



# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: CHAOS OR COMMUNITY?



**Genesis 1: 1-5**  
**Matthew 5: 14-16**  
**Romans 13: 11-13**

**THE RT. REVEREND FRANK MADISON REID, III**  
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**SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2023**

**EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP GUIDES**

# EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

148 Years



## Annual Conference Theme:

**“Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?”**

Biblical References: Genesis 1:1-5; Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 13:11-13

## *Worship Guides*

**Bishop Frank M. Reid, III**  
Presiding Prelate

**Mrs. Marlaa’ M. Hall Reid**  
Episcopal Supervisor

**Convening with**  
**St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Jacksonville, Florida**

**The Rev. Dr. Willie N. Barnes**  
Host Pastor

**The Rev. Tony DeMarco Hansberry**  
Host Presiding Elder

**The Rev. Elizabeth Elaine Yates**  
Associate Presiding Elder

**The Rev. Karl Verron Smith**  
Associate Presiding Elder

# AGENDA & DAILY SCHEDULE

## Saturday, October 14, 2023

*Young People's Division Annual Day*

## Tuesday, October 17, 2023

**10:11am**                **WMS Meeting**  
                              **WIM Meeting**

**1:00pm**                Bishop Meets with the Presiding Elders

**2:00pm**                Bishop Meets with Conference Stewardship Leaders

**3:00pm**                Bishop Meets with the Board of Examiners

**6:11pm**                **WMS Worship**

## Wednesday, October 18, 2023

**9:30am**                *Conference Business Session I*  
                              Roll Call of Ministers  
                              Roll Call of Lay Delegates  
                                      (roll call performed electronically)  
                              Organization of the Conference  
                              Approval of Agenda  
                              **Presiding Elders' Summary Reports**  
                              **Administrative Committee Reports**  
                              Board of Examiners' Report

**10:45am**                **BREAK**

**11:11am**                **OPENING WORSHIP & ANNUAL SERMON**

**LUNCH**

**2:31pm**                *Conference Business Session II*  
                              **Bishop's Words**  
                              **Electoral Colleges In Session**  
                                      -Ministerial & Lay-

**Report & Declarations from Electoral Colleges**

**5:31pm**                **DINNER**

**7:11pm**                **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP (SOA)**

## Thursday, October 19, 2023

**8:45am**                *Conference Business Session III*  
                              Conference Institute

**9:30am**                **Administrative Committee Reports**  
                              Board of Trustees Report  
                              Ministerial Efficiency Committee Report  
                              Conference Adjustments Report

**12:11pm**                **ORDINATION WORSHIP**

**LUNCH**

**3:11pm**                *Conference Business Session IV*  
                                      Pastors' Reports A

**BREAK**

***Conference Business Session V***

Pastors' Reports B

**5:31pm**

**DINNER**

**7:11pm**

**LAY WITNESS WORSHIP**

**Friday, October 20, 2023**

**8:45am**

***Conference Business Session VI***

Conference Institute

**9:30am**

Ministerial Efficiency Committee Report PART 2

Pastors' Reports C

**12:11am**

**HOOR OF POWER (WIM)**

**LUNCH**

**3:11pm**

***Conference Business Session VII***

**BREAK**

**Approval of Literary Committee Reports**

State of the Church

State of the Country

Christian Education

Ministry to Youths and Young Adults

Social Action

Health

21<sup>st</sup> Century Bible Discovery

Evangelism and Church Growth

Christian Stewardship

**Approval of Component Reports**

Women's Missionary Society

Young People's Division

Sons of Allen

Women in Ministry

Clergy Family Organization

Lay Organization

Debutantes and Masters Commission

**Treasurer's Conference Stewardship Report**

**Disciplinary Questions**

**Service of Superannuation**

**Memorial Service/Necrology Report**

**Commendations & Closing Episcopal Words**

**5:31pm**

**DINNER**

**6:11pm**

**BIBLE DISCOVERY**

**7:11pm**

**Closing Worship Service**

***Conference Business Session VIII***

**EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE PREACHERS:**

YPD	The Rev. David W. Green, Jr. & Bro. Christopher Thomas	(Saturday, October 14 @ 12:11pm)
WMS	The Rev. Marva Tisdale Mitchell	(Tuesday, October 17 @ 6:11pm)
OPENING	The Rev. Micah C.T. Sims	(Wednesday, October 18@11:11am)
ECUMENICAL SOA	Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Sr.	(Wednesday, October 18 @7:11pm)
	Pastor Emeritus, Bethel Baptist Institutional Church	
ORDINATION:	Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry	(Thursday, October 19 @12:11pm)
	122nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop, Retired	
LAY WITNESS	The Rev. Dr. Willie N. Barnes	(Thursday, October 19 @7:11pm)
WIM	The Rev. Dr. Helen Jackson	(Friday, October 20 @12:11pm)
CLOSING	Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III,	(Friday, October 20 @7:11pm)



# Annual Conference Preachers/Speakers

The East Conference YPD Studios Presents: " Rise Up and Live"

*The YPDers of the East Conference request to allocate 3-5 minutes for both Bro. Christipher Thomas and Rev. David Green Jr. during their presentation.*



*1 Corinthians 2:9 New King James Version (NKJV)*

*<sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

My name is Christopher Exavier Thomas; I am from Jacksonville, FL, and my parents are Christopher and Felicia Thomas. My grandmother is the Rev.

Pauline Tucker, pastor of Roberts Mount Pisgah A.M.E. I attend Greater Grant

Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, where my Pastor is the Rev. Micha C.T. Sims and the Rev. Tamekia Reid Sims. at Greater Grant I am apart of the young Adult Ministry. I am a recent graduate of Bethune Cookman University where I received my bachelor's degree in religion and Philosophy with a concentration in Christian Ministry. During my matriculation At Bethune Cookman University, I have had the opportunity to work in ministry through a program called E.G.G., which stands for Exploring Gifts and Graces, where we not only have fun with our campers in helping them discover the gifts that God has given them, but we also teach them the importance of knowing who Jesus is for themselves. Also, I have experienced the ministry of pastoral care through a hospital internship at the Advent health Hospital in Daytona Beach Florida. Also, I was recognized for outstanding Academic for a G.P.A. of 3.32, from the university and I was also inducted into the religious fraternity Theta Kappa Alpha. I have accepted my call in to Ministry on the second Sunday of December in 2019, preached my Initial sermon in November 15 2020, entitled Give it all you Got. I was brought to the board of Examiners in October of 2021. Since being in Ministry, I have had the Pleasure of preaching in different places and for different people. One was for the Suwannee North District Bible Discovery Hour for Presiding Elder Elizabeth E Yates. In November of 2022 I was appointed as the Youth Pastor of The Greater Grant Church. Greater Youth Church.

## **Rev. David W. Green Jr**

**The Reverend David W. Green, Jr.** is the son of the Rev. Dr. David Green Sr; and Mrs. Kimberly Green. He



was born in Gainesville, Florida, and now lives in Richmond, Virginia. Rev. Green currently serves on the Ministerial Staff at Saint Stephen A.M.E Church in Jacksonville, Florida under the leadership of Rev. Dr. David Green Sr.

