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EPISCOPAL GREETING

Dear Second Episcopal District Family,

I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as the bishop assigned to the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Returning to this capacity to the district from which I was elected to the episcopacy adds another layer of excitement. Thank you for your welcoming kindness.

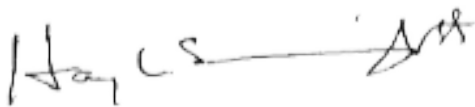
As the 2026 Annual Conferences begin, I honor the memories of Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and Supervisor Christy Davis Jackson, Esq. Their love for the Second Episcopal District showed up in everything they did. I continue to pray for Regina, Seth, Chris, Chico, and their family. Thank you for sharing in the “90 Days of Prayer” that began on Christmas Eve and ended the day before the start of this year’s series of Annual Conferences. Spending designated time together allowed us to grieve as a district while preparing for the district’s future.

In African Methodism, Annual Conferences are more than a meeting. They’re a gathering for worship, stewardship reports, and fellowship. Within a few days, relationships are created, strengthened, and renewed. I look forward to seeing people I know and meeting new people. I’m excited about my privilege of receiving pastoral reports and delegates’ responses. Of course, pastoral appointments always end each conference.

I extend sincere gratitude to the Council of Presiding Elders for their support. Interacting with you helps with the unexpected adjustment to a new Episcopal District. I appreciate the support from pastors, ministers, laity, component leaders, my staff, and the entire Second Episcopal District. Host pastors and congregations, thank you for your preparation in receiving all of us.

As we continue to pray, I know God will bless our efforts.

Because of Christ, I am,



Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate
Second Episcopal District
of the AME Church

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Wanda E. London, Presiding Elder-Eastern District
Worship Leader

The PreludeThe Baltimore Conference Choir
“The Lord is in His Holy Temple”

The Processional.....The Baltimore Conference Choir
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Robert R.A. Turner
Empowerment Temple AMEC, Baltimore, MD

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 dwell in the tents of 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: 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.

PEOPLE: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things, make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sings Praises.

The Hymn of Praise..... Rev. Melech E.M. Thomas
Payne Memorial AMEC, Baltimore, MD

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“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.*

Preface to Prayer“Great is Your Mercy”

The Invocation Rev. Pearl Geter
Union Bethel AMEC, Denton, MD

The Choral ResponseThe Baltimore Conference Choir
“Hallelujah”

The Scriptures:

Old Testament: Habakkuk 2:2-3 Rev. Dr. Marilyn Aklin
Pastor, Micah Mission AMEC, Baltimore, MD

New Testament: Luke 8:4-8 Rev. Dr. Baron Young
Pastor, St. James AMEC-Havre de Grace, MD

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-7 Rev. Dr. Jeanine Jackson
Boardly Chapel AMEC, Chestertown, MD

The Preface to the Decalogue“From All That Dwell”

The Summary of DecalogueRev. Will Kenlaw
Oak Street AMEC, Baltimore, MD

“The Gloria Patri ”

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The Mission Hymn “Bless the Lord”
The Baltimore Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions..... Rev. Angelique Mason
Allen AMEC, Hillsboro, MD

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

The Worship through Music “Come Thou Almighty King”
The Baltimore Conference Choir

The Presentation of the Episcopal Supervisor Sis. Charquel Johnson
President, Baltimore Conference Women’s Missionary Society

*Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Supervisor, 2nd Episcopal District*

The Presentation of the Bishop..... Presiding Elder Johnny R. Calhoun
Baltimore District

The Presentation of the Preacher..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection “Total Praise”
The Baltimore Conference Choir

The Annual Sermon..... Rev. Brandon McAfee
St. John AMEC, Baltimore, MD

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Anthony Reliford
Williams Chapel AMEC, Newark, MD

The Worship Through Giving Finance Committee

“All things come of Thee, O Lord”

The Announcements..... Rev. Eddie Scott
St. Stephens AMEC, Easton, MD

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Benediction Rev. Brandon McAfee

WOMEN IN MINISTRY WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Karen Brockington, Worship Leader
Union Chapel AME Church, Cambridge, MD

The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Opening Hymn “How to Reach the Masses”

The Prayer Rev. Sereta Collington
Mt. Zion AME Church, Glen Arm, MD

The Scripture Rev. Diana Wailes
Payne Memorial AME Church, Baltimore, MD

The Presentations..... Rev. Candance Greene
Gethsemane AME Church, Baltimore, MD

The Introduction of the Preacher Rev. Pamela Ashanti-Griggs
Stevenson AME Church, Sparks, MD

The Sermonic Selection Rev. Dr. Jeanine E. Jackson
Boardly Chapel AME Church, Chestertown, MD

The Sermon..... Rev. Nicole Pyles
Bethel AME Church, Chesapeake City, MD

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Monique Upshur Davis
*Pastor, Mt. Olive AME Church, Worton, MD &
Holy Trinity AME Church, Rock Hall, MD*

The Offering Rev. Kirsten Spence Gilmore
Pastor, Bazil AME Church, Cockeysville, MD

The Offertory

The Remarks..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate, 2nd Episcopal District

The Benediction

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn, Worship Leader
Chair, Baltimore Conference Board of Examiners
Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, MD

THE PROCESSIONAL..... The Dean of the Board of Examiners
Candidates for Ordination
Board of Examiners & Presiding Elders

“Let It Breathe on Me”

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP..... Rev. Dr. Christopher Burnett
St. Stephen AMEC, Essex, MD

Leader: O Give thanks to God for all the goodness we are shown! God's steadfast love endures forever!

People: We present ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.

Leader: God calls us from our lofty ambitions and our occupations with marvels and matters beyond our scope.

People: We present ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.

