

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**127TH SESSION OF THE
CENTRAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2026



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE THEME:

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AGENDA & WORSHIP GUIDES

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop

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**CONVENING WITH
MT. OLIVE AME CHURCH**

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The Rev. Dr. Marcus R. Green, Host Pastor

The Rev. Milton Broomfield, Host Presiding Elder

The Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Laws, Associate Presiding Elder

The Rev. Valarie J. Walker, Associate Presiding Elder

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday before the Annual Conference

Young People's Division Annual Day

MONDAY

TBD

Conn-M-SWAWO Plus PK's Fellowship

TUESDAY

10:00 am

WMS Meeting

10:00 am

WIM Business Meeting

1:00 pm

Bishop Meets with the Presiding Elders

3:00 pm

Bishop Meets with the Board of Examiners

6:00 pm

WMS Worship

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am

Conference Business Session I

Roll Call of Ministers

Roll Call of Lay Delegates

Organization of the Conference

Approval of Agenda

Presiding Elders' Summary Reports

Administrative Committee Reports

Board of Examiners' Report

10:45 am

BREAK

11:00 am

**OPENING WORSHIP, ANNUAL SERMON &
COMMUNION**

LUNCH

2:30 pm

Conference Business Session II

The Bishop Speaks

Administrative Committee Reports

Board of Trustees' Report

Ministerial Efficiency Committee Report

Conference Adjustments Report

5:30 pm

DINNER

7:00 pm

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP (SOA)

THURSDAY

8:45am

Conference Business Session III

Conference Institute

9:30 am

Pastors' Reports A

11:45 am

BREAK

12:00 pm

ORDINATION WORSHIP

LUNCH

3:00 pm

Conference Business Session IV

Pastors' Reports B

5:30 pm

DINNER

7:00 pm

LAY WITNESS WORSHIP

FRIDAY

8:45 am

Conference Business Session V

Conference Institute

9:30 am

Ministerial Efficiency Committee Report part 2
Pastors' Reports C

12:00 pm

HOOR OF POWER (WIM)

LUNCH

3:00 pm

Conference Business Session VI

Pastors' Reports D

Approval of Literary Committee Reports

State of the Church

State of the Country

Christian Education

Ministry to Youths and Young Adults

Social Action

Health

21st Century Bible Discovery

Evangelism and Church Growth

Christian Stewardship

Approval of Components' Reports

- Women's Missionary Society
- Young People's Division
- Sons of Allen
- Women in Ministry
- Ministers' Spouses Alliance
- Lay Organization
- Debutantes and Masters Commission

Treasurer's Conference Finance Report

Disciplinary Questions

Service of Superannuation

Memorial Service/Necrology Report

Commendations & Closing Episcopal Words

- 5:30 pm
- 6:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

- DINNER
- BIBLE DISCOVERY (BDH)**
- CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Preachers and Speakers	
YPD	A Skit Saturday, September 12th
WMS	The Reverend Phyllis Rose Brown Tuesday, September 15th
OPENING	The Reverend Eddie Lake Wednesday, September 16th
ECUMENICAL/SOA	Archbishop Allen T.D. Wiggins Wednesday, September 16th
SERVICE OF WORD & ORDINATION	Bishop Clement W. Fugh Thursday, September 17th
LAY WITNESS	The Reverend Mikel James Thursday, September 17th
WIM	The Reverend Pamala Bivins Friday, September 18th
CLOSING & COMMISSIONING	The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II Friday, September 18th

Reverend Phyllis Rose Brown

The Reverend Phyllis Rose Brown is the seventh child born to Mattie Henry Rose and Willie Fred Rose, Sr. She is the wife of Gregory Brown, Sr., mother of Charlotte Brown Gonzalez, Jennifer Brown Rolle, Gregory, Jr., and grandmother to four granddaughters, and three grandsons.

Phyllis attended public schools in Apopka, FL graduating from Apopka High School with honors. She received an Associate of Arts Degree from Valencia Community College, graduating with honors. Brown also attended Florida State University as a National Merit Scholar, receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences with a minor in Communication.

Rev. Rose Brown was employed by the State of Florida for over twenty years serving in capacities which included Public Assistance Specialist I & II, Public Assistance Supervisor, and Quality Control Analyst for the Office of the Inspector General. She retired from the State of Florida due to serious health problems. This intensified a journey she was on to draw closer to the Lord; to know Him, to worship Him, to seek the knowledge of why the church appeared powerless in this present age.

Brown said, "I felt a disconnection from spiritual things. There was a lack of understanding of things divine. I needed more of God. I was consumed by His WORD AND READ THE Bible almost constantly. I was in a desert place. I needed God; I couldn't find him. I understood what David meant when he said in Psalms 51:11(NKJV), "Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."

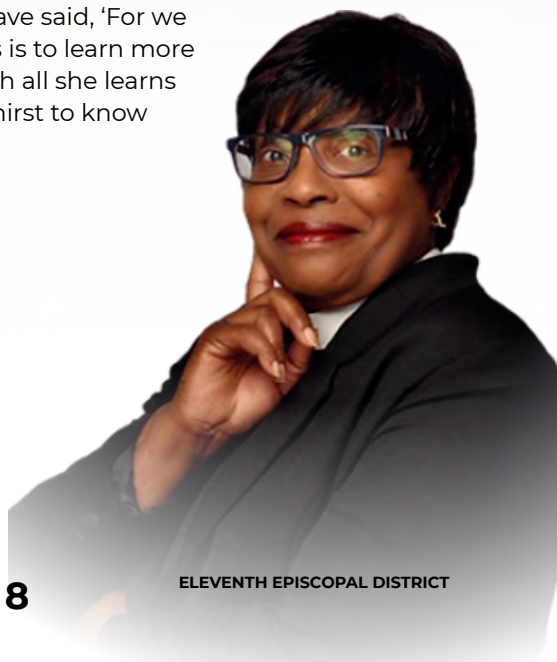
In November of 2008, as Pastor Gerard Moss, Sr., told the congregation to turn to their neighbor and speak into their lives, Christ spoke into hers. Rev. Rose Brown preached her initial sermon on January 27, 2008 supported by her biological family, St. Paul A.M. E. family, and friends from the surrounding communities.

Always a person who believed in THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE, Rev. Brown enrolled in Asbury Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree. Phyllis graduated from Asbury Seminary on May 12, 2012. She was ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.C.) by Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. on September 27, 2012. On the day after her ordination, the Bishop

assigned her as Pastor of Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lake Helen, FL. The church grew both spiritually and physically under her leadership.

Rose Brown was appointed Christian Education Director in the Central Conference of the 11th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church during the 2013-2014 Conference Year. She also pastored at Greater Mt. Olive A.M.E.C. in Merritt Island, FL before being assigned to Historic New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Ormond Beach, FL on September 30, 2016. One week after being assigned to Historic New Bethel, Hurricane Matthew, a category 5 hurricane wreaked havoc on the parsonage, original church, and present sanctuary. The Lord used Rose Brown to lead the campaign to replace a twenty-five-foot steeple and three roofs without insurance and without a loan. The Lord is a very present help in the times of trouble.