In June of 2017, he graduated from Gainesville High School. In December of 2019, he graduated from Santa Fe College with his Associate of Arts Degree in Religion. In December of 2021, he graduated from The University of Florida with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion. Also, in May 2023 he graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

Rev. Green was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop Frank M. Reid III at the West Coast Conference Day of Sharing on December 18th, 2021. Above all, Rev. Green loves to read books, spend time with friends and family, and preach the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# WMS Night in White Preacher



**The Reverend Marva T. Tisdale Mitchell** was born in Jacksonville, Florida, to William Henry Taylor, Sr., and Elva Vernell Taylor. She attended Douglas Anderson Junior- Senior High School (Duval County) from first through twelfth grade and graduated in 1965. She graduated from Edward Waters College in 1969 with a B.S. degree in Business Education.

Before entering the ministry, Mrs. Marva Tisdale Mitchell had a career with the State of Florida from 1969 -2004 as a Social Worker, Quality Control Specialist, Food Stamp Supervisor, Program Specialist and Trainer in Welfare Transition/Food Stamps and Project Independence Programs. She worked briefly as a Realtor with Gloster & Associates.

Serving God's people in both secular and church led Mrs. Tisdale Mitchell to serve as Mt. Zion's YPD Director, East Florida Conference Area Director for YPD and Women's Missionary Society Area Chairperson. In 1976, she was elected first youth Lay delegate to the General Conference in 1976 held in Atlanta, Ga. At the age of 5, Marva became a church usher and at age 11, served as a musician for Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME), South Jacksonville Sunday School and Church.

In 1991, while working for the State of Florida, Reverend Tisdale Mitchell accepted the call to Ministry while serving as one of the musicians at Wayman Chapel AME Church under the Pastorate of the Rev. Welborn Wallace. She preached her initial sermon at her home church under the pastorate of the Rev. Dwyane Gaddis. She was ordained an Itinerant Elder in 1995 and appointed by Bishop Frank C. Cummings as Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Lawtey, Florida, where she began the work of building a new Sanctuary in 2001. Her bi-vocational ended in 2004. Bishop McKinley Young appointed her as Pastor of Greater Allen Chapel AME, Starke in 2007. In 2009, she was appointed as Pastor of Bethel AME, Callahan serving faithfully for 14 years until her coming retirement at this 148<sup>th</sup> session of the East Annual Conference. The closing of her pastoral ministry ends with a rededication of Bethel AME Church's bell which rang for the first time on October 14, 2023 in over 50 years.

For 28 years of service in ministry Reverend Tisdale Mitchell was involved in the East Conference AME Ministers Alliance as a past Secretary and President and past Secretary and Treasurer for the East Conference AME Women in Ministry.

During her working years and after retirement from the State of Florida she was a caregiver for her late mother Mrs. Elva Vernell Taylor, her late husband Mr. Marvin C. Mitchell and for a family friend.

In addition, she is a doting mother to her two children Monique L. Tisdale and Russell F. Tisdale, Jr. and affectionally known as Rabbie to her one granddaughter, Erica L. Simmons.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done!



# THE ANNUAL SERMON PREACHER

*Father. Leader. Visionary. Influencer. Servant Leader*

**Reverend Micah C. T. Sims, Sr.** is a fifth-generation preacher and Itinerant Elder in a family who have served the kingdom of God across the world. He has grown into a preacher, teacher, leader, and activist who seeks to empower the lives of people everywhere. In three decades of ministry leadership, Reverend Micah has been a teacher, preacher, and workshop facilitator in churches, conferences, and conventions across the United States and the world.

His educational credentials include Villanova University, Missio Biblical Seminary, and Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. Micah is a doctoral candidate in the Strategic Leadership for Black Congregation Doctoral Ministry program at Garrett Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, graduating May 2024.



Micah C. T. Sims has not only been effective in ministry, but also as a corporate executive, board chair, state executive director, media personality, and well renowned political strategist and campaign leader. From his work in the re-election of President Obama to election of mayors, sheriffs, statewide judges, and congressional seats across several states.

However, for Micah Sims, everything is about being part of ministry to build the kingdom and people of God. His pastoral journey includes 3 senior pastoral roles in African Methodism in East Lansdowne, PA and Harrisburg, PA of the First Episcopal District and Cleveland, Ohio of the Third Episcopal District.

And now *Servant Leader & Senior Pastor* of the awesome, exciting, faith forward and Holy Spirit led church congregation and ministry Greater Grant Memorial AME Church in Jacksonville, Florida in the Eleventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In his short time Greater Grant has experienced a true sense of growth and greatness in every aspect of ministry, community, and personal development. In 2022 Pastor Sims & Greater Grant launched Greater Community Development Corporation. In partnership with the church in the building of a two phase \$21M housing development featuring 70+ affordable -workforce townhomes, breaking ground in the fall of 2023. In addition, Greater CDC just completed the acquiring of the 30-acre 220,000 sq. ft. Jacksonville Regional Shopping Center, now known as Greater Town Center. At the heart of this God led acquisition is the launching of new minority-owned businesses, developing a centerpiece of community pride, and the future home of Greater Grant Church. This commercial property is evolving into the essence of economic development and how people can dine, shop, relax, enjoy entertainment, and experience faith in one location in Jacksonville.

He is married to the Reverend Tameaka Reid Sims who is a successful author, presenter, prayer warrior and preacher, and they are the proud parents of five outstanding young adults.

## Sons of Allen Ecumenical Worship Preacher



### ***Bishop Rudolph Waldo McKissick, Sr.***

Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr., is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Mindful Meditation Ministries, Inc., in Jacksonville, Florida. This ministry teaches applicable tools, practices and biblical principles, to gain greater clarity, deeper connections and understanding, while creating a stronger prayer practice that renews spirit, mind, and faith journey. This ministry conducts Silent Retreat Experiences for Pastors and Lay Persons for a spiritually, mentally and physically restorative experience.

Bishop McKissick, Sr. serves as Pastor Emeritus of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, located in Jacksonville, Florida. On January 31, 2014, Bishop McKissick, Sr., retired after 48 years as the Senior Pastor. However, he now serves as Pastoral Counselor and serves at his leisure.

Bishop McKissick, Sr., is the longest serving Pastor in the church's history. He was raised from a child in Bethel, served in the Choir, Male Chorus Choir Director, Assistant Church Clerk, Church School Teacher, Assistant Deacon and Deacon, before the Lord called him to Pastor his beloved Bethel. He believes the measure of his success in ministry is accredited to his love for people and his hands-on ministry style. His longevity in ministry is attributed not to anything he's accomplished, but to those he has served and continues to serve.

During Bishop McKissick, Sr.'s tenure as pastor, an Educational Building was erected which now bears the name of "Rudolph W. McKissick, Sr." A city block of property was also purchased which currently houses the Main Sanctuary and Family Life Center. The Jacksonville City Council recognized his many noteworthy accomplishments and renamed a portion of Hogan Street as Rudolph McKissick, Sr. Boulevard in his honor.

A passionate scholar and lifelong learner, Bishop McKissick, Sr. earned a Bachelor's Degree from Edward Waters College and received Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Bethune Cookman University and Edward Waters University. He has also received advanced training at Tuskegee Institute, the Music Institute of Columbia University, Princeton University and Luther Rice Seminary.