Leader: We have come to witness that these are servants of Christ entrusted with the secret things of God.

All: Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as Your disciples' day by day as a reasonable sacrifice. Amen and Amen!

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THE HYMN OF PRAISE Rev. Dr. Miesha Osborne
Bethel AMEC, Centreville, MD

“How Great Thou Art”

[Verse 1]

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
[Refrain]

[Verse 3]

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
[Refrain]

[Verse 2]

When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain
grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze
[Refrain]

[Verse 4]

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou
art!"
[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

THE INVOCATION..... Rev. Gary Stewart, Sr.
Grace AMEC, Catonsville, MD

THE CHORAL RESPONSE “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

THE INTERLUDE “Take My Life”

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC “For the Rest of My Life”
The Baltimore Conference Choir

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES BY THE DEAN
FOR ORDINATION AS DEACONS**

Dean Rev. Dr. Christopher Burnett:
*Bishop Harry L. Seawright, we present to you these person(s) to be ordained
Deacon(s).*

Bishop Harry L. Seawright:
*Take heed that the person(s) whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by
godly conversation to exercise their ministry, duly to the honor of God and the
edifying of the Church.*

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Dean Rev. Dr. Christopher Burnett:

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

Bishop Harry L. Seawright: Name the Candidates

*(The Conference Dean will read aloud the name(s) of each candidate.
Each candidate will stand as their name is called and remain standing.)*

Bishop Harry L. Seawright:

Members of the conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of these person(s) presented to be ordained deacon(s) for which they ought not be admitted to that office, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES BY THE CHAIRPERSON FOR ORDINATION AS ELDERS

Chair Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn:

Bishop Harry L. Seawright, we present to you these person(s) to be ordained Elder(s).

Bishop Harry L. Seawright:

Take heed that the person(s) whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by godly conversation to exercise their ministry, duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church.

Chair Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn:

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

Bishop Harry L. Seawright: Name the Candidates

*(The Conference Dean will read aloud the name(s) of each candidate.
Each candidate will stand as their name is called and remain standing.)*

Bishop Harry L. Seawright:

Members of the conference, these are they whom we purpose, God willing this day to ordain elders; for after due examination we find not contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and they are persons meet for the same. But if there are any of you who knows any impediment or crime in any of them, for which they ought not be received into this holy ministry, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

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THE EPISTLE – I TIMOTHY 3:8-13 Rev. Barrington Ross
Robinson AMEC, Grasonville, MD

Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. Women (Spouses) likewise must be serious, not slanders, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

THE EPISTLE – EPHESIANS 4:7-13 Rev. Rosalyn Crosby
Adams Chapel AMEC, Baltimore, MD

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

THE GOSPEL – JOHN 10:1-16 Rev. Albert Jones
Fairview AMEC, Forest Hills, MD

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER Bishop Harry L. Seawright

THE SERMONIC SELECTION Baltimore Conference Choir
"Trust In God"

THE ORDINATION SERMON.....Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
117th Bishop of the AME Church (Retired)

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP..... Rev. Angela Bullock
Bethel AMEC, Easton, MD
"I Surrender All"

THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY..... Rev. Rodrecus Johnson, Sr.
Finance Committee

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR GUESTS

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

THE CALL OF THE DEACONS

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

All Candidates (In unison): I trust so.

Bishop: Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

All Candidates (In unison): I do believe them.

Bishop: Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed to serve?

All Candidates (In unison): I will.

Bishop: It appertains to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service. And especially when he or she administers the Holy Communion, to help him or her in the distribution thereof and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youths, and in the absence of the Elder, to baptize. And furthermore, it is his or her office to search for the sick, poor and impotent, that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

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All Candidates (In unison): I will do so, by the help of God.

Bishop: Will you frame and fashion your own lives 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?

All Candidates (In unison): I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonition?

All Candidates (In unison): I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the bishop, laying his hand upon every one of them severally, say:

Bishop: Take thou authority to execute the office of a deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(When approached by the Bishop, each candidate, instructed by the Bishop, open their Holy Bible and place both hands on the Bible kissing it: The Bishop saying)

Bishop: Take thou 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.

THE CALL OF THE ELDERS

The Ordination of Elders

Then shall all Candidate(s) for elder's ordination stand at their seats.

The candidates should have nothing in their hands and looking directly at the Bishop.

Bishop: You have heard, as well in your private examination as in the exhortation which was just made to you, and in the writings of the apostles, of what dignify and of how great importance this office is, to which you are now called. And how again we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have in remembrance into how high a dignity and to how weighty an office you are called; that is to say to be messengers, watchers, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance how 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

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congregation, whom you must serve, are his Spouse, and his Body. 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 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.

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

We have good hope that you have all weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time; 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 within 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 only Savior Jesus Christ, of the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit; that by daily reading and weighing of the Scripture 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.

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Bishop: 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.

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?

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop: 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 Scriptures?

Candidates: I am so persuaded and have so determined by God's grace.

Bishop: 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.

Candidates: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you then give faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and sacraments and discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded?

Candidates: I will do so, by the help of the Lord.

Bishop: Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading of 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?

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

Bishop: Will you be diligent to frame and fashion 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?

Candidates: I shall apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: 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?

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

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Bishop: Will you reverently obey your chief ministers to 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?

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

Bishop: 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

The Veni Creator Spiritus

Bishop: Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,

Response: And lighten with celestial fire;

Bishop: Thou the anointing Spirit art,

Response: Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart;

Bishop: Thy blessed unction from above.

Response: Is comfort, light, and fire of love.

Bishop: Enable with perpetual light

Response: The dullness of our blinded sight;

Bishop: Anoint and cheer our soiled face

Response: With the abundance of thy grace.

