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*African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
*Fifth Episcopal District*



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**2021 Annual Conference Booklet**

**2020 – 2024 Quadrennial Theme:  
THINK BIG!!**

**THEME:**

*Year Two: 2021-2022*

***FAITH!***

**Scripture:**

**Isaiah 40:28-31 NRSV**

**Hebrew 11:1-3**

**St. Luke 18:1-8**

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



## Episcopal Greeting

*Praise the Lord, Saints:*

*“It is good to be a seeker, but sooner or later  
you have to be a finder; and then it is  
good to give what you have found,  
a gift into the world for all who will accept it.”  
(JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL,  
By Richard Bach)*

With “THINK BIG” as our mantra for this Quadrennial (2020 – 2024) and “eagles on the wing” as our logo for YEAR TWO, it appears to be an oxymoron that we would commence the SEASON taking lessons from a seagull, scavengers through trash on the beaches and chasing after ships to feast on their refuse. Yet, it is the exploits of Jonathan Livingston Seagull as graphically portrayed by Richard Bach in his book by that title, that defies the stereotypical role assigned to seagulls in a quest to do and to be all that is in his heart to do and to be, that weaves the themes of our scripture lessons into a pattern that is both captivating and compelling.

We learn from the persistent widow in St Luke 18: 1 – 8, that **perseverance** opens doors that would otherwise be impenetrable. “NO!” the first or second time would be enough to discourage some in their pursuits, but not so for those who have set their sights on BIG HAIRY AUDACIOUS GOALS (BHAGS!).

Isaiah 40: 28 – 31, the Old Testament prophecy, reveals a truth that is often overlooked. Before one can “mount up on wings as eagles,” there is a period of waiting – waiting requires **patience**. Flying requires **practice**! Hence, our waiting should never be **idleness**!

**FAITH**, the theme of Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, is the dominant thread throughout. Without **faith**, not only do our Big Hairy Audacious Goals to soar like eagles evade us, but we are relegated to the mundane existence of “the flock” whose only goal in flight is to go from the shore to food then back to shore again. They never come to the realization that, **“The gull sees farther who flies highest.”**

Finally, our success in flight is not solitary! Once we ascend to higher realms, it is our responsibility to give what we have found, a gift to all who will accept it.

Dream the impossible with a clear realization that **perseverance, practice and patience** are essential to transforming **faith into substance**!

Clement W. Fugh  
Presiding Bishop





## 2021 Annual Conference Series Scriptures

### Old Testament

*“Have you not known?*

*Have you not heard?”*

*The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He does not faint or grow weary;*

*His understanding is unsearchable.*

*He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.*

*Even youths will faint and be weary,*

*and the young will fall exhausted;*

*but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,*

*they shall mount up on wings like eagles,*

*they shall run and not be weary,*

*they shall walk and not faint.”*

*(Isaiah 40: 28 – 31 NRSV)*

### Epistle

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the Word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.”*

*(Hebrews 11: 1 – 3 NRSV)*

### Gospel

*“Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, Grant me justice against my opponent. For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long in helping them? I tell you, He will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?’”*

*(St Luke 18: 1 – 8 NRSV)*



## **THEME SONG:**

### **O For A Faith**

O, for a faith that will not shrink,  
though pressed by every foe,  
that will not tremble on the brink  
of any earthly woe!

That will not murmur nor complain  
beneath the chastening rod,  
but, in the hour of grief or pain,  
will lean upon its God.

A faith that shines more bright and clear  
when tempests rage without;  
that when in danger knows no fear,  
in darkness feels no doubt.

A faith that keeps the narrow way  
till life's last hour is fled,  
and with a pure and heavenly ray  
lights up a dying bed.

Lord, give me such a faith as this,  
and then, whate'er may come,  
I'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss  
of an eternal home.





## Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Senior Bishop

**Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield**  
President, Council of Bishops



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*Historiographer, Executive Director Department of Research and Scholarship*

**Rev. Dr. Roderick D. Belin**

*President/Publisher, Sunday School Union*

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**Dr. Marcellus Norris**

*Executive Director,*

*Department of Church Growth and Development*





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*President, Judicial Council*

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*2nd Vice President, Connectional WMS*

**Rev. LeSean Tarkington**

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*President, Young People's Department*

**Mrs. Deborah Rabb**

*WMS President*



## 2021 Annual Conference Series (Virtual and In-person)

August 4 – 6, 2021	130th Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Host: Allen, Tacoma, WA and Venue
August 18 – 20, 2021	135th Desert Mountain Annual Conference Host: Payne, Colorado Springs, CO Co-Host: First AME Church, Pueblo, CO Venue: Shorter Community, Denver, CO
September 15 – 17, 2021	14th Midwest Annual Conference Host: St Paul, Wichita, KS Venue: Bethel, Kansas City, MO
September 29 - October 1, 2021	157th California Annual Conference Host: Murph-Emanuel, Sacramento Valley, CA Venue: Bethel, San Francisco, CA
October 13 – 15, 2021	167th Missouri Annual Conference Host: St Peters, St Louis, MO and Venue
October 20 – 22, 2021	97th Southern California Annual Conference Host: Christ Our Redeemer, Irvine, CA Venue: First, Los Angeles, CA
October 25, 2021	Fifth District Planning Meeting Host: Christ Our Redeemer, Irvine, CA Venue: First, Lost Angeles, CA

***Hybrid – All Conference business will be conducted virtually, except the Ordination and Commissioning Service, which will be conducted in person with Ordinands, Board of Examiners and Others in accordance with prevailing assembly directives.***





## AGENDA

### Sunday

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Rev. Dorisalene Hughes,  
*Fifth District Coordinator*

Intercessory Prayer Hour

### Wednesday

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Mrs. Alexia B. Fugh, Supervisor  
*Presiding*

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Women In Ministry Convention

Annual Conference Coordinator  
*Presiding*

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Conference Lay Organization

Conference Branch President,  
*Presiding*

### Thursday

**8:15 a.m.**

**Commence Registration and Login**

**8:40 – 8:45 a.m.**

**Host Church Greeting**

*(Welcome/Snippets/Montage)*

**8:45 – 9:00 a.m.**

Devotional Service

Participants TBA

**9:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

Call to Order

**Annual Conference Business Session I**

Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding

Roll Call

Conf. Secretary via Zoom/  
Call-in Record  
*(Call in to begin at 8:15 a.m.)*

Organization

Election and Appointment of Conf. Officers  
*(The slate of Officers is posted in categories as they are presented by Presiding Elders and acted on.)*