Throughout the years, he has served in a variety of civic capacities some of which are the first Board of Trustees at the University of North Florida, the Jacksonville Urban League, and served on the Board of Trustees of Edward Waters College (University) for thirty years. He also served on the Board of the Duval Medical Center, National Council of Christians and Jews and The YMCA James Weldon Johnson Branch. He is the former president of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Jacksonville, and Former President of the Pastor's Conference of the National Baptist Convention and founder of the Christian Mission Center which later became the Help Center where persons could seek counseling and housing assistance for drug/alcoholic addiction. Bishop McKissick, Sr., was also the recipient of the Bernard V. Gregory Servant Leader Award presented by Volunteer Jacksonville in 2003. He is the organizer of the Jacksonville Coalition of African American Pastors and holds membership in a number of organizations including Life Membership in the NAACP, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Bishop McKissick, Sr., also served as Bishop of Marriage and Family in the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. In February 2014 he was the Mayor's Trailblazer Honoree recipient for the Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award.

Bishop McKissick, Sr. has traveled to South Africa with Fresh Ministries, Inc., participated in a tour of Turkey as a guest of the Amity Turkish Cultural Center and joined by other diverse members of the clergy, visiting historic cities and sites. He has conducted revivals in Panama, and toured the Holy Land twice.

Bishop McKissick, Sr. has impacted the lives of many as a positive role model all across this nation. His spirituality and sincerity are evidenced in his work as Pastor for 48 years and in serving the community. God has used his leadership as an instrument in the calling of more than fifty young men and women to the ministry which proudly includes his own son, Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr., who now serves as the Senior Pastor of Bethel.

In addition to the more than 40 ministries initiated by Bishop McKissick, Sr., he and his wife, Estelle established the (BEST) Bethel Enhancing Students Totally Saturday Academy, Inc., which is in its 26th year of existence and has earned a stellar reputation across the city of Jacksonville. Along with this program, he was instrumental in Bethel's approval as a summer school site for Duval County's most academically challenged students. He and his wife established a viable Marriage Ministry which has been in existence for over thirty-five years.

Bishop McKissick, Sr., sees his greatest accomplishment after 48 years of Pastoring, is the people – not the buildings. “It is a blessing to see those you’ve mentored play integral parts in ministry at the church and across the nation,” Being a people’s person, you learn how to treat people, love people and care for people, and that gives you a Shepherd’s heart.” His perpetual journey has crafted a lifetime filled with respect and adoration across the nation, as well as, unimaginable blessings and irreplaceable experiences. He is comfortable in his salvation and confident in a risen Savior, absolute, with no equivocations.

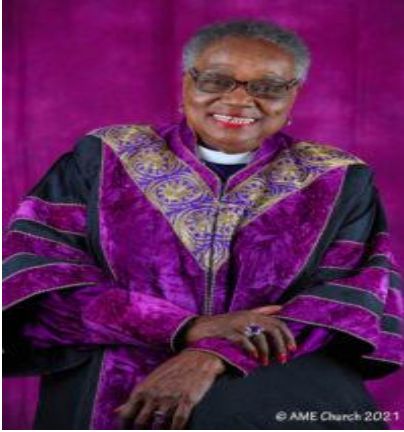
On January 31, 2014 Bishop McKissick, Sr. was elevated to a special status and received an honor not many Pastors experience, in that of “Pastor Emeritus.” His obedient spirit and total reliance on the Holy Spirit have afforded him the opportunity to continue to preach, teach and minister the Word of God for over 50 years which is a testament to serve as long as God grants life.

Bishop McKissick, Sr. is married to the former Estelle Teresa Lee Williams, a noted retired school administrator, for 61 years. He is the father of one son, Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr. (Kimberly) and the grandfather of three: Jocelyn, Janai and Joshua (The Trinity).

# ORDINATION PREACHER

**Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry**

**122nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the A.M.E. Church (Retired)**



Long before the Right Reverend Carolyn Tyler Guidry became the 122nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, she seemed destined for a life of commitment and significance to her church and her community. She was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, and came of age in the early years of the Civil Rights Movement.

Bishop Tyler Guidry worked to coordinate Freedom Rider activities between the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Jackson, Mississippi. She engaged in this work while raising two of the eventual six children she would have with her husband of 35 years, the late Cary B. Tyler.

After the family's relocation to Los Angeles, California, in 1964, Carolyn Tyler Guidry answered her call to preach in 1973, preaching her first sermon on the first Sunday in May at Second A.M.E. Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. C.D. Tolliver. She was ordained itinerant deacon in 1975 by Bishop Harrison J. Bryant; and itinerant elder in 1977 by Bishop H. H. Brookins. Her first appointment was to First A. M. E. Church in Indio, California, in 1977.

In 1983 she was assigned to Cain Memorial A. M. E. Church in Bakersfield, California.

In 1989, Rev. Carolyn Tyler was assigned to the 600-member Walker Temple A. M. E. Church in Los Angeles, California. This assignment gave her the distinction of being a trailblazer again, the first woman appointed to a major metropolitan charge in the A M E Church. She was appointed the first female Presiding Elder in the Fifth Episcopal District in 1994 and served until she was elected and consecrated the 122nd A.M.E. Bishop in 2004. She was assigned as Presiding Prelate to the 16th Episcopal District (including the Caribbean, Europe, Central America, and initiated the exploration of a congregation in Lyon, France, which now has a vibrant, growing congregation.

In 2008 Bishop Tyler Guidry was assigned to the Eighth Episcopal District, comprising Mississippi and Louisiana. She led the District in acquiring an Office Building and Episcopal Residence in Jackson, MS.

She served two terms as the Chair of the Social Action Commission of the A.M.E. Church and initiated the effort for the US Postal Service to designate a stamp in honor of the founder of the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Richard Allen; that stamp was released during the first quarter of 2016. She is a lifetime member of the NAACP and an Honorary member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

A graduate of J.P. Campbell College and Tougaloo College, and Fuller Theological Seminary, she was also awarded The Doctor of Humane Letters by Payne Theological Seminary in May 2009. She was included in the archives of the HistoryMakers in November 2004. In April 2011, she was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. The Turner Seminary awarded her The President's Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2019. She is a contributor to the fourth edition of "Those Preaching Women," by The Rev. Dr. Ella Mitchell, published by Judson Press which was released in June 2004, and has contributed to the publications of the A.M.E. Bishops, "The Anvil."

Carolyn Eujan Jackson Tyler Guidry is the mother of five sons, one daughter, thirteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

## LAY NIGHT PREACHER



**Rev. Willie Barnes, Jr., Ph.D.** is the senior Pastor of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church. He is an anointed preacher, teacher, motivator, and pastor, committed to delivering a relevant and contemporary message focused on faith, encouragement, and empowerment.

From an early age, Rev. Barnes discerned that his life would be rooted in ministry and service. This led him to formally acknowledge his calling to ministry during his time at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Rev. Barnes entered the Master of Divinity degree program at Yale Divinity School (YDS).

In 2012, after completing seminary studies at YDS, Rev. Barnes began his pastoral ministry with an appointment to Bethel A.M.E. Church, in DeLand, FL. During his time there, he led this historic congregation through a period of growth, rebranding, and community-focused ministry.

From 2013-2018, Rev. Barnes served as pastor of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church in Daytona Beach, FL. During this time, in addition to his pastoral ministry, Rev. Barnes also held positions as adjunct professor of religion at Bethune-Cookman University and University Chaplain at Stetson University in DeLand, FL.

From 2018-2021, Rev. Barnes also served as the pastor of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church in Downtown/Overtown Miami, FL. Here, strategic partnerships were formed, structural renovations were completed, and community outreach was increased.

