



July 18, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you are very much aware, the 79th Session of the West Coast Annual Conference is quickly approaching. The Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church of Tampa, Florida is delighted to be your host. This historical conference will convene *October 19-25*, *2019*. We are also excited about the opportunity to recognize the exemplary leadership of our very own Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Resident Bishop of the Eleventh District and Dr. Connie Speights Richardson.

Below we have provided for you pertinent information pertaining to the conference:

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

The Host Hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 4500 West Cypress St., Tampa, FL 33607. The rate is \$140.00 per night plus tax. You may begin making reservations immediately. Reservations can be made various ways:

- Booking Hotel:
 - Link: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=TPATLDT&spec_plan=CDTAME&arrival=20191019&departure=20191026&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT
- Online: Reservations can be made online at www.TampaDoubleTree.com using group code: AME
- *Mobile:* HHonors members can make reservations using the Hilton HHonors app. Choose DoubleTree Tampa Airport Westshore, enter dates and group code: *AME*
- Phone: Our Reservations Desk Direct at (800) 514-3956. Reference the group code: AME

You can make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at 813-879-4800. <u>Deadline for hotel reservations is</u> <u>October 6, 2019</u>. Please mention West Coast Conference African Methodist Episcopal Church to receive the rate indicated above.

- The Hilton Inn Tampa (Westshore), 4817 W. Laurel Street, Tampa, FL 33607.
- The rate is \$109.00 per night plus tax. Reservation can be made various ways:
- You may call the Hotel at 813-287-0778.
- Group Name: Allen Temple AME Church
- www.tampainternationalairportwestshore.hamptoninn.com
- Link: http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/T/TPAATHX-C-ALT-20191019/index.jhtml
- Deadline for hotel reservations is September 28, 2019.

WCC PARADE

As you may know, Bishop Richardson is a former Head Drum Major for the Marching 100. He has led the West Coast Conference with the same excitement and veracity as he did during his tenure at FAMU. It is with this spirit that we intend to celebrate our beloved Bishop Richardson. We know there would be no greater recognition of his accomplishments within our district than to have a parade to be held in his honor. Therefore, the "Allen Temple West Coast Conference Parade" will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM in Tampa, Florida. Please accept this notice as an invitation for you to join us in celebrating and honoring Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. of the 11th Episcopal District and Supervisor Connie Speights Richardson. We plan to wish them well in Grand Fashion as they embark on their final year of service in Florida. Information listed below.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

The *Souvenir Journal Committee* would also like to invite you to secure an *AD* in this session's Souvenir Journal. The cost and sizes are listed on the attached contract. Please complete and send in by the deadline so that your well wishes are captured with others from across the church. The <u>AD Deadline is October 1, 2019</u>. You will want to be included in this historic document that celebrates a milestone in the history of this Annual Conference, the 11th Episcopal District, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

If you wish to be a *Vendor* for the Annual Conference, the cost for *Vendor Space is \$200.00 for (1) table and \$350.00 for (2) tables. Deadline for Vendor Agreement is October 1, 2019*. If interested, please email me for a form.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement as we host this historical conference. We look forward to your prompt response as well as fellowship during the conference. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call the church at 813-229-1438 | cell phone 813-785-9943 and speak with *Sis. Robyn Eady, General Chairperson* or email at robyn eady@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Faith, Hope, and Love,

Glenn B. Dames, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr., Senior Pastor Allen Temple AME Church

Sis. Robyn Eady Conference Chairperson -West Coast Annual Conference

Letter Includes the following Information:

- Hotel Information
- West Coast Conference Parade Information
- Ad Form Souvenir Journal



79th Session of the West Coast Annual Conference African Methodist Episcopal Church Hosted By: Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church 2101 North Lowe Street

Reverend Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr. Sr. Pastor

DISTRICTS Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland District

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ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

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