Approval of the HYBRID – VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON CONFERENCE

Approval of AGENDA and COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Presiding Elder Summaries

*(Financial Reports made on Tuesday. Thank pastors and members for their stewardship.)*



Report of Board of Examiners

*(Note: By PowerPoint. Candidates for Admissions, and for Deacon and Elder orders will be acted on in an actual assembly.)*

Casting the Quadrennial Vision

Bishop Fugh

**10:45 -11:30 a.m.**

Intermission/Proprietary Session  
*(Meeting continues for Ministers and Delegates)*

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Pastor's Annual Reports

**Annual Conference  
Business Session II**  
*(Pre-record Pastors reporting on Conversions, Accessions and Baptisms. Post picture of Pastor and/or Church.)*

Reports from Essential Committees

*(ALL Committees are to file reports with their respective Annual Conference Secretary and with 5tinfo@ame5.org prior to the convening of the Conference with the exception of the Finance Committee and the Ministerial Efficiency Committee, Statistical Report.)*

Memorials

*(PowerPoint: Memorial Litany with Names of those remembered)*

Retirement

*(PowerPoint: Retirement Litany with Conference Secretary presenting names of retirees)*

Disciplinary Questions

*(Annual Conference Secretary answers)*

Conference Resolution

*(Resolution Committee to work with Conference Secretarial Staff to prepare an exhaustive summary of Conference deliberations.)*

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Intermission/Break**





**3:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

**Commissioning Activities**  
*The Service of Word, Ordination, Holy Communion and Sending Forth*  
(See Template for Order of Service)

Announcing of Certificates

Appointments

Adjournment

**Friday**

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

Church School  
(Annual Conference  
Superintendents Leaders)

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Young People's Department Activity

YPD Director and YPD President  
Program Coordinators

**Friday, October 22, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

Episcopal District Sons  
of Allen Program  
Rev. Dr. Barry Settle, *President, SOA*

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

RAYAC,  
Rev. Raichera McCray, *President*

### **PLANNING MEETING**

**Monday, October 25, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PST**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Fifth District Women In Ministry  
Rev. Mercedes Tudy Hamilton  
*Fifth District President*

**Essential Committees;**

**Finance Committee**

**Presiding Elder Apportionment**

**Trustee Board**

**Board of Examiners**

**Ministerial Efficiency**

**Women's Missionary Society**

**Young People's Department**

**Lay Organization**

**Women In Ministry**

**Classification of Churches**

**Classification of Pastors**

**Memorial Committee**

**Summary of Minutes**

**Conference Resolution**

**Sons of Allen**

**RAYAC**



**130th SESSION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION  
AUGUST 4 – 6, 2021**

Rev. Spencer F. Barrett, Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Anthony Steele, Host Pastor

**SERMONS**

Rev. Terry McCray Hill – Annual Sermon  
Rev. Benjamin Watson – Morning Meditation

**INSTITUTE**

Bishop Clement W. Fugh

**CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Bill Dickens

**COMMITTEES**

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

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones. Registrar: Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith.

**STATE OF CHURCH**

Rev. Philip Ross, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Rev. Dalondric Bergen.

**Delegates:** Ms. Mamie Roberson (Primm Tabernacle), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima), Ms. Armiliza Harden (Walker Chapel), Mr. Elijah Young (Youth – Wayman, Billings).

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY**

Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Betsy Williams.

**Delegates:** Mr. Al Claxton (First, Fairbanks), Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland), Ms. Acquanitta Lucas (Union Bethel), Ms. Dallas Richardson (Youth – First, Seattle).

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Amy Higdon, Rev. Kimberly G. Sales, Rev. Doris Cope, Rev. Dr. Margaret Spearmon, Ms. Tara Young. **Delegates:** Rev. Gayle Stewart, Evangelist Elisha Mitchell, Evangelist Alethea Douglass, Evangelist Pearlie Welch, Ms. Dallas Richardson (Youth).





## EVANGELISM

Rev. Theodore Payne, Rev. Kimberly Sales, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Doris Cope, Rev. Betsy Williams. **Delegates:** Ms. Pam Farrior (Ebenezer, Bremerton), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Mr. Travis Curry (Bailey), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings), Ms. Dallas Richardson (First, Seattle), Ms. Acquanitta Lucas (Union Bethel).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Dr. Gail Stewart, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Doris Cope. **Delegates:** Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Ms. Acquanitta Lucas (Union Bethel), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman), Ms. Dallas Richardson (First, Seattle).

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Dalondric Bergen. **Delegates:** Mr. Travis Curry (Bailey), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima), Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman).

## TEMPERANCE

Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Dr. Sharon Rose Fitch, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Theodore Payne IV. **Delegates:** Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Mr. Travis Curry (Bailey), Ms. Pam Farrior (Ebenezer).

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Mr. Bill Dickens, Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Barry Ray, Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Gail Stewart, Rev. Philip Ross, Rev. Theodore Payne IV. **Delegates:** PNWC Cascade District Church Schools Superintendent, Ms. Dorothy Fuller (Bethel, Portland), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Mr. Al Claxton (First, Fairbanks), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Ms. Mamie Roberson (Primm Tabernacle), Ms. Pam Farrior (Ebenezer), Mr. Elijah Young (Youth - Wayman).

## CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Doris Cope, Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Theodore Payne IV. **Delegates:** Mr. Gene Harden (Walker Chapel), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Mr. Al Claxton (First, Fairbanks), Ms. Pam Farrior (Ebenezer).

## MEMORIALS

Rev. Linton Weems, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Barry Ray, Rev. Phillip Ross, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Zane Fitch Sr., Licentiate Kenneth McWilliams. **Delegates:** Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Ms. Acquanitta Lucas (Union Bethel), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Ms. Mamie Roberson.



