

# Eleventh Episcopal District **LAY ORGANIZATION** Celebrating The Journey...

Over Highways  
Over Byways  
Over Rough Places  
And High Mountains  
**I Still Have Joy!**



Presiding Prelate  
Bishop Frank M. Reid, III



President  
P. H. Wright



Director of Lay Activities  
Teresa White

## Executive Board Meeting

**January 7-8, 2022**

Friday - January 7 2:30 P.M. EST Business/Learning Lab

Friday - January 7 6:45 P.M. EST - Worship Experience (Jesus' Seven 'I AM' Statements)

Saturday January 8 8:30 A.M. EST Officer Reports/ Learning Lab

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**Bishop Frank M. Reid, III - Presiding Prelate**  
**Mrs. Marlaa Hall Reid - Episcopal Supervisor**

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**Mr. M. Abednego Makiti**  
Connectional Lay President

**Ms. Patricia Wright**  
Connectional Director of Lay Activities

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Episcopal District Lay President

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Episcopal Director of Lay Activities



# Who is on the Executive Board?

## ELECTED OFFICERS 2020-2024

*Patricia Wright - President*

|                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>John W. Love</i>     | <i>First Vice President</i>          |
| <i>Lothar Cherry</i>    | <i>Second Vice President</i>         |
| <i>Johnnie Hill</i>     | <i>Third Vice President</i>          |
| <i>Ethel M. Wooten</i>  | <i>Recording Secretary</i>           |
| <i>Evelyn Odom</i>      | <i>Assistant Recording Secretary</i> |
| <i>Esther Ferguson</i>  | <i>Corresponding Secretary</i>       |
| <i>Sharon Causey</i>    | <i>Treasurer</i>                     |
| <i>Priscilla Salter</i> | <i>Financial Secretary</i>           |
| <i>Rebecca Williams</i> | <i>Parliamentarian</i>               |
| <i>Teresa White</i>     | <i>Director of Lay Activities</i>    |
| <i>Deborah Langston</i> | <i>Chaplain</i>                      |
| <i>Debra Gilliard</i>   | <i>Historiographer</i>               |
| <i>Robbyn Hopewell</i>  | <i>Director of Public Relations</i>  |
| <i>Ashley Blakley</i>   | <i>Young Adult Representative</i>    |

## CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Dr. Katheryn Gillis</i> | <i>South</i>      |
| <i>Lolita Brown</i>        | <i>West Coast</i> |
| <i>Donald Russell</i>      | <i>Florida</i>    |
| <i>Nicholas Causey</i>     | <i>East</i>       |
| <i>Adrian McWilliams</i>   | <i>Central</i>    |
| <i>Valderine Evans</i>     | <i>Bahamas</i>    |

## STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHAIRS

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Sharon Causey</i>    | <i>Statistics &amp; Finance</i>                 |
| <i>Donald Russell</i>   | <i>Organization &amp; Structure</i>             |
| <i>Lucretia McBride</i> | <i>Personnel &amp; Procedure</i>                |
| <i>Loretta Coppock</i>  | <i>Program &amp; Activities</i>                 |
| <i>Carolyn Floyd</i>    | <i>Organization &amp; Officer Effectiveness</i> |

## PRESIDENT EMERITUS

*Charlie Nichols*

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Tyrone Presley</i>    | <i>Rhoshonda Herring</i> |
| <i>Judith Hollinhead</i> | <i>Brian Brown</i>       |

**LAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** \**Evelyn Graham - President*

### THE EEDLO PRESENCE IN THE CONNECTIONAL CHURCH

Connectional Lay Organization *Patricia Wright - DOLA*  
Reginald McGill - Social action chair, Dante Buckson & John Love Committee Co-chairs  
General Board Members *Reginald McGill, John Love*

Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey

Fitzhugh Mullan

# A Presidential Word...



## ***Greetings Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization!***

*One of my favorite quotes from Aristotle says "We are what we repeatedly do; excellence then is not an act but a habit."*

We become adept at what we do repeatedly. A great example is the way we celebrate the holidays. We bake the traditional desserts, as we anticipate with glee spending valuable, memorable time with loved ones. We reminisce. We play games. We laugh. Oh, how we laugh! We know just what to do, how to do it, and what it takes to make it successful. These are rituals we have observed for years on end. Therefore, we are comfortable and excellent at doing so. We are proficient celebrators of life. Somebody might use the adage that it's like riding a bike, for one does not forget how to ride a bike, even if the time since the last ride has been weeks, months, or years.

