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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

2:00 pm Ministry Planning Circle I
 WIM
 Signature 2

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

(Laying the Foundation)

12:00 pm The Bishop and Presiding Elders’ Council Luncheon
 Signature 2

2:00 pm The Bishop and Presiding Elders in Session
 Salon 13
 The Supervisor and Consultants in Session
 Salon 14

3:00 pm Hotel Check-In and Fellowship

4:00 pm Eleventh Episcopal District M-SWAWO plus PKs
 Grand D
 Eleventh Episcopal District Board of Christian Education
 Grand E

5:00 pm DINNER (*on your own*)

7:00 pm Opening Worship Encounter
Junior Ballroom
 The Right Reverend Henry A. Belin, III, Preaching
Presiding Bishop – Fifteenth Episcopal District

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

(Strategizing for Strength)

7:30 am Eleventh Episcopal District Enterprise Center Board
Salon 13/14

8:30 am Morning Manna: The Church in Prayer and Praise
Junior Ballroom

9:00 am Plenary Session I
Junior Ballroom
 “Overcoming the Weight of Debt and Living A Prosperous Life”
 The Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Gallon McGhee, Presenter

10:30 am BREAK

10:45 am Ministry Planning Circles II
 Women’s Missionary Society
 Junior Ballroom
 Board of Examiners
 Grand E

11:30 am BREAK

11:45 am Hour of Power Worship Encounter
Junior Ballroom
 Presiding Elder Michele Goodloe, Preaching
President, Connectional Presiding Elders’ Council, AMEC

1:00 pm Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization Luncheon
Grand C (A Ticketed Event)

LUNCH *(on your own)*

- 2:45 pm Plenary Session II
Junior Ballroom
 “Maximizing Power: Class Leaders and Stewardesses”
 Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II, Presenter
- 3:30 pm BREAK
- 3:45 pm Ministry Planning Circles III
 Clergy
 Grand E
 Lay Organization
 Junior Ballroom
- 4:45 pm Annual Conference Trustee Boards
 Florida—*Salon 10* Central—*Salon 11*
 South—*Salon 19* West Coast—*Salon 13*
 East—*Salon 14* Bahamas—*Salon 9*
- 5:30 pm DINNER (*on your own*)
- 7:00 pm Ecumenical Worship Encounter
Junior Ballroom
 The Reverend Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Preaching
Senior Pastor/Teacher, The House of Hope Atlanta, The House of Hope Macon, and The House of Hope WestPointe

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

- 8:00 am Morning Manna: The Church in Prayer and Praise
Junior Ballroom
- 8:30 am Enterprise Center Board
 Eleventh Episcopal District Housing (Morris Manor and Campus Towers)
 Edward Waters University
Junior Ballroom
- 10:15 am BREAK and Hotel Check-Out
- 11:00 am Closing Worship Encounter
Junior Ballroom
 Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II, Preaching

PREACHERS AND PRESENTERS

OPENING WORSHIP ENCOUNTER	The Right Reverend Henry A. Belin, III Wednesday, November 19 th @ 7:00 pm
PLENARY SESSION I	The Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Gallon McGhee Thursday, November 20 th @ 9:00 am
HOUR OF POWER WORSHIP ENCOUNTER	Presiding Elder Michele Goodloe Thursday, November 20 th @ 11:45 am
ECUMENICAL WORSHIP ENCOUNTER	The Reverend Dr. E. Dewey Smith Thursday, November 20 th @ 7:00 pm
CLOSING WORSHIP ENCOUNTER	The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II Friday, November 21 st @ 11:00 am



The Right Reverend Henry A. Belin, III

The Right Reverend Dr. Henry Allen Belin III is the 146th Elected and Consecrated Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

As a son of the AME Church, Bishop Belin's journey testifies to AME history, richness, and vibrancy. Bishop Belin cares for God's people and has spent his life in service to the work of God in the world, especially to the work of the Gospel through the African Methodist Episcopal Church. As an alumnus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. member, he attended the Vanderbilt School of Engineering and the Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Bishop Belin has served congregations and communities throughout the connectional AME Church. After completing his studies, he served as a missionary in Ile-Ife, Osun State in Nigeria, West Africa. In addition to his mission work at Ile-Ife, Bishop Belin was a teacher/pastor at Christ's Love AME Church, where he led the construction of the first AME church ever erected in Nigeria. After returning to America, Bishop Belin became pastor of Allen AME Church in Providence, Rhode Island, where he led the congregation in improving and revitalizing the surrounding area in an economic and community development project for housing. While serving in Providence, he became distinguished as the sole minority representative of the Rhode Island State Ethics Commission.