## **RESOLUTIONS**

Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Margaret Spearmon, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Theodore Payne IV. **Delegates:** Mr. Gene Harden (Walker Chapel), Mr. Travis Curry (Bailey), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima), Ms. Pam Farrior (Ebenezer).

## **EMPLOYEE SECURITY**

Presiding Elder Spencer F. Barrett, Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Terry McCray Hill. **Delegates:** Mr. Gene Harden (Walker Chapel), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland).

## **LAY ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Bobby Brown, Conference Branch Lay President, First AME – Seattle

## **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS**

Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Phillip Ross, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Benjamin Watson. **Delegates:** Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Ms. Mamie Roberson (Primm Tabernacle), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane).

## **MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Ms. Denise Williams, Conference Branch WMS President

## **YPD**

Ms. Cathy Sisk & Ms. Charlot Grady – Conference Branch YPD Co-Coordinators

## **PRESIDING ELDER'S APPORTIONMENT**

Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Theodore Payne IV. **Delegates:** Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland), Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Mr. John Farrior (Ebenezer).

## **ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Conference Trustees

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Phillip Ross. **Delegates:** Ms. Acquanitta Lucas (Union Bethel), Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima), Ms. Mamie Roberson (Primm Tabernacle).

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Allison Cannady-Smith, Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Terry McCray Hill. **Delegates:** Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Mr. Travis Curry (Bailey), Ms. Wanda Montgomery (Allen), Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland).





## **PNWC LEGISLATION TASKFORCE**

Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Ms. Sandra Nelson

## **CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES**

Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Donald Davis, Rev. Dr. Anna Clark-Jones, Rev. Benjamin Watson, Rev. Allison Canady-Smith. **Delegates:** Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Mr. Scott Reinmuth (Bethel, Yakima), Mr. Gene Harden (Walker Chapel), Ms. Lillie Harris (Bethel, Spokane), Mr. Travis Curry (Bailey).

## **CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS**

Rev. Dr. Carey G. Anderson, Rev. Betsy Williams, Rev. Phillip Ross, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Terry McCray Hill. **Delegates:** Ms. Wanda Montgomery (First, Seattle), Ms. Acquanitta Lucas (Union Bethel), Ms. Mamie Roberson (Primm Tabernacle), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland).

## **SONS OF ALLEN**

Rev. Darrell Jarmon, Rev. Anthony Steele, Rev. Terry McCray Hill, Rev. Dalondric Bergen. **Delegates:** Mr. Al Claxton (First, Fairbanks), Ms. Wanda Griffin (Allen), Mr. Keith Edwards (Bethel, Portland), Mr. Todd Harris (Wayman, Billings).

## **RAYAC**

Rev. Phillip Ross, Rev. Theodore Payne IV, Rev. Dalondric Bergen, Rev. Dr. Margaret Spearmon. **Delegates:** Ms. Mamie Roberson (Primm Tabernacle), Ms. Pam Farrior (Ebenezer), Mr. Elijah Young (Youth - Wayman), Ms. Dallas Richardson (Youth – First, Seattle).



**135th SESSION OF THE DESERT MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION  
AUGUST 18 – 20, 2021**

Rev. Sheriolyn Curry, Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. E. Teresa Nelson, Co-Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Dr. Leslie White, Host Pastor  
Rev. Olga Copeland, Co-Host Pastor

**VENUE**

Shorter Community AME Church  
Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler, Pastor

**SERMON**

Rev. Michael Permilion – Annual Sermon

**CONFERENCE INSTITUTE**

Rev. Dr. Benjamin N. Thomas Sr., Conference Dean

**CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Vernon Goode

**COMMITTEES**

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Rev. Dr. Leslie White, Rev. Dr. Margaret Redmond-McFaddin, Rev. Arnold Jackson, Rev.  
Michael Permilion, Rev. Dr. Gloria Barrett, Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith.

**STATE OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Rev. William Cornick, Rev. Dr. Jerome Griffin, Rev. Dr. Gloria  
Barrett. **Delegates:** Wilford Bradley (Shorter), Frances Lupoe (Greater Bethel), Twila  
Stevens (Prince Chapel), Lowell Norling (Embry).

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY**

Rev. Dr. Gloria Barrett, Rev. Gerald Richard, Rev. Michael Permilion, Rev. Olga Copland,  
Rev. Arnold Jackson. **Delegates:** Julius Foggie, (Tanner), Mary Ann Lemon (First AME),  
Lic. Sunni Green (Jordan), Betty Allen Brissette (Murph).

**TEMPERANCE**

Rev. William Cornick, Rev. Dr. Jerome Griffin, Rev. Warren Robinson, Rev. Jovetia  
Watson. **Delegates:** Dr. Linda Garrett (Mt. Moriah), Valeria Wilhoite Brooks (St Paul),  
Arlene Whittaker-Ezidore (Historic Trinity).





## **EVANGELISM**

Rev. Jovetia Watson, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Rev. Ozetta Kirby, Rev. Tarachel Goodman, Rev. Shiame Okunor, Min. Daryell Jackson. **Delegates:** Lowell Norling (Embry), Dr. Linda Garrett (Mt. Moriah), Leslie Taylor (Holy Trinity), Allison Smith (Grant), Wilford Bradley (Shorter).

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Rev. Jovetia Watson, Rev. Olga Copeland. **Delegates:** Julius Foggie (Tanner), Thomas J. Scott (Payne), Clotille Cross (The Word Of God) Mary Ann Lemon (First AME, Pueblo).

## **CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Leslie White, Rev. Warren Robinson, Rev. Dr. Jerome Griffin, Rev. William Cornick. **Delegates:** Al Lewis (Payne Chapel), Clotille Cross (The Word of God), Jason Wilson (Campbell), Betty Allen Brissette (Murph).

## **ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Conference Trustees

## **MEMORIALS**

Rev. Brenda Hector, Rev. William Cornick, Rev. Stephanie Duncan, Rev. Angela Miller, Rev. Naomi Harris. **Delegates:** Tara Ashley (Howard), Arlene Whittaker-Ezidore (Historic Trinity), Frances Lupoe (Greater Bethel), Lic. Sunni Green (Jordan).

