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2025 PLANNING CONVOCATION

“Resourcing The Vision”

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

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)



NOVEMBER 19-21, 2025

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**“IT'S A SEASON
OF VISION”**

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

-Joel 2:28

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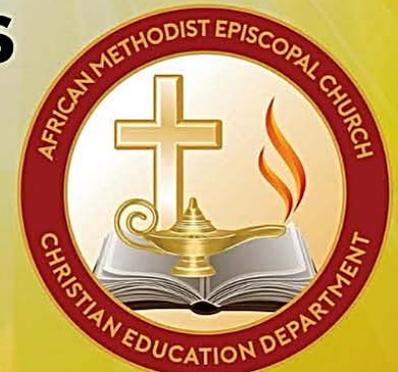
HOPE & A Future

JUNE 24 - 27, 2026

30TH QUADRENNIAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH CONGRESS

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." JEREMIAH 29:11

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Advent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Second Sunday of Advent December 07, 2025	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10 or <i>Luke 1:46b-55</i>	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25



Nativity readings offer *choices for both days* / Italicized readings, complementary to the standard reading, may be used with, or in place of it.

Christmas Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Nativity of the Lord I December 24, 2025 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day</i>	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Nativity of the Lord II December 24 & 25, 2025 <i>Christmas Eve/Day, Morn/Mid-Day</i>	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
Nativity of the Lord III December 25, 2025 <i>Christmas Day, Morn, or Mid-Day</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas Day December 28, 2025	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23



RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT PENTECOST

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Day of Pentecost June 08, 2025	* Acts 2:1-21 or <i>Genesis 11:1-9</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 or <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8	In a very few instances, no Psalm reading is offered for reasons relating to the thematic nature of the Day.	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Second Sunday after Pentecost Jun 22, 2025	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2025	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19- 21 Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 06, 2025	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2025	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16 -19)	Luke 11:1-13
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 03, 2025	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12- 14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
<i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 10, 2025	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 17, 2025	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
<i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 24, 2025	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
<i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Aug 31, 2025	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16	<i>Proverbs 25:6-7</i> Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Season after Pentecost / Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alt* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 07, 2025	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Holy Cross September 14, 2025	Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-5 or <i>78:1-2, 34-38</i>		1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 3:13-17
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 14, 2025	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 21, 2025	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 28, 2025	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 05, 2025	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or <i>Psalm 137</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 12, 2025	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 13, 2025	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 19, 2025	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 26, 2025	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	<i>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</i> Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
All Saints Day November 01, 2025 <i>(Maybe observed 1st Sunday)</i>	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
<i>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 02, 2025 <i>(If All Saints not observed)</i>	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
<i>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 09, 2025	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or <i>Psalm 98</i>	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
<i>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 16, 2025	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Reign of Christ <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 23, 2025	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2025	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35

Easter

CELEBRATE THE RISEN SAVIOR!

The Lord has risen indeed. Luke 24:34



Easter Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Easter Vigil April 20, 2025	Old Testament Readings and Psalms † Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 † Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46 † Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16 † Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 † Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6 † Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19 † Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42 and 43 † Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143 † Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98 New Testament Reading and Psalm † Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114			
			Gospel ~ Luke 24:1-12	
Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2025 <i>Easter Day</i>	* Acts 10:34-43 or <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	John 20:1-18 or <i>Luke 24:1-12</i>
Easter Evening April 20, 2025	* Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49
Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025	* Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29 or <i>Psalm 150</i>	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025	* Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025	* Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025	* Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025	* Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or <i>John 5:1-9</i>
Ascension of the Lord May 29, 2025	* Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or <i>Psalm 93</i>	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025 <i>(If Ascension not observed here)</i>	* Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

pentecost sunday

June 8, 2025
Readings will post soon

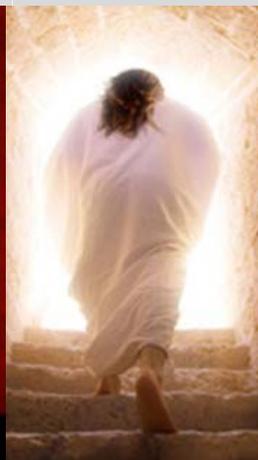
HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Monday of Holy Week April 14, 2025	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week April 15, 2025	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week April 16, 2025	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 18, 2025	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday April 19, 2025	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or <i>John 19:38-42</i>

As evening approached,
there came a rich man from
Arimathea named Joseph,
who had himself become
a Disciple of Jesus.

