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157th SESSION

of the

**NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

APRIL 28– MAY 2, 2026

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WMS NIGHT IN WHITE

APRIL 28 | 7PM

REV. DORIS LINDSEY
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ANNUAL SERMON

APRIL 29 | 10AM

REV. DR. GAYLIAN BARBOUR
PASTOR, MT. CALVARY A.M.E. CHURCH
NAVASSA, NC



LAY WITNESS NIGHT

APRIL 29 | 7PM

SIS. JORDAN DEVEAUX
KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP A.M.E. CHURCH
CALVERTON, MD



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

APRIL 30 | 12PM

REV. JOANNE BEDFORD-BOYD
PASTOR, WILLOW OAK A.M.E. CHURCH
RICH SQUARE, NC



ORDINATION SERVICE

APRIL 30 | 7PM

BISHOP GREGORY G. M. INGRAM
118TH BISHOP OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH
(RETIRED)



DEAN'S INSTITUTE

MAY 1 | 8AM

REV. DR. TERRY L. HENRY
SENIOR PASTOR, MACEDONIA
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ECUMENICAL SERVICE

MAY 1 | 12PM

REVEREND DR. KRIS F. ERSKINE
SENIOR PASTOR, THE MOVEMENT
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, AL



CLOSING & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

MAY 1 | 7PM

DR. MYCAL BRICKHOUSE
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF
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LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AT
DUKE DIVINITY

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.

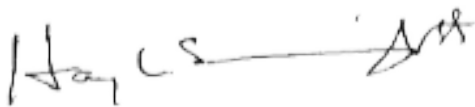
As the 2026 Annual Conferences begin, I honor the memories of Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and Supervisor Christy Davis Jackson, Esq. Their love for the Second Episcopal District showed up in everything they did. I continue to pray for Regina, Seth, Chris, Chico, and their family. Thank you for sharing 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, April 29, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Evelyn G.Dunn, Presiding Elder, Southern District
Worship Leader

The Introit..... The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Processional The North Carolina Conference Choir
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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 WorshipRev. Dr. Theresa Holmes
Pastor, St. Luke AMEC, Fayetteville, NC

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 to 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 your honor dwelleth.

People: For 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 sing praises.

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The Hymn of Praise.....Rev. Shelton Miles
Pastor, St. Stephen AMEC, Wilmington, NC

“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.*

The Invocation Rev. Howard Johnson
Pastor, Mt. Olive AMEC, Wilmington, NC

The Choral Response The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Hallelujah Chant

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!”

The Scriptures:

Old Testament:Habakkuk 2:2-3..... Rev. Angela Clark
Pastor, St. John AMEC, Wilmington, NC

Epistle Ephesians 2:1-7 Rev. Robert Bland
Pastor, St. Augustine AMEC, Clayton, NC

New Testament: Luke 8:4-8 Rev. Geraldine Dereef
Pastor, Macedonia AMEC, Burgaw, NC

The Preface to the Decalogue “From All That Dwell”

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The Turner’s Decalogue in VerseRev. Ruth L. Pugh
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Castle Hayne, NC

Leader: Thou shalt have no gods but Me;
People: Before no idol bow thy knee;
Leader: Take not the name of God in vain;
People: Nor dare the Sabbath-day profane;
Leader: Give both thy parents honor due;
People: Take heed that thou no murder do.
Leader: Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
People: Nor steal tho' thou art poor and mean;
Leader: Nor make a willful lie, nor love it;
People: What is thy neighbor's dare not covet.
Leader: With all thy soul, love God above,
People: And as thyself thy neighbor love.

“The Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

The Mission Hymn The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions.....Rev. Germaine Robinson
Pastor, Union Hill AMEC, Wilson’s Mills, NC

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

The Worship through Music The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Presentation of the Episcopal Supervisor Sis. Gwendolyn Keith
President, North Carolina Conference WMS

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Supervisor, 2nd Episcopal District

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The Presentation of the Bishop Presiding Elder Thomas O. Nixon
Northern District, North Carolina Conference

The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate, Second Episcopal District

The Sermonic Selection The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Annual Sermon Rev. Dr. Gaylian Barbour
Pastor, Mt. Calvary AMEC, Navassa, NC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Edward Sloan
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Kinston, NC

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

“All things come of Thee, O Lord”

The Announcements Rev. Dr. Theresa Holmes
Pastor, St. Luke AMEC, Fayetteville, NC