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Rev. Dr. Gloria Barrett, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Min. Daryell Jackson. **Delegates:** Lic. Sunni Green (Jordan), Allison Smith (Grant Chapel), Al Lewis (Payne Chapel), Albert Simon (Owen Chapel).

## **CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES**

Rev. Dr. Margaret McFaddin, Rev. Olga Copeland, Rev. Stephen Garnett, Rev. Dr. Jerome Griffin. **Delegates:** Al Lewis (Payne), Julius Foggie (Tanner), Wilford Bradley (Shorter), Leslie Taylor (Holy Trinity), Mary Ann Lemon (First AME, Pueblo).

## **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS**

Rev. Tarachel Goodman, Rev. Corey Moore, Rev. Shiame Okunor, Min Daryell Jackson. **Delegates:** Valerie Wilhoite Brooks (St. Paul), Albert Simon (Owen), Arlene Whittaker-Ezidore (Historic Trinity), Rhonda Rudolph (Allen Chapel).

## **CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS**

Rev. Dr. Geleta Smith, Rev. Michael Permillion, Rev. Dr. Leslie White, Rev. Brenda Hector. **Delegates:** Lowell Norling (Embry), Thomas J. Scott (Payne Chapel), Frances Lupoe, Greater Bethel.



### **LOCAL CHURCH INSURANCE**

Rev. Ozetta Kirby, Rev. Warren Robinson, Min. Daryell Jackson. **Delegates:** Dr. Linda Garrett (Mt. Moriah), Wilford Bradley (Shorter), Jason Wilson (Campbell Chapel).

### **SOCIAL ACTION**

Rev. Arnold Jackson, Rev. Dr. Gloria Barrett, Rev. Gerald Richard, Rev. Jovetia Watson. **Delegates:** Albert Simon (Owen), Allison Smith (Grant), Wilford Bradley (Shorter), Lic. Sunni Green (Jordan), Rhonda Rudolph (Allen).

### **PRESIDING ELDER OPPORTIONMENT**

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Thomas Sr., Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Tyler, Rev. Dr. Leslie White, Rev. Michael Permillion. Presiding Elders: Rev. E. Teresa Nelson and Rev. Sherielyn Curry

### **CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Rev. Micheal Permillion, Rev. Tarachel Goodman, Rev. Dr. Leslie White, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath. **Delegates:** Jason Wilson (Campbell), Al Lewis (Payne), Frances Lupoe (Greater Bethel), Valerie Wilhoite Brooks (St. Paul).

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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**14th SESSION OF THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION  
SEPTEMBER 15 – 17, 2021**

Rev. Benjamin Finnell, Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Fran Cary, Co-Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Pamela Hughes Mason, Host Pastor

**VENUE**

Bethel AME Church, Kansas City, MO  
Rev. Dr. Mark Smith, Host Pastor

**SERMON**

Rev. Pamela Hughes Mason -Annual Sermon  
St. Paul AME Church, Wichita, KS

**CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Ms. Gail McClenton

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**STATE OF CHURCH:**

Rev. Steve Barnes, Rev. Edward Walzer, Rev. Viola Jones, Rev. Carmi Woods, Rev. Brandee Mimitzraiem, Rev. Karla Cooper, Rev. Clifton Neal St. James. **Delegates:** Gregg Tabernacle/KCMO-Darian Jefferson; Bethel/Hutchinson-Beulah Walker; St. Luke/Lawrence-Virginia Hamm; St. John/Omaha-Anthony Weathers; Campbell Chapel/Atchison-Donald Bratton; Allen-St. John/KCMO-Dr. Sharon Byrd; Bethel/Omaha-Charles Williamson; Grant-Lovell/Moberly-Rose Harris; Bethel/Macon-Angela Jordan.

**STATE OF COUNTRY:**

Rev. V. Gordon Glenn, Rev. Karla Cooper, Rev. Eraina Aseme, Rev. May Etta Hall, Rev. Teresa Ambler, Rev. Vernon Winfrey. **Delegates:** Bethel/KCMO-Melba Unbderwood; Ebenezer/KCMO-Phyllis Gentry; St. John/Omaha-Anthony Weathers; Power of Faith/KCMO-Naomi Lyons; Trinity/KCK-Juanita Perkins; Gilbert Memorial/KCMO-Windolyn Smith; Quinn Chapel/Lincoln-Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Farr; Willis Chapel/KCMO-Leonard Rucker; St. John/Topeka-Dale Cushinberry; Ward Cain Grant/KCMO-Carmen Hayes.



### **TEMPERANCE:**

Rev. Donald Morrison, Rev. Steve Barnes, Rev. Kevin Shields, Rev. Bridget Mitchell, Rev. Shirley Heermance, Rev. Barbara Harper, Rev. Lucilla Miller. **Delegates:** Bethel/Macon-Angela Jordan; Grant-Lovell/Moberly-Rose Harris, St. Paul/Independence-Katherine McCraney, Halls Chapel/Newton-Conrad Rucker, Grant Chapel/Wichita-Melody Miller, Bethel/Leavenworth - Dora Robinson; Bethel/Omaha-Charles Williamson.

### **EVANGELISM:**

Rev. Edwin Donaldson, Rev. Lucilla Miller, Rev. Victoria Parker Mothershed, Rev. Brenda Smith, Rev. Jessie Reed; Steve Barnes, Rev. Andrew Rollins, Rev. Brandee Mimitzraiem. **Delegates:** Allen St. John/KCMO-Dr. Sharon Byrd Allen Chapel/Omaha-Jerri Maxwell; Christ Our Redeemer/KCMO-Greatest Holliman; St. Mark/Topeka-Gary Douglas; Ward Chapel/Junction City-Angela Dunlap; St. Paul/Independence-Katherine McCraney; Bethel/Manhattan-Dixie Longren; Ward Chapel/Richmond-Emma Williams.

### **CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:**

Rev. Pamela Mason, Rev. Clifton Neal St. James, Rev. Victoria Mothershed, Rev. Michelle Rucker, Rev. Teresa Ambler. **Delegates:** Grant/Wichita - Melody Miller; St. Paul/Wichita - Christine Brown; Trinity/KCK-Juanita Perkins; Bethel/Manhattan-Dixie Longren; St. Matthew/Booneville-Nellie Sims; Gilbert Memorial/KCMO-Windolyn Smith.; St. Luke/Lawrence-Virginia Hamm; Greater New Bethel/KCK-Harold Brown; Ward Chapel/Richmond-Emma Williams.