Matthew 27:57



God Loves You This Much

50 DAYS TO *Pentecost*

Reconciliation Revival Renewal



A F R I C A N M E T H O D I S T E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

Lent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or <i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i>	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2025	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 06, 2025	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Liturgy of the Palms April 13, 2025 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion April 13, 2025 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56 or <i>Luke 23:1-49</i>

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EPIPHANY

THE REVEALING OF CHRIST

Epiphany / Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2025	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025 <i>1st Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2025	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2025	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany February 2, 2025	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 84 or <i>Psalm 24:7-10</i>	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 9, 2025	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 16, 2025	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 23, 2025	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025 <i>(Last Sunday before Lent)</i>	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Lenten Season

A time for Prayer, Penance, & Alms Giving



THE 2026 LITURGICAL COLOR CALENDAR for The African Methodist Episcopal Church

2026

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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COLORS FOR THE AME CHRISTIAN YEAR

In the Christian year of our church, we recognize two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. Between each cycle follows an ordinary time of growth symbolized by the color green in the Seasons After the Epiphany and After Pentecost. Therefore, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year.

PURPLE is a color of both penitence and royalty used during the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. Alternative colors of royal blue or violet may also be used during Advent.

WHITE and **GOLD** are joyous and festive colors used during the Christmas and Easter seasons (except on the Day of Pentecost) and in other seasons on festive days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints, and Christ the King. White may also be used at weddings. At services of Holy Communion white linens on top of the Lord's Table are the tradition of the AME Church, and are used on the first Sunday, regardless of the Holy Season that is celebrated. Therefore, even if the first Sunday of the month is the first Sunday of Advent, the color used in the pulpit remains white.

GREEN is a color of growth used in the Seasons After the Epiphany and After Pentecost, except when special days call for white or red.

RED is a color of fire, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. It is used on the Day of Pentecost and at other times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. Red is also the color of blood - the blood of Christ and the blood of martyrs. Because of its intensity, red is most effective when used occasionally rather than continuously for a whole season. It is appropriate for evangelistic services, for ordinations and consecration, for church anniversaries and homecomings, Founder's Day, and for civil observances such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. It may be used during Holy Week, beginning with Passion/Palm Sunday, to symbolize the blood of Christ.

BLACK is a color of death used on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and for funerals. Gray is its alternative.

Although the use of these colors is based on broad ecumenical tradition, other colors have been and are being used in Christian churches. Creativity and use of alternates with colors bring new meaning to the worship experience. Examples include African prints or variations, pink during the third week of Advent and black on Good Friday.

It is always a good policy when in doubt, to seek guidance from a presiding elder, senior pastor, Christian education director, or other person designated by the pastor. These persons will be helpful in providing information on appropriate colors for preparing the sanctuary.

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2025-26 ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CALENDAR

(as of 11/12/2025)

"It's A Season of Vision!"

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

Joel 2:28

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November 2025			
27th		Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders - Birthday	
27th		Thanksgiving	
December 2025			
6th	11:00 AM	Florida Conference Day of Sharing	New Mt Zion AMEC - Tallahassee Rev. Michael Bell, Jr. - Pastor
7th	4:00 PM	East Conference Day of Sharing	New Bethel AMEC - Tyler Street- Jacksonville Rev. Dr. Ronald G. Williams - Pastor
13th	11:00 AM	Central Conference Day of Sharing	Mt. Olive AMEC - Orlando Rev. Dr. Marcus Green - Pastor
14th	4:00 PM	West Coast Conference Day of Sharing	Allen Temple AMEC - Tampa Rev. Dr. Glenn Dames - Pastor
21st	4:00 PM	South Conference Day of Sharing	Bethel AMEC - Pompano Beach Rev. Dr. Micah T. Sims, Pastor
25th		Christmas Day	
26th		KWANZAA Begins	

January 2026

1st		New Year's Day	
9th-10th		11th Episcopal District Lay Executive Board	Tallahassee, Florida
19th		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed	
28th-31st		AME WMS Executive Board	Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Baltimore, Maryland