On June 15, 1997, Bishop Belin brought his deep concern and interest in youth and senior ministries to the People's Institutional AME Church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York, where he led the congregation in a spiritual revival. He also led the congregation in renovating the entire church, parsonage, and community building, which now houses the Bridge Street- People's Institutional Technology Learning Center. He received numerous community awards and served as a police clergy liaison for the New York City Police Department, 81st precinct. In 1999, he completed the Summer Leadership Institute at the Harvard Divinity School for community development. Bishop Belin was appointed to First AME Church Bethel in Harlem, NY, on May 27, 2001, where he proudly serves as Pastor. During his tenure at Bethel, Rev. Dr. Belin has led the church and community by hosting many Annual Conferences, expanding the church properties, strengthening membership and spirituality, and renovating the sanctuary. In 2014, Bishop Belin was one of the inductees into the highly revered Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. And in 2018, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Payne Theological Seminary.

In August 2024, Rev. Belin was Elected and Consecrated from the pastorate of First Bethel to be the 146th Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the General Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Along with his family, Bishop Belin was assigned as the Presiding Prelate of the 15th Episcopal District, which includes leadership over churches in the countries of Namibia, Angola, and South Africa.

Bishop Belin's service is not limited to the Connectional AME Church, but for decades his ministry has extended to the wider Metropolitan New York City community. His service to the community includes his tenure as the longest-serving Chair of the Board of the New York Food Bank; his service as the 2nd Vice President of the New York Branch of the NAACP; his leadership as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Bethel Manor Housing Fund Development Corporation; and his service as a Board Member for the Business Resource Investment Service Center (BRISC) and the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone.

Bishop Belin is happily married to the former Rita Denise Sinkfield, Esq., a corporate attorney in New York City. Together, they parent three wonderful young men: Henry IV, a Duke University scholar and quarterback; and the twins: Richard, a first-year Syracuse student and quarterback, and Blake, a Georgia Tech first-year student and linebacker. The family, along with their German Shepherd, King, live, love, and serve in Harlem, New York. Bishop Belin is the son of Bishop Henry Allen Belin II and Mother Lucinda Crawford Belin, and the brother of the Rev. Dr. Roderick D. Belin, President/Publisher of the AME Publishing House, and the Rev. Dr. Toni Belin-Ingram, Presiding Elder of the Augusta-North District of Georgia.



The Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Gallon McGhee

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gallon McGhee was born the tenth of fifteen children to the late Willie and Francis Gallon in Monticello, Florida. She was educated in the public schools of Jefferson County, and graduated from Howard Academy High School.

Upon graduating from high school, Dr. McGhee attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida. After moving to Daytona Beach, Florida, she attended Bethune Cookman University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education. She also matriculated at the University of South Florida in Tampa, and acquired additional certification in several areas of Business Education.

Dr. McGhee received a Master's Degree in Program Design and Management for Post-Secondary Education at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. She became a high school administrator after receiving a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision (K-12) at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. Dr. McGhee attended International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida and received the Diploma of Practical Theology, the Advanced Level Diploma and the Degree of Doctor in Ministry.

She spent many faithful years in ministry in Daytona each and served as a passionate helpful resource in the community. Rev. McGhee was ordained as an Associate Pastor by Apostle Tony Barhoo, Founder and Senior Pastor of Living Faith World Ministries.

After this Woman of God moved to Jacksonville, Florida, she joined Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum Church, where the late Apostle R. J. Washington was the Founder and Senior Pastor. Rev. McGhee has served as a mentor to several pastors, churches and ministries, helping them to grow and become debt free.

As founder and CEO of McGhee Ministries, Inc., a financial and housing outreach ministry, Dr. McGhee has taught many participants how to budget and invest their finances, repair their credit reports, save down payments to buy homes and investment properties and prepare for quality retirement living. Through her ministry, she demonstrates love and compassion to others by providing food, clothing, housing, computers, cars and Christian counseling.