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 Benediction Rev. Dr. Gaylian Barbour

WOMEN IN MINISTRY SERVICE

Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Gwendolyn L. McNeill, Worship Leader

Pastor, Mt. Pleasant AMEC, Rowland, NC

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

The Prayer Rev. Wannetta Williams
Pastor, St. Matthew AMEC, Tabor City, NC / Ohovah AMEC, Orrum, NC

The Scripture Rev. Veronica Murphy
Pastor, Wayman AMEC, Enfield, NC

The Presentations..... Rev. Gwendolyn L. McNeill, Pastor
Mt. Pleasant AMEC, Rowland, NC

The Introduction of the Preacher Rev. Yolanda Murphy
Pastor, St. Mark AMEC, Smithfield, NC

The Sermonic Selection

The Sermon..... Rev. Joanne Bedford-Boyd
Pastor, Willow Oak AMEC, Rich Square, NC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship..... Rev. Betty Farmer- Strickland
Pastor St. John AMEC, Hampstead, NC

The Offering..... Rev. LaTauna Pickette
Pastor, Old Scotts Hill /St. Stephen-Scotts Hill AMEC, Wilmington, NC

The Offertory

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

The Benediction

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Rev. Evelyn G. Dunn, Worship Leader
Presiding Elder, Southern District

The Processional The Dean of the Board of Examiners
Candidates for Ordination
Board of Examiners & Presiding Elders

“Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah”

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. Judy V. Johnson
Pastor, McCormick Chapel AMEC, Lumberton, NC

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. Glenda Poindexter
Pastor, Lebanon AMEC, Littleton, NC

“Standing on the Promises”

[Verse 1]

Standing on the promises of Christ, my
King!
Through eternal ages let His praises ring.
"Glory in the highest!" I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.
[Refrain]

[Verse 3]

Standing on the promises of Christ, the
Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love’s strong
cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit’s Sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

[Verse 2]

Standing on the promises that cannot fail!
When the howling storms of doubt and
fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
[Refrain]

[Verse 4]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List’ning ev’ry moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.
[Refrain]

[Refrain]

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

The Invocation Rev. Shelton Miles
Pastor, St. Stephen AMEC, Wilmington, NC

The Choral Response “He is Lord”

The Ministry of Music..... The North Carolina Conference Choir

**The Presentation of the Candidates by the Dean
For Ordination as Deacons**

Rev. Christopher Edwards, Dean:

*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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Rev. Christopher Edwards, Dean:

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 Epistle – I Timothy 3: 8-13.....Rev. Robert McNeill, Jr.
Pastor, Mt. Moriah AMEC, Rocky Point, NC

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. 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 Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

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

The Sermonic Selection The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Ordination Sermon..... Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram
118th Bishop of the AME Church (Retired)

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship..... Rev. Howard Johnson
Pastor, Mt. Olive AMEC, Wilmington, NC

The Ministry of Generosity Rev. Edward Sloan
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Kinston, NC

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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

*Then shall all Candidates for elder's ordination stand at their seats.
The candidates should have nothing in their hands and looking directly at the Bishop.*

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?

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

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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...

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Communion Hymn

"The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me"

The Solicitation..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

The General Confession..... Rev. Dauna Bertram
Pastor, Wesley Chapel AMEC, Smithfield, NC

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 Harry L. Seawright

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 of himself, once offered; a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, 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

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The Lord's Prayer

The Celebratory Hymn.....Rev. Deborah Brown
Pastor, White Rock AMEC, Micro, NC

“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. Samantha Nixon
Pastor, Harrison Chapel AMEC, Richland, NC

The Benediction

Board of Examiners

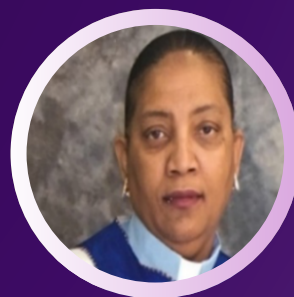
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THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Charles Corbett, Worship Leader

Pastor, St. Peter AMEC, Warsaw, NC

The Call to Worship.....Rev. Jerry Pearson
Pastor, New Kelly Chapel AMEC, Wilmington, NC

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 deeds 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 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]

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

The Prayer Rev. Sarah Pierce
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Whiteville, NC

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 served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter 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* Sis. Shirley Cohen
Delegate, St. John AMEC, Selma, NC

⁵⁵ O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast,

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unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

The Memorial Litany

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 labor. 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 Annual Conference Year. We thank our Heavenly Parent for their labor and faithful witness.**

Memorialize the DeceasedBishop Harry L. Seawright

- The deceased members of the Connectional Church.
- The deceased ministers and spouses.
- The deceased laypersons who were delegates at the last Annual Conference.
- Other names that will be shared.