Bishop: Keep far our foes; give peace at home,

Response: Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Bishop: Teach us to know the Father, Son,

Response: And thee of both to be but one!

Bishop: That through the ages all along,

Response: This may be our endless song:

Bishop: Praise to Thy eternal merit,

Response: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bishop: Let Us Pray

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of your infinite love and goodness towards us has given us your only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death and was ascended into the 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 mankind, we render to you most hearty thanks; we praise and worship you, and we humbly

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beseech you by your same blessed Son to grant to all, who either here or elsewhere call upon your name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful to you of 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 that 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 Imposition of Hands

Bishop:

The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands. 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.

Bishop:

Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacrament in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time, most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (Bishop)

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, 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 broken for you. This do in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink all of it, 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 the remembrance of me." Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

BISHOPS, PRESIDING ELDERS, BOARD OF EXAMINERS, AND ORDINANDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE CELEBRATORY HYMN Rev. Dr. Marion Crayton
Ebenezer AMEC, Baltimore, MD

“What A Fellowship”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN:

 Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. James A. Davis
Chestnut Grove AMEC, Street, MD

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THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Robert Brown, Worship Leader
Bethel AME Church, Chestertown, MD

The Call to Worship.....Rev. Robert Brown
Bethel AME Church, Chestertown, MD

Leader: Blessed are they who die in the Lord.
People: They will rest from their labor.
Leader: Blessed are they who die in the Lord.
People: Their deed will follow them.
Together: Let us remember our colleagues, friends, and loved ones as people who have an anchor and a hope

The Opening Hymn

“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand,”

[Verse 1]

*Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God’s unchanging hand.*

[Verse 2]

*When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.*

[Refrain]

*Hold to God’s unchanging hand,
Hold to God’s unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God’s unchanging hand.*

The PrayerRev. Will Kenlaw
Oak Street Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, MD

Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give us your light and your peace; give comfort to those who mourn as we remember the departed of the last annual conference year. Grant that we may follow the good examples of those who have served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture*1 Corinthians 15:55-58*.....Rev. Dr. Harriet G. McCombs

The Memorial Litany..... Rev. Myshele Matthews
Preston Circuit AME Church, Preston, MD

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Leader: Since our last Annual Conference, we have been visited by the angel of death. As painful as these deaths are and the memory of them, we remember the word of God, that we do not “grieve as those who have no hope.” Today, we pause to remember those who have joined our ancestors and where one day we shall be. We give thanks for servants of the Church who have finished their labors. Let us comfort grieving families and show deep respect for our departed co-laborers.

People: Brothers and Sisters, these are they who have run the race and finished their course this Conference Year. We thank our Heavenly Parent for their labor and faithful witness.

Memorialize the Deceased Bishop Harry L. Seawright

(The deceased members of the Connectional Church)

(The deceased ministers and spouses)

(The deceased lay persons who were delegates at the last Annual Conference)

(Other names that will be shared)

The Closing Hymn Rev. Kelly Waters

Preston Circuit AME Church, Preston, MD

When Peace Like a River

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

[Refrain:]

*It is well (it is well),
With my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And Lord, hast the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall re-sound and the Lord shall de-scend
Even so, it is well with my soul*

The Closing Prayer Rev. Robert Brown

Bethel AME Church, Chestertown, MD

Leader: O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope as sojourners ourselves that we can meet the Savior face to face.

Instrumental Interlude

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rev. Reginald M. Bishop

St. James AME Church (Gravel Hill Rd) Havre de Grace, MD

Rev. Bishop was a passionate advocate for diabetes awareness, inspired by his own experience with childhood diabetes when treatment options were scarce. He traveled around the world to educate minority communities on diabetes and high blood pressure management. At St. James AME Church–Gravel Hill, he served faithfully as the Christian Education Director. He was also an active member of the Susquehanna Ministerium, which provides food, clothing, shelter, and other aid to those in need. Rev. Bishop became widely respected for his research on African American church and cemetery history in Harford County. He managed the St. James Community Cemetery in Havre de Grace, distinct from the one at St. James–Gravel Hill. In 2025, Governor Wes Moore appointed him to Maryland's Commission for the Preservation of Historic African American Cemeteries.



Rev. William Wingo

Bethel AME Church Baltimore, MD

Rev. Wingo was the founder and driving visionary behind The Power Magazine, a long-standing publication dedicated to uplifting the community, celebrating local achievement, and sharing stories of hope and empowerment. Serving as President and Founder of The Power Magazine & Publishing based in Baltimore, Maryland, he invested more than three decades into building a platform that informs, inspires, and connects churches, businesses, and grassroots leaders across the region. In addition to his publishing work, his ministry and care extended the same message of spiritual power, perseverance, and community engagement that shapes the pages of the magazine. Rev. Wingo championed a message that people “have the power” to transform their lives, their neighborhoods, and their world through faith, vision, and action.



THE RETIREMENT SERVICE

Rev. Angela Bullock, Worship Leader

Leader: We come here today to worship God and celebrate in the presence of God the ministry of Rev (s). _____ who has(ve) been a faithful servant leader(s).

People: We give thanks for the mantle of leadership bestowed with, the spirit of humility, the generosity of love and acceptance, and the ability to make disciples, baptize, teach, marry, bury the dead, and empower laity to serve.

The Presentation of Retiree(s) Secretary of the Conference:Rev. Monique Upshur-Davis
Mt. Olive AMEC, Worton, MD

Leader: Bishop, the Baltimore Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this session, the completion of the active service of one our ministers. As Secretary of the Annual Conference, I present to you (List Names of Retirees) for the service of recognition and honor, in appreciation of his untiring labors in the Christian ministry.