Rev. McGhee is an anointed preacher and teacher of the Word of God. She is the facilitator for the workshop: "DESTROYING THE ROOT OF DEBT AND LIVING A PROSPEROUS LIFE". This workshop is inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit! It enlightens, encourages and motivates God's people to manage their finances properly and live prosperous lives. The dynamic workshop has been presented in London, England, New York, Virginia, New Jersey, Minnesota, Georgia, South Carolina and over Florida.

She enjoys working with families and individuals in developing financial plans to become debt free, to buy homes and cars, to become financially sound and live prosperous lives. Rev. McGhee exemplifies a special interest in working with families with unique financial needs, teaching them how to receive what God promises them.

Dr. McGhee has a tremendous testimony of how the Lord has financially blessed her and her family. She has two sons, two grandsons and two great grandchildren. Her greatest desire is for God's people to become spiritually and desirous of seeing them delivered and set free from the bondage of debt and poverty, so they can become a blessing to others.



Presiding Elder Michele Goodloe

Reverend Goodloe is a Presiding Elder in the Mississippi Annual Conference for the Eighth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She accepted the call to ministry in 1987.

Reverend Goodloe is a lifelong resident of Canton, Mississippi. She attended parochial and public schools in Madison County. She received academic preparation from Holmes Community College in Goodman, Mississippi – with an associate's degree –in Business Accounting and Business Management Practices; Wesley Bible College, Florence, Mississippi – her Concentration- in Biblical Studies; Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi – certification program in Christian Education. Reverend Goodloe is a licensed Funeral Director and a certified grief therapist. In December 2003, Reverend Goodloe received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary.

Reverend Goodloe has pastored several churches: Union Paradise A.M.E. Church, Vaughn, Mississippi; Bethel A.M.E. Church in Yazoo City, Mississippi; and Lampton Chapel A.M.E. Church, Canton, Mississippi. During her pastoral ministry, Reverend Goodloe emphasized outreach ministry, spiritual revival, church growth, and property renovations.

In November 2003, Bishop C. Garnett Henning, Sr. appointed Reverend Goodloe as a presiding elder and assigned her to the Jackson-Meridian District in the former East Mississippi Conference. In 2009, Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry appointed Reverend Goodloe to the Monroe-Lake Providence District in the Central North Louisiana Conference. In 2011, Reverend Goodloe was appointed to the Shreveport District. After the merger of the Shreveport District and the Monroe-Lake Providence District in 2012, Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Sr., assigned her as the presiding elder of the newly formed district. In 2015, Bishop McAllister appointed Reverend Goodloe as presiding elder in the Southeast District (formerly Brookhaven-Hattiesburg District) at the South Mississippi Annual Conference. On June 25, 2018, Reverend Goodloe became the 1st Vice-President of the Connectional Presiding Elders' Council. In June 2019, Reverend Goodloe was elevated to President of the Connectional Presiding Elders' Council. On June 27, 2022, Reverend Goodloe was elected President of the Connectional Presiding Elders' Council in Atlanta, Georgia.

Since 2008, Reverend Michele Goodloe served on the Episcopal Committee for the five quadrennium's. Most recently she held the position of First Vice - Chairperson in 2024, Second Vice - Chairperson in 2021, and Third Vice - Chairperson in 2016. She also served on the executive committee as the 3rd Vice-chair during the General Conference in Orlando, Florida. In addition to serving as a presiding elder, Reverend Goodloe served as the Administrator of Bonner-Campbell Religious Studies Institute. Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry first appointed her to that position in 2008. She performed at Bonner-Campbell as the acting/interim administrator and took other administrative responsibilities in the Eighth Episcopal District Office.

Reverend Goodloe served as the Episcopal President of Women in Ministry from 2000-2004. During her tenure as Episcopal President, many ground-breakings and liberating opportunities for female clergypersons were achieved. As a presiding elder, she continues to serve as a strong advocate for Women in Ministry.

Her involvement in ministry goes beyond the four walls of the church. She actively engages in public affairs, charitable work, and community projections. She worked as a fatality coordinator with MEMA and FEMA during disasters and is actively involved with the American Red Cross. Reverend Goodloe received numerous awards and citations from various organizations and civic and religious entities.