What, then, you may be wondering, does this rambling have to do with the concept of 'Celebrating the Journey?' Episcopal District Lay members, it is about the excellence of work and witness that you repeatedly do so well. I am in awe of your level of support and grit. Thank you for standing up, stepping in and for never shrinking from undertaking what ever comes your way. You have indeed shown yourself to be excellent. Even in the throes of a pandemic, you have engaged in new and untried approaches to push the organization forward in ways that glorify GOD! Officers, as you make your reports during this meeting, be intentional in sharing your celebrations. Let's celebrate the journey into this new year of Hope, Grace and Mercy! We are in this TOGETHER!! Let's Make GOD Proud!

*I remain grateful that our roads have intersected  
at the junction where Life and Lay meet.*

*But as it is, they desire a better country,  
that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is  
not ashamed to be called their God, for he  
has prepared for them a city.*

(Hebrews 11:16)

*Patricia Wright #8*



*From the Heart of the*  
***Director of Lay Activities***

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

***Greetings*** to each of you my brothers and sisters!

And Are We Yet Alive? I am truly thankful today, for I know without any doubt that it was God almighty who made all things possible, and I proudly proclaim that through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus and depend upon His word.

Although, we have been unable to meet in-person as an organization, we were able to see each other's smiling faces in a different setting. The joy and laughter were music to our ears. The inability to meet in person did not stop us; the WORK continued, and the WORK is all divine! Our TNT (Thursday Night Teaching), Annual Learning Retreat, Convention and Planning Meeting were well planned and attended by many. Thank you for your continued support.

As we meet during our 2022 Winter Executive Board, I am anxiously awaiting the move of God. Our Worship Experience will be like none other as we will be blessed with seven dynamic proclaimers from within the Eleventh Episcopal District, **The Reverends Bouie, Mugala, Bailey, McAllister, Clark, T. Williamson and Elwood**. Thank you for being God's mouthpiece for such a time as this.

Let us, laity, continue the work that we have set out to do.

Our prayer is that each of you will be blessed by the word and continue to work for the kingdom. Let's Celebrate the Journey!!!

*From a Servant's Heart,*  
***Teresa***

# Connectional Lay Organization April Executive Board Meeting

Hosted in the 8th Episcopal District

April 8-9, 2022

Hilton - New Orleans Airport

Room Rate \$139.00 + tax

**REGISTRATION \$195.00**

*Registration includes*

3 meals, learning lab opportunity, as well as access to business sessions & printed reports



ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION

# 78th Annual Lay Convention JUNE 21 - 24, 2022

Hilton University of Florida Conference Center - Gainesville, FL

\$115.00 Room Rate Phone: (352) 371-3600

Hotel Reservations may be made NOW. Ask for 'Episcopal Dist Lay Organization'

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**REGISTRATION  
\$125 for Adult Laity and Clergy**

**Registration Includes:**

Registration Kit to include Delegation Badge and Voting Privileges  
Lay Development Training Seminar and Materials  
Denim & Pearls Awards Banquet Ticket (for one)

**Additional Awards Banquet Tickets: \$75.00**

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**Registration Deadline: June 1, 2022**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS VIA REGFOX!**

Information about the process and the Registration Link will be forwarded in *early March*. There is no late registration fee. However, late registrants may not receive a full kit.



# Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization

## Virtual - Winter Executive Board Meeting



# January 7-8, 2022

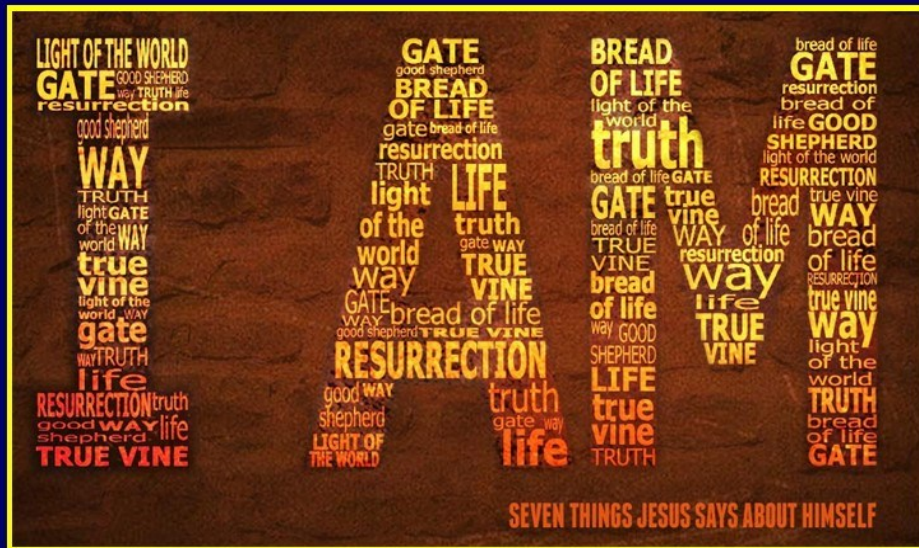


Friday Night Worship Experience featuring the Seven "I AM Statements" of Jesus

Rev. Dr. Michael Bouie



I AM the Bread of Life



Rev. Dr. Anton Elwood



I AM the True Vine

Rev. Dr. Nathan Mugala



I AM the Light of the World

Rev. Thelma Williamson



I AM the Way the Truth and the Life

Rev. Dr. Cynthia J. W. Bailey



I AM the Door of the Sheep

Rev. Dr. Julius McAllister



I AM the Good Shepherd

Rev. Ronnie Clark



I AM the Resurrection and the Life

**Friday - January 7, 2022 2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. EST** Officers' Reports, Leadership Learning Lab  
**6:45 P.M. EST** Worship Experience - Jesus' Seven I AM Statements  
**Saturday - January 8, 2022 8:30 A.M. - Noon EST** District Work/Reports, Succession Planning Lab

**Join Both Days using this ZOOM Meeting log on:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82112309871?pwd=NGdkUHFXbWJZMUpiVWkZqdHlnRGI4UT09>

**Meeting ID: 821 1230 9871**

**Passcode: 394634**

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# EEDLO EXECUTIVE BOARD

SCHEDULE and AGENDA

## MEETING: SESSION I

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

2:00 P.M.– 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order

I. Devotion

Chaplain Langston

II. Roll Call

Asst. Secry Odom

III. President's Review and Overview

IV. Episcopal VP reports

V. Collective Conversation

A. 78th Annual Convention - Denim & Pearls Banquet

B. Sweeter the Knowledge 2.0 (Funds with 2-fold Purpose)

C. Disaster Relief

D. Connectional Meetings - upcoming

E. Hot Topics

VI. LEDP

Mr. Coppock/Mrs. Graham

**VII. Learning Lab - Leadership Development -**

**Ms. Carolyn Y. Floyd**

**"Re-Structuring our Thinking, our Minds, our Ministry"**

VIII. Open/ Announcements - Reminders

IX. Adjournment

**Reconvene VIA ZOOM around 6:30 P.M.**

**6:45 P.M. EST**

**WORSHIP EXPERIENCE - Virtual**

***The Seven I AM Statements of Jesus***



# MEETING: SESSION 2

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 8, 2022**

*(Times are approximate, and items may be discussed earlier or later than listed timeframe.)*

8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order President Wright
- II. Devotion Chaplain Langston/Designee
- III. Roll Call of Executive Board Asst. Secretary Odom
- IV. Adoption of Agenda (by consent)
- V. Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting

## VI. LAY ORGANIZATION AT WORK

President's Summarized Review

February 25-26, 2022 Retreat Overview - Teresa White

## VII. Midyear Reports

Conference Presidents - S, FL, C, B, WC, E (5 minutes)

## VIII. LEARNING LAB **“Succession Planning”** **DOLA White**

- IX. Strategic Plan - Mini Update on Status of Goals from Officers  
(Secretary, Asst Secretary, Corre Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary,  
DOPR, Historiographer, YAR, DOLA)

## WELLNESS BREAK

## X. COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. **Program and Activities - Coppock/Brown** (10 minutes)  
Update on Scholarship process
- B. **Organization and Structure - Russell/Berry** (10 minutes)
- C. **Personnel & Procedures - McBride/Graham** (10 minutes)  
Guidelines for Benevolence (How is it working?)

## XI. Announcements - Closing Remarks

## XII. East Conference Presentation for 78th Annual Convention

## XIII. Prayer/Lay Benediction

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# Eleventh Episcopal District Executive Board Worship Experience

The Reverend Patricia S. Wallace - Worship Leader

Tampa District Presiding Elder - West Coast Conference

## THE PRELUDE

THE DOXOLOGY.....Choir and Congregation

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.....(Read with One Voice).....Sister Robbyn Hopewell  
West Coast Conference 2nd VP

READER: **We are gathered to hear of God's goodness—**  
May our mouths speak of God's love.