On October 2, 2020, God and Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. appointed Brown to pastor the church she has wanted to pastor for many years, Grant Chapel A.M.E. in Oviedo, FL. Since Brown has been pastor the church has full coverage insurance, a security camera system which covers the whole campus, and a new air conditioner system in the sanctuary. Pastor Brown loves teaching and preaching God's Word, and thanks the Lord for the saints at Grant Chapel who have a hunger to Study God's Word. A perfect match from the Lord. Her favorite Scripture is from Acts 17:28 (ESV) "for in Him we live and Move and have our being; as some of His own poets have said, 'For we are indeed His offspring.'" Her focus is to learn more of Christ every day; seeking to teach all she learns to those who have a hunger and thirst to know the Lord.



Reverend Eddie Lake

The Reverend Eddie Lake currently serves as the devoted Pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church in Daytona Beach, Florida. Hailing from Tarpon Springs, Reverend Lake's journey of faith and leadership began early in life. He graduated from Tarpon Springs High School before attending the University of Florida, where he joined Coach Steve Spurrier's first recruiting class in 1990. As a defensive back, he not only excelled on the field but also pursued academic excellence, earning a degree in business in 1995.

Answering a higher calling, Reverend Lake pursued theological studies at Turner Theological Seminary, part of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He earned his Master of Divinity degree in Theology, equipping him with the spiritual and intellectual tools needed to lead and inspire. His commitment to education and spiritual growth continues, as he is currently studying towards a doctoral degree.

As the Pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church, Reverend Lake has made a profound impact on the congregation and the wider Daytona Beach community. His tenure at Allen Chapel is marked by a deep and unwavering commitment to spiritual development, community engagement, and social justice. Under his leadership, the church has flourished, becoming a beacon of hope and faith for its members and the surrounding community.

Reverend Lake's approach to ministry is rooted in the belief that the church must be a catalyst for positive change, both within its walls and in the broader society. He has initiated a number of programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the spiritual life of the congregation while also addressing the practical needs of the community. Through his sermons, teachings, and pastoral care, he has nurtured a vibrant and inclusive church environment where all are welcome and valued.

Beyond the pulpit, Reverend Lake is deeply involved in numerous organizations that align with his mission to serve and uplift. His dedication to community service extends to his active participation in local and regional organizations focused on education, social justice, and economic development. He has worked closely with the Lakeland NAACP, served as a member of the Superintendent Search Citizens Screening Committee, and contributed his leadership skills to the Police Athletic League (PAL) and the Polk County Sheriff Advisory Council. His involvement with the City of Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, as well as his role as co-chair of the Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment (P.E.A.C.E.), highlights his commitment to addressing systemic issues and advocating for underserved communities.

At Allen Chapel, Reverend Lake has fostered a spirit of unity and collective purpose. He believes in empowering others to lead, encouraging his congregation to take active roles in ministry and outreach. His leadership has inspired many to deepen their faith, engage in meaningful service, and contribute to the church's mission of spreading the gospel and serving others.

Reverend Lake's ministry is complemented by the partnership he shares with his wife, the Reverend Dr. Paula Lake. Known affectionately as Dr. P, she is also an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and an adjunct professor at Southeastern University. Together, they are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual and personal growth of their congregation while raising their three children in a home filled with faith and love.

Under Reverend Eddie Lake's stewardship, Allen Chapel AME Church continues to thrive as a vibrant and dynamic faith community. His leadership is characterized by a profound dedication to God's work, a deep love for his congregation, and an unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in Daytona Beach and beyond.



Archbishop Allen T.D. Wiggins

Archbishop Allen T.D. Wiggins is a visionary leader—pastor, author, community builder, and influencer—whose ministry has helped shape Orlando, Florida, with a focused commitment to the Greater Washington Shores community. For more than two decades, he has led with faith, innovation, and a drive to build sustainable, flourishing communities.

A Generational Mantle

The Hope Church was founded in 1983 by his parents, Reverend Dr. R.W. and Beulah Wiggins. In 2001, the late Reverend Dr. R.W. Wiggins passed the mantle of leadership to his son, elevating Reverend Allen T.D. Wiggins to Senior Pastor. In 2007, he was consecrated Bishop in the Lord's church by the International Bishops' Conference, Inc. (IBC). In 2017, Archbishop Leroy Bailey, Jr. passed the mantle of Presiding Prelate of IBC—an interdenominational sanctioning body for Christian faith leaders—to Archbishop Wiggins. He has continued to advance the Kingdom both locally and around the globe.

Archbishop Wiggins earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) and holds two honorary doctorates in ministry.

Building Hope Center West

Answering the challenging needs of the community, Archbishop Wiggins championed Hope Center West, a "Live, Work, Learn, Play, and Worship" community transformation model. This comprehensive approach produced a collection of small businesses, affordable and attainable housing, senior residential housing, a Private Christian Academy (preschool–8th grade), and a Special Needs Learning Center.

He was also pivotal to the elimination of a longstanding food and fuel desert, helping secure brands such as Walmart Neighborhood Market, 7-Eleven, and AutoZone—expanding access to essentials, creating jobs, and contributing to the ongoing uplifting of the community.

A pioneer of gospel jazz — two-time Stellar Award recipient with ten commercially released recordings as half of the inspirational duo Allen & Allen.

Boards & Civic Leadership

He provides leadership to Frontline Outreach, Inc., helping launch forward-focused initiatives such as Frontline Innovation and Entrepreneurship Studios, designed to awaken the genius in today's young scholars. He also serves on the boards of Lift Orlando (Purpose Built Communities Network) and The First Academy, an elite Christian private school in Orlando, FL.

Author & Honors

His publications include Daily Hope (a 40-day devotional), Leverage – Use What You Got, and Called to Serve – A Biblical and Practical Guide to the Diaconate. Honors include the Better Man of the Year Award, Community Game Changer (Orlando Magic and Florida Blue), and Vision Orlando's Bridge Builder Award.

Family

He and his wife, Lady Deborah Wiggins, are the parents of five—Michael, Brandy, Julian, Allen II, and Jonathan—and proud grandparents of three. He is guided by a simple personal mantra: "Sometimes you gotta create what you want to be a part of."



The Right Reverend Clement W. Fugh

Clement Willie Fugh, son of the late Reverend Joseph and Deborah Malone Fugh, is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, where he attended the public elementary and high schools. He continued his education at Memphis State University (BBA in Economics and Finance), Boston University School of Theology (ThM in Pastoral Care), with additional studies at Atlanta University, Payne Theological Seminary, Memphis Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary (DMin as an “H. Beecher Hicks Scholar”).

Bishop Fugh, an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME CHURCH), has served as pastor of congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. He led Greater Bethel AME Church, Nashville, TN, in the erection of a state of the art multipurpose worship and service center, fulfilling a thirty year dream of that congregation.

At the 46th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the AME Church, held in July 2000, he was elected as its 5th General Secretary and Chief Information Officer. At the 49th General Conference, held in 2012, he was elected and consecrated the 131st Bishop of the AME Church. He was assigned general superintendent of the 14th Episcopal District, comprised of seven West African countries. In 2016, at the 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, he was assigned presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District covering fifteen states from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean.

A member of the World Methodist Council, he attended its quinquennium meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 1986, its 2006 meeting in Seoul, South Korea, and the 2013 Council meeting in London, England

Among his significant accomplishments are: Secretary, Commission on Worship and Liturgy for the AME Church, which was responsible for producing and publishing the Bicentennial Hymnal and The AME Church Book of Worship; Secretary, Compilation Committee, The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church, 1988; Member, Core Strategic Planning Committee for the AME Church; Member, Editing and Correcting Committee, The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church, editions 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012; Co-Chair of Compilation of the 2016 edition; Secretary, Board of Trustees, Payne Theological Seminary; Contributor to Liberation and Unity, a COCU sponsored devotional; African American Devotional Bible; The Pastor's Manual for the Twenty-First Century.