The Closing Hymn Sis. Diane Graham

Delegate - Mt. Calvary AMEC, Navassa, NC

When Peace Like a River

[Verse 1]

[Verse 4]

*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.*

*And Lord, hast the day when the faith shall
be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord
shall descend
Even so, 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.

The Closing Prayer.....Rev. Frank Saunders

Pastor, Sand Hill AMEC, Burgaw, NC

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



THE 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT MEMORIALIZES AND GIVES THANKS FOR THE LIVES, LEADERSHIP, AND FAITHFUL SERVICE OF BISHOP REGINALD THOMAS JACKSON (4/26/1954 - 11/25/2025) AND EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR CHRISTY DAVIS JACKSON, ESQ. (4/24/1964 - 11/30/2024), RESPECTIVELY.

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.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Rev. Arnold Moore

**Pastor
Retired**
1935 – 2026



THE RETIREMENT SERVICE

Rev. Robert Yarbrough, Worship Leader
Pastor, St. Mark AMEC, Rocky Mount, NC

Leader: We come here today to worship God and celebrate in the presence of God the ministry of the Reverends _____ who have been a faithful servant leaders.

People: We give thanks for the mantle of leadership bestowed upon us; 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 Retirees Secretary of the Conference: Rev. Dr. Judy V. Johnson

Leader: Bishop, the _____ Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this session, the completion of the active service of these 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 their 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 that 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 Retirees

The Closing Remarks Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Benediction Rev. Cassandra Maultsby
Pastor, New Zion AMEC, Atkinson, NC

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Evelyn G. Dunn

REV. EVELYN G. DUNN

Presiding Elder
Southern District
50 years of Ministry

REV. FREDA HUMPHRY

Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Fairmount, NC
Southern District

30 years of Ministry



Freda Humphry

REV. DR. MARJORIE EDWARDS

Pastor, Macedonia AMEC & Oak Grove AMEC,
Severn, NC

Northern District

18 years of Ministry



Marjorie Edwards

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, May 1, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. James Knox, Worship Leader
Pastor, Mt. Zion AMEC, Wilmington, NC

- The Opening Hymn The North Carolina Conference Choir
- The Invocation Rev. Kenneth Tart
Pastor, Rockfish AMEC, Teachey, NC
- The Scriptures:
Old Testament Rev. Ebony Wells
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Kenansville, NC
- New Testament Rev. Freda Humphrey
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Fairmont, NC
- The Welcome and Recognition of Guests Rev. Thomas O. Nixon
Presiding Elder, Northern District
- The Ministry through Music The North Carolina Conference Choir
- The Worship through Giving Finance Committee
- The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright
- The Sermonic Selection The North Carolina Conference Choir
- The Sermon Rev. Dr. Kris F. Erskine
Senior Pastor, The Movement Fellowship Church, Birmingham, AL
- The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Michael Redd
Pastor, New Pike Creek AMEC, Burgaw, NC
- The Announcements Rev. Bessie Haywood
Pastor, St. John AMEC, Selma, NC
- The Benediction Rev. Dr. Kris F. Erskine

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, May 1, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Thomas O. Nixon, Presiding Elder, Northern District
Worship Leader

The Prelude The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Processional.....“We’re 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. Patricia Freeman
Pastor, St. Phillip AMEC, Wilmington, NC

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 to dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

Leader: We have gathered from every corner of the Annual Conference to praise
God and witness the commissioning of our leaders.

People: We come to ask God’s blessing on those who shall lead and those who
will follow the call of Christian service.

Leader: We prepare to preach a saving, healing, and liberating gospel. We seek
to be more loving and faithful to Jesus as we cry for justice in His name.

People: We come to sing praise to the Almighty.

All: Let us go from this place filled with the Holy Spirit and mature in love.
God give us a holy fire for justice to take where we labor with mercy.
Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!