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Rev. Jason Thompson, Rev. Eraina Aseme, Rev. Bridget Mitchell, Rev. May Etta Hall, Rev. Stacy Evans. **Delegates:** Christ Our Redeemer/KCMO-Greatest Holliman; Bethel/Macon-Angela Jordan; Ward Chapel Cain Grant/KCMO-Carmen Hayes; Ward Chapel/Junction City-Angela Dunlap; Ebenezer/KCMO-Phyllis Gentry; St. John/Topeka-Dale Cushinberry; Allen-St. John/KCMO-Dr. Sharon Byrd; Gregg Tabernacle/KCMO- Darian Jefferson.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Rev. Pamela Mason, Rev. Clifton Neal St. James, Rev. Victoria Mothershed, Rev. Michelle Rucker, Rev. Teresa Ambler. **Delegates:** Grant/Wichita - Melody Miller; St. Paul/Wichita - Christine Brown; Trinity/KCK-Juanita Perkins; Bethel/Manhattan-Dixie Longren; St. Matthew/Booneville-Nellie Sims; Gilbert Memorial/KCMO-Windolyn Smith.; St. Luke/Lawrence-Virginia Hamm; Greater New Bethel/KCK-Harold Brown; Ward Chapel/Richmond-Emma Williams, Greater New Bethel/KCK-Harold Brown, Ward Chapel/Richmond-Emma Williams.

### **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY:**

Rev. Andrew Rollins, Rev. Juliet Hemphill, Rev. Viola Jones, Rev. Juli Boyd. **Delegates:** Ward Chapel Cain Grant/KCMO-Carmen Hayes; First/KCK-Kerry Dixon, St. Paul/Independence-Katherine McCraney; Allen Chapel/Omaha-Jerri Maxwell; St. Paul KCK - Nedra Locke; Mt. Olive-Nadine Terry; Bethel/Winfield - Dr. Charles Quinn.





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Revs.; Barbara Harper; Willie Morris; Michele Rucker;

**RESOLUTION:**

Revs. Juli Boyd-Whitney; Stacy Evans; Shirley Heermance; Vernon Winfrey

**Delegates:** Greater New Bethel/KCK-Harold Brown; Bethel/Hutchinson-Beulah Walker; Allen St. John/KCMO- , Ward Chapel Cain Grant KCMO-Esther Gilmore; Bethel Leavenworth; Allen Chapel, KCK

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Gail McClenton

**CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES:**

Revs. Juliet Hemphill; Willie Morris; Brenda Smith; May Hall; Karla Cooper; Andrew Rollins; Keith Cornelius **Delegates:** Ward Chapel/Junction City-Wyndale McLaughlin; Grant/KCK-Felicia Stevenson; Halls Chapel/Newton-Conrad Rucker; St. Paul/Wichita-Lola McLaurian; Bethel/KCMO-Ronetta Buford Brown

**MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS:**

Revs. Vernon Winfrey; Rachel Williams-Glenn; Lucilla Miller; Edwin Donaldson

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**157th SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION  
SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 1, 2021**

Rev. Dr. Vernon S. Burroughs, Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Dr. Harold R. Mayberry, Co-Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Dr. Carietta Cain-Grizzell, Host Pastor

**VENUE**

Bethel AME Church, San Francisco  
Rev. Robert Shaw, Pastor

**SERMON**

Rev. Robert R. Shaw, II – Annual Sermon

**CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

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**STATE OF THE CHURCH:**

Rev. Cubie Finley, III and Rev. Gayle Jones Lockhart. **Delegates:** Bethel-Marysville-Ms. Gwen Ford and St. Paul-Pixley-Ms. Dorris Brooks.

**STATE OF THE COUNTRY:**

Rev. Rosalynn Brookins, Rev. Boaston E. Woodson, Jr., Rev. Gilbert V. Richards, II, Rev. Carl L. Jones. **Delegates:** Murph Emmanuel- Mrs. Cephoni Jackson and Brooks Chapel-Ms. Earlene Green.

**TEMPERANCE:**

Rev. Antoinette Miles, Rev. Dominic L. Holland, Rev. Donnell O. Miles. **Delegates:** Brookins-Ms. Jahna Nicks and Allen Chapel-San Francisco-Ms. Bridgett Price.

**EVANGELISM:**

Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Loretta Dickerson-Smith, Rev. Hugh K. Wesley. **Delegates:** Bethel-Marysville-Ms. Gwen Ford, and Carter Memorial-Ms. Deborah Brannon.

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:**

Rev. Philip R. Cousin, Jr., Rev. Hugh K. Wesley, Rev. Cubie Finley, III. **Delegates:** Bethel-San Francisco-Mrs. Beverly Peoples and Ebenezer-Ms. Cathy McClaude.



### **EMPLOYEE SECURITY:**

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### **RESOLUTION:**

Rev. Sharon Avril, Rev. Robin Crawford, Rev. Antoinette Miles, Rev. Donnell O. Miles, Rev. Michael S. Porter. **Delegates:** St. James-Modesto-Ms. Patricia Cushenberry and Wright Chapel-Mallun Breedlove.

### **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS:**

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Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Robert R. Shaw, II, Rev. Anthony L. Hughes, Rev. Philip R. Cousin, Jr., Rev. M. JoDavid Sales, Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Rosalynn Brookins. **Delegates:** Bethel-San Francisco-Mrs. Beverly Peoples and FAME-Oakland-Ms. Cynthia Burns.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

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### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Deborah A. Whitlock Lax, Dr. Annette Shelton, Rev. Dana Spencer, and Rev. Gregory Thomas. **Delegates:** Allen Chapel-Sacramento-Ms. Marva Hamilton and Bethel-Sparks-Ms. Tommie Jackson.

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**CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Rev. Rodney D. Smith, Rev. Robert R. Shaw, II, Rev. Boaston E. Woodson, Jr., Rev. Anthony L. Hughes, Rev. Gilbert V. Richards, II, Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Carl L. Jones. **Delegates:** Resurrection-Ms. Brenda Lee and FAME-Oakland-Ms. Cynthia Burns.