She is the owner and president of Family Memorial Funeral Services, Inc. of Canton, Mississippi.

Romans 8:27-28 NLT is her spiritual mantra:

*And the father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying,
for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.
And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good
of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.*

Reverend Goodloe is an avid reader and loves to travel. Spending quality time with her family is the high point of her life: She is married to Delbert L. Goodloe, Sr., 45 years; their three children, Angela, Stacey, and Delbert, Jr., and their six grandchildren; Jadia Renee, Soraya Adrianna, Trinitee Michele, Peyton Dwayne, Cassie Renae, and Delbert III (Trey).



The Reverend Dr. E. Dewey Smith

Dr. E. Dewey Smith is the Senior Pastor/Teacher of The House of Hope Atlanta, The House of Hope Macon, and The House of Hope WestPointe – one church in three locations. A proud native of Macon, GA, he has been a minister of the gospel for more than 30 years. He commenced his preaching ministry at age 17 and his pastoral ministry at 19.

Smith is a learned man. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College, in Atlanta, GA; graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Science degree from Amridge University in Montgomery, AL; and earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Additionally, he was inducted into the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers at Morehouse College as a “Distinguished Preacher” and received the prestigious honor of having his portrait displayed in Morehouse’s International Hall of Honor.

Pastor E. Dewey Smith has always had a passion to redress those things that plague the community and burden the people he serves. Throughout his ministry he has been heavily involved in prison reform, re-entry programs, mental health care, human services and community development. In 2013, he launched The Tabitha’s House, a non-profit organization that provides housing, counseling and support to young girls rescued from human trafficking.

Dr. Smith loves the arts and is professionally involved in music, media, film and television production. His first solo project, “God Period,” was named one of the top albums of 2021 by Billboard. His first single, “Your Presence Is A Gift,” scored #1 on the Billboard Gospel Airplay Charts. He is a 2022 Stellar Award winning solo artist, two-time Dove Award nominee, and an American Music Awards nominee.

Smith is also the Founder/Overseer of the “Ambassadors Assembly,” a network of over 300 pastors and leaders from across the globe. An ecumenical fellowship, Ambassadors Assembly provides ministry oversight, comprehensive ministry strategies, and para-church support to churches and leaders throughout the world.

Dr. Smith is married to the lovely, former Andrea Fambro, his best friend of over 30 years. They have been blessed with two sons, Kamari Elijah and Kylen Isaiah.



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).



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Worship Guides

“Resourcing The Vision”

OPENING WORSHIP ENCOUNTER

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Presiding Elder Jimmy J. Thompson | Worship Leader

The Time of Gathering

Choir and Congregation

The Processional

“Rejoice, The Lord is King” AMEC Hymnal No. 88

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;

When He has purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,

And take His servants up To their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Amen.

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

Presiding Elder Willie J. Cook

Leader: Magnify the Lord with me Let us exalt God's name
Together

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

Leader: Praise God in His sanctuary, praise God in the firmament
of His power.

**People: Praise God for His mighty acts, praise God for his excellent
greatness.**

Leader: Let praises to God be continually in our mouths.

**People: Yes, we will bless the Lord from this time forth, even
forever!**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Let's worship servants of the Lord, praise
the name of the Lord.

**All: We have come to worship, honor, and praise the Lord our
God!**

The Hymn of Praise**Presiding Elder Dr. Lorenzo Laws****“How Great Thou Art” AMEC Hymnal No. 68**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder, consider all the
worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy
pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great
Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce
can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and
died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there
proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation**Presiding Elder Valarie J. Walker****The Response to Prayer****Choir and Congregation****“You Are My Strength”**

You are my strength, strength like no other,
Strength like no other, reaches to me. [x2]

In the fullness of Your grace, in the power of Your name,
you lift me up, you lift me up. [x2]

The Reading of God's Word**Presiding Elder Howard Williamson****Matthew 9:35-38****The Worship Through Music****Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM****The Gifts for Expansion
and Missions****Presiding Elder Gregory V. Gay****The Offertory Response****“All Things Come of Thee” AMEC Hymnal No. 644**

All things come of Thee, O Lord;
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

**The Presentation of the
Preacher****The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II**
Presiding Bishop, Eleventh Episcopal District AMEC**The Worship Through Music****Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

“Resourcing The Vision”

HOURL OF POWER WORSHIP ENCOUNTER **Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 11:45 AM**

The Reverend Dr. Paula Lake | Worship Leader

The Time of Gathering

Choir and Congregation

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

Sister Alexis Roberson

President, Eleventh Episcopal District YPD

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord reigns.

