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QUARTER 2
EDITION

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EEDLO YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE



**What an awesome time to be alive and in service to
God and His people!**

First allow me to welcome Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II and Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders home to the Electrifying Eleventh Episcopal District. The Young Adults of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization are excited about all that God will do through your leadership and service in this **NEW SEASON!**

Throughout my life I have always been encouraged to give God my very best. **HE CERTAINLY DESERVES IT!** Don't believe me... just go back and check His record! God has supplied every need, so we owe Him all that we are and everything that we have.

This for me has meant going above and beyond in each endeavor. It means not only meeting the need... but exceeding the need. It also means being in-tune with the voice and heart of God so that I remain in His will. Transparently, this notion hasn't always come easy, especially when life happens.

In spite of those circumstances, I am reminded of how God gave us His very best, by sending His son to die on the cross for us. **What a sacrifice!** Although this may have been a difficult decision, God knew He had a calling and purpose to fulfill. Are you mindful in this season of your calling or purpose in the earth? Are you in tune with His voice? Have you wavered in your responsiveness to the plans of almighty God? Are you positioned to give Him what He is due?

As we move into a new calendar year, I want to challenge you to show Him how important He is to you by your actions, attitudes and even your mindset. **Never compromise, and always seek to serve Him with passion and excellence!** Spend quality time with Him in prayer. Take heed of His word and promises to you, outlined throughout the scriptures. Commit your energy and resources into the things of God. **Don't hold back!** Now is the time to make His Kingdom your highest priority!!!

Continued Blessings!

Dante' D. Buckson

Young Adult Representative 2024-2028
Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church

CHECK THIS OUT

WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!!!

These stats are taken from 2023 - 2024 Barna Group polls. Barna Group is a Christian research organization that provides data and insights on the trends affecting faith, culture and ministry today.

64%

OF NON-CHRISTIAN
GEN Z FOUND
CHURCH IRRELEVANT

54%

STRONGLY AGREE
IN-PERSON
RELATIONSHIPS ARE
MORE VALUABLE
THAN DIGITAL ONES.

52%

OF U.S. TEENAGERS
(52%) TELL BARNA THEY
ARE "VERY MOTIVATED"
TO CONTINUE LEARNING
MORE ABOUT JESUS
CHRIST THROUGHOUT
THEIR LIFE

A. M. E. FUN FACT

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER IS THE OLDEST
EXISTING PERIODICAL PUBLISHED BY
AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES
WHOSE EXISTENCE DATED BEFORE THE CIVIL
WAR.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER CONTINUES TO
SERVE THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND
AROUND THE WORLD IN 39 COUNTRIES ON
FIVE CONTINENTS WITH A ROBUST PRINT
AND ONLINE PRESENCE.

THE A-TEAM

CONFERENCE LAY YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVES



11th District LAY ORGANIZATION

Executive Board Meeting

JAN. 3-4, 2025

HILTON HOTEL
PALM BEACH PBI



John Love, President



Rhoshonda Herring, DOLA



Dante Buckson, YAR

Strong in Unity and Love

1 Timothy 6:11-12

Rev. George Hardy

Coordinator, 11th District Sons of Allen

Friday Evening Preacher

*Engaging Men in
Worship and Service*



Rev. Dr. Robert Jackson

Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Miami

Saturday Workshop Presenter

Room Rate: \$219/night

Book by: 12/13/24

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YOUNG ADULT SPOTLIGHT



THIS QUARTER WE ARE PLEASED TO SPOTLIGHT MR. GREGORY BOWERS

Greg is a member of Mount Pleasant AME Church in Lakeland, FL. Greg was honored during the 52nd Quadrennial session of the General Conference Inaugural Connectional RAYAC 40 under 40ish banquet. Greg continues to be an effective role model, mentor, father, and coach to young men in his community.

May God continue to bless him and his ministry.

Congratulations Greg!!!

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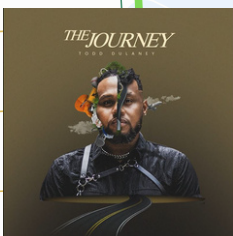
Book of The Month



UPON WAKING: 60 DAILY REFLECTIONS TO DISCOVER OURSELVES AND THE GOD WE WERE MADE FOR

BY JACKIE HILL PERRY

Song Of The Month



**LORD I LOVE YOU
TODD DULANEY**

WORDS TO LIVE BY!

INHALE: LORD, I'M HERE TO LISTEN.

EXHALE: I REPENT OF ALL THE TIMES I BYPASSED YOUR VOICE TO AMPLIFY MY OWN.

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EXHALE: SHOW ME EVERYTHING THAT IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF ME BEING ABLE TO DO AND BE THAT.



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West Palm Beach, Florida

Inspiring The Extraordinary

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



JUNE 20, 2025

- 6:00pm - 8:30pm Registration and Check-In
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm EEDLO YAR Cabinet Meeting
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm BREAK
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm Culture Connect
- 8:30pm - 10:00pm Welcome Event

JUNE 21, 2025

- 7:30am - 10:00am Registration
- 8:00am - 8:15am Moments With God
- 8:15am - 8:20am Welcome & Overview
- 8:20am - 8:50am Icebreaker
- 9:00am - 9:50am General Session
- 9:50am - 10:50am Learning Lab 1
- 10:50am - 10:55am Wellness Break
- 10:55am - 11:55am Learning Lab 2
- 11:55am - 12:00pm Wellness Break
- 12:00pm - 1:10pm Soul Sesh Panel Discussion
- 1:10pm - 1:20pm Moments With God

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