Bishop Fugh retired from itinerancy in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 52nd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference that convened in Columbus, OH, August 2024.

Bishop Fugh is married to Alexia Butler Fugh, a registered nurse and Clinical Research Consultant. They are the parents of two adult children, Marcia Fugh Joseph and Joseph Edward Fugh (deceased); son-in-law Paul Steven Joseph II; grandparents of a granddaughter, Taylor Joi Joseph, and grandson, Paul Steven Joseph III.



Reverend Mikel J. James

TRev. Mikel Jere James is a dedicated educator, community leader, and pastor based in Florida. Born in Hillsborough County (Tampa Bay) and raised in Marion County, he received his education from the local public schools before going on to earn an AA degree in Psychology and a Bachelor in Business Administration: Organizational Management from the College of Central Florida. Currently, he is pursuing graduate work at Southeastern University.

As a young person Rev. James was trained in leadership by the African Methodist Episcopal church. As a YPD'er he served on the local, area, conference and episcopal district levels. He attributes his leadership development skills along with the opportunity to showcase those skills to the foundation established by the AME Church.

Rev. James has been recognized for his outstanding service and leadership, receiving the prestigious Bob Graham Distinguished Service Award from the Florida College System and being inducted into the Florida College System Hall of Fame in 2019. He is also a sought-after national conference presenter on topics of student engagement and leadership.

Rev. James is an active member of the Ocala/Marion County community volunteering on several community boards. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

On November 22, 2024, The Right Reverend Marvin Clyde Zanders, II, The Presiding Bishop of the 11th Episcopal District (comprising Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas) Appointed Rev. Mikel James as the senior pastor of Mt. Tabor AME Church. This pastoral opportunity gives Rev. James the amazing opportunity to pastor the very church he received his license to preach. Prior to being appointed to Mt. Tabor he served as the lead pastor of the St. Luke AME Church in Alachua and the Greater St. Joseph AME Church of Sparr.

He is a devoted husband to Mrs. Jasmine Monique James and a loving father to their two children, Drey and Mikenzie. With a passion for serving his community and empowering others, Rev. Mikel Jere James is a true inspiration to all who know him.



Reverend Pamala Bivins

A native of Wildwood, FL, Rev. Pamala Bivins was born to the late Charlie and Annie Harrison. She has three siblings, two brothers and a sister. She is a widow with two children and six grandchildren.

Rev. Bivins is a graduate of the Sumter County Public School System. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Saint Leo University, St. Leo, FL and a Master of Divinity from Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio.

As a child, Rev. Bivins was introduced to Jesus Christ at the Greater Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She was licensed to preach at Greater Piney Grove, in April 1999 under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Chandler. Rev. Bivins taught Sunday School and was the Children's Church Director. Rev. Bivins joined the Mount Moriah African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2002 under the leadership of the late Rev. Annette Colston. Under Rev. Colston's leadership Rev. Bivins taught Church School, sung in the choir and served as YPD Director.

Rev. Bivins was licensed and ordained an Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2009 at the seat of the Central Annual Conference under the leadership of Bishop McKinley Young. At the seat of the Central Conference in 2017, Rev. Bivins was ordained an Itinerant Elder under the leadership of Rev. A. J. Richardson, III.

At the seat of the Central Annual Conference, in September 2014, Bishop McKinley Young gave Rev. Bivins her first pastoral appointment to the Greater Saint Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sparr, FL on the Daytona Beach District, where she served until April 2022. At that time, under the leadership of Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III, Rev. Bivins was appointed Pastor to Mount Moriah African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wildwood, FL where she continues to serve.

An active member of the Eleventh Episcopal District AME Women in Ministry (AMEWIM), Rev. Bivins is currently the Eleventh Episcopal District WIM Financial Secretary. She has served as the North Orlando District AMEWIM Coordinator, the Central Conference AMEWIM Coordinator and the Central Conference Assistant AMEWIM Coordinator. She is also a member of the National Council of Negro Women – West Volusia/Seminole Section where she serves as the Financial Secretary. Rev. Bivins also serves as a board member of the Selective Service System.

In November 2025, after 25 years of service in the city of Wildwood as a Commissioner and several years as Mayor Pro-Tem, Rev. Bivins retired from that position.

Continuing in service, on June 12, 2026, Rev. Bivins qualified as a candidate for District 52 of the Florida State House of Representatives. With no Democratic opposition, her candidacy advanced to the General Election Ballot on November 3, 2026.

Rev. Bivins loves the Lord and is grateful for the opportunity to serve.



The Right Reverend Marvin Clyde Zanders, II

The Right Rev. Marvin Clyde Zanders, II is the 140th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. After his election and consecration on July 10, 2021 in Orlando, Florida he was assigned to the 16th Episcopal District. The 16th Episcopal District is made up of seven annual conferences representing fourteen countries in the Caribbean, South America, and Europe. During his tenure, churches were dedicated, communities impacted, and students received their Master's Degree to fulfill ordination requirements. Bishop Zanders served as the Chair of the Commission on Seminaries, Universities, Colleges, and Schools. He also Co-Chaired the Commission of The Department of Retirement Services. This Orlando, Florida native was born to the late Marvin C. Zanders and Mrs. Jacquelyn Johnson Bain. He is a graduate of Edgewater High School-Orlando, Florida. Bishop Zanders holds a B.A. Degree from Morehouse College, a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Arts in Christian Education from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center all in Atlanta, Georgia. He was awarded the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Edward Waters University, Jacksonville, Florida.

Prior to his election as Bishop, he served the following congregations. St. Paul AMEC in Mascotte, Florida, Greater Payne Chapel AMEC in Jacksonville and Mount Olive AMEC in Orlando, Florida. These churches experienced growth in membership, social and political action, youth and young adult involvement in addition to supporting women in ministry. His last pastoral assignment was the prestigious St. Paul AMEC in Jacksonville, Florida. As the 35th and youngest pastor in the church's storied 150 year history, he led members into new and innovative ministries, expanded facilities, and had strong community outreach. A committed prayer ministry resulted in many souls being won for the kingdom, strong leadership development, overflowing generosity and the burning of a \$2,500,000 mortgage, three (3) years ahead of schedule. He served as advisor to the Chairman and 1st Vice-Chairman of the AMEC Episcopal Committee for 5 Quadrennials. He was District Treasurer for the 11th Episcopal District for 30 years and has served on the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

On August 28, 2024 at 52nd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference in Columbus, Ohio he was assigned to serve the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This appointment gives him the leadership oversight for at least 396 congregations, 356 pastors, and 70,758 members across the State of Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The Bishop serves in various other capacities, among them are Chairman of the Board of Trustees Edward Waters University and Chairman of the Commission of the Department of Retirement Services of the AMEC. He is also engaged in social and civic organizations such as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Theta Phi Chapter), a 32nd Degree Prince Hall Mason- Champion Lodge #2 and Tillman Valentine Consistory #22.

To support the Prelate in ministry is his wife, Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders, their sons, David Christopher (B.A. Middle Tennessee State University) Marvin Frank Curtis (B.A. University of Missouri, M.S. North Carolina Central University, J.D. FAMU College of Law, L.L.M New York University Law School) and Micah Van (A.A. Hinds Community College, B.S. North Carolina Central University, M.S. North Carolina Central University).