**We come to lift God's voice.**  
May our ears hear God's truth.

**We come to praise God's works.**  
May our hands celebrate God's power.

**We are here to hear of God's goodness, we are gathered.**

(Taken from The Anvil 2019-2020 Resource Guide)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....Brother Reginald McGill  
Central Conference 2nd VP

### THE LAYMEN'S SONG

(Tune Zion: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah)

(1)

Laymen now have thus assembled in Thy Blessed name, O God,  
Guide us in Thy 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.

(2)

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.

(3)

As we walk this Christian journey, Let us keep our armour bright.  
Let our works be pure and holy that we stand within Thy sight;

Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love,  
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.

(4)

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 Robert Jackson  
Florida Conference 2nd VP

**THE MUSICAL SELECTION** "I AM" performed by James Fortune

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**.....Sister Tricia Pough  
East Conference 2nd VP

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**.....(Offertory Appeal) .....Brother Donald Russell  
President Florida Conference

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHERS**.....DOLA Teresa White & YAR Ashley Blakely

**THE MUSICAL SELECTION** "I AM " performed by Eddie James

**THE SPOKEN WORD**

**The Seven I AM Statements of JESUS**

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| The Reverend Dr. Michael Bouie       | "I Am the Bread of Life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51) |
| The Reverend Dr. Nathan Mugala       | "I Am the Light of the World." (John 8:12)        |
| The Reverend Dr. Cynthia J.W. Bailey | "I Am the Door of the Sheep." (John 10:7,9)       |

**THE MUSICAL SELECTION** "I AM " (reprise) performed by Eddie James

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| The Reverend Dr. Julius McAllister | "I Am the Good Shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)           |
| The Reverend Ronnie Clark          | "I Am the Resurrection and the Life." (John 11:25)   |
| The Reverend Thelma Williamson     | "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) |
| The Reverend Dr. Anton Elwood      | "I Am the True Vine." (John 15:1, 5)                 |

**THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**..... The Reverend Willie N. Barnes, Jr.  
St. Paul A.M.E. - Jacksonville, FL

**THE REMARKS**.....President Patricia Wright  
Bishop Frank M. Reid, III

**THE LAY BENEDECTION IN SONG**

*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.*



**FEBRUARY 25-26, 2022**

*Virtual Enhanced Worship Experience*

*2 Dynamic Learning Labs that will engage and challenge*

**REGISTRATION \$30.00** Must be received by February 18, 2022

## **OUR ANNUAL LAY LEARNING RETREAT**

The Registration Process has been made easy; You will receive a link to copy and paste in your browser and follow the prompts.

**Registration information for RETREAT is forth Coming...**

## **THE SWEETER KNOWLEDGE 2.0**

**Beginning Jan 21 - May 5, 2022 we will collect ads.**

This is the book for Brothus and Sistuhs TOGETHER

We will create a Printed Color Souvenir Journal Book of FULL Page Ads

**Each ad is \$125.00**

**Ask Greek Friends, Sororities, Fraternities, Civic and Social Groups,  
Fraternal Organizations, Eastern Stars, Masonic lodge members,  
Jack and Jill, Links, ect..**

Your Print ready ad may be submitted to [eedlo1@gmail.com](mailto:eedlo1@gmail.com). or a request for your ad to be created may be sent to the same on or before May 5, 2022. You may submit your funds electronically via the REGFOX information address listed on website [www.eedlo.org](http://www.eedlo.org)

**PARTNER WITH FRIENDS TO DO AN AD TOGETHER!!**

Securing 200 ads will allow us to increase the number of scholarship we award and support registration of more persons attending the 2023 Connectional Lay Biennial Convention in Chicago.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GET READY**

**JUNE 13-16, 2023 79TH EEDLO CONVENTION IS BAHAMAS BOUND!**

# Connectional Lay Organization Theme

## “Living a Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates”

**The Scriptural Reference: Luke 4: 18-19**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

Living a Global Witness Ministry means that we intentionally, on purpose, in an unabashed way, in a public way, in a relational way, desire to bring witness that is different, daring, innovative, engaging and liberating.

We serve a church that spans 39 countries, 5 continents, speaks countless languages, is governed by democracy, aristocracy, monarchy amid a plethora of cultures and yet believes in **THE SAME GOD**. We are separated by miles, resources, agendas, political interests and for the past 18 months we can add pandemic to the mix of reasons that we are apart. We have been kept together through the innovation of technology, the willingness to transform to a different way of thinking and worshiping and witnessing. We have had to transcend the usual way of doing things so that all could be privileged to a liberating gospel. We as the Organized Lay Organization have had to step up and be demonstrative of the outcomes we are desirous of seeing. In other words, Living A Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates is where our mission rests.

**Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms is real life ministry.** Everybody seems to be using the word “transformation” to describe the impact of what they are doing. There is transformational leadership, transformational management, transformational development, transformational business, transformational care, transformational learning, transformational marketing!

As we continue to use the term to describe our Christian ministries, we should be clear about what we mean when we use it. The Biblical concept of transformation flows from an intensely personal relationship with God. As shared by one Bible scholar, “It is a complete regeneration of our being, thinking, and doing that works itself out in our families and communities.” It is not something that is achieved by external force or theories of social change, but by a work of God in the heart.

God transforms from the inside out. As followers of Jesus, we have all experienced the transforming power of God at work in us – that quiet work of the Holy Spirit convicting us of wrongdoing, cleansing our hearts, shaping our character, changing our attitudes, and influencing our actions.

**Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transcends goes beyond borders and boundaries.** It is the charge and chance for us to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zones to communicate and create avenues that will reach generations, open minds and activate people to engage in a unifying work.

**Living A Global Witness Ministry that Liberates frees one to be liberal in praise, in service and witness.** The gospel is a message of freedom and liberation — the ministry of Jesus was that of liberating captives.

The gospel tells us that it is through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we can courageously leave our comfort zones to reach, teach, preach and serve others just like Christ did in the synagogues. And so we shall by **Living a Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates.**



Living a Global Witness Ministry that  
**TRANSFORMS, TRANSCENDS AND LIBERATES**

**Start Soon To Budget Your Time and Funds  
To Be PRESENT This Year...**

**January 7-8 Episcopal Executive Board**

**February 25-26 Retreat Virtual**  
\$30 Registration

**March Midyear Meeting Episcopal District**

**April 7-9 CLO Lay - New Orleans**  
\$195 Registration Hotel \$139

**June 21-24 77th EEDLO Convention (Gainesville)**  
\$125 Registration Hotel \$115

**September - November**  
Annual Conference Lay Nights

**November**  
Planning Meeting

**All in the FamiLAY!**

# Notes...

Key Information from the Reports:

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Take A-Ways from Learning Lab 1

Ms. Carolyn Y. Floyd  
Chair, Organization and Officer Effectiveness

**"Re-Structuring our Thinking, our Minds, our Ministry"**

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Take A-Ways from Learning Lab 2

**"Succession Planning"**

DOLA White

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ONE THING THAT I WILL TAKE AWAY AND SHARE WITH MY LOCAL LAY ORGANIZATION IS...

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# The Bishop is on the MOVE...



The itinerancy is a traveling ministry. It is the portal through which the clergy move. In the AME Church one thing that is certain is that movement will occur within the leadership of our Zion. Nothing makes that point more clearly than a review of what will and may occur in 2024 with mandated movement for over 55% of the Bishops in the AME Church.

Indicated with **GREEN shaded box** below are moves that must occur in 2024. A **RED shaded box** indicates no move is mandated, though one can still occur. The Ecumenical and Located Bishop may also impact the assignment rotation. 2024 will be a time of Episcopal Moves. Stay Tuned!!!

| YES | NO | DISTRICT   | Bishop                                 | NOTE                 |
|-----|----|------------|--|----------------------|
|     |    | 1          | Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr. | Retirement Date 2024 |
|     |    | 2          | Bishop James Levert Davis              | 8 Year Law           |
|     |    | 3          | Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr.             | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 4          | Bishop John Franklin White             | Retirement Date 2024 |
|     |    | 5          | Bishop Clement W. Fugh                 | Retirement Date 2024 |
|     |    | 6          | Bishop Reginald T. Jackson             | 8 Year Law           |
|     |    | 7          | Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr.       | 8 Year Law           |
|     |    | 8          | Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker           | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 9          | Bishop Harry Lee Seawright             | 8 Year Law           |
|     |    | 10         | Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.          | Retirement Date 2024 |
|     |    | 11         | Bishop Frank Madison Reid III          | Retirement Date 2024 |
|     |    | 12         | Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell           | 8 Year Law           |
|     |    | 13         | Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield         | Retirement Date 2024 |
|     |    | 14         | Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe               | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 15         | Bishop Silvester S. Beaman             | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 16         | Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II         | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 17         | Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels          | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 18         | Bishop Francine A. Brookins            | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 19         | Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.        | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | 20         | Bishop Frederick Allen Wright          | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | Ecumenical | Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath         | Assigned - GC 2021   |
|     |    | Located    | Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah         | Assigned - GC 2021   |