February 2026

6th		Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II - Birthday	
8th		Founder's Day - African Methodist Episcopal Church	
11th		Jarena Lee - Birthday (1783)	
13th		Bishop Morris Brown - Birthday (1770)	
14th		Valentine's Day	
14th		Bishop Richard Allen - Birthday (1760)	
14th		The Honorable Frederick Douglas - Birthday (1818)	
13th	10:00 AM	Founder's Day Observance	Milne Auditorium Edward Waters University
13th-15th		39th Black Heritage Weekend	Edward Waters University - Jacksonville
18th		Ash Wednesday	
24th		Bishop Daniel Payne - Birthday (1811)	
27th	7:00 PM	2026 UNCF/EWU Mayor's Masked Ball	Hyatt Regency - Riverfront Jacksonville, Florida
27th-28th		11th Episcopal District Lay Retreat	Virtual/Zoom

March 2026

TBD		11th Episcopal District Mid-Year Convocation	Venue - TBD
1st		World Day of Prayer	
8th		Daylight Savings Time Begins	
29th		Palm Sunday	

April 2026

TBD		11th Episcopal District WIM Retreat	Venue - TBD
2nd		Maundy Thursday	
3rd		Good Friday	
5th		Easter Sunday	

May 2026

10th		Mother's Day	
14th		Ascension Day	
25th		Memorial Day	

June 2026

8th-10th		11th Episcopal District Lay Convention	Tallahassee, Florida
17th		Remembering the Emanuel 9 (2015)	
19th		Juneteenth	
22nd-24th		AME Bishop's Council and General Board Bishop Zanders' Investiture	Orlando, Florida
24th-27th		Connectional Christian Education Meeting	Orlando, Florida
21st		Father's Day	

July 2026

12th		11th Episcopal District Debutante and Masters Ceremony	
13th-16th		11th Episcopal District Christian Education & Youth Leadership Congress	
20th-23rd		AMEWIM Quadrennial	Charlotte, North Carolina

August 2026

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

September 2026

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

October 2026

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

November 2026

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

December 2026

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



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TCR BREAKING NEWS



Breaking News: Episcopal Assignments for 2024-2028

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Bishop Assignment Retirement Year

Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah 19th Episcopal District 2028

Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe 14th Episcopal District 2036

Bishop James L. Davis 7th Episcopal District 2028

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr. Ecumenical Officer and Endorsing Agent 2032

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr. 1st Episcopal District 2036

Bishop Jeffery N. Leath, Sr. 16th Episcopal District 2032

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson 2nd Episcopal District 2028

Bishop Harry L. Seawright 13th Episcopal District 2032

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell 6th Episcopal District 2036

Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford 10th Episcopal District 2032

Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker 3rd Episcopal District 2036

Bishop Silvester S. Beaman 12th Episcopal District 2036

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II 11th Episcopal District 2040

Bishop Francine A. Brookins 5th Episcopal District 2048

Bishop Frederick A. Wright 4th Episcopal District 2032

Bishop Erika D. Crawford 8th Episcopal District 2048

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. 9th Episcopal District 2044

Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, Jr. 17th Episcopal District 2032

Bishop Henry A. Belin III 15th Episcopal District 2040

Bishop Jeffrey B. Cooper II 18th Episcopal District 2032

Bishop Gregory V. Eason 20th Episcopal District 2036

Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr. Located 2028

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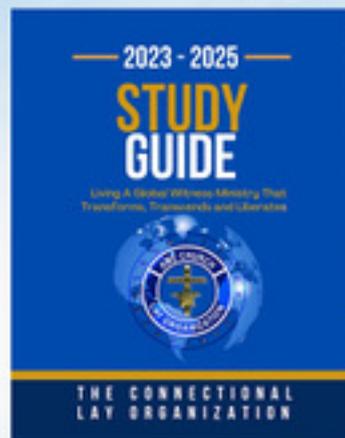
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Connectional Lay Organization Theme

“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 worshipping 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!

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.

AS YOU PLAN YOUR LAY PROGRAM...

Use the Connectional Theme in your programs. The artistic rendering that supports the theme is included here. It is NOT the lay Logo, but a rendering. Feel free to use it, coupled with the theme, as you plan your lay programs.

In planning your lay programs and activities try to incorporate the theme or components thereof as a way to continuously keep persons aware of it.



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Artistic rendering for the Current Connectional theme. It is **NOT** the Lay Logo!



The Bishop is on the MOVE...



The itinerancy is a traveling ministry. It is the portal through which the clergy moves. 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 AME Church.

Indicated with **GREEN shaded box** below are moves that must occur in 2024. A **RED shaded box** indicates no move is mandated but 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!!!

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