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**LAY ACTIVITIES:**

Mr. Randolph Scott, President, and the Executive Committee. **Delegates:** FAME-Oakland-Ms. Cynthia Burns and Bethel-Chico-Ms. Bonnie Hamilton.

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Rev. Carieta Cain Grizzell, Rev. Robin T. Hood, Rev. Robin Crawford, and Consultant Francis Goodson. **Delegates:** FAME-Richmond-El Sobrante-Ms. Ina Cooke and Brookins-Ms. Jahna Nicks

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**167th SESSION OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION  
OCTOBER 13 – 15, 2021**

Rev. Darlene Singer Smith, Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Edmund Lowe, Co-Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Host Pastor

**SERMON**

Rev. Darlene Smith – Annual Sermon

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**STATE OF CHURCH:**

Rev. Clinton Stancil, Rev. Anthony McPherson, Rev. Rodney Moody, Rev. Gabrielle Smith Kennedy, Rev. Zelldrick Preston, Rev. Jasmine Thompson, Sis. Priscilla Dowden-White/Licentiate. **Delegates:** Sister JoAnne Hammuck - Bethel, Paynesville, Sister Victoria Rowe - St. Luke, Elmwood Park, Sister Carol Carrol - St. Paul, St. Louis

**STATE OF COUNTRY:**

Rev. Anthony McPherson, Rev. Lee Clayton Goodman, Esq., Rev. Kevin Jacques, Sr., Reverend Debbie Thornton. **Delegates:** Sister Brenda Simpson - St. James, St. Louis, Brother Gary West – Imani, Sister Kay Bisch - Buren Chapel, Herculanum.

**CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS:**

Rev. Kevin Jacques, Sr., Rev. Claudine Murphy, Rev. Stephanie Allen, Rev. Earl Strauther. **Delegates:** Sister Carolyn Hemphill – Bethel, Louisiana, Sister Barbara Freeman – Tri-Union.





### **TEMPERANCE:**

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

### **EVANGELISM:**

Rev. Sheila Scott, Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Lori Beason, Rev. James Boler, Rev. Dr. JoAnn Owens, Rev. Charley Johnson, Rev. Dinah Tatman. **Delegates:** Sister Michelle Franklin – St. John, Kennett, Sister Dorothy Powell - Parks Chapel, Webster Groves, Mother Nannie Harmon - Rock Chapel, St. Louis.

### **MINISTRIES TO THE YOUTH:**

Rev. Jasmine Thompson, Rev. Janetta Tarkington, Rev. Lori Beason, Rev. Gabrielle Kennedy, Sister Michelle Franklin, Sister Cassandra Gay, Brother Robert McRath (Boy Scouts), Brother Joshua Johnson/Licentiate.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

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

### **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY:**

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### **CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:**

Rev. Claudine E. Murphy, Rev. Dr. Spencer Lamar Booker, PE Retired C. Jessel Strong, Rev. Clinton Stancil, Rev. Renita Green, Rev. Donna Simms. **Delegates:** Sister Cheryl Blanks - Bethel, Sikeston, Sister Deborah Cooper - Rock Chapel.

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### **CHURCH SCHOOL:**

Rev. Howard Abernathy, Rev. Sharl Smith, Sis. Mamie Carter – St. Paul, Columbia

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Rev. Beverly Stith, Rev. Tawana Rickmon, Rev. Zelldrick Preston, Rev. Gabrielle Kennedy, Rev. Carolyn Kent. **Delegates:** Sister Nannie Harmon - Rock Chapel, St. Louis, Sister Joanne Hammuck - Bethel, Paynesville, Sister Pricella McClellon – Brown Chapel, Poplar Bluff, Sister Geneva Allen-Patterson – St. James, Cape Girardeau.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES:**

Rev. Renita Green, Rev. Anthony McPherson, Rev. Dina Tatman, Rev. Edith Reed.

**Delegates:** Sister Adrienne Hates - Allen Chapel, Hannibal, Sister Tamara Buck – Perry Chapel, Charleston, Sister Barbara Freeman – Tri-Union.

### **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS:**

Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Rodney Moody, Rev. Zelldrick Preston, Rev. Carolyn Kent, Rev. Jasmine Thompson, Rev. Kimberley Woodruff. **Delegates:** Sister Delores Shepard – Ward Chapel, Mexico, Sister Carol Carrol - St. Paul, St. Louis, Olive Chapel, Kirkwood, Parks Chapel, Webster Groves – Sis. Dorothy Powell.

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Rev. Spencer Lamar Booker, Rev. Charles Norris, Rev. LeSean Tarkington, Rev. Dr. Roger Richardson, Rev. Clinton Stancil, Rev. Lee Clayton Goodman, Esq., Rev. Kevin Jacques, Sr., Rev. Claudine E. Murphy. **Lay:** Sister Florette Hampton – Tri Union, Dr. Michael Ward – St. James, Sister Kirstan Fair – Wayman, Sister Joycie Ebb – St. Paul, Sister Patricia Samuals – St. Peter, Sister Ella Coe – Christ Our Redeemer. Presiding Elder Edmund E. Lowe, Sr. – Advisor, Presiding Elder Darlene Singer Smith – Advisor.

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### **WOMEN IN MINISTRY:**

Rev. Dr. Karla Frye, Rev. Dr. Joanne Owens, Rev. Regina Lowe, Rev. Janice Parker, Rev. Debbie Thornton, Rev. Beverly Stith.





**CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Rev. Dr. Roger Richardson, Rev. Dr. Spencer Lamar Booker, Rev. Clinton Stancil, Rev. Janice Parker, Rev. Renita Green, Presiding Elder Edmund E. Lowe, Sr., Presiding Elder Darlene Singer Smith.

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Sis. Louise Welch, Sis. Cheryl Fair, Sis. Sallie Bradford, Rev. Regina Lowe.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Rev. Earl Strauther, Rev. Donna Simms, Rev. William Harrold. **Delegates:** Sis. Leslie Washington - St. James, Cape Girardeau, Sis. Karen Butler – Simpson Chapel, Sis. Patricia Wilkerson - Perry Chapel, Charleston.