In November 2022, Rev. Barnes was assigned as the 36th pastor of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, FL where he hopes to continue the legacy of leadership cultivated by his predecessors. In the spring of 2022, Rev. Barnes graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Ph.D. in sociology. His dissertation was entitled “Multiracial but not Post Racial: The Reproduction of Racial Ideology and Processes in a Multi-racial Church.” Rev. Barnes academic interests include race, religion, and social inequalities.

He is the proud husband to Rev. FranShon Reid-Barnes, a sixth generation A.M.E. preacher and entrepreneur and the father to Harleaux Marie Reid Barnes.

## Women In Ministry, Hour of Power Preacher

*Rev. Dr. Helen D. Jackson*



The Reverend Dr. Helen Delores Jackson is a servant of God, community leader, and accomplished professional dedicated to fostering equity and diversity. She is a native of Detroit and for 39 amazing years married to First Gentleman Joseph Jackson, a native Floridian.

She is honored to serve as Pastor of Saint Andrew African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Jacksonville Beach. She also serves as the Director of the AME Eleventh Episcopal District's Commission on Health and the Dean of the East Conference Board of Examiners. It was her distinct pleasure and privilege to serve as the Coordinator of the East Conference Women in Ministry for the past 10 years until June 30, 2023.

Her diverse portfolio includes being a non-violent civil rights organizer, applied researcher, educator, licensed register dietitian, and radio talk show host. Her commitment to community empowerment is evident through her involvement in numerous local, state, and national organizations, where she has held various leadership positions.

As the Founding President & CEO of the Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization established in 1999, she has been instrumental in addressing issues of inequity in health, education, and economic development. Over the past two decades, Dr. Jackson's leadership has resulted in the provision of over \$225,000 in scholarships to young men and women pursuing higher education.

Dr. Jackson retired as the Director of the Nutrition and Chronic Disease Prevention Division for the Florida Department of Health in Duval County. The extent of her community influence is demonstrated through her service as a servant leader on the Board of Directors of numerous organizations including Jacksonville Women's Network, Leadership Jacksonville, Leadership Florida Alumnus, President of the National Association of Blacks in Nutrition and Dietetics, Hubbard House, Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., American Cancer Society-Duval Unit, First Coast American Heart Association, National Congress of Political Black Women, and National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Dr. Jackson's extensive career has focused on preventive health and social change, with a special emphasis on improving the quality of life for vulnerable populations. Her impressive academic background includes a Master of Divinity, a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration, a Master of Public Administration, and a Master of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition. She is also a Licensed Registered Dietitian with certifications in various health-related fields.

The enthusiasm and caring spirit of The Reverend Dr. Helen D. Jackson in servant leadership, inspiration as a role model, and dedication to the high standards of professionalism is noteworthy. She challenges others to utilize their God-given gifts to encourage the next generation of leaders and community trustees. *"To whom much is given, much is required."* To God be the Glory for the things He has done, is doing, and has yet to do for each of us in Jesus' name!



## Our Bishop

### The Closing and Commissioning Preacher



**Bishop Frank M. Reid, III** is an innovative thought leader and an international change agent.

As a child, Bishop Reid was raised to treasure educational excellence and achievement. During the course of his impressive educational journey, he matriculated from public schools in St. Louis, MO., to Yale University, where he earned his undergraduate degree, then Harvard Divinity School, for his Master of Divinity degree, then to United Theological Seminary where he completed his Doctor of Ministry Degree.

Bishop Reid's ministry career has been most distinguished by his service as Senior Pastor of the historic Bethel A.M.E. Church, in Baltimore, MD. where he served for 27 years. Bishop Reid also served on the prestigious Board of Regents for the state of Maryland.

Bishop Reid's TV Ministry ("Outreach of Love") has reached millions via the BET, Armed Services, and Word Networks. He is the prolific author of bestselling books, "The Nehemiah Plan" and

"Restoring the House of God." He also co-authored (with Dr. Jeremiah Wright) "When Black Men Stand Up for God: Reflections on the Million Man March."

Currently, Bishop Reid serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 11th Episcopal District and Chair of Christian Education for the AME Church.

Bishop Reid's greatest legacy is his faith and family. He has been married to the woman he calls "Lady"—Marlaà Reid since 1980. They are the proud parents of three wonderful children and one dynamic and energetic grandchild.

At this stage of his life and ministry, Bishop Reid is most intentional about directing his investment of time and wisdom into equipping future generations to glorify God in faith, family, fitness and finance.

# East Conference YPD Annual Day Celebration

## " Rise Up and Live "

Ephesians 5: 8-10, v. 14

Saint Paul AME, Jacksonville, FL

*The Rev. Dr. Willie N. Barnes Jr, Host Pastor*

Saturday, October 14, 2023 12:11 PM

### WORSHIP and PRAISE SERVICE

Joseph Dorsey, Saint Paul AME Gaines-Manning Williams Area – Presiding

Welcome ..... East Conference WMS and East Conference YPD Director, Ms. Brenda Smith,  
and Ms. Gloria Smith

The Call to Worship..... TBD

L: Rise Up People and Children of God!

P: We will rise to a new level in Christ, and continue to help those around us

L: Rise Up People and Children of God!

P: We will rise above our circumstances, past mistakes, and shortcomings to build a better future for all

L: Rise Up People and Children of God!

All: Let us Rise Up, and Live in Christ together and forever

The Prayer of Invocation..... Leilani Montgomery, Mount Zion Southside AME Jax, FL

### The East Conference YPD Studios Presents: "Rise Up and Live"

General Offering..... Jajuan Mallory, Financial Secretary

Remarks..... Miss Diamond Adside, Conference YPD President  
Ms. Gloria Smith, Conference YPD Director  
Ms. Brenda Smith, Conference WMS President  
Miss Alexis Roberson, 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal YPD President  
Sis. Timika Fountain-Coney, 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal YPD Director  
Sis. Laurastine Lemon, 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal WMS President  
Supervisor Marlaa Hall Reid, 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Supervisor  
Bishop Frank M. Reid, Presiding Prelate of 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District

Missionary Benediction ..... President Diamond Adside

*In the Name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart.*

*This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen*

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# *East Conference Women's Missionary Society Annual Day*

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

10: 11 A.M.

## *The Business Session Agenda*

Sister Brenda Smith, Presiding

The Moments of Meditation

Dr. Barbara Bouie, Worship Director  
East Conference WMS

Theme: "Trust"

Song: "I Will Trust in the Lord"

Invocation: Sis. LuCretia McBride, Catherine Dawson WMS

Scriptures: Psalm 37:3, Psalm 20:7, Psalm 56:3-4, Isaiah 26:4, Psalm 143:8  
Sis. Anne Graham, Violet Williams WMS

Closing Song: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

The Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

Sis. Brenda Smith, President  
East Conference WMS

The Establishment of the Protocol

Sis. Lisa Gadson, First Vice President  
East Conference WMS

The Roll Call

Sis. Dorothy Williams, Recording Secretary  
East Conference WMS

The Tanner Turner Memorial

Sis. Rhoshonda Herring  
Third Vice President, East Conference WMS

The Minutes of 2022 Annual Convention

Sis. Brenda Smith

The Welcome and Greetings

Sis. Maggie Jones, Host Local President  
St. Paul AMEC, Jacksonville  
Violet Williams WMS

Sis. Lay Mobley, Host Area Chair  
Gaines Manning Williams Area

Sis. Laurastine D. Lemon, President  
Eleventh Episcopal District WMS

Mrs. Marlaá Hall Reid, Supervisor  
Eleventh Episcopal District

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III  
Presiding Prelate, Eleventh Episcopal District