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PERIODICALS & INSURANCE PREMIUMS

All members of the Conference are expected to subscribe to the denominational publications. This list contains the names of the periodicals and the amount for an annual subscription. Congregants are encouraged to subscribe.

Periodicals	Subscription Cost
The Christian Recorder	\$36.00 Per Year
The AME Review	\$25.00 Per Year
The Voice of Missions	\$25.00 Per Year
The Missionary Magazine	\$25.00 Per Year
The Secret Chamber	\$25.00 Per Year
The Journal of Christian Education	\$25.00 Per Year
YPD Newsletter	\$10.00 Per Year

AME Life Insurance (Pastors)	Premium Cost
Married	\$190.00 - 2 times per year (\$380)
Single	\$150.00 - 2 times per year (\$300)

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT KEY POINTS FOR 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCES:

Timeliness

All sessions and worship services will start on time. It is important to have all Pastors and Delegates in place at the beginning time of all sessions, especially the business sessions.

Conversations with the Bishop

Available by appointment in 15-minute intervals. Please see Bishop's staff for form.

Processionals/Robes

There will be processionals for the Opening, Ordination and Closing Worship Services

Service	Robe Color	Who wears Robes	Processional
Opening	White	All Clergy Persons	Yes
Ecumenical	NA	NA	No
Hour of Power	NA	NA	No
Ordination	Black	Program Participants	Yes
Closing	Black	All Clergy Persons	Yes

Attire

All Clergy are required to wear collars for opening, ordination and closing. Dress for business sessions is black, dark blue, brown or gray suits.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S
AND CHILDREN'S
DIVISION

A Season of Action

CENTRAL CONFERENCE YPD ANNUAL DAY BUSINESS SESSION

Ms. Serenity Gordon, Central Conference YPD President
Presiding

Devotion

Call to Order

President Gordon

Roll Call

London Joma
Conference Recording Secretary

Adoption of the Agenda

President Gordon

Disposition of the 2025 Annual Day Minutes

London Joma
MAC Chair

Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee

Welcome and Greetings

Mt. Olive AMEC Orlando Family

Breakout Workshops

Sunbeams and Allen Stars
Father Abraham Son

Reports (Presidents and Areas)

President Gordon

Election of Conference Quadrennial Delegation

Ms. Trinity Lewis
11th Episcopal District President

Committee Reports

Registration Committee Report

Registration Committee Chair

Credentials Committee Report

Credentials Committee Chair

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chair

Election of Quadrennial Delegation

Workshop

Young People's Auxiliary & Young Adults

Presentation of Mission Project

Lamarqus Ashley
Conference Parliamentarian

Announcements

Adjournment

CLOCK IT - CENTRAL LIVING ON CHRIST - KEEPING IT TIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

**Ms. Serenity Gordon, Conference YPD President
Worship Leader**

Opening Worship

Central Conference YPD Choir

Invocation

Scripture

Introduction

No matter what time or season of life they are in, they can remain focused on Christ and keep it tight. Today's youth must not get lost in distractions, peer pressure, bullying, social media, and self-doubt. God has given each of us a purpose and a time to fulfill it. It's time to CLOCK IT and stay focused on Christ.

Praise & Worship

Central Conference YPD Choir

SCENE I

The Assignment

God's Call to purpose

Time Well Spent....or Wasted

Alice makes excuses

Featuring Conference Sunbeam/Allen Stars

SCENE II

Lost in Distraction

Alice led away from purpose

It's Time for Purpose

CLOCK IT Fashion Show

Featuring Conference Allen Stars

SCENE III

Chasing Approval

The pressure to please others

The Wake-Up Call

Alice realizes she's been distracted

Something Is About to Shift – Conference Mime & Praise Ministries

See It. Know It. Live It – Christ's Way

C.L.O.C.K. I.T.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Worship Through Giving

Conference Awards & Remarks

Ms. Serenity Gordon
Conference YPD President

Ms. Andrea Jones Lowery
Conference YPD Director

Mrs. Frances Howard
Conference WMS President

Ms. Trinity Lewis
Episcopal YPD President

Ms. Timika Fountain-Coney
Episcopal YPD Director

Mrs. Laurastine Lemon King
Episcopal WMS President

Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders
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Missionary Benediction

**In the Name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian missions
enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

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**WOMEN'S
MISSIONARY
SOCIETY**

A Season of Action

CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY BUSINESS SESSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
Mrs. Frances Howard, Conference WMS President
Presiding

AGENDA

The Devotion	Mrs. Jeannette Johnson Worship Director
The Call to Order	Mrs. Frances Howard
The Establishment of Protocol	Mrs. Katheryn Stafford
The Roll Call	Mrs. Amanda Higgs Recording Secretary
The Adoption of the Agenda	
The Tanner Turner Memorial Service	Mrs. Nicole Surjit 3 rd Vice President
The Disposition of the 2025 Annual Day Minutes	Mrs. Marilyn Davidson
The Appointment of the 2026 Minutes Approval Committee	
The Greetings	Mrs. Trenisha Simmons Local President, Mt. Olive Orlando
The Financial Report	Mrs. Yvette Hill Davis Treasurer
The President's Report	Mrs. Frances Howard Conference WMS President
The Presentation of the Supervisor	Mrs. Laurastine King Episcopal WMS President
The Election Process	
Mrs. Winifred Houston Zanders, Episcopal Supervisor	
Registration Committee Report	Mrs. Lothar Cherry Chairperson
Credentials Committee Report	Mrs. Rovenia Certain Chairperson
Nominating Committee Report	Mrs. Billie Hudson Chairperson
The Election	
The Outreach/Mission Project	Mrs. Katheryn Stafford 1 st Vice President
The Announcements	
The Closing Remarks	Mrs. Frances Howard Conference President
	Mrs. Laurastine King Episcopal President
	Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders
	Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II

CENTRAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE WMS NIGHT IN WHITE SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
Mrs. Frances Howard, Conference WMS President
Worship Leader

"Using Your Gifts and Talents to Fulfill Your Divine Assignment"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Musical Prelude

The Processional

The Doxology

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

The Call to Worship

Mrs. Katheryn Stafford

Leader: God has uniquely gifted each of us with talents, abilities, and purpose.

People: We receive our gifts with gratitude and commit them to Your service.

Leader: Lord, help us recognize that our gifts are not for our own glory but for building Your Kingdom.

People: Empower us to use our gifts faithfully to fulfill our divine assignment.

Leader: Remove fear, doubt, and complacency that keep us from walking in our calling.

People: Give us courage to serve with excellence, humility and love.

Leader: May our hands be willing to work, our hearts ready to serve, and our spirits obedient to your voice.

People: We dedicate our gifts and talents to Your honor and glory.

Leader: Teach us to encourage and equip one another as members of the Body of Christ.

People: Together, we will fulfill the purpose You have ordained for our lives.

Leader: Let our lives reflect Your wisdom, grace, and power in everything we do.

All: We will faithfully use every gift You have entrusted to us until our assignment is complete.