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**97th SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION  
OCTOBER 20 – 22, 2021**

Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey Jr., Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Dr. Allen L. Williams Sr., Co-Host Presiding Elder  
Rev. Ralph Williamson, Host Pastor

**VENUE**

First AME Church, Los Angeles  
Rev. J. Edgar Boyd, Pastor

**SERMON**

Rev. Harvey L. Vaughn, III – Annual Sermon

**CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Rev. Kenneth Baker

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**STATE OF CHURCH:**

Revs. Reuben Ford, John Cager, Mary Minor, Jarrol Taylor, Charles Wright, Terrence Sims, Godfrey Patterson, Timothy Coston, Jr., Gimel Rodgers, Elbert Sherrod. **Delegates:** Bethel/San Diego, Jeannette Williams; Cain Memorial/ Bakersfield, Angela Bostick; A.K. Quinn/Moreno Valley, Martha Jackson.

**STATE OF COUNTRY:**

Revs. Larry Holloway, Benjamin Thomas, Jr., Bridgett Williams, Kenneth Baker, Joan Taylor, Timothy Coston, Jr., Larry Campbell, Swayne Cofield, Bernadette Johnson. **Delegates:** Johnson Chapel/ Santa Ana, Betty Arnold; First AME/LA, Jackie Houston-McNeal; Grant/LA, Janice Hinton.





### **TEMPERANCE:**

Revs. Michael Eagle, Don Wallace, Bernadette Johnson, Gregory McLeod, Everett Bell, Denise Jackson. **Delegates:** Brown Memorial/Pasadena, Cathy Hunter; Bethel/San Diego, Jeannette Williams; Allen Chapel, San Bernardino, Kelli Stanford; Bethel/Blythe, Flora Spiller.

### **EVANGELISM:**

Revs. Dwaine Jackson, Charles Embray, Godfrey Patterson, Darryl Walker, Reuben Ford, Mary Minor, Antonio Dupre, Gregory McLeod, **Delegates:** First Providence, Elizabeth Willis; Castaic Community/LA, Veronica Chriss; Bryant Temple/LA, Lorraine Patterson; Holy Trinity/LB, Wendy Milteer; Grant /Long Beach, Janet Harris; Price Chapel/LA, Alicia Howard; Second/LA, Iberia Nelson.

### **MINISTRIES TO THE YOUTH:**

Revs. Marvin McKenzie, Rethis Murry, Bernadette Johnson, Ralph Williamson, Kenneth Baker, Dwaine Jackson, Timothy Coston, Jr. Harvey Vaughn, Melanie Mays; **Delegates:** First/Las Vegas, Glenda Logan Osby Miller; St. James/LA, Gail Kennedy; Bethel/LA, Leon Taylor; Ward/LA, Durwyn Robinson; Walker Temple/LA, Darryl Bean; Bethel/LA, Beverly Brenson-Payne; Ward/LA, Durwyn Robinson; Walker Temple/LA, Darryl Bean.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Revs. Ralph Williamson, Joyce Kitchen, Francine Brookins, Mercedes Tudy-Hamilton, Karen Anderson, Larry Campbell, William Sheppard, Kenneth Baker, Dwaine Jackson. **Delegates:** Corona Community/Corona, Lenora Daniel; Greater Harvest/Victorville, Sharon Williamson; Price Chapel/LA, Alicia Howard; New Philadelphia/Long Beach, Rochelle McIver; Johnson Chapel/El Centro, Linda Thomas; Bethel/Perris, Cedric Foster; Cain Memorial/Bakersfield, Angela Bostick.

### **CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:**

Revs. J. Arthur Rumph, Jeffery Clark, Antonio Dupre, Michael Eagle, Larry Holloway, Mary Minor, Joyce Kitchen, Timothy Coston, Jr., Barry Settle, Charles Wright, Charles Embray, Gregory McLeod, Michael Carr. **Delegates:** Emmanuel/LA, Theresa Daviston; Bethel/Oxnard Grenisha Holmes Harris; St. Mark/LA, Ruby Abraham; St. Paul/San Bernardino, LeChelle Watson; First/LA, Jackie Houston-McNeal; First /Santa Monica, Lory Council.

### **ABANDONDED PROPERTY:**

Revs. Steven Sheppard, Godfrey Patterson, Kirkpatrick Tyler, Kenneth Baker, Ralph Williamson, Rethis Murry, Delman Howard, BJ Thomas, John Cager, Mary Minor. **Delegates:** Bethel/Barstow, Michael Arzu; Primm/Pomona, Cecelia Huggins; Second/LA, Iberia Nelson; A.K. Quinn/Moreno Valley, Martha Jackson; Allen, Riverside, Carmela Murray.



### **MEMORIALS:**

Revs. Nicolette Wilson, William Sheppard, Michael Eagle, Denise Jackson, Harvey Vaughn, Carolyn Baskin-Bell, Terrence Sims, T. C. Johnson. **Delegates:** First/Indio, Walter Nelson; Bethel/Monrovia, Josephine Sayles; Bethel/Blythe, Flora Spiller; Paul E. Kidd/San Diego, Steven Hayes.

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Rev. Kenneth Baker

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Revs. Francine Brookins, John Hill, Mary Minor, Gregory McLeod, Donna Davis, Jeffery Clark, William Sheppard, Jarrol Taylor, Antonio Dupre. **Delegates:** St. John Holy Trinity/Littlerock, Elaine Moseley Stokes; A.K. Quinn/Moreno Valley, Martha Jackson; Walker Temple/LA, Darryl Bean; Parks Chapel/San Fernando, Bonnye Berry.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES:**

Revs. Jeffery Clark, J. Arthur Rumph, John Cager, Don Wallace, TC Johnson, Harvey Vaughn, Timothy Coston, Jr., Swayne Cofield, Charles Wright, John Hill. **Delegates:** Chapel/ LaJolla, Clara Browning Baity; Parks Chapel/San Fernando, Bonnye Berry; Bethel/Fontana, Gina Reeves-Torrence.