Bishop: Rev(s) (List of Names of Retirees), the record of your active ministry is written in the record of God. The African Methodist Episcopal Church is deeply grateful for your ministry and for the care which you have exercised in faithfully fulfilling your vows of ordination and assignments. May the precious memories of your years of sacrificial service and fruitful labor be blessed and hallowed. And now as you yield your official responsibilities in the active ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, be assured that the years that are yet to be, may be filled with good works and become the crown of all your ministry, bringing glory and honor to you and the Church. The Annual Conference will look to you for spiritual guidance and godly example. Your colleagues in the ministry will continue to seek and respect your leadership and counsel. They will annually listen for your answer to the “Roll Call” of the Conference. Rev(s). (List of Names of Retirees), job well done.

The Statement of Achievement for Retiree(s)

The Closing Remarks Bishop Harry L. Seawright

BenedictionRev. Angela Bullock

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Retirees



REV. CHARLES BAUGH

Pastor, Grace AME Church,
Catonsville, MD - Baltimore District

33 years of Pastoring | 33+ years of Ministry

"I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been
good to me."

~ Psalm 13: 6



REV. PEARL GETTER

Pastor, Union Bethel AME Church
Denton, MD - Eastern District

20 years of Pastoring | 42 years of Ministry

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise
shall continually be in my mouth."

~ Psalm 34: 1



REV. ANGELIQUE MASON

Pastor, Allen AME Church, Hillsboro-
Denton, MD - Eastern District

19 years of Pastoring | 56 years of Ministry

"Those that be planted in the house of the
Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God."

~ Psalm 92: 13



REV. DR. BARON D. YOUNG

Pastor, St. James AME Church
Havre de Grace, MD - Eastern District

39 years of Pastoring | 41 years of Ministry

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the
Lord, and not unto men."

~ Colossians 3:23



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, March 27, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Melech E.M. Thomas, Worship Leader
Payne Memorial AMEC- Baltimore, MD

The Opening Hymn

The Invocation Rev. Beverly Manigo
Union Chapel AMEC, Cambridge, MD

The Scriptures:
Old Testament Rev. Michael Hudson
Gethsemane AMEC, Baltimore, MD

New Testament Rev. Sherri French King
St. Paul AMEC, Crisfield, MD

The Welcome and Recognition of Guests Rev. Nancy Dennis
St. James AMEC, Havre de Grace, MD

The Ministry through Music Baltimore Conference Choir

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection Baltimore Conference Choir

The Sermon Bishop James Carter
Ark Church, Baltimore, MD

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Devan Martin
Bethel AMEC, Cambridge, MD

The Announcements Rev. Dr. Robert R.A. Turner, Host Pastor

The Benediction Bishop James Carter

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, March 27, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Johnny R. Calhoun, Presiding Elder, Baltimore District
Worship Leader

The Prelude “Spirit of the Living God”

The Processional..... “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

The Doxology..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn
Bethel AMEC, Baltimore, MD

The Hymn of Praise..... Rev. Kelly Waters
The Preston Circuit, Preston, MD

“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

*1. Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God’s unchanging hand.
[Refrain]*

*3. Covet not this world’s vain riches
That so rapidly decay,
Seek to gain the heav’nly treasures,
They will never pass away.
[Refrain]*

*2. Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling.
[Refrain]*

*4. When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.
[Refrain]*

Refrain

*Hold to his hand, God’s unchanging hand,
Hold to his hand, God’s unchanging hand,
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God’s unchanging hand*

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The Invocation..... Rev. Sheleta Fomby
Mt. Calvary AMEC, Towson, MD

The Choral Response.....“We Need to Hear From You”

The Scriptures:

Old TestamentRev. Cornelius Hubbard
Trinity AMEC, Ridgely, MD

New Testament.....Rev. Pamela Johnson
St. James AMEC, Snow Hill, MD

Epistle Rev. Angela Bullock
Bethel AMEC, Easton, MD

The Summary of Decalogue Rev. Valerie Norris
Bethel AMEC, Port Deposit, MD

The Gloria Patri

The Ministry through Music.....“All in His Hands”
The Baltimore Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions.....Rev. Brittany McCoy
New Queen Esther AMEC, Easton, MD

The Offertory

The Presentation of the Episcopal SupervisorSis. Frances Brown
Baltimore Conference YPD Director

*Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Supervisor, 2nd Episcopal District*

The Presentation of the BishopPresiding Elder Wanda E. London
Eastern District – Baltimore Conference

The Presentation of the Preacher..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection.....“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”
Baltimore Conference Choir

The Sermon..... Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III
138th Bishop of the AME Church (Retired)

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The Invitation to Christian DiscipleshipRev. Keesha Gardner-Gunbek
Union Bethel AMEC, Cecilton, MD

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

The Conference ResolutionResolutions Committee

The Commissioning Service

The Selection..... "A Charge to Keep I Have"

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
Who gave His Son my soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care
As in Thy sight to live,
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray,
And still on Thee rely,
O let me not my trust betray,
But press to realms on high
The Presentation of Certificates

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The Prayer Rev. Pamela Ashanti-Griggs
Stevenson AMEC, Sparks, MD

The ScriptureRev. William Fisher
Hosanna AMEC, Darlington, MD

The Commissioning Hymn Rev. Monique Upshur Davis
Mt Olive AMEC, Worton, MD

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“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,
Though Greeks reproach and Jews 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.

The Reading of Appointments..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd’s care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

REFRAIN:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

The Benediction Bishop Harry L. Seawright



The Reverend Melissa Higgs

On April 29, 2022, Reverend Melissa Higgs was appointed to her first pastoral charge as Pastor of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Chesapeake City, Maryland, under the servant leadership of the Right Reverend James L. Davis, Presiding Prelate of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Before answering God's call to pastoral leadership, Reverend Higgs faithfully served on the ministerial staff of Mount Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church in Towson, Maryland, under the servant leadership of her former pastors, Reverend Dr. Ann Lightneer-Fuller and Reverend Bobby B. Cox, Jr., respectively.