The Hymn of Praise

Ms. Amanda Higgs

Conference Recording Secretary

"We Praise Thee, O God" AMEC Hymnal No. 97

We Praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God! For the Spirit of light,
Who has shown us the Savior, and scattered our night. [Refrain]

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain. [Refrain]

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May our souls be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation

Mrs. Cora Knighton
Life Member

The Scripture

Mrs. Annie Johnson
Executive Board Member-at-Large

The Worship through Music **Central Conference WMS Men's Choir**

The Gifts for Expansion & Missions

Ms. Ronnika Fountain
YAM, Conference Member-at-Large

The Scholarship Presentation

Mrs. Winifred Houston Zanders
Episcopal Supervisor
Mrs. Laurastine King
Episcopal President
Mrs. Mary J. Howard Zow
Episcopal Scholarship Chair
Dr. Tamara Drayton
Conference 2nd Vice President

The New Members Pinning Ceremony

Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders
Episcopal President Mrs. Laurastine King
Conference President Frances Howard
Conference 3rd Vice President Nicole Surjit

Chairperson: I, Nicole Sujit, Membership and Recruitment
Chairperson of The Central Conference Branch am
happy to present for pinning and confirmation ___ new
members of the Women's Missionary Society.

**Supervisor: Listen and heed the words of Jesus in John 15:16,
"You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you to go and bear fruit; fruit that will last.**

As missionaries, you have been appointed:

- To witness to the unsaved.
- To love the unloved.
- To visit the sick and shut in.
- To carry the good news to the imprisoned and outcast.
- To fight for justice and equality in our communities.
- To feed the hungry and house the homeless.
- To practice love and reconciliation in a broken world.

Episcopal President: Be aware that each of you stands here as a
sign of your solemn Commitment to be agents of God's
mission and purpose through your life and service in the
Women's Missionary Society.

Conference President: This ceremony symbolizes the crown that
awaits you if you are willing to take up the cross by giving of
yourselves in ways that exemplify the love of Jesus for the
world.

**Supervisor: Are you ready and willing to meet the hard
challenges of missionaries in a chaotic world?**

Response: God being my helper, I am ready and willing.

Supervisor: May God empower and strengthen us all for the journey and may the spirit of Christian missions abide in every heart.

“This is My Mission” (Tune of Blessed Assurance)

Blessed with His Goodness, blessed with His Love,
Blessed with His showers, that come from above,
Blessed with His sunshine, blessed with His air, I'll keep on going everywhere.

Chorus:

This is my mission, this is my prayer, Helping the needy everywhere,
This is my mission, this is my prayer, Helping the needy everywhere.

God gives us courage, faith leads the way,
Onward we travel, happy and gay,
Thinking of others, willing to share, Taking God's message everywhere.

Remembering others when e're we pray,
Looking to Jesus, He is the way.
Onward I travel, Him by my side, I'll never falter, He is my guide.

The Presentation of the Messenger

Ms. Serenity Gordon
Central Conference YPD President

The Worship through Music

Central Conference WMS Men's Choir

The Message

The Reverend Phyllis Rose Brown
Pastor, Grant Chapel AMEC, Oviedo

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Reverend Dr. Sha'Leda Mirra
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Ocala

The Giving Appeal

The Reverend Reginald B. Johnson
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Deland

The Worship Through Giving

Mrs. Yvette Hill Davis
Conference Treasurer
Ms. Tonya Lewis, Conference
Financial Secretary

**Area Chairs: Ms. Iris Anderson, Dr. Amicita Gibson, Mrs. Nicie Allen
Parks, Mrs. Rosa L. Pickett and Mrs. Regina Webster**

“All Things Come of Thee”

“All things Come of Thee, oh Lord and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen”.

The Closing Remarks

Mrs. Frances Howard
President Laurastine King
Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders
Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II

The Doxology

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

The Missionary Benediction (Song)

In the Name of the Triune God, May the Spirit of Christian Mission enter every heart, May the Spirit of Christian Mission enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus Name. Amen.

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**127TH SESSION OF THE
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**OPENING
WORSHIP,
ANNUAL SERMON
& COMMUNION**

A Season of Action

127TH SESSION OF THE CENTRAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Presiding Elder Milton Broomfield, Worship Leader

The Musical Prelude

The Processional

"He Reigns"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
He Reigns, He Reigns, He Reigns, He Reigns, Hallelujah, Thank you Jesus,
He Reigns, He Reigns, Reigns forever, Reigns Forever More [Repeat]

He Reigns, Forever More. He Reigns, Forever More
He Reigns, Forever More. He Reigns, Forever More

He Reigns, He Reigns, He Reigns, He Reigns,
He Reigns, He Reigns, He Reigns, He Reigns,
Hallelujah, Thank you Jesus, Hallelujah, Thank you Jesus
Hallelujah, Thank you Jesus, He Reigns, Reigns Forever More

Mississippi Mass Choir

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Dr. Marcus Green

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into house of the Lord,
our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of
wickedness.**

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

**People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the
courts of our God.**

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Your house. Lord, I have loved Your
habitation, the place where Your honor dwells.

**People: For the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence
before Him.**

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

**People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous
things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

The Opening Hymn

The Reverend Kyle Gibson

"And Are We Yet Alive" AMEC Hymnal No. 304

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give for His redeeming grace!

Preserved by power Divine to full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we passed,
Fighting without, and fears within, since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross, till we the crown obtain;
And gladly reckon all things loss, so we may Jesus gain.

(Words by Charles Wesley; Tune by Aaron Williams)

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend Dr. Sha'Leda Mirra

The Choral Response

Choir and Congregation

“God is Here”

There is a sweet anointing in this sanctuary, There is a stillness in the atmosphere; Come and lay down the burdens you have carried, For in the sanctuary, God is here

[Bridge]

**He is here, He is here to break the yoke. And lift the heavy burden
He is here, He is here to heal the hopeless heart. And bless the broken Oh
come and lay down, The burdens you have carried. For in this sanctuary, God
is here**

The Worship Through Song

The Conference Choir

The Scripture Lessons (NLT):

Old Testament: Psalm 133 The Reverend Dr. Ronald G. Williams, Sr.

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:4-7

The Reverend Cheryl Wilcox

The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The Reverend Melvin W. Lyals

The Introit to the Decalogue

AMEC Hymnal No. 69

“From All That Dwells Below The Skies”

The Decalogue Abridged

The Reverend Rebecca Thompson

Minister: And God spake all these words, saying; I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Deut. 5:6-7)

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**Nearer my God, to thee! Nearer to thee, E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.**

Minister: Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Mark 12:30-31)

The Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” AMEC Hymnal No. 626

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.

The Gifts for Expansion and Missions

The Reverend Reginald Johnson

The Presentation of the Bishop

Presiding Elder Valarie J. Walker

The Introduction of the Preacher

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District - AMEC

The Sermonic Hymn**The Reverend Woodrow Leeks, II****“Break Thou The Bread of Life” AMEC Hymnal No. 209**

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; My spirit pants for
Thee, O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As Thou didst bless the bread By
Galilee; Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me, That He may touch my eyes, And make
me see; Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word, And in Thy Book
revealed I see the Lord.

The Sermon**The Reverend Eddie C. Lake****The Call to Christian Discipleship****The Reverend Wendell Webster****Just Come (There's Nothing Better Than Knowing Jesus)**

There's nothing better than knowing Jesus,
He will pick you up and turn your life around.

**Chorus: You ought to know Him, get to know Him,
right now, today, just come.**

There's nothing better than knowing Jesus,
He gets sweeter as the days go by.

**Bridge: Come on, come on, come on. Come on, come on, come on;
right now, today, just come**

The Worship Through Giving**The Conference Finance Committee****The Announcements Host Pastor, The Reverend Dr. Marcus R. Green**

The Service of Holy Communion
Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II
Chief Celebrant

The Communion Hymn “There is a Fountain” AMEC Hymnal No. 255

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more, Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

The General Confession

The Consecration of the Elements

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you.” Likewise, after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, “All of you drink this, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.” Amen.