### **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS:**

Revs. Harvey Vaughn, Carolyn Baskin-Bell, John Cager, Everett Bell, Michael Eagle, Mary Minor, Charles Embray, Timothy Coston, Jr., Latisha Smith, Kenneth Baker, Nicolette Wilson, Antonio Dupre. **Delegates:** Brookins/LA, Gwendolyn Williams; Paul E. Kidd/San Diego, Steven Hayes; Primm/Pomona, Cecelia Huggins; New Allen, Delano, Jeanette Morgan; Grace Community/Temecula, Barbara Burton; St. James/LA, Gail Kennedy; Fountain of Hope/Las Vegas, Stanley A. Allen; Corona Community/Corona, Lenora Daniel.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF MINISTERS:**

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### **SOCIAL ACTION:**

Revs. Kirkpatrick Tyler, Vickie Lee, Joyce Kitchen, Kelvin Calloway, John Cager, Michael Carr, Antonio Dupre, Terrance Sims, Bernadette Johnson, Francine Brookins, J. Edgar Boyd, Rethis Murry, Michael Eagle, Marvin McKenzie. **Delegates:** St. Mark/LA, Ruby Abraham; Bethel, Perris, Cedric Foster; Emmanuel/LA, Theresa Daviston; Walker Chapel/Oceanside, Stacy Porter; St. Paul/ Santa Barbara, Clairine Jackson.





**PRESIDING ELDER APPORTIONMENT:**

Elder Roosevelt Lindsey, Jr., Elder Allen Williams, Sr., Revs. John Cager, Carolyn Baskin-Bell, Harvey Vaughn, Latisha Smith, Melanie Mays, J. Edgar Boyd, Kelvin Calloway, J. Arthur Rumph, Darryl Walker, Larry Campbell, Ralph Williamson. **Delegates:** Murph Chapel/Valinda, Connie Gee; A.K. Quinn/Moreno Valley, Martha Jackson; Rose Of Sharon, Shirley Longmore.

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## THE MEMORIAL LITURGY

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

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

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

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

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

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

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

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

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

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

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

**People:** **Present with the Lord.**

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





## **THE RETIREMENT SERVICE ORDER FOR THE RETIREMENT OF PREACHERS**

### **The Statement of Purpose**

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

### **The Invocation**

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

### **The Presentation of Preacher**

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

### **The Response**

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

### **The Statement of Achievement**

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

### **The Tribute**

Presiding Elder or Bishop

### **The Response of the Retiree**

### **The Closing Remarks**

### **The Benediction**



## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

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





## THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

### *A Service of Word, Ordination, Holy Communion and Sending Forth*

#### **The Procession**

#### **The Call to Worship**

Leader: This is none other than the house of God.

People: The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: For the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

All: Let us worship Him in deed, in spirit, and in truth. Amen.

#### **The Opening Hymn**

*And Are We Yet Alive*

Hymn# 304

#### **The General Confession**

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our 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. Amen.

#### **The Declaration of Pardon**

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



### **The Collect**

For Deacons: Almighty God who a thy divine providence hath appointed diverse orders of ministers of thy church, and didst inspire thine apostles to choose to the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with other mercifully behold these they servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy holy name and the edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Collect**

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

### **The Scripture Lesson**

Epistle (Deacons)

I Timothy 3:8-13

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



Epistle (Elders)

Ephesians 4:7-13

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

Gospel (Deacons)

St. Luke 12:35-38

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

Gospel (Elders)

John 10:1-16

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





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

### **The Gloria Patri**

### **The Welcome, Felicitations and Announcements**

Host Pastor

### **The Opportunities for Giving – Online Offering**

The Finance Committee

### **The Presentation of the Bishop**

### **The Presentation of the Preacher**

### **The Musical Selection (Live)**

### **The Preached Word**

### **The Invitation to Receive Christ**

### **The Presentation of Deacons**

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

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



## **The Ordination of Deacons**

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

Answer: I trust so.

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

Answer: I do believe them.

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

Answer: I will.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

### **The Presentation of Elders**

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Ordination of Elders**

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



Always remember how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The church and congregation whom you must serve is his spouse, and his body. If it should happen that the congregation, or any member thereof, is hurt or hindered by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault of the punishment that will ensue. Now therefore, consider the end of the ministry toward the children of God, toward spouse and body of Christ, and see what you never cease your labor, care and diligence until you have done all that you are able to do, for all that are committed to your charge unto that agreement in faith, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there may be no place left among you either for error in religion, or for viciousness, in life. You cannot accomplish the doing of so weighty a work concerning the salvation of God's people with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy scripture, and with a life agreeable to the same, without the spiritual foundation which comes through the reading and study of the scripture, and the framing of your life and the lives of those who especially pertain to you, according to the rules of the same scriptures. For this reason, you must forsake all and set aside as much as you can all worldly care and studies.

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

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

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

Answer: I do so believe.





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

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

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

Bishop: Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Venti Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit)**

Bishop: Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire.

Response: And lighten with celestial fire;

Bishop: Thou anointing Spirit are

Response: Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart

Bishop: Thy blessed unction from above

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



Bishop: Enable with perpetual light  
Response: The dullness of our blinded sight.

Bishop: Anoint and cheer our soiled face.  
Response: with the abundance of thy grace.

Bishop: Keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
Response: Where thou are guide, no ill can come.

Bishop: Teach us to know the Father Son,  
Response: And thee of both to be but one!

Bishop: That through the ages all along  
Response: This may be our endless song:

Bishop: Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
Response: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Bishop: Let us pray.

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





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

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

### **The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

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

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father who of your tender mercy did give your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made there by His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world: and did institute and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you, and grant that we receiving these your creatures of bread and wine, according to your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood, who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread; (1) Here the elder is to take the piece of bread into his hand, and when he had given thanks, he broke it. (2) The Celebrant breaks the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: this is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup. (3) and here to lay his hands upon all vessels containing the wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink all of it, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Amen.



**The Elements Shared**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**The Commissioning Hymn**      *Go Preach My Gospel*

Hymn# 220

**The Scripture:**                      **St. Matthew 28:18-20**

**The Issuance of Certificates and Appointments**

**The Doxology**

**The Benediction**

**The Hymn of Fellowship and Celebration**



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