The Financial Report (Recap)

Sis. Ruby Mosley, Treasurer  
East Conference WMS

The President's Report

Sis. Lisa Gadson, Presiding

## The Election Process

- Registration Committee Report
- Credentials Committee Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- The Election of Officers

## Supervisor Marlaá Hall Reid

Sis. Patricia Brady, Committee Chair  
Sis. Patricia Johnson, Committee Chair  
Sis. Le'mmon Wright, Committee Chair  
Supervisor Marlaá Hall Reid

## The Introduction of the Outreach

The Hubbard House - Sis. Lisa Gadson

## The Closing Remarks

East Conference WMS President, Sis. Brenda Smith  
Eleventh Episcopal District WMS President, Sis. Laurastine Lemon  
Eleventh Episcopal District Supervisor, Mrs. Marlaá Hall Reid  
Eleventh Episcopal District Presiding Prelate, Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III

The Missionaries Adjourn until this Evening

*We invite all members, friends, and guests, to join us  
for the Night in White Worship experience...  
6:11 p.m. ~ St. Paul AMEC, Jacksonville*



*The East Conference Women's Missionary Society  
Eleventh Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Annual Night in White Worship Experience  
October 17, 2023 ~ 6:11 PM*

*"Equipping You For Your Calling"*



***Our Hosts:***

*Saint Paul AME Church ~ Jacksonville, Florida  
The Reverend Dr. Willie Nathaniel Barnes, Jr. ~ Pastor  
The Reverend Tony DeMarco Hansberry ~ Presiding Elder  
Alachua-Central District*

*The Gaines-Manning-Williams Area*

*Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III ~ Presiding Prelate  
Mrs. Marlaá Hall Reid ~ Supervisor of Missions  
Mrs. Laurastine Lemon ~ Eleventh District WMS President  
Ms. Brenda G. Smith ~ East Conference WMS President*

***The Associate Presiding Elders***

*The Reverend Elizabeth E. Yates ~ Presiding Elder, Suwannee-North District  
Sister LaTanya C. Bell ~ District Consultant*

*The Jones-Farnell Area*

*The Reverend Karl V. Smith ~ Presiding Elder, South District  
Sister Diane M. Smith ~ District Consultant*

*The Singleton-Johnson Area*

## ***The East Conference Officers***

*Sister Brenda G. Smith ~ President*  
*Sister Lisa Gadson ~ 1st Vice President*  
*Sister Carla Blalock ~ 2nd Vice President*  
*Sister Rhoshonda Herring ~ 3rd Vice President*  
*Dr. Barbara Bouie ~ Worship Director*  
*Sister Dorothy Williams ~ Recording Secretary*  
*Sister Rhonda Boyd ~ Assistant Recording Secretary*  
*Sister Vernell Griffin ~ Corresponding Secretary*  
*Sister Ruby Mosley ~ Treasurer*  
*Sister Bobbie Lesesne ~ Historiographer-Statistician*  
*Sister Gloria Smith ~ YPD Director*  
*Sister Linda Slaughter ~ PME Director*  
*Sister Delores Danzy ~ Parliamentarian*  
*Sister Jasmine Gill ~ Member at Large*

## ***The Area Chairs***

*Sister Lay Mobley      Sister Monique Tisdale      Sister Carolyn Blackshear*

## ***The Executive Board Members at Large***

*Sister Debra Jackson      Sister Lemmon Wright      Sister Michelle Loston*  
*Sister Jeanette Shellman      Sister Barbara Brown*





## *The Order of Service*

October 17, 2023 ~ 6:11 PM  
Brenda Smith, Worship Leader

### THE TIME OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*The East Conference Choir*

#### The Processional

#### The Doxology

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

#### The Call to Worship

**Sister Carla Blalock**  
*Ebenezer AMEC, ECWMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**People:** *The One who calls us,*

Leader: The One who equips us,

**People:** *The One who loves us without end,*

**All:** **With joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

#### The Hymn of Praise

**Sister Dorothy Williams**  
*St. Luke AMEC, ECWMS Secretary*

#### **To God Be The Glory ~ (AMECH #21)**

*To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

#### **Refrain**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

#### **Refrain**

*Great things He has taught us, great Things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and  
greater will be, our wonder, our transport, When Jesus we see.*

#### **Refrain**

#### The Prayer of Invocation

**Sister Rhonda Boyd**  
*New St. James AMEC, Local WMS President*

## The Choral Response

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you*

## The Worship Through Song

***The East Conference Choir***

## The Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament

***Proverbs 31:8-9***

**Sister Debra Jackson**

*New Bethel AMEC  
ECWMS Member at Large*

The Gospel

***1 Peter 4:10-11***

**Sister Barbara Brown**

*Greater Allen Chapel AMEC  
Local WMS President*

## The Gifts For Missions

**Sister Delores Danzy**

*St. Paul AMEC, ECWMS Parliamentarian*

## The Choral Response

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

## The Worship Through Song

***The East Conference Choir***

### ***The Scholarship Presentation***

Sister Marlaá Hall Reid, Episcopal Supervisor

Sister Laurastine Lemon, Episcopal President

Sister Beverly Postell, Episcopal Scholarship Chairperson

Sister Carla Blalock, Conference Scholarship Chairperson

### ***The WMS Pinning Ceremony***

The New Members Ceremony

Supervisor Marlaa Hall Reid

Episcopal President Laurastine Lemon, Conference President Brenda Smith,

Conference 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rhoshonda Herring

**Chairperson:** I, Rhoshonda Herring, Membership and Recruitment Chairperson of The East Conference Branch am happy to present for pinning and confirmation \_\_\_ new members of the Women's Missionary Society.

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

**As Missionaries, you have been appointed:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sing Missionary Song ~ *This is My Mission***

**"This is My Mission"**  
***Tune: Blessed Assurance***

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

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

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

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

**The Offertory Appeal**

**The Reverend Dr. Willie N. Barnes, Jr.**  
*Host Pastor*

**The Worship Through Giving**

**Sisters Ruby Mosley, Lay Mobley,  
Monique Tisdale, Carolyn Blackshear**

**The Offertory Response**

**The Introduction of the Speaker**

**Sister Lisa Gadson**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, ECWMS*

**The Worship Through Song**

***The Women's Conference Choir***

**The Message**

**The Reverend Marva T. Mitchell, Pastor**  
*Bethel AMEC, Callahan*

**The invitation to Discipleship**

**The Reverend Michelle Barton**  
Mt. Pisgah AMEC, Archer

**The Announcements**

**The Reverend Dr. Willie N. Barnes, Jr.**  
*Host Pastor*

**Remarks**

***Sister Brenda G. Smith, ECWMS President***  
***Mrs. Laurastine Lemon, 11<sup>th</sup> District President***  
***Supervisor Marlaa Hall Reid***  
***Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III***

**The Doxology**

**The Missionary Benediction**

*In the name of the Triune God,  
May the spirit of Christian Mission, enter every heart,  
May the spirit of Christian Mission, enter every heart,  
This we ask in Jesus' name.  
Amen*



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## ***Opening Worship Celebration***

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# THE OPENING WORSHIP

Order of Worship

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 11:11AM

Worship Leader, Presiding Elder Elizabeth E. Yates

The Doxology .....#647 AMEC Hymnal

*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 .....Reverend Dr. Willie N. Barnes, Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Opening Hymn... .....Reverend D'Mrtri C. Burke