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The Hymn of Praise..... Rev. Dr. Cathy Alston- Kearney
Pastor, Galatia AMEC-Nashville, NC / Oak Chapel AMEC, Warrenton, NC

“I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord”

[Chorus]

I am on the battlefield for my Lord.
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord,
And I promised Him that I would serve Him 'til I die.
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

[Verse 1]

I was alone and idle; I was a sinner too.
I heard a voice from heaven say there is work to do.
I took the Master's hand, and I joined the Christian band.
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord. [Chorus]

[Verse 2]

I left my friends and kindred bound for the Promised Land,
The grace of God upon me, the Bible in my hands.
In distant lands I trod, crying sinner come to God.
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord. [Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Now when I met my Savior, I met Him with a smile,
He healed my wounded spirit and owned me as His child.
Around the throne of grace, He appoints my soul a place.
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord. [Chorus]

The Invocation Rev. Robert McKoy, Jr.
Pastor, Union Bethel AMEC, Hampstead, NC

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

The Ministry through Music The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Scriptures:

Old Testament Rev. Christopher Haywood
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Spring Hope, NC

Epistle Rev. Tiffany Wilson
Pastor, Mt. Horeb AMEC, Evergreen, NC

New Testament Rev. Tony Mills
Pastor, Haw Branch AMEC, Richland, NC

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The Summary of DecalogueRev. Michelle Boney
Pastor, Mt. Ararat AMEC, Wilmington, NC

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

The Ministry through Music The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions..... Rev. Dr. Andra Cunningham
Pastor, Anderson Chapel, Greenville, NC

The Offertory

The Presentation of the Episcopal Supervisor Sis. Veronica Simmons
Director, North Carolina Conference YPD

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Supervisor, 2nd Episcopal District

The Presentation of the Bishop Presiding Elder Evelyn G. Dunn
Southern District, North Carolina Conference

The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection..... The North Carolina Conference Choir

The Sermon Dr. Mycal Brickhouse
Managing Director of Programs & Grants at Leadership Education, Duke Divinity

The Invitation to Christian DiscipleshipRev. Tanya Lowe
Pastor, St. John AMEC, Conway, NC

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

The Conference ResolutionResolutions Committee

The Commissioning Service

The Selection.....Rev. Annette Joyner- Moore
Pastor, Mt. Carmel AMEC, Bailey, NC

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never dying 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 O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely
Assured if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die. Amen

The Presentation of Certificates

The PrayerRev. Vanessa D. Williams
Pastor, Maple Hill AMEC, Maple Hill, NC

The Scripture 2 Timothy 4: 1-5..... Rev. Roland Whitley
Evans Chapel AMEC, Smithfield, NC

The Commissioning Hymn.....Rev. Dewey C. Farmer
Pastor, Turner Station AMEC, Marietta, NC

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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;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

REFRAIN:

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

The Benediction Bishop Harry L. Seawright



Rev. Doris Lindsey

Pastor Manns Chapel AME Church, Whitakers, NC

Rev. Doris Lindsey is a resident of Whitakers, North Carolina, where she is an elected official serving on the town board as a Commissioner. She serves as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Rev. Lindsey is the Pastor of Mann's Chapel AME Church located in Whitakers, North Carolina.

Rev. Lindsey attended Shaw University and Edgecombe Community College. She is certified by the State of North Carolina and has her credentials in Early Childhood Development. Rev. Lindsey holds a Master's Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Christian Counseling. Rev. Lindsey earned her Doctoral Degree in Theology from Nashville Bible College. She is also employed by H.D. Pope Funeral Home as an Aftercare Specialist and Chaplain.

Rev. Lindsey is the Founder and Director of the DEL Resource Center located in the heart of Whitakers, North Carolina. The DEL Resource Center provides educational enhancement and support for its students through after-school programs, tutoring, GED classes, basic computer learning, a Youth Summer Camp that trains youth in social skills, as well as providing educational field trips for both Youth and Adults. The DEL Resource Center maintained a food ministry that served families in the community weekly. In addition, the DEL Center assists families with utility bills.

Rev. Lindsey served faithfully in the AME church. She has served on the Executive Board for 16 years for Women in Ministry of the 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church, and she has served as Worship Leader, 2nd Vice-President, and 1st Vice-President. Rev. Lindsey currently serves as the Worship Leader for the Northern District of the North Carolina Conference and as Parliamentarian for the NCC WIM. Rev. Lindsey is devoted to the work of Kingdom Building. She loves her church and is truly a woman of God who has a heart for the People.



Rev. Dr. Gaylian Barbour

Pastor, Mt. Calvary AMEC, Navassa, NC

There is a song that says, “If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song. If I can show somebody he’s traveling wrong, then my living shall not be in vain.” These verses of the song speak to the heart of Rev. Barbour.

