TRIUMPH OF HOPE, HYMN No. 511

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, everyday,

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, 24)

## The 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 exercise the Episcopal Office and 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 A.M.E. 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. 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. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
18. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
19. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

## Calendar of EVENTS

### ADVENT SERVICES

#### **Bermuda Annual Conference**

Wednesday December 4, 2024

TBA

#### **Western New York Annual Conference**

**Friday, December 6, 2024**

TBA

#### **New Jersey Annual Conference**

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Mount Zion AME Church

New Brunswick, New Jersey

#### **New York Annual Conference**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

St. Matthew's Community AME Church

Hollis, New York

#### **Delaware Annual Conference**

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Mount Zion AME Church

Dover, Delaware

#### **New England Annual Conference**

Friday, December 13, 2024

Bethel AME Church – Boston

Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

#### **Philadelphia Annual Conference**

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Saint John AME Church

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### **Founder's Day**

February 6-8, 2025

First District Plaza



*But seek first the kingdom of  
God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be  
added to you. ~Matthew 6:33*

**First Episcopal District  
Post Conference Convocation  
and Planning Meeting**

***June 12-14, 2025***



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