#304 AMECH - "And Are We Yet Alive"

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

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

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

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

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



Let us take up the cross, till we the crown obtain;  
And gladly reckon all things loss, so we may Jesus gain.  
*(Words by Charles Wesley; Tune by Aaron Williams)*

The Prayer of Invocation .....	Reverend Louis C. Kirkland
The Scripture Lessons:	
Hebrew Testament .....	Reverend Dr. Mark L. Griffin
Christian Testament .....	Reverend Ron Rawls, Jr.
The Decalogue Hymn.....	#69 AMECH
<i>'From All That Dwells Below The Skies'</i>	
The Summary of the Decalogue & Gloria Patri.....	Reverend Dr. Victor D. Cole
The Nehemiah Offering .....	Reverend Charletta C. Robinson
The Musical Selection .....	Conference Choir
The Introduction of the Bishop.....	Presiding Elder Karl V. Smith
The Introduction of the Preacher.....	Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III
The Sermonic Selection	
The Annual Sermon.....	Reverend Micah C. T. Sims
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....	Reverend Dr. Gillard S. Glover
The Offering .....	The Conference Stewardship Committee
The Announcements .....	Host Pastor
The Closing Prayer.....	Reverend Micah C. T. Sims

# EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

148 Years

## The Sons of Allen “ALL HANDS ON DECK”

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men!” COLOSINIANS 3: 20-23

### Men’s Night Celebration

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

Seven- Eleven in the Evening

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III  
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Marla Hall Reid  
Episcopal Supervisor, WMS

Rev. Dr. Willie N. Barnes  
Host Pastor

*St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

*Rev. Tony DeMarco Hansberry*  
Host Presiding Elder

*Rev. Elizabeth Elaine Yates*  
Associate Presiding Elder

*Rev. Karl Verron Smith*  
Associate Presiding Elder

Order of Worship

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men!” COLOSINIANS 3: 20-23

Brother John T. Mallory II, East Conference Sons of Allen Coordinator, **Worship Leader**

**The Doxology**

#647 AMEC Hymnal

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**

**Brother John T. Mallory II**

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

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

Leader: Know this: The Lord Himself is God;

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

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

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

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

**People: And His faithfulness endures from everlasting to everlasting.**

The Hymn of Praise

**Bro. Chris Thomas**  
**Suwannee-North District Co-Coordinator**

#559 RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things.  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! The kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The church for you doth wait, Her  
strength unequal to her task; rise up and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod.  
As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!  
*(Words by William P. Merrill, Tune by William H. Walter)*

The Prayer of Invocation.

**Bro. Chris Mira**  
**East Conference SOA Secretary**

**The Scripture Lessons**

**Old Testament.....*Psalm 1*.....Bro. Johnny West**  
**South District Coordinator**

**New Testament .....*Galatians 6: 1-10*.....Bro. Sherman Riley**  
**Alachua-Central District Coordinator**

**The Nehemiah Offering ..... The Conference Stewardship Committee**

**The Ministry in Music**

**SOA Male Chorus**

**The Greetings From District Coordinator**

**Rev. George Hardy**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District SOA Coordinator**

**Scholarship Presentation**

**Sons of Allen Video Presentation**

**The Introduction of Preacher**

**Rev. Tony DeMarco Hansberry**  
**Presiding Elder, Alachua-Central District**

**The Sermonic Selection**

**SOA Male Chorus**

**The Word of God**

**Bishop Rudolph McKissick Sr**  
**Bethel Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Rev. Roger Williams**  
**East Conference Asst. SOA Coordinator**

**The Worship of Giving**

**Brother Nicholas Causey**  
**East Conference SOA Treasure**

**Introduction of Bishop**

**Rev. Karl V. Smith**  
**Presiding Elder, South District**

**The Words From The Bishop**

**Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III**  
**Presiding Prelate 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District**

**The Doxology**

**The Benediction**

**Rev Rudolph McKissick Sr**  
**Bethel Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL**

# *Ordination And Communion Worship Celebration*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thursday, October 19, 2023 @ 12:11 PM  
The Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr., Presiding

The Doxology.....#647 AMEC Hymnal

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 Opening Hymn .....The Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes  
#221, AMECH

### *"How to Reach the Masses"*

*How to reach the masses, saints of every birth, For an answer, Jesus gave the key:  
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all saints unto Me."*

*Refrain:*

*Lift Him up, (Lift the precious Savior up), Lift Him up, (Lift the precious Savior up),  
Still He speaks from eternity: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all saints unto Me."*

*Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see;  
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,  
"I'll draw all saints unto Me." [Refrain]*

*Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew, Preach the Gospel simple, full and free;  
Prove Him and you will find that promise is true, "I'll draw all saints unto Me." [Refrain]*

*Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see;  
Then saints will gladly follow Him Who once taught, "I'll draw all saints unto Me." [Refrain]*

The Prayer of Invocation..... The Rev. Dr. Mark Griffin

The Choral Response .....The Rev. Mandella Smith

### #196, AMECH

### *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

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

*Refrain:*

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

**The Scripture Lesson..... I Samuel 3:4-10 (NRSV) .....The Rev. Dr. Victor Cole**  
**The Offering.....The Conference Stewardship Committee**  
**The Presentation of the Bishop .....Presiding Elder Tony D. Hansberry**  
**The Presentation of the Preacher .....Bishop Frank M. Reid, III**  
**The Sermonic Hymn.....The Rev. Sha'Reff RaShad**

**#83 AMECH**

***"O Thou, In Whose Presence"***

*<sup>1</sup> O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call;  
my comfort by day, and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all.*

*<sup>2</sup> Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep, to feed them in pastures of love?  
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep, or alone in this wilderness rove?*

*<sup>3</sup> O why should I wander an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert for bread?  
Thy foes will rejoice, when my sorrows they see, and smile at the tears I have shed.*

*<sup>4</sup> He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for His word;  
He speaks and eternity, filled with His voice, re-echoes the praise of the Lord.*

*<sup>5</sup> Dear Shepherd! I hear, and will follow Thy call; I know the sweet sound of Thy voice;  
restore and defend me, for Thou art my All, And in Thee I will ever rejoice.*

**The Sermon .....The Right Reverend Carolyn Tyler Guidry**  
122<sup>nd</sup> Elected and Consecrated Bishop  
AME Church, Retired

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship .....The Rev. Dr. Alesia Ford Burse**

**THE LITURGY FOR THE ORDINATION OF ITINERANT DEACONS**

**The Bishop:**

It becomes my sacred duty, as Bishop of the Annual Conference, to Call to Order this Sacred Assembly for the Ordination of preachers into the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of preachers, both of Deacons and Elders, on behalf of the Annual Conference. To that end, we invoke the very Spirit of God into this sacred space that what we do and say may redound to the Glory of God, the Advancement of God's Kingdom and the furtherance of the Church of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

## **The Presentation of Persons for Itinerant Deacons**

### **The Chair**

**The Rev. Dr. David W. Green, Sr.**

Bishop Reid, we present these persons to be admitted Itinerant Deacons.