Reverend Higgs is the proud mother of Lindsey Yik, one of God's many miracles in her life. She is one of eight children born to the late Reverend Dr. Nathaniel and Bernice Higgs. A product of the Baltimore City Public School System, she continued her education at Baltimore City Community College, earning an Associate of Arts degree. She later attended Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. In May of 2020, she earned her Master of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. Having dedicated and served 25 years in multiple capacities, Reverend Higgs officially retired in April 2020 from the Maryland Transit Police Force.

Reverend Higgs enjoys sports, baking desserts, and studying the Word of God. One of her favorite scriptures is Revelation 21:4, which declares: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."



The Reverend Brandon McAfee

The Reverend Brandon McAfee (pronounced *Mack-A-Fee*) is the proud Pastor of the Historic Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, MD, where the Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright is the Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District and the Rev. Wanda E. London is the Presiding Elder of the Eastern District.

Pastor McAfee was born in Cheverly, Maryland, to Kyle and Cheryl McAfee. He is the devoted father of one son, Master Maxwell McAfee—affectionately known as *Super Mighty Max*—and two heavenly angels.

He is a 2006 graduate of the University of Massachusetts–Amherst, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies. In 2010, he earned his Master of Divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He is currently matriculating at McCormick Theological Seminary, pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in African-Centered Theology under the tutelage of the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

Rev. McAfee has served faithfully throughout the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church. His pastoral appointments include:

- St. Matthew AME Church, Weldon, NC (June 2010–September 2012)
- St. Mark AME Church, Smithfield, NC (June 2014–May 2015)
- Ebenezer AME Church, Capeville, VA (May 2015–May 2016)
- Gaskins Chapel AME Church, Savageville, VA (May 2016–July 2020)
- Presently serving as Pastor of the Historic Saint John AME Church, Baltimore, MD

Rev. McAfee is a proud member of **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**, and he is guided by his favorite scripture, *Proverbs 18:16*, “*A man’s gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.*” He is passionate about making a holistic impact in the lives of people and community through the love of Christ.



The Reverend Nicole Pyles

The Reverend Nicole Pyles is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, called to serve at the intersection of faith, scholarship, and community spiritual formation—living out the charge of Romans 12:2, “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” For more than 15 years, she has labored faithfully in ministry, including five years as the 68th Pastor of the historic Bethel AME Church in Chesapeake City (est. 1873), where she continues its legacy as a beacon of God’s enduring love.

Baptized at Bethel AME Church in Baltimore and affirmed in her call to ministry in 2009 at Empowerment Temple AME Church, Rev. Pyles has walked steadfastly in obedience, leading with excellence. She is the founder of Eve’s Dynasty, a sacred space fostering authentic dialogue among women, and has cultivated ministries that nurture children, develop leaders, and extend the Church’s reach beyond sanctuary walls.

She embraces a sacred tri-vocation: pastor, leader in state government service, and devoted caregiver to her mother—embodying daily the ministry of presence, perseverance, and love. A lifelong learner, she is a graduate of Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant’s International College of Intercession and holds degrees from American University, Morgan State University, and Wesley Theological Seminary. She has begun pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, upholding its enduring ideals of leadership, scholarship, and service.

Rooted in a singular vision of servant leadership and guided by James 1:22 “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only”—Rev. Pyles remains committed to faithful, transformative service in every sphere to which she is called.

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Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie

117th BISHOP OF THE AME CHURCH, *Retired*

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie is the General Secretary/President of the National Council of Churches representing 37 communions, 100,000 churches and 35.5million people. She is also the 117th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is the first female elected to episcopal office in the more than the two century-old AME Church and is the first female to serve as President of the Council of Bishops and President of the General Board.

Bishop McKenzie has served as a Presiding Prelate in the 18th Episcopal District, in Southern Africa, the 13th Episcopal District which includes Kentucky and Tennessee and the 10th Episcopal District, the state of Texas. While serving in Texas, she also served as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas which experienced exponential growth including the renovation of the Richard Allen Chapel and the new Trammell Crow Life, Living and Learning dormitory complex that includes a new-state-of-the-art gymnasium. She also established two non-profits which raised funds outside of tithes and offerings for church and community projects in two of her districts.

Bishop McKenzie serves the National Council of Churches after recently retiring from active service in the AME Church at the 51st Quadrennial session of the General Conference. She is also serving at Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio, working on documentaries. She has been the visionary behind five documentaries, four of them in The Anvil series, of the Council of Bishops serving as producer, executive producer, and senior editor. The newest documentary, AME Next, is now in production.

Characterized as “an electrifying preacher”, Bishop McKenzie continues to preach and teach globally as well as serve as a workshop/seminar instructor for congregations, corporations, and a variety of organizations on the topics of women, leadership, spirituality and self-care.

Bishop McKenzie has been active in social justice issues for more than three decades. She was appointed in 2009 by President Barack Obama to be on the inaugural White House Commission of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnership. This group worked on behalf of Americans committed to improving their communities, no matter their religious or political beliefs. She was named by Huffington Post in 2014 as one of the 50 Most Powerful Women Religious Leaders in the World.

She is the founder of Selah Leadership Encounters for Women, a wraparound multidisciplinary approach to resourcing women who want to level up their spiritual, professional, and personal lives. In this COVID era, Selah, The Home Edition has been streamed on Facebook and YouTube. A new edition, Selah Read debuts virtually in February, 2022.

Bishop McKenzie is the author of six books including Not Without a Struggle and Journey to the Well. Her newest book is The Big Deal of Taking Small Steps to Move Closer to God.