Leader: Praise God with dance.

People: Praise God with songs of adoration

Leader: For God lifts up the lowly and casts down the mighty.

All: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

The Hymn of Praise

Sister Novella Jones

Commissioner, Eleventh Episcopal District DMC

“Revive Us Again” AMEC Hymnal No. 97

We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love
for Jesus, who die, 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 Thy Spirit of Light
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. [Refrain]

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain. [Refrain]

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love.

May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend George Hardy

President, Eleventh Episcopal District SOA

The Choral Response

Choir and Congregation

“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 Reading of the God's Word

Psalm 149

Brother John Love

President, Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization

Ephesians 1:11-23

Sister Laurastine L. King

President, Eleventh Episcopal District WMS

Luke 6:20-31

Sister Raven Gainous

President, Eleventh Episcopal District RAYAC

The Worship Through Music

Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM

**The Presentation of the
Preacher**

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

Presiding Bishop, Eleventh Episcopal District – AMEC

The Hymn of Preparation

Sister Tamika Fountain-Coney

Director, Eleventh Episcopal District YPD

“Take My Life” AMEC Hymnal No. 292

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Presiding Elder Michele Goodloe

President, Connectional Presiding Elders' Council, AMEC

**The Invitation to Christian
Discipleship**

The Reverend Marcia Owens, Ph.D.

President, Eleventh Episcopal District WIM

The Worship through Giving

Presiding Elder Dr. David W. Green, Sr.

The Announcements

Sister Roberta Moise

President, Eleventh Episcopal District M-SWAWO plus PKs

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 Benediction

Presiding Elder Michele Goodloe



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ECUMENICAL WORSHIP ENCOUNTER

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The Reverend Dr., McRae Mangum, Jr. | Worship Leader

The Time of Gathering

Choir and Congregation

The Doxology

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Son and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Dr. Kimberly Stockton

Leader: Inhale the beauty of God's peace.

People: Splendor is a gift of the presence of God

Leader: Serenity is the treasure that comes from God's
Spirit.

People: Through the Love of God, we find our rest.

Leader: Now exhale all that resists the blessings of
God.

**Together: Justice and kindness ring from the heart of
God**

The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Ronnie Britton

“There is a Name I Love to Hear” AMEC Hymnal No. 185

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

[Refrain:]

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

It tells of one whose loving heart, can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below. [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend Markus-Derek White

The Choral Response

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

Yes, God is real, real in my soul,
Yes, God is real for He has washed and made me whole;
His love for me is like pure gold,
Yes, God is real for I can feel Him in my soul.

The Reading of God's Word

The Reverend Julius Tisdale
Luke 20:34-38

The Worship Through Music

Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM

**The Gifts for Expansion and
Missions**

The Reverend Dr. Leslie Washington

**The Presentation of the
Preacher**

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop, Eleventh Episcopal District, AMEC

The Worship Through Music

Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM

The Word of God Proclaimed

The Reverend Dr. E. Dewey Smith
Senior Pastor/Teacher, The House of Hope Atlanta,
The House of Hope Macon, and The House of Hope WestPointe

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Worship Through Giving

Presiding Elder Dr. David W. Green, Sr.

The Announcements

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 Benediction

The Reverend Dr. E. Dewey Smith

“Resourcing The Vision”

THE CLOSING WORSHIP ENCOUNTER
Friday, November 21, 2025 | 11:00 AM

Presiding Elder Milton Broomfield | Worship Leader

The Time of Gathering

Choir and Congregation

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

Presiding Elder Ronald E. Williams, Sr.

Leader: People of God, we gather at the close of the 2025
Planning Convocation and the dawning of a new
purpose. We have prayed, planned and prepared. Now
we stand ready to be released fully for the work ahead.