The Sharing of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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The Benediction

The Reverend Eddie C. Lake

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**ECUMENICAL
WORSHIP / SONS
OF ALLEN**

A Season of Action

STAY ON THE WALL

"So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

Nehemiah 6:3

ORDER OF WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

The Reverend Fred Miller, Worship Leader

The Processional Hymn

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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The Call to Worship

Brother Eric Shields

Quincy/Monticello District SOA Coordinator

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

People: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Leader: Know this: The Lord Himself is God;

People: God has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise;

People: Give thanks to God and call upon God's Name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting;

People: And His faithfulness endures from everlasting to everlasting.

(A Call to Worship Based on the 100th Psalm)

The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Wendell Webster

"Rise Up, O Men of God" AMEC Hymnal No. 559

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things.

Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! The kingdom tarries long.

Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task; rise up and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod.

As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

(Words by William P. Merrill; Tune by William H. Walter)

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend Richard King

The Chant

Choir and Congregation

**"Lead Me, Guide Me" AMEC Hymnal No. 378
(Refrain Only)**

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Nehemiah 6:1-3

New Testament: Romans 12:1-3

The Reverend Anthony McLendon

The Reverend Isaac L. Williams

The Worship Through Song

Conference SOA Male Chorus

**The Gifts for Expansion
and Missions**

The SOA Annual Video

**Orlando District Video
North Orlando District Video
Daytona Beach District Video**

**The Introduction of the
SOA Connectional 2nd Vice President
The The Reverend Fred Miller**

The Connectional Greetings

The Reverend George Hardy
SOA Connectional 2nd Vice-President

The Presentation of Scholarship Recipients

The Introduction of the Preacher The Reverend Dr. Marcus R. Green

The Sermonic Selection

Conference SOA Male Chorus

The Ecumenical Sermon

Archbishop Allen T.D. Wiggins
Senior Pastor, The Hope Church
Presiding Prelate, The International Bishops' Conference, Inc. (IBC)

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Reverend Arthur Davis, Jr.

The Worship Through Giving

Conference Finance Committee

The Presentation of the Bishop

Presiding Elder Milton Broomfield

**The Words from the Bishop
The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II**
Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District, AMEC

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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ORDINATION
WORSHIP

A Season of Action

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND ORDINATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Missiouri L. McPhee
Chair, Board of Examiners, Worship Leader

The Musical Prelude

The Processional

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty” AMEC Hymnal No. 25

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Gerard A. Moss, Sr.

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into house of the Lord,
our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Your house. Lord, I have loved Your habitation, the place where Your honor dwells.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

The Opening Hymn

The Reverend Dr. Kimberly Stockton

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” AMEC Hymnal No. 77

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

The Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, who by Thy divine providence has appointed diverse orders of ministers of Thy church, behold these Your servants, now called to this most sacred and Holy Office. Replenish them so with the truth of your doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve you, and through the Holy Spirit, edify Your Church, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, now and forever, Amen.

The Reverend Dr. Sha'Leda Mirra

The Choral Response

"Anointing, Fall on Me"

Anointing, Fall on me, Anointing, Fall on me.

Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me, Anointing fall on me.

The Choir and Congregation

THE PRESENTATION OF THE DEACONS

Elder: The Reverend Dr. Missiouri L. McPhee

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II, We present unto you these persons to be admitted deacon(s).

Bishop: The Rt. Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

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

Elder: The Reverend Dr. Missiouri L. McPhee

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

Bishop: The Rt. Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

Name the Candidate(s)

Elder: The Reverend Dr. Haywood Davidson, Jr.

(Name the Candidates for Ordination)

Bishop: The Rt. Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

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

THE COLLECTS

For Deacons: The Reverend Patrea Wilson

Almighty God, who By Your Divine Providence hath appointed diverse orders of ministers of Your Church, and did inspire Your Apostles, to choose to the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with others, mercifully behold these Your servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of Your doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve Thee in this office to the glory of Your HOLY name, and edification of Your Church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

The Worship in Song

The Conference Choir

The Deacons:

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Presiding Elder Milton Broomfield

Deacons likewise must be serious, not double tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested; if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. Let deacons be married only once; and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

The Reverend Arthur J. Davis, Jr.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high, He made captivity a captive; He gave gifts to His people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He has also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all heavens, so that He might fill all things.) The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ; until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of full stature of Christ.

The Gospel: John 10:1-16

Presiding Elder Valarie J. Walker

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of a stranger." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they might have life and have it abundantly. I am the good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice, So there will be one flock, one Shepherd."

The Presentation of the Preacher **The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II** Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District - AMEC

The Sermonic Hymn

The Reverend Dr. Rhella P. Murdaugh

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" AMEC Hymnal No. 321

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calvary's mountain.

[Refrain]

**In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find, Rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star, Shed its beams around me. [Refrain]

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

The Ordination Sermon

Bishop Clement W. Fugh

Retired Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Invitation to Christian
Discipleship**

The Reverend Eddie C. Lake, I

The Worship Through Giving

The Conference Finance Committee

The Offertory Response

"All things Come of Thee, oh Lord and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen".

The Announcements

The Reverend Dr. Marcus R. Green

**THE ACT OF ORDINATION
The Call of Deacons**

Bishop: And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your mind and will in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the Name of God and His Church, shall demand of you, touching the same.

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

Candidates: I trust so.

Bishop: Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?

Candidates: I do believe them.

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

Candidates: I will.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS

Bishop: Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bishop: Take thou authority to read the Scriptures and to preach the same in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

The General Confession

In Unison

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you." Likewise after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "All of you drink this, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me." Amen.

The Sharing of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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

The Benediction

Bishop Clement W. Fugh

The peace of God which passeth understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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LAY WITNESS
WORSHIP

A Season of Action

127TH CENTRAL CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION WITNESS NIGHT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

**Sister Charcoyia C. Burns, Orlando District President,
Worship Leader**

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Prelude **Mt. Olive AME Church, Organist**
"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit" AMEC Hymnal No. 196

The Worship Through Music **Brother Joseph Pierce**
Director
Daytona Beach District Praise Team

The Doxology **AMEC Hymnal No. 647**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
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The Call To Worship **Sister Latonya Ginetta**
Director, Central Conference Lay Activities
St. Mark AME Church, Orlando

Leader: For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

People: **How great is God—beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out.**

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

People: **Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, The Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

Leader: But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

People: **Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**

Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader: Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

ALL: **Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.**

The Opening Hymn

“The Laymen’s Song” AMEC Hymnal No. 582

Laymen now have thus assembled, in Thy blessed name, O God.
Guide us in our true endeavor, light the pathway that we trod;
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause,
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.

We are banded one in union, to fulfill Thy just command.
May we be Thy true disciples, holding to Thy mighty hand;
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love,
Give us blessing from the fountain of Thy love.

As we walk this Christian journey, let us keep our armor bright.
Let our words be pure and holy that we stand within Thy sight.
Laymen Soldiers, strong in unity and love.
Laymen Soldiers, strong in unity and love.

May we stand before Thine Altar, pledging, Lord, to work for Thee.
In the Vineyard, in the pastures, let us, Lord, Thy Pilgrim be.
Let us lift the Cross forever to the Skies.
Let us lift the Cross forever to the skies.