Bishop McKenzie founded Kerygma LLC, sixteen years ago to “Tell stories too important not to be told” producing her first documentary Survivor Stories which aired on TV One. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, Howard University, School of Religion and has an earned doctorate from United Theological Seminary.

Bishop McKenzie is the National Chaplain of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. the largest predominantly African American sorority in the world. She is the widow of former NBA player, Dr. Stan McKenzie, the mother of three grown children and “Nina” to two grandchildren. The McKenzie Foundation is now providing scholarships to student athletes annually in her husband’s name at Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas.



The Reverend Dr. C. Anthony Hunt

A native of Washington, DC, Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt is the Senior Pastor of Epworth Chapel United Methodist Church in Baltimore, MD, and is also appointed as the Supervising Pastor of the Beloved Community Cooperative Parish in Baltimore.

Additionally, he is the founder and managing director for *Hope for the City: Transforming Urban Leaders (The Baltimore Institute for Urban Leadership)*, a Transformational Development collaborative with the Ministry in the City HUB at City Seminary, New York, and Lilly Endowment.

He is Professor of Systematic, Moral, and Practical Theology, and Permanent Dunning Distinguished Lecturer at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, and Professor of Practice, Black Church, and Wesleyan Studies at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA. He also teaches at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, Bethel University, St. Paul, MN, and the Graduate Theological Foundation, Sarasota, FL, where he is a Faculty Fellow and the E. Frankin Frazier Professor of African-American Studies.

In recognition of his leadership and contributions to the church, community, and academy, Dr. Hunt holds the rare distinction of being inducted twice into the College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA with induction into the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers in 2019 and the Collegium of Scholars in 2024.

He has a Bachelor's degree from University of Maryland (Economics); Master's degrees from Troy University (MBA) and Wesley Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity); a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Theology from Mary's Seminary and University; and Doctoral degrees from Bethel Theological Seminary and University (Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership) and the Graduate Theological Foundation, in affiliation with the University of Oxford, UK (Doctor of Ministry in and Pastoral Care and Ph.D. in Theological Studies/ Philosophical Theology). He has also completed advanced studies at the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, UK, Harvard University, and Princeton University, and is a Distinguished Military Graduate of the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA.

Dr. Hunt and his wife, Lisa Elaine Hunt, are the blessed and proud parents of Marcus (deceased), Kristen, and Brian, and the grandparents of one. His life's purpose is to preach, teach, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and his life's theme is *"In light of how good God has been to me, I have committed my life to serving God's people."*

The Rev. James Carter



J.L. Carter is the Lead Pastor of Ark Church, Baltimore, Maryland and has served Ark Church for more than 39 years. His church is located in the East Baltimore community, where there are a plethora of health challenges among the Black and Brown community.

In 2014 he was ordained as a Bishop in the Lord's Church. He is the Presiding Bishop of kingdom Impact Covenant Fellowship, giving direction to more than 25 churches across the United States. He has served as president of the Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity, the largest clergy organization in Baltimore. During the time of the Pandemic, J.L. Carter was President of the Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity.

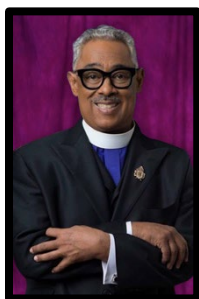
The Governor at that time, Larry Hogan needed support for getting African Americans and the Hispanic community vaccinated. Person were not going to the hospitals and clinics to be vaccinated, out of miseducation. Bishop Carter with the help of the 200 plus pastors of the conference, organized vaccine events throughout the City of Baltimore and beyond. The vaccination rates, with the help of Faith institutions, created a pathway for the Black and Brown community, along with the state of Maryland to surpass the national average.

Along with clergy responsibilities, Bishop Carter is the leader of the, "Faith Health Alliance," an affiliate of the "National Minority Quality Form," an organization compromise of more than 35 churches and Faith based organizations, from East coast to West coast. The Faith Health Alliance is committed to addressing health disparities and inequalities within communities of color and to partner with pharmaceutical and medical companies who have similar commitments. His prayer is for persons to prosper and be in good health.

He loves traveling, especially places where he has never traveled. International travel is at the very top for Bishop Carter. He loves instrumental music, particularly the woodwinds and playing chess.

He is married to Cora and together they have 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren.

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Bishop Frank M. Reid, III

138th BISHOP OF THE AME CHURCH, *Retired*

is an innovative thought leader, powerful speaker, dynamic preacher and an international change agent. Born in Chicago, IL., in 1951, Bishop Reid is a 5th-generation AME minister. Both of Reid's Grandfather and Father, Frank M. Reid, Sr. and Frank M. Reid, Jr. served the African Methodist Church as Bishops. Bishop Frank M. Reid, III is a 3rd generation Bishop.

As a child, Bishop Reid was surrounded by books and raised to treasure educational excellence and achievement. Bishop Reid is a lifelong learner and an avid reader. The statement, "readers become leaders" is a driving force in his life. During the course of his impressive educational journey, he matriculated from public schools in St. Louis, MO., to the Rockefeller Foundation's Yale Transitional Year Program, on to Yale University, where he graduated in 1974. Without pause, Bishop Reid enrolled in Harvard Divinity School, where he completed his Master of Divinity degree in 1978. In 1990, he completed his Doctor of Ministry Degree at United Theological Seminary, where he held the distinction of being selected for the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Fellows Program. Reid was part of the inaugural class of Samuel DeWitt Proctor Fellows Program at UTS. From the time he preached his trial sermon in 1971, he has dedicated himself to faithful service to God and God's people. The Year 2024 marked 53 years in ministry.