People: We come rejoicing, for the Lord has given us vision and
direction. We come with open hearts and hands to
receive the vision God has placed before us.

Leader: The same God who called The Prophets, the same Spirit
that empowered the Apostles, now calls us to build, to
serve, to sow, and to shine, that means to share His
incredible news everywhere.

People: We are God's hands and feet, God's stewards and
servants, equipped for every good work.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see. The harvest is ready, and the
resources of heaven are already released for the
resourcing of the Church.

People: We will go forth in faith, trusting that where God gives
vision, God provides provision.

Leader: So come, people of the Eleventh Episcopal District,
Bishop, Supervisor, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Laity, WMS,
YPDerS, RAYAC, DMC, SOA, Christian Education, WIM,
Christian disciples and friends. Let us worship our great
and awesome God who gives vision, supplies resources,
and sends us forth for kingdom work.

All: To God be the Glory, for the vision, for the resources, and
for the victory. Amen and Amen.

(Written by Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II | November 2025)

The Hymn of Praise

Presiding Elder Dr. Tan C. Moss

"If Jesus Goes With Me" AAH Hymnal No. 555

It may be in the valley, Where countless dangers hide;
It may be in the sunshine That I, in peace abide;
But this one thing I know, If it be dark o,r fair,
If Jesus is with me, I'll go anywhere!

[Refrain:]

If Jesus goes with me, I'll go. Anywhere!
'Tis heaven to me, Where'er I may be, If He is there!
I count it a privilege here. His cross to bear;
If Jesus goes with me, I'll go- Anywhere!

It may be I must carry, The blessed word of life
Across the burning deserts To those in sinful strife;
And though it be my lot To bear my colors there,
If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere! [Refrain]

But if it be my portion, To bear my cross at home,
While others bear their burdens, Beyond the billow's foam,
I'll prove my faith in Him- Confess His judgments fair,
And, if He stays with me, I'll go anywhere! [Refrain]

It is not mine to question, The judgments of my Lord,
It is but mine to follow The leadings of His word;
But if to go or stay, Or whether here or there,
I'll be, with my Savior, Content anywhere! [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation

Presiding Elder Dr. Henry E. Green, Jr.

The Choral Response

"Spirit of the Living God" AMEC Hymnal No. 619

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

The Reading of the God's Word

Presiding Elder Elizabeth E. Yates

Luke 10:1-15

The Worship Through Music

Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM

**The Gifts for Expansion and
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Presiding Elder Dr. Ranford Patterson

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The Announcements

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 Giving of Certificates

The Commissioning Prayer

The Commissioning Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20

The Commissioning 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, ‘Till We Meet Again” AAH Hymnal No. 639

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you, Until we meet,
again. God be with you, God be with you, God be with you, Until we
meet, again.

The Closing Benediction

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

2025 PLANNING CONVOCATION

“Resourcing The Vision”

*“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you
the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant,
which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today”*

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)



2025-26 District Calendar

2025-26 ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CALENDAR

(as of 11/12/2025)

"It's A Season of Vision!"

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

Joel 2:28

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II, Presiding Bishop

Mrs. Winifred Houston Zanders, Episcopal Supervisor

November 2025

27th		Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders - Birthday	
27th		Thanksgiving	

December 2025

6th	11:00 AM	Florida Conference Day of Sharing	New Mt Zion AMEC - Tallahassee Rev. Michael Bell, Jr. - Pastor
7th	4:00 PM	East Conference Day of Sharing	New Bethel AMEC – Tyler Street- Jacksonville Rev. Dr. Ronald G. Williams - Pastor
13th	11:00 AM	Central Conference Day of Sharing	Mt. Olive AMEC - Orlando Rev. Dr. Marcus Green - Pastor
14th	4:00 PM	West Coast Conference Day of Sharing	Allen Temple AMEC - Tampa Rev. Dr. Glenn Dames - Pastor
21st	4:00 PM	South Conference Day of Sharing	Bethel AMEC - Pompano Beach Rev. Dr. Micah T. Sims, Pastor
25th		Christmas Day	
26th		KWANZAA Begins	