The Invocation

Brother Art Moore

Chaplain, Conference Lay Organization

The Choral Response

“Come, Ye Disconsolate” AMEC Hymnal No 227

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal

The Worship Through Music

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” AMEC Hymnal No. 52

Verses 1, 2, and 3

“Yes, God is Real” AMEC Hymnal No. 361

Verses 1, 2, and 3

The Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalm 100:1-5

Sister Gwendolyn Kenley

President, St. James AMEC, Titusville Local Lay Organization

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

New Testament: Romans 15:5-6

Sister Peggy Jackson

Recording Secretary, Conference Lay Organization

Mt. Tabor AME Church, Ocala

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,
So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Introit to the Decalogue

“From All That Dwells Below The Skies” AMEC Hymnal No. 69

The Summary of the Decalogue Abridged

Brandi Crowder

Young Adult Representative

Mt. Zion AME Church, Oakland

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Mark 12:30-31)

The Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” AMEC Hymnal No. 626

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.

The Lay Litany

Sister Billie Hudson

3rd Vice President, Conference Lay Organization

Mt. Tabor AME Church, Ocala

With voices joined, the faithful sing, Their harmonies like angel wings,
A choir of souls, ascending high, in praise to God, their voices fly.

If we're to grow in grace, we need to be willing
to receive in our lives the Holy Spirit's filling.

For the fruit that He has will only start to grow
the more about His power we understand and know.

If we're to be productive, we need more than milk
for it is the meat of the Word that will go down like silk.

For it will ease our fears, soothe all of our doubts
For faith without grace has nowhere to sprout.

Growing in grace, we must make a priority
so that our knowledge . . . in Jesus has clarity!

The Welcome

Sister Australia Pennington

Director, Mt. Zion AME Church, Daytona Local Lay Activities

The Worship Through Music

“Standing on the Promises” AMEC Hymnal No. 424

Verses 1, 2 and 4

“I Was Sinking Deep in Sin” AMEC Hymnal No. 461

Verses 1, 2 and 3

The Worship Through Giving

Brother Valene Croskey &

Sister Chloe Wormack

And the Conference Finance Team

The Presentation of the Messenger

Brother Tyler Hailey

Young Adult Representative
St. Paul AME Church, Orlando

The Sermonic Hymn

“How Great thy Wisdom” AMEC Hymnal No. 91

The Word Proclaimed

The Reverend Mikel James

Pastor, Mt. Tabor AME Church, Ocala

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend La'Fiesta Cox Brown

Pastor, Historic St. James AME Church, Sanford

The Lay Announcements and Happenings

Sister Alexis Pollard
Young Adult Representative
St. Paul AME Church, Apopka

The Conference President's Presentations

Dr. Earl A. Burney, Jr.
President, Conference Lay Organization

The Remarks

Brother John W. Love
President
11th Episcopal District Lay Organization

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District - AMEC

The Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Doxology

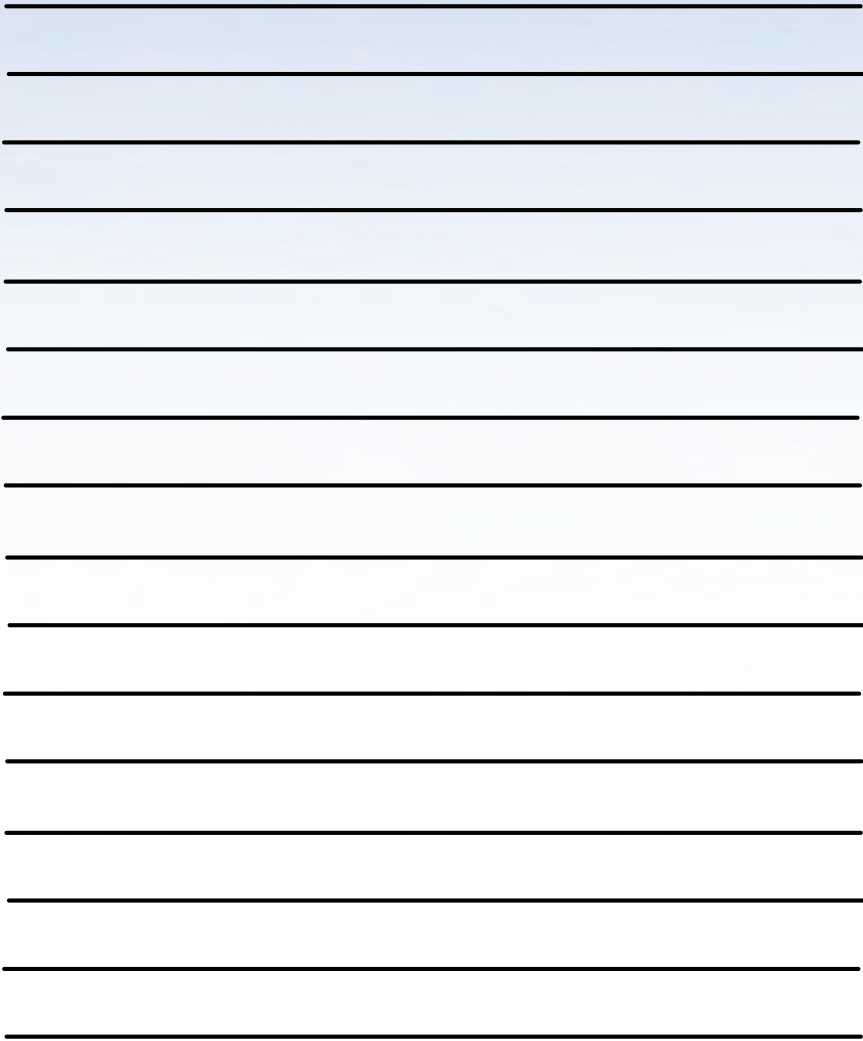
AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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The Lay Benediction

"May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over man but, as Laypersons working with God."

(Words by Rose Reese; Tune by Jackie Winston & Florine Herron)



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WOMEN IN
MINISTRY

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The Hour of Power/AMEWIM Worship

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The Reverend Rhella Murdaugh, D.Min.
Coordinator, Central Conference AME Women in Ministry
Pastor, Mount Zion AME Church, Ocala
Worship Leader

The Prelude

Central Conference AMEWIM Choir
The Reverend Priscilla Robinson, Director

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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

The Welcome to the Annual AME WIM Day

The Reverend Sandara Williams, D.Min.
General Secretary, Connectional AMEWIM
Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Cocoa Beach

The Opening Hymn

The Reverend Caroline Shine, D.Min.
1st Vice President, 11th Episcopal District AMEWIM
Pastor, Greater Faith AME Church, Deltona

“Jesus is All the World to Me” AMEC Hymnal No. 349

Jesus is all the world to me, My life, my joy, my all.
He is my strength from day to day, Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go; No other one can cheer me so.
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, My Friend in trials sore.
I go to Him for blessings, and He gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain; He sends the harvest's golden grain:
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, And true to Him I'll be.
Oh, how could I this Friend deny. When He's so true to me?
Following Him I know I'm right; He watches o'er me day and night.
Following Him by day and night, He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend.
I trust Him now; I'll trust Him when, Life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a Friend; Beautiful life that has no end!
Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my Friend.