Rev. Barbour is the youngest of the five children of the late Herman Connelly and Marguerite Connelly. She has been married to her high school sweetheart, Mr. Rodney L Barbour Sr., for over 30 years, and to this union they have two wonderful sons, Rodney Jr. and Jeremiah. She is Gigi to two precious grandchildren, Presley and Ezra.

She was educated in the Johnston County Public School System and has since earned a Bachelor of Theology from Christian Life School of Theology. A Master of Divinity from Payne Theological Seminary, and earned her Doctor of Ministry at the same institution in 2024. She is also a Registered Nurse by profession.

In 1997, she answered the call of the Ministry and, after much praying, searching, fasting, and even running, she placed her hand on the Master’s Plow. In 2000, she was ordained an Itinerant Deacon. In 2002, at the seat of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, she was ordained an Itinerant Elder. Since her call into Pastoral Ministry, she has been honored to serve as Pastor of St. Paul, Teachey, NC, St. James, Kelly, NC, and St. Phillip Rose Hill, NC, and is now the illustrious Pastor of Mt. Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church in Navassa, North Carolina.

Rev. Barbour is the past-present Conference Coordinator of the NC Women in Ministry, a role she has held for eight years.

- She has served the District and Conference in the following capacities:
- Red Board of Second Episcopal District
- Christian Educator Director for the North Carolina Conference,
- Treasurer of the Southern District of the North Carolina Conference,
- Instructor for the NC Board of Examiners
- Finance Committee for the North Carolina Conference
- 2024 Delegate to the General Conference

Rev. Barbour has been featured in the North Brunswick Magazine as a Pastor that is “Keeping Hope Alive in Navassa, NC. It is Rev. Barbour’s purpose to step out of the box of traditionalism and allow the Holy Spirit to encapsulate the church with every preached Message. This methodology moves each service into an explosive Worship Experience. It is her desire and her committed service to God to equip the members of God’s Church to bombard the highways and byways, the corners, the bushes and hedges, and tell somebody that Our Redeemer Jesus Christ doth Live!

Lamar is honored to serve Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he seeks daily to extend Metropolitan’s nearly two centuries-long legacy of bearing witness to and ushering into this world the reign of the living God. Under his leadership, Metropolitan remains committed to worship, liberation, and service. He is married to Dr. Dana A. Williams, Dean of the Graduate School at Howard University.



Minister Jordan DeVeaux

Member, Kingdom Fellowship AME Church, Calverton, MD

Minister Jordan DeVeaux is a fourth-generation minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, carrying forward a rich legacy of faith, service, and justice. At just 25 years of age, she brings both youthful energy and seasoned leadership to her ministry, having begun her public ministry at the tender age of 14.

Minister DeVeaux served as the International 2nd Vice President of the Young Peoples and Children's Division (YPD) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, completing her term in 2023.

Jordan's ministry extends across the pulpit and the public square. She has served as a hospital chaplain in emergency medicine and cardiology at the University of North Carolina Medical Center, and as a Spiritual Care Intern at Lawndale Christian Health Center on the west side of Chicago, while providing compassionate care in settings ranging from substance abuse recovery to senior services.

In May 2025, Jordan earned her Master of Divinity from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Jordan stands firmly on the shoulders of those who came before her, yet she also carves her own path---one that bridges generations, honors legacy, and embraces the future of ministry with courage and creativity.

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Rev Joanne Bedford-Boyd

Pastor, Willow Oak AME Church, Rich Square, NC

Rev. Joanne Bedford Boyd is a native of Long Island, NY (Bethel AME, Copiague) and has been a Servant of God in various ministry capacities since childhood. Joanne's early model for ministry and service came from watching her mother, Rev. Theresa Bedford, serve the church and community.

Ordained Itinerant Elder (2008), African Methodist Episcopal Church, Atlanta-North Georgia Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. Joanne completed her theological education at Turner Theological Seminary at The Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, earning both a Master of Arts in Christian Education and a Master of Divinity. She earned a B.S. in Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Cheyney, PA.