In the mid-1970s, he served as a missionary pastor in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, then accepted an appointment as pastor of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church, in Charlotte, NC. During the 1980s he served as servant leader at Ward A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles. In 1988 he was appointed to the historic pulpit of Bethel A.M.E. Church, in Baltimore, MD, where he served as Senior Pastor from 1988 to 2016.

During his 28-year tenure at Bethel Baltimore, Bishop Reid led the congregation to become one church in two locations and became a pre-eminent spiritual beacon to the nation. His TV Ministry ("Outreach of Love") flourished as well, reaching millions via the BET, The Armed Services Network and Word Networks. Adding to his media offerings, Bishop Reid authored three influential and bestselling books, "The Nehemiah Plan", "Restoring the House of God" and "Up From Slavery." He also co-authored (with Dr. Jeremiah Wright) "When Black Men Stand Up for God: Reflections on the Million Man March." Notably, Bishop Reid and Bethel Baltimore received numerous mentions and were featured in the HBO television series, "The Wire."

Bishop Reid is a gifted orator and dynamic Christian leader. During the 1980s, he was a key advisor in the historic presidential campaigns of Rev. Jesse Jackson. During that same era, he served as a consultant on the hit comedy show, *AMEN*. More recently, for two terms, he served on the prestigious Board of Regents for the state of Maryland.

In July, 2016, Bishop Reid was elected as the 138th Bishop of the A.M.E. Church. He served as the Ecumenical Officer, Chair for Social Justice and the Endorsing Agent for the AME Chaplaincy. He has served as Bishop of the Third Episcopal District, 11th Episcopal District and Chair of Christian Education for the AME Church.

Although Bishop Reid has received countless awards and accolades, his greatest legacy is his faith and family. He has been married to the woman he calls "Lady" Marlaà Reid since March 15, 1980. Together they are the proud parents of three wonderful children: Shane, FranShon Reid Barnes (Rev. Willie Barnes), and Faith; and the grandparents to Harleaux Barnes. 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. He will continue to build The Recover All Network, a Spiritual & Strategic Ministry for global prayer and conferences.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT

Rev. Johnny R. Calhoun, Presiding Elder

Annual Conference Delegates

CHURCH NAME	Pastor
Adams Chapel AME Church - Baltimore	Rev. Rosalyn Crosby
Bethel AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Dr. Patrick Clayborn
Bethel AME Church – Cambridge	Rev. Devan Martin
Bethel AME Church – Chestertown	Rev. Robert Brown, Jr.
Bethel AME Church – Easton	Rev. Angela Bullock
Collins Temple AME Church – Snow Hill	Rev. Johnnie Palmer
Ebenezer AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Dr. Marion Crayton
Evergreen AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Tamara Crawford
Grace AME Church – Catonsville	Rev. Gary Stewart, Sr.
Hemingway Temple AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Dana Porter Ashton
Holy Trinity/Rock Hall AME Church	Rev. Monique Upshur-Davis
Micah Mission AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Dr. Marilyn Akin
Mt. Calvary AME Church – Towson	Rev. Sheleta Fomby
Mt. Olive AME Church – Salisbury	Rev. Adrian Melson
Mt. Olive AME Church – Worton	Rev. Monique Upshur-Davis
New Queen Esther AME Church – Easton	Rev. Brittany McCoy
Oak Street AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Will Kenlaw
Payne Memorial AME Church	Rev. Melech E. M. Thomas
Shiloh AME Church – Baltimore	Rev. Darryl Ford
St. James AME Church – Snow Hill	Rev. Pamela Johnson
St. John AME Church – Pocomoke City	Rev. Ellsworth Tolliver
St. Paul AME Church – Crisfield	Rev. Sherrie French-King
St. Stephens AME Church – Essex	Rev. Dr. Christopher Burnett
Tyree AME Church – Berlin	Rev. Dawn Lockett Hobson
Union Bethel AME Church – Cecilton	Rev. Keesha Gardner Gunbek
Union Chapel AME Church – Cambridge	Rev. Beverly Manigo
Williams Chapel AME Church - Newark	Rev. Anthony Reliford

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CHURCH (LOCATION)	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Adams Chapel (Baltimore)	Jeanette Fenwick	Elvelyn Snipes
Bethel (Baltimore)	Brenda Mallory	Willie Eggleston, Jr.
Bethel (Cambridge)	Robert Boyd Jr.	Verlisha Taylor
Bethel (Chestertown)	Sharon Steward	Dora Best
Bethel (Easton)	Evelyn Gibson	Bobby Tate
Collins Temple (Snow Hill)	Clarence Franklin	Yvonne Harris
Ebenezer (Baltimore)	Lisa Harvin	Joan Stukes-Maurice
Evergreen (Baltimore)	Angela James	Rhonda Evans
Grace (Catonsville)	Vincent Robinson	Alvin McDougald
Hemingway (Baltimore)	Charlotte Owens	Veronica Turner
Holy Trinity (Rock Hall)	Emerson Cotton	Christine Harris
Micah Mission (Woodlawn)	Jacqueline Aklin	Beverly Smith
Mt. Calvary (Towson)	Cheron Hawkins	Andrew Adams
Mt. Olive (Salisbury)	Andrea Purnell	Brittany Melson
Mt. Olive (Worton)	Thomas Gross, Sr.	Isaac Wilson, III
New Queen Esther(Easton)	Marcia Potter	Caden McCoy
Oak Street (Baltimore)	LaKisha Braham	Deborah Johson
Payne Memorial (Baltimore)	Valerie McKenzey	Clustie Ford
Shiloh (Baltimore)	Michael Fowler, Sr.	Fanetta Barr
St. James (Snow Hill)	Wilsie Peaker	Natasha Stewart
St. Johns (Pocomoke City)	Cynthia Cutler	Orlean Gumby
St. Paul (Crisfield)	Sheila Brown	Ivan Lankford
St. Stephens (Essex)	Tyrinda Griffin-Jackson	Michele Tann-Edwards
Tyree (Berlin)	Valarie jMelson	Michelle Smith Pritchett
Union Bethel (Cecilton)	Reba Green	Concetta Wright
Union Chapel (Cambridge)	Carroll Wheatley	Regina Wheatley
Williams Chapel (Newark)	Debra Wise	Dorothy Thomas