### **Bishop Reid**

Take heed that the persons whom you present to 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 Secretary**

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia J.W. Bailey**

**NAMES: Hardy Jenkins  
Christopher E. Thomas, Jr.**

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

### **Bishop Reid**

Members of the Conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of these persons presented to be ordained Itinerant or Local Deacons for which they ought not to be admitted to this office, do come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

### **Elder**

**The Rev. Kennetta Carter**

LET US PRAY. Almighty God, who by your divine providence has appointed diverse orders of ministers in Your Church, and did inspire your Apostles to choose to the order of Deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen and others; mercifully behold these servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of Your doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve You to the glory of Your holy name and the edification of Your Church, through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

### **The Epistle — 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

**The Rev. Dr. Rita Love**

Likewise Deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as Deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their spouse must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let Deacons be the spouse of one mate, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as Deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### **Bishop Reid**

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the Office of Ministry in the Church of Jesus Christ, to serve God for the promotion of God's glory, and the edifying of God's people?

**Candidate: I trust so.**

### **Bishop Reid**



Do you unfeignedly believe the canonical Scriptures of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament?

**Candidate:** *I do believe them.*

**Bishop Reid**

Will you diligently study the Scriptures and expound the same unto the people as you are given opportunity or that you may be appointed to serve?

**Candidate:** *I will.*

**Bishop Reid**

It appertains to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service; especially when the Holy Communion is being administered, to help in the distribution thereof, and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youths and, in the absence of the Elder or the Pastor, to baptize. Further, it is the office of the Deacon, to search for the sick, poor and impotent and other such ministries that may prove helpful in the life of the congregation that such persons may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

**Candidate:** *I will do so, by the help of God.*

**Bishop Reid**

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

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

**Bishop Reid**

Will you reverently submit to the godly judgment of those to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonition?

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

## THE ACT OF ORDINATION

*Then shall the Bishop, laying his hand upon every one of them separately, say:*

**Bishop Reid**

Take authority to execute the office of Itinerant Deacon, Local Deacon, in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

*Then ordinand shall place their own Holy Bible on the Altar Rail, the Bishop saying:*

**Bishop Reid**

Take authority to read the Scriptures and to preach the same in the Church of God, in The name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

## THE LITURGY FOR THE ORDINATION OF ITINERANT ELDERS

**The Chair:**

**The Rev. Dr. David W. Green, Sr.**

Bishop Reid, we present to you these persons to be admitted Itinerant Elders.

**Bishop Reid**

Take heed that the persons whom you present to 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 Dean**

**The Rev. Dr. Helen D. Jackson**

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

**Bishop Reid**

Please give me the Names of the Candidates.

**The Dean**

**The Rev. Dr. Helen D. Jackson**

**NAMES:**

**The Reverend Lavern Glasco**

**The Reverend David Green, Jr.**

**The Reverend LaTefonie Gulama**

**The Reverend Fredrick Page**

**Bishop Reid**

Members of the Conference, these are they whom we purpose, God willing, this Day to ordain Itinerant 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 either of them, for which they ought not be received into this holy ministry, do come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

You have heard, as well in your private examinations as in the exhortations which have been made to you, and in the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and of what great importance this office is, whereunto you are now called. And now again we world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

**The Rev. Kennetta Carter**

Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance what great 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, are His Spouse, and His Body.

**The Rev. Dr. Victor Cole**

And if it should happen the same church or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider within yourselves the end of the ministry towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labor, your care, and diligence

until you have done all that lies in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the 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.

**The Rev. Mandella Smith**

Forasmuch then as your office is both of so great excellence, and of so great difficulty, you surely see how great care and study you ought to apply yourselves, as neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit, you cannot have a mind and will thereunto of yourselves; for that will and ability are given of God alone.

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia J.W. Bailey**

Therefore you ought, and have need, to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of humankind, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same, consider how studious you ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures and in framing the manners both of yourselves and of them that pertain unto you, according to the rules of the same Scriptures, and for this selfsame cause how you ought to forsake and set aside as much as you may all worldly care and studies.

**Bishop Reid**

We have good hope that you have all weighed and pondered these things long before now; and that you have clearly determined by God's grace to give yourselves to this office whereby it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lies 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 mediation of our Savior Jesus Christ, for the Heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures you may wax riper and stronger in your ministry, and that you may so endeavor yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ that you may be wholesome and goodly examples and patterns for 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 this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and His Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

**Bishop Reid**

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?

**The Ordinands:**     *I do so believe.*

**Bishop Reid**

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be conducted and proved by Scripture?

**The Ordinands:**     *I am so persuaded and have determined by God's grace.*

**Bishop Reid**

Will you then give faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and Sacraments and discipline of Christ as the Lord has commanded?

**The Ordinands:**     *I will do so, by the help of the Lord.*

**Bishop Reid**

Will you be ready with faithful diligence always to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

**The Ordinands:**     *I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.*

**Bishop Reid**

Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading 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?

**The Ordinands:**     *I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.*

**Bishop Reid**

Will you be diligent to frame yourselves and your families according to the Doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

**The Ordinands:**     *I shall apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.*

**Bishop Reid**

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

**The Ordinands:**     *I will do so, the Lord being my helper.*

**Bishop Reid**

Will you reverently submit to 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 judgments?

**The Ordinands:**     *I will do so, the Lord being my helper.*

**Bishop Reid** Almighty God, who has 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 has begun, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS**

Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire  
**And lighten with celestial fire;**

Thou the anointing Spirit art  
**Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart**

Thy blessed unction from above  
**Is comfort, light, and fire of love.**

Enable with perpetual light  
**The dullness of our blinded sight;**

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
**With the abundance of Thy grace.**

Keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
**Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.**

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
**And Thee of both to be but one!**

That through the ages all along  
**This may be our endless song;**

Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*(Text by Rhabanus Maurus, 9<sup>th</sup> Century, Translated by John Cosin)*

**Bishop Reid**

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of Your infinite love and goodness towards us have given us Your only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be 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 Your holy name; for these so great benefits of Your eternal goodness, and for that You have vouchsafed to call these Your servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of humankind, we render You most hearty thanks.

**The Rev. Dr. David W. Green, Sr.**

We praise and worship You, and we humbly beseech You by the same blessed Son to grant unto all, who either here or elsewhere call upon Your name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto You for these and all Your 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 Your ministers and Your holy name may be forever glorified and Your blessed kingdom enlarged through the same, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

*The bishop, with seven elders, shall lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that receives*

### **The Act of Elder Ordination**

*The receivers humbly kneeling and the bishop saying:*

**Bishop Reid**

The Lord pour upon You the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an Itinerant Elder in the Church of God, now committed unto you by the imposition of our hands. And be 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 Spirit. Amen.

**The Congregation: Amen.**

***The ordinand, kneeling, shall place their own Holy Bible on the Altar Rail, the Bishop saying:***

**Bishop Reid**

Take authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the Holy Sacraments in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Congregation: Amen.**

**The Service of Holy Communion**

**Bishop Frank Madison Reid III, Chief Celebrant**

**The Communion Hymn #137**

**"The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me"**

*The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary,  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its power.*

*Refrain*

*It reaches to the highest mountain; It flows to the lowest valley;  
The blood that gives me strength From day to day, it will never lose its power.*

*It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears;  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its power.*

**The Solicitation:**

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith to receive the holy Sacrament, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, in the presence of His church.

**The Prayer of Consecration:**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you."

Likewise, after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "All of you drink this, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me." Amen.