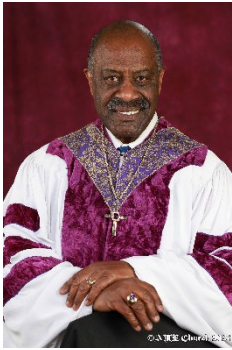
Her Chaplaincy began in 2004, serving the community, healthcare, and the parish. Joanne received Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Chaplaincy by the African Methodist Episcopal Church (2017 and 2023). Joanne is Board Certified (BCC) by the Association of Professional Chaplains, Hoffman Estates, IL. (2017 – Present)

Joanne's passion is caring for the souls of people in their darkest hours, allowing her to share the light of hope, peace, love, and joy. Joanne counts her call to the pastoral ministry in communities and parishes as a fulfillment of her God-appointed purpose. Like Richard Allen, the "World" is Joanne's pulpit. Joanne will use any opportunity to proclaim the good news of Jesus as the light of the world.

Joanne and her husband, Adrian, share their love while serving the congregation at Willow Oak AME Church, Rich Square, NC. They enjoy traveling the world, meeting people, and learning about the cultures and traditions they encounter while sharing the gospel.

Pastor Jo Ann Browning remains a humble servant of God, a powerful voice for justice and spiritual growth, and a pioneering leader who has opened doors for women in ministry everywhere. Her life and legacy continue to inspire generations.

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Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram

118th Bishop of the AME Church, *Retired*

The Right Reverend Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram was appointed presiding prelate of the First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church on July 4, 2012, during the 49th Quadrennial Session of the denomination's General Conference, held in Nashville, Tenn. At the 2008 General Conference, Bishop Ingram was elected to chair the General Conference Commission, which oversaw planning and organization for the 49th Quadrennial Session. In his last assignment, he presided over the First Episcopal District.

Bishop Ingram was elected and consecrated the 118th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2000. His first appointment was to the Fifteenth Episcopal District, which comprises Angola, Namibia, and most of South Africa. His second appointment was to the Tenth Episcopal District, which encompasses the State of Texas. Under his visionary leadership, Bishop Ingram introduced the district to his 10-Point Partnership Plan, a strategy for improving every aspect of life for the people of the Tenth Episcopal District. He has refined that plan and reintroduced it as 10 Priorities for the First Episcopal District for the 2012-2016 Quadrennium.

Before his election to the Episcopacy, Bishop Ingram served as the Senior Minister of Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan. During his 13-year pastorate, the church prospered both numerically and financially. Under his compassionate leadership and spiritual direction, 2,400 people united in membership, more than 1,400 were inspired to become tithers, and a \$2.3-million building and expansion project was undertaken and paid off in five years. Before being assigned to Oak Grove, Bishop Ingram served as pastor of A.M.E. churches in Chicago, Springfield, and Alton, Illinois. He also served two years on the religious staff at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Campus.

Bishop Ingram has distinguished himself throughout African Methodism and the religious community, in general, for his expertise on stewardship and tithing. He is a dynamic preacher and lecturer who is sought after to speak at churches, colleges, universities, and civic functions. He has authored several publications that are heralded throughout African Methodism. Included among them are *Equipping the Saints for Service*, *The African Methodist Episcopal Church Pastor's Journal* and *Quarterly Conference Record Book*, *The Joy of Giving More Than Enough* and *The S.A.T. Manual on African Methodism: A Study Guide on the Faith, Beliefs, History and Structure of the World's Oldest Denomination Founded by Blacks*, an acclaimed instructional tool for new members that has been updated and expanded.

Bishop Ingram holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilberforce University, a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from Antioch College, a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. His religious, civic, community, professional, and social affiliations, past and present, include the Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies in North America (executive board member), the Christian Communication Council (board member), Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan (advisory board member), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (life member). He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is a Thirty-Third Degree Mason-Prince Hall Affiliation.

Bishop Ingram is married to The Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, who is his devoted partner in ministry. They are the proud parents of one adult daughter, Jennifer Eman Keanne, and the grandparents of two treasured granddaughters, Jayda Eman Sanford and Gabrielle.

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Rev. Dr. Terry L. Henry

Senior Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC

Dr. Terry L Henry is the senior pastor of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, where he has served for the last 37 years. He had led Macedonia through two building projects and the acquisition and remodeling of their current site.

Dr. Terry Henry began his education at NCSU in Raleigh, NC. He is a graduate of the International Seminary in FL., where he earned his BA in Religion. He earned a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Campbell University and his Doctor of Ministry degree in preaching from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA. Currently, he is a 3rd year Ph.D. student at Luther Rice College and Seminary, Lithonia, GA, in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership. Lord willing, he will graduate in May of 2027. Dr. Henry is also currently serving as an adjunct professor at Candler School of Theology at the historic Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where he teaches Baptist Polity and Heritage.