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend Avis Boswell
Pastor, New Bethel AME Church, Geneva

The Choral Response

**Central Conference AMEWIM Choir
& Congregation**

The Scripture Lesson

The Reverend Phyllis Rose Brown
Worship Leader, Central Conference AMEWIM
Pastor, Grant Chapel AME Church, Oviedo

The Introduction of the Bishop

Presiding Elder Valarie J. Walker
North Orlando District
Advisor, 11th Episcopal District AMEWIM

**The Introduction of the
Preacher**

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District - AME Church

The Sermonic Selection

Central Conference AMEWIM Choir

The Annual AME/WIM Sermon

The Reverend Pamala Bivins
Financial Secretary, 11th Episcopal District AMEWIM
Pastor, Mt. Moriah AME Church, Wildwood

**The Invitation to Christian
Discipleship**

The Reverend Lovisa Moore
Coordinator, Daytona Beach District AMEWIM
Pastor, Mt. Olive AME Church, Sanford

The Worship Through Giving

The Reverend Donna Andrews
Treasurer, Central Conference AMEWIM
St. Paul AME Church, Orlando
& The Conference Finance Committee

The Herstory Recognitions and Memorials

The Reverend Patrea Wilson
Pastor, New Bethel AME Church, Lacoochee
Assistant Coordinator, Central Conference AMEWIM

The Announcements

The Reverend Aquinette Harrison
Pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Ocala

The Presentation of the 11th Episcopal District AMEWIM President
The Reverend Sha'Leda Mirra, Ph.D.

The Remarks

The Reverend Marcia Allen Owens, Ph. D.
President, 11th Episcopal District AMEWIM

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District - AME Church

The Doxology

The Closing Prayer

The Reverend Chiquita Washington
Coordinator, Orlando District AMEWIM
Pastor, Mt. Olive AME Church, Bushnell

SERVICE OF SUPERANNUATION

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 Zanders, the Central 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 the 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 shout of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Psalm 126:2)

The Statement of Achievement – The Message of Tribute

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed by faith our ancestors receives 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 your 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Leader: Since the close of our last Annual Conference, seats have become vacant, family circles have become 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 Hymn of Hope

“My Hope is Built” ~ AMECH #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.
(Words by Edward Mote; music by William Bradbury)

The Invocation

The Scripture

I Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹ Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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)

The Closing 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 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 Hymn of Triumph

“Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus” AMECH #511

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed. He'll prepare 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!*

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open— We shall tread the streets of gold.

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 1:24-25)

(A Memorial Service: Written by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., 115)

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**21ST CENTURY
BIBLE DISCOVERY
HOUR**

A Season of Action

11TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT THE 21ST CENTURY BIBLE DISCOVERY HOUR

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THE CENTRAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II, Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Winifred H. Zanders, Episcopal Supervisor
Reverend Dr. Paula Lake, Episcopal Christian Education Director
Reverend Reginald B. C. Johnson, Episcopal District Superintendent

BIBLE DISCOVERY HOUR ORDER OF STUDY

Bell tap

Welcome

Ms. Annie Wheeler

Selection

“Blessed Assurance”

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

The Reverend Dawn Harris

(Closing with Lord’s Prayer)

Responsive Reading

The Reverend Dr. Haywood Davidson
Joshua 11:6-9; 16-23

Summary of the Decalogue

The Reverend Travis Kendrick

Hear what Christ our Savior saith. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments, depend all the law and the prophets.

Gloria Patri

Teacher – (15-20 minutes)

The Reverend Shalon Chambers

Offertory Appeal

The Reverend Denzil Brumfield

Remarks

The Reverend Reginald Johnson
Eleventh Episcopal District Bible Discovery Hour Superintendent

The Church School Creed

In Unison

I believe my AME Church School must grow and go. And that I must make it a top priority to make it so. Every member a Christian, every Christian a worker, every worker trained, a worker that need not a ashamed, this we ask in Jesus’ name.

The Church School Benediction

In Unison

We have come, we have studied, we have learned. So until our next coming together to study God’s Word, may His richest blessings reside with you and may His grace be eternally yours.

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**CLOSING
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026
Presiding Elder Lorenzo Laws, Worship Leader

The Processional

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" AMEC Hymnal No. 5

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

The Doxology

AMEC Hymnal No. 647

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

The Call To Worship

The Reverend David Ferguson

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Your house. Lord, I have loved Your habitation, the place where Your honor dwells.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

The Opening Hymn

The Reverend La'Fiesta Cox Brown

"To the Work" AMEC Hymnal No. 392

To the work! to the work! we are servants of God, Let us follow the path that our Master has trod; With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew, Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Refrain:

**Toiling on, toiling on, Toiling on, toiling on:
Let us hope, let us watch, And labor till the Master comes.**

To the work! to the work! let the hungry be fed; To the fountain of life let the weary be led; In the cross and its banner our glory shall be, While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

To the work! to the work! there is labor for all; For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall; And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be, In the loud-swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

To the work! to the work! in the strength of the Lord, And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward; When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be, And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend Robert Simmons

The Prayer Response

Choir and Congregation

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" AMEC Hymnal No. 196

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.

The Scripture Lessons (NLT)

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9

The Epistle: James 1:19-25

The Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

The Reverend Carshina Baker

The Reverend Floyd Narcisse

The Reverend Dr. Michael K. Bouie

The Worship Through Music

The Conference Choir

The Gifts for Expansion and Missions

The Reverend Van Green

The Offertory Response

"All Things Come of Thee" AMEC Hymnal No. 644

The Presentation of the Bishop

Presiding Elder Milton Broomfield

The Sermonic Hymn

"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" AMEC Hymnal No. 191

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love, In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below, Fond of these earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go, To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs, In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, And our devotion dies.

Father, and shall we ever live At this poor dying rate,
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, And that shall kindle ours.

The Closing Sermon

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop, 11th Episcopal District - AMEC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend Dr. Rhella P. Murdaugh

The Worship Through Giving

The Conference Finance Committee

The Offertory Response

“My Offering”

Choir and Congregation

Lord I give to You, my offering, Lord I give to You, my offering,
Lord I give to You, my offering, And my offering is a sacrifice of praise.

I lift my hands, that's my offering, I lift my voice, that's my offering,
I give my heart, that's my offering, I give my life, that's my offering,
And my offering is a sacrifice of praise.

By Elise Nicole Lewis

The Report of the Statistician

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The Commissioning Service

The Hymn

The Choir and Congregation

“A Charge to Keep I Have” AMEC Hymnal No. 242

A Charge to keep I have, A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely;
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. Amen

(Words by Charles Wesley; Tune by Aaron Williams)

The Presentation of Certificates

The Commissioning Prayer

The Commissioning Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20

The Hymn

The Choir and Congregation

“Go Preach My Gospel” AMEC Hymnal No. 220

“Go preach my gospel,” saith the Lord. “Bid the whole earth my grace receive.
Explain to them my sacred word; Bid them believe, obey and live.

“I'll make my great commission known, and ye shall prove my gospel true
By all the works that I have done and all the wonders ye shall do.

“Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go cast out devils in My name;
Nor let my prophets be afraid, Tho' some reproach and some blaspheme.

“While thus ye follow my commands I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted in my hands; I can destroy and can defend.”

He spake, and light shone round His head, on a bright cloud to heaven He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread the grace of their ascended God.

(Words by Isaac Watts, Tune by Thomas Hastings)

The Reading of the Appointments

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II

The Closing Hymn

“God Be With You”

God Be With You, God Be With You,
God Be With You, Until We Meet Again. [Repeat]

The Closing Benediction

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II

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