January 2026			
1st		New Year's Day	
9th-10th		11th Episcopal District Lay Executive Board	Tallahassee, Florida
19th		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed	
28th-31st		AME WMS Executive Board	Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Baltimore, Maryland
February 2026			
6th		Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II - Birthday	
8th		Founder's Day - African Methodist Episcopal Church	
11th		Jarena Lee - Birthday (1783)	
13th		Bishop Morris Brown - Birthday (1770)	
14th		Valentine's Day	
14th		Bishop Richard Allen - Birthday (1760)	
14th		The Honorable Frederick Douglas - Birthday (1818)	
13th	10:00 AM	Founder's Day Observance	Milne Auditorium Edward Waters University
13th-15th		39th Black Heritage Weekend	Edward Waters University - Jacksonville
18th		Ash Wednesday	
24th		Bishop Daniel Payne - Birthday (1811)	
27th	7:00 PM	2026 UNCF/EWU Mayor's Masked Ball	Hyatt Regency - Riverfront Jacksonville, Florida
27th-28th		11th Episcopal District Lay Retreat	Virtual/Zoom
March 2026			
TBD		11th Episcopal District Mid-Year Convocation	Venue - TBD
1st		World Day of Prayer	
8th		Daylight Savings Time Begins	
29th		Palm Sunday	

April 2026			
TBD		11th Episcopal District WIM Retreat	Venue - TBD
2nd		Maundy Thursday	
3rd		Good Friday	
5th		Easter Sunday	
May 2026			
10th		Mother's Day	
14th		Ascension Day	
25th		Memorial Day	
June 2026			
8th-10th		11th Episcopal District Lay Convention	Tallahassee, Florida
17th		Remembering the Emanuel 9 (2015)	
19th		Juneteenth	
22nd-24th		AME Bishop's Council and General Board Bishop Zanders' Investiture	Orlando, Florida
24th-27th		Connectional Christian Education Meeting	Orlando, Florida
21st		Father's Day	
July 2026			
12th		11th Episcopal District Debutante and Masters Ceremony	
13th-16th		11th Episcopal District Christian Education & Youth Leadership Congress	
20th-23rd		AMEWIM Quadrennial	Charlotte, North Carolina

August 2026

22nd		Florida Annual Conference YPD Convention	Gregg Chapel AMEC - Ft. Walton Beach (Host church) Rev. Cecil Williams - Pastor
24th		Florida Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
25th		Florida Annual Conference WMS Convention	
26th- 28th		161st Session of the Florida Annual Conference	

September 2026

7th		Labor Day	
12th		Central Annual Conference YPD Convention	Mt. Olive AMEC - Orlando Rev. Dr. Marcus Green - Pastor
14th		Central Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
15th		Central Annual Conference WMS Convention	
16th- 18th		127th Session of the Central Annual Conference	
26th		South Annual Conference YPD Convention	Mt. Hermon AMEC – Ft. Lauderdale Rev. Henry E. Green, III - Pastor
28th		South Annual Conference M -SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
29th		South Annual Conference WMS Convention	
30th- 2nd		136th Session of the South Annual Conference	

October 2026

10th		West Coast Annual Conference YPD Convention	Hurst Chapel AMEC - Winter Haven Rev. Dr. Ronnie Clark - Pastor
12th		West Coast Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
13th		West Coast Annual Conference WMS Convention	
14th-16th		86th Session of the West Coast Annual Conference	
24th		East Annual Conference YPD Convention	Historic Mt. Zion AMEC - Jacksonville Rev. Dr. Victor Cole - Pastor
26th		East Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
27th		East Annual Conference WMS Convention	
28th-30th		151st Session of the East Annual Conference	

November 2026

1st		Daylight Savings Time Ends	
3rd		Election Day	
4th-6th		87th Session of the Bahamas Annual Conference	Cummings-Young AMEC - Freeport, Grand Bahamas Rev. Hudson Williamson - Pastor
7th		Bahamas Annual Conference YPD Convention	
18th-20th		11th Episcopal District Planning Convocation	Venue - TBD
26th		Thanksgiving	
27th		Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders - Birthday	

December 2026

5th	11:00 AM	Florida Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
6th	4:00 PM	East Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
12th	11:00 AM	Central Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
13th	4:00 PM	West Coast Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
20th	4:00 PM	South Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD

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