Dr. Henry is the immediate past president of the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, where he served for three years. God blessed him to travel to Liberia every quarter for three years to oversee the growth, expansion, and revamping of the entire school while still serving as a pastor. The Liberia Baptist Theological School is one of the leading theological institutions in the country of Liberia.

He is the 1st Vice-President of the Congress of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of NC. In addition, he currently serves on both the general and executive boards of the convention. Dr. Henry is also the former moderator of the Middle District Baptist Association. Currently, he serves as the Presbytery Board Chairperson, overseeing the ordination academy and the ordaining of all ministers in the association.

Dr. Terry Henry is married to the former Jacqueline Bell Henry, and they are the proud parents of two children: O'Bryant and Bethany Grace Henry. They have also been blessed with four grandchildren.

Terry Henry is amazed at what God can do and has done with damaged goods! He loves the Word of God and loves people.



Rev. Dr. Kris F. Erskine

Managing Director of Programs and Grants at Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Rev. Dr. Kris F. Erskine has been preaching for 36 years and pastoring for 30 years, serving most recently at TMFC- The Movement Fellowship Church, which he founded in Birmingham, Alabama (2019), with campuses/fellowships in New York (Harlem) and Cleveland, OH, and plans for expansion across Texas. He was formerly a pastor in Harlem, NY, Bryan/College Station, TX, and Birmingham, AL, respectively.

Education

His academic matriculation includes Birmingham Baptist-Esonian Bible College, a Master of Theology (Andersonville Baptist Theological Seminary), a Doctorate of Theology (St. Thomas Christian College), a fellowship at Union Theological Seminary & The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, NY, and continual studies while enrolled at Beeson Divinity School- Birmingham, AL.

Impact/Community

TMFC is known as "A Matthew 25:35 Church," focusing on community involvement. Key initiatives include M.O.R.E. (Movement Offenders Re-Entry Experience) for formerly incarcerated individuals and Overcomers to address Substance Abuse and Addictions, in partnership with local law enforcement. He has ministered extensively in prisons, including Angola.

Vision/Expansion

TMFC is expanding its campus by opening Movement Centers, transformational hubs that will house The Learning Center, the MBA (Movement Business Alliance) with a credit union, and the Movement C.A.R.E. health clinic (opened January 15, 2025). Recently, they are also purchasing the historic Sandusky School campus for additional wrap-around services.

Leadership/Author

Dr. Erskine is a highly sought-after speaker on Leadership, Ethics, and Corporate Accountability. He serves on numerous boards (e.g., NAACP, SCLC, American Cancer Society), is a certified Chaplain, and is an entrepreneur. He is the author or co-author of several books, including *The Dilemmas of Being an African American Male in the New Millennium* and *Groomed For Greatness*.

Family

He is married to Loretta Gaines-Erskine (since 1996), and they have two children, Kristian Gabriel and Alayna Gabrielle.

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Dr. Mycal Brickhouse

Managing Director of Programs and Grants at Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Reverend Dr. Mycal Xavier Brickhouse is a distinguished community leader and a proactive change agent. His journey in faith and leadership has seen him ordained as an itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, pastoring in North Carolina, and serving as the Director of Alumni Relations at Duke Divinity School. Currently, he is

the Managing Director of Programs and Grants at Leadership Education at Duke Divinity.

Academic Background

A lifelong Tar Heel, Rev. Brickhouse graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and African American Studies. His commitment to theological education led him to Duke Divinity School, where he earned a Master of Divinity Degree and was honored with the Julian Abele Student of the Year Award. Recently, he earned his Doctor of Ministry at Duke Divinity School.

Professional Development Rev. Brickhouse's dedication to personal growth and development is evident in his extensive participation in leadership programs. He has completed the Black Theology and Leadership Institute at Princeton Theological Seminary and the Millennial Leaders Project Summer Conference at Union Theological Seminary. He is a trained frontline fundraiser, completing the Discipline of Frontline Fundraising through Plus Delta Partners.

Community Involvement

An active volunteer, Rev. Brickhouse served on the strategy team of One WAKE, a community organization focused on social justice. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for The Colossian Forum, an organization committed to fostering Christian dialogue and reconciliation, and Dorcas Ministries in Cary, NC.

Publications

Rev. Brickhouse has contributed to several esteemed publications, including *Sojourners*, *Faith and Leadership*, and *The Christian Recorder*—the oldest existing periodical published by African Americans in the United States. He has been featured on the BBC, NBC, and other local television networks.