EASTERN DISTRICT

Rev. Wanda E. London, Presiding Elder

Annual Conference Delegates

CHURCH NAME	Pastor
Allen AME Church	Rev. Angelique Mason
Bazil AME Church	Rev. Kirsten Spence-Gilmore
Bell's Chapel AME Church	Rev. Erik Medlin
Bethel AME Church – Chesapeake City	Rev. Nicole Pyles
Bethel AME Church – Port Deposit	Rev. Valerie Norris
Bethel AME Church – Church Hill	Rev. Clark E. Green
Bethel AME Church – Centreville	Rev. Dr. Miesha Osborne
Bethlehem AME Church	Rev. Brandon L. Montague
Boardley Chapel AME Church	Rev. Dr. Jeanine Jackson
Chestnut Grove AME Church	Rev. James A. Davis, Jr.
Ebenezer AME Church	Rev. Melissa Higgs
Empowerment Temple AME Church	Rev. Dr. Robert R. A. Turner
Fairview AME Church	Rev. Albert Jones, Jr.
Gethsemane AME Church	Rev. Michael Hudson
Hosanna AME Church	Rev. William L. Fisher
Mt. Joy AME Church	Rev. Shauntae McNair
Mt. Zion AME Church	Rev. Sereta Collington
Mt. Zoar AME Church	Rev. Christian Johnson
Preston Circuit – Coppins AMEC & Ross Chapel	Rev. A. Michele Matthews
Preston Circuit – Coppins AMEC & Ross Chapel	Rev. Kelly Waters
Robinson AME Church	Rev. Barrington Ross
St. James AME Church – Green Street	Rev. Dr. Baron Young
St. James AME Church – Gravel Hill Road	Rev. Nancy M. Dennis
St. John AME Church - Baltimore	Rev. Brandon O. McAfee
St. Stephen AME Church	Rev. Eddie Scott
Stevenson AME Church	Rev. Pamela Ashanti-Griggs
Trinity AME Church - Baltimore	Rev. Rodrecus Johnson, Sr.
Trinity AME Church	Rev. Cornelius Hubbard
Union Bethel AME Church	Rev. Pearl Geter
Waters AME Church	Rev. Brent Edwards
Wrights AME Church	Rev. Ricardo Burns

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CHURCH (LOCATION)	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Allen (Hillsboro)	Savannah Britt	
Bazil (Cockeysville)	Marcia Bailey	Sheila Carr-Spence
Bell's Chapel (Denton)	William Lake	Terenda Thomas
Bethel (Centreville)	Margaret Garcia	Mary Freeman
Bethel (Chesapeake City)		
Bethel (Church Hill)	Alfreda Dennis-Bowyer	Brenda Jeffers
Bethel (Port Deposit)	Robin Lucas-Pratt	
Bethlehem (Baltimore)	Annie Briscoe	Robin Michaux
Boardly Chapel (Chestertown)	Alma Hamilton-Winchester	
Chestnut Grove (Street)	Beverly Johnson	Tristan Holland
Ebenezer (Chesapeake City)	Daria Martin	
Empowerment Temple (Baltimore)	Joann Holly	Sheryl Nelson
Fairview (Forest Hill)	Evelyn Robinson	Ruth Murray
Gethsemane (Baltimore)	Ruth Hudson	Marguerite Richardson
Hosanna (Darlington)	Cynthia Glover-Brown	Helen Chapman
Mount Joy (Monkton)	Tanya Jackson-Guthrie	
Mount Zion (Glen Arm)	Monique McDougald	Kathryn Holcombe
Mt. Zoar (Conowingo)	Cynthia Berry	
Preston Circuit (Preston)	Andre Waters	
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Robinson (Grasonville)	Mary Jones	Angela Wheeler
St James (Gravel Hill)	Amber Blake	Christina Vaughn-Waters
St. James (Green Street)	Lynette Venson	
St. John (Baltimore)	Joyce Batty	
St. Stephen (Easton)	Virginia Hayman	Carolyn Hayman
Stevenson (Sparks)	Lisa Conic	Catherine Howard
Trinity (Baltimore)	Glenda Ballentine	Carol Coleman
Trinity (Ridgely)	William Flamer	Randy Perkins
Union Bethel (Denton)	Elizabeth Pinkett	Janet F. Fountain
Waters (Baltimore)	Latasha Hicks	Cynthia Wilmore-Long
Wright's (Elkton)	Cornelius Jennings	Charles Givens, Sr.

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BISHOP JACKSON AND SUPERVISOR JACKSON SERVED THIS DISTRICT WITH DISTINCTION, DEVOTION, AND AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO GOD, THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND THE PEOPLE THEY WERE CALLED TO SHEPHERD. THEIR LEGACY OF FAITH, JUSTICE, AND COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS.

DURING OUR SEASON OF MOURNING, THE 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT EXTENDS HEARTFELT PRAYERS, LOVE, AND CONTINUED SUPPORT TO REGINA, SETH, CHRIS, AND THE ENTIRE JACKSON FAMILY. MAY GOD'S PEACE AND COMFORT SURROUND THEM AND STRENGTHEN ALL OF US WHO GRIEVE.