**The Sharing of the Elements**

*(Bishop, Presiding Elders, Board of Examiners, the Ordinands, their families, and the congregation)*

**Communion Hymn(s)****The Benediction**



# LAY ORGANIZATION WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

## Conference Annual Lay Witness Service 2023

Thursday, October 19, 2023 7:11 PM

**Worship Leader** – *Sister Rhoshonda L. Herring*  
*Director of Lay Activities, East Conference Lay Organization*

The Doxology

AMEC Hymn #647

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

**The Call to Worship**

Sister Sharon Causey  
President, Alachua Central District Lay Organization

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

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

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

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

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

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

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

**ALL: Oh sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

**The Laymen's Song**

AMEC Hymn #582

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

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

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

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

**The Invocation** Brother Nicholas Causey  
President, East Conference Lay Organization

**The Choral Response** East Conference Choir

**The Holy Scripture** Brother Dante D. Buckson  
Young Adult Representative, East Conference Lay Organization

**The Welcome and Greetings** Sister JeTonne Riley  
President, J.L. Williams Lay Organization of Saint Paul AMEC

**The Nehemiah Offering** East Conference Finance Team

**Video Presentation of the President's Report**

**The Presentation of the Bishop** Presiding Elder Tony D. Hansberry

**The Presentation of the Preacher** Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III

**The Sermonic Selection** East Conference Choir

**The Preached Word** The Reverend Dr. Willie N. Barnes, Jr.  
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Jacksonville

**The Invitation to Discipleship** The Reverend Jeffrey J. Dove  
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Orange Park

**The Worship Through Giving** Sister Ruth Carter, Sister LuCretia McBride  
and the East Conference Finance Team

**The Remarks** President Nicholas Causey, East Conference Lay Organization  
President Patricia H. Wright, Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization  
Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III, Presiding Prelate, Eleventh Episcopal District

**The Doxology**

**The Lay Benediction**

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

# HOUR OF POWER

## Women In Ministry

### Order of Worship

#### FRIDAY, October 20, 2023 @12:11PM

The Welcome to the Annual AME WIM Day.....The Reverend Dr. Debra Walker King  
Coordinator, EAST Conference AME WIM

The Prayer of Invocation .....The Reverend Michelle Smith Barton  
Pastor, Mount Pisgah AMEC, Archer  
The Alachua-Central District

The Scripture Lesson.....The Reverend La'Tefonie Gulama  
Pastor, Prince Chapel AMEC, Nassauville  
The Suwannee-North District

The Introduction of Bishop..... The Reverend Dr. Sha'Leda Mirra  
Pastor, Union AMEC, Lake City  
The Alachua-Central District

The Introduction of Preacher.....Bishop Frank M. Reid, III

The Sermonic Selection

The Sermon..... The Rev. Dr. Helen D. Jackson  
Pastor, St. Andrew AMEC  
The Suwannee-North District

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship .....The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Dupree  
Pastor, New Mount Pisgah AMEC. Lake City  
The Alachua-Central District

The Offering .....The Conference Stewardship Committee

The Herstory Reflections, Congratulations, Recognition of Graduates, Ordinations, and Memorials

The Rev. Charletta C. Robinson  
Pastor, New Bethel AMEC, San Mateo  
The South District

The Announcements..... Host Pastor, Dr. Willie Barnes

The Closing Prayer.....The Rev. Brittany Bryant  
Pastor, St. Luke AMEC, Alachua  
The Alachua-Central District

# The 21st Century Bible Discovery Hour

The East Annual Conference Study Lesson Outline

Reverend Mandella Smith, Conference Superintendent

Time	BDH Guide	Participant Name
6:00 PM	<b>Participants will check in with the Conference Superintendent.</b>	
6:11 PM	<b>The Opening Hymn – AME Hymn No. 525</b> “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)”	Rev. D'Mrtri Buke
6:15 PM	<b>The Prayer</b>	Rev. Lisa Darling
6:19 PM	<b>The Scripture Lesson</b> Lesson #8 Galatians 3:1-14	Rev. Brenda McCaslin
6:23 PM	<b>The Introduction of the Facilitator</b> Reverend Mandella Smith, Conf. Supt.	Rev. Dr. Roger Williams
6:28 PM	<b>The Lesson Study</b>	
6:45 PM	<b>The Offering</b>	Finance Committee
6:52 PM	<b>The Remarks</b>	Rev. Reginald Johnson, Episcopal District Superintendent
6:54 PM	<b>The Closing and Benediction</b>	Reverend Mandella Smith

# **CLOSING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

# THE CLOSING WORSHIP

## Order of Service

Friday, October 20, 2023 @ 7:11 p.m.

Worship Leader, Presiding Elder Karl V. Smith

**The Doxology.....(#647 AMEC Hymnal)**

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

**The Call To Worship.....The Reverend Ron Rawls, Jr.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Prayer of Invocation.....The Reverend Dr. David W. Green Sr.**

**The Scripture Lesson.....The Reverend Sha'Reff Rashad**

**The Musical Selection .....Conference Choir**

**The Nehemiah Offering.....The Reverend Dr. George Hartsfield**

**The Introduction of the Preacher.....Presiding Elder Elizabeth E. Yates**

**The Sermonic Selection .....Conference Choir**

**The Closing Sermon .....Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III**

**The Offering.....The Conference Stewardship Committee**

**The Report of the Statistician**

**The Conference Resolution**

**The Announcements**

**The Remarks.....Supervisor Marlaa’ Reid**

**The Hymn .....#242 - A Charge To Keep I Have**

**The Commissioning Prayer**

**The Commissioning Scripture**

**The Presentation of Certificates**

**The Hymn.....#220 – Go, Preach My Gospel**

“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 Frank Madison Reid, III**

**The Benediction** Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III



## **KEY POINTS FOR 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCES:**

\*\*\*\*\* ALL SESSIONS AND WORSHIP SERVICES WILL START ON TIME. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE ALL PASTORS & DELEGATES IN PLACE AT THE BEGINNING TIME OF ALL SESSIONS, BUT ESPECIALLY THE BUSINESS SESSIONS

\*\*\*\*\* **PROCESSIONALS FOR OPENING, ORDINATION, AND CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICES.**  
**OPENING AND CLOSING – BLACK ROBES**  
**ORDINATION – WHITE ROBES**

\*\*\*\*\* ALL CLERGY PERSONS ROBE FOR THE OPENING AND CLOSING.

ONLY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR THE ORDINATION SERVICE.

NO ROBINING FOR ECUMENICAL WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY & HOUR OF POWER ON FRIDAY

\*\*\*\*\* ALL CLERGY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR COLLARS WITH BLACK OR DARK BLUE SUITS DURING SESSIONS

\*\*\*\*\* PASTORAL REPORTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO 60 SECONDS (Florida conference) & 90 SECONDS PER PASTOR (all other conferences) AND IT SHALL FEATURE/FOCUS ON ONE MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT FROM THIS CONFERENCE YEAR. ONLY PASTORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH

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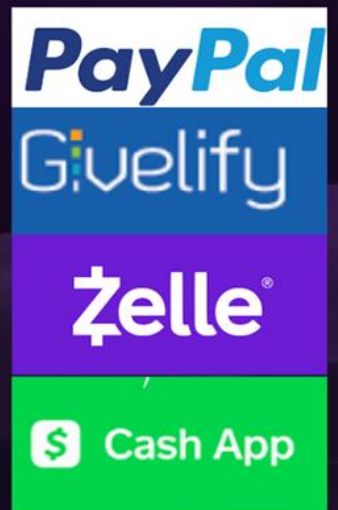
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