Personal Life

Rev. Brickhouse is happily married to Kristin McCullough Brickhouse. They are proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Micah and Manaia, and a handsome son, Makoa. Their family life is a testament to the love and faith that Rev. Brickhouse preaches and practices.

Rev. Dr. Mycal Xavier Brickhouse continues to inspire and lead with a vision rooted in faith, education, and community service. His work and commitment have a profound impact on those he serves and the broader community.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Rev. Thomas O. Nixon, Presiding Elder
Pastors, Delegates, and Alternates

CHURCH	PASTOR	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Allen Chapel, Jackson	Rev. George M. Coates	Leon Deloatch	
Anderson Chapel, Greenville	Rev. Dr. Andra Cunningham	Larry Rhodes	Judy Rhodes
Bethel, Selma	Rev. Christopher Edwards	Joan Richardson	Edna Watson
Bethel, Spring Hope	Rev. Christopher Haywood	Arvelle Moore	Robin High
Evans Chapel, Smithfield	Rev. Roland Whitley	Soisette Words	Thelma Williams
Galatia, Nashville	Rev. Dr. Cathy Alston-Kearney	Tamara Wright	
Greater Glory, Greenville	Rev. Dr. Andra Cunningham		
Harrison Chapel, Richlands	Rev. Samantha Nixon	Nedra Hancock	Lonnie Hancock
Haw Branch, Richlands	Rev. Tony Mills	Patricia Richardson	Tammy Deaver
Lebanon, Littleton	Rev. Glenda Poindexter	Kevin Poindexter	Samuel Manley
Lee's Chapel, Selma	Rev. Christopher Edwards	Mariah Benton	Gladys Finch
Macedonia-Oak Grove, Severn	Supply by the Elder	Janice Boone	
Mann's Chapel, Whitakers	Rev. Doris Lindsey	Sadé Mitchell	Anthony Battle
Mt. Carmel, Bailey	Rev. Annette Joyner-Moore	G. B. Howard	Shelia Harris
Mt. Zion, Wilmington	Rev. James Knox	William Baker	Michael McDuffie
New Bethel, Magnolia		Bobby Usher	
New Kelly's Chapel, Wilmington	Rev. Jerry Pearson	Margret McBride	Helen Johnson
New. St. John, Goldsboro	Rev. Virginia Ware	Toni Ingram	Annie Dockery
Oak Chapel, Warrenton	Rev. Dr. Cathy Alston-Kearney	Jereann King Johnson	
Old Scott's Hill, Wilmington	Rev. LaTanua Pickett	Jacqueline Adair	Alex Douglas Carlos
Shocco, Spring Hope	Rev. Serena Reddick Lofton	Phillip Mills	Jimmy Lofton
St. Augustine, Clayton	Rev. Robert Bland	Portia Silver	Linda Woodhouse
St. James, Kelly	Rev. Edward Sloan	Mildred Beatty	Billy Anders
St. James, Kenansville	Rev. Guy Sidbury	Irma Thomas	Cynthia Edwards
St. James, Kinston	Rev. Ebony Wells	Larry Grady	Leeann Grady
St. John, Conway	Rev. Tanya Lowe	Patrinia Deloatch	Phyllis Mason
St. John, Selma	Rev. Bessie Haywood	Shirley Cohen	Veronica Simmons
St. John, Wrightsboro	Rev. Angela Clark	Harold Sidbury, Jr.	Diana Hampton
St. Luke, Wilson		Paula Sneed	
St. Mark, Rocky Mount	Rev. Yolanda Murphy	Pat Dolberry-Sprowel	Jasmine Powell
St. Mark, Smithfield	Rev. Robert Yarbrough	Nathaniel Cooper	
St. Matthew, Weldon		S. Janet Finney	Oressa White
St. Paul, Kenly	Rev. Jonathan Ford	Gwen Keith	
St. Peter's, Warsaw	Rev. Charles Corbett	Dwayne Hall	Deborah Hall
St. Phillip, Rose Hill		Stephanie Mathis	
St. Stephen, Wilmington	Rev. Shelton Miles	Dawn McClammy	Harriet Crummy
St. Stephen's, Scott's Hill	Rev. LaTanua Pickett	Louise Foye	
Union Hill, Wilson's Mills	Rev. Germain Robinson	John Monroe	Sandra Monroe
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