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WMS NIGHT IN WHITE

APRIL 14 | 7PM

REV. DR. MELINDA CONTRERAS-BYRD
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ANNUAL SERMON

APRIL 15 | 10AM

REV. WILLIAM H. LAMAR IV
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LAY WITNESS NIGHT

APRIL 15 | 7PM

REV. DR. ABDUE L. KNOX
PASTOR, ST. JOSEPH AME CHURCH
DURHAM, NC



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

APRIL 16 | 12PM

REV. DR. JO ANN BROWNING
EBENEZER FT. WASHINGTON
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ORDINATION SERVICE

APRIL 16 | 7PM

BISHOP JULIUS H. MCALLISTER, JR.
PRESIDING PRELATE
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE
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DEAN'S INSTITUTE

APRIL 17 | 8AM

DR. W. ANTONI SINKFIELD
ASSOCIATE DEAN PROFESSOR
OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND
AME CHURCH POLITY, WESLEY
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
WASHINGTON, DC



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

APRIL 17 | 12PM

BISHOP C. ANTHONY MUSE
ARK OF SAFETY CHRISTIAN
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MARYLAND STATE SENATOR,
DISTRICT 26 - PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY



CLOSING & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

APRIL 17 | 7PM

REV. SHERITA MOON SEAWRIGHT
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

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.

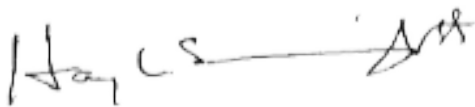
As the 2026 Annual Conferences begin, I honor the memories of Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and Supervisor Christy Davis Jackson, Esq. Their love for the Second Episcopal District showed up in everything they did. I continue to pray for Regina, Seth, Chris, Chico, and their family. Thank you for sharing 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 15, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Dr. Jonathan L. Weaver, Presiding Elder, Potomac District
Worship Leader

The Introit.....The Washington Conference Choir

The Processional The Washington 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. Grainger Browning, Jr.
Ebenezer AMEC, Ft. Washington, 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: For the sake of the house of the lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

People: They that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the
courts of our God.

Leader: O Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where your glory abides.

People: But 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.

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The Hymn of Praise.....Rev. Dr. Anthony Young
Mt. Olive AMEC, Annapolis, MD

“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. Dr. C. Michele Langston
Mt. Pisgah AMEC, Columbia, MD

The Choral ResponseThe Washington Conference Choir

The Hallelujah Chant

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

The Scriptures:

Old Testament:Habakkuk 2:2-3..... Rev. Dr. Etoria Goggins
First AMEC, Manassas, VA

Epistle Ephesians 2:1-7 Rev. Latia Suite
St. John AMEC, Hughesville, MD

New Testament: Luke 8:4-8 Rev. Gilbert Ruffin, Jr.
Living Water AMEC, Stafford, VA

The Preface to the Decalogue “From All That Dwell”

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The Turner’s Decalogue in VerseRev. Garland Owens
Mt. Gilboa AMEC, Catonsville, MD

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 HymnThe Washington Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions..... Rev. R. Kevin Brown
Allen Chapel AMEC, Silver Spring, MD

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

The Worship through MusicThe Washington Conference Choir

The Presentation of the Episcopal SupervisorSis. Renee Brooks
President, Washington Conference WMS

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Supervisor, 2nd Episcopal District

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The Presentation of the Bishop Presiding Elder Charles T. Sembly
Capital District, Washington Conference

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

The Sermonic Selection The Washington Conference Choir

The Annual Sermon Rev. William H. Lamar IV
Pastor, Metropolitan AMEC, Washington, DC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Dr. Anna Mosby
St. Paul AMEC, Washington, DC

The Worship Through Giving Finance Committee

“All things come of Thee, O Lord”

The Announcements Rev. Deborah Harris
Rivers of Life AMEC, Greenbelt, MD

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. William H. Lamar IV

WOMEN IN MINISTRY SERVICE

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Rev Roslyn Riley, Worship Leader
Coordinator, Washington Conference Women in Ministry
St. James AMEC, Frederick, MD

The Doxology

The Call to Worship..... Rev. Dr. Kimberly McManus
Mt Zion AMEC, Severn, MD

The Opening Hymn Rev. Katina Randolph
Rivers of Life AMEC, Greenbelt, MD

The Invocation Rev. Kim Terry Hill
Wayman AMEC, Frederick, MD

The Old Testament..... Jeremiah 32: 27..... Rev. Rochelle Toyer
Allen Chapel AMEC, Washington, DC

The New Testament..... Ephesians 3:20-21Rev. Deborah Inyamah
St. Jude AMEC, Germantown, MD

The Introduction of the Preacher Rev. Dr. Marlene Mitchell
Falls Road AMEC, Windsor Mill, MD

The Sermonic Selection..... Ms. Vanessa Williams

The Sermon..... Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Browning
Ebenezer AMEC, Fort Washington, MD

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship..... Rev. TyRissa Turner
Ebenezer AMEC, Fort Washington, MD

The Offering The Washington Conference Finance Team

The Offertory

The Announcements Rev. Domitria Vieira
Love AMEC, Upper Marlboro, MD

The Remarks..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Closing Prayer..... Rev. ShaRon Gibson
Fair Haven AMEC, Curtis Bay, MD

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Rev. William Lamar IV, Worship Leader
*Chair, Washington Conference Board of Examiners
Pastor, Metropolitan AMEC, Washington, DC*

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. Dededrick O. Rivers
Ward Memorial AMEC, Washington, DC

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. Daryl Kearney
Turner Memorial AMEC, Hyattsville, MD

“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. LaTisha Cokely
Embry AMEC, College Park, MD

The Choral Response “He is Lord”

The Ministry of Music.....The Washington Conference Choir

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

Rev. Dr. Marlene Mitchell, 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. Dr. Marlene Mitchell, 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 Presentation of the Candidates by the Chairperson For Ordination as Elders

Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Chair:

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.

Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Chair:

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. Dr. Mylinda Clarke
Bethel AMEC, Dale City, VA

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 Epistle – Ephesians 4: 7-13.....Rev. Dr. Diane Johnson
Mt. Pleasant AMEC, Owings Mills, 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: 1-16Rev. Tony Lee
Community of Hope AMEC, Temple 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

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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."

"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 SelectionThe Washington Conference Choir

The Ordination Sermon.....Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District of the AME Church

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship..... Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice
First AMEC, Gaithersburg, MD

The Ministry of GenerosityRev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr.
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.*

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The Call of the Deacons

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: 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.

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:)

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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 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 dignity 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 a 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 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 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.

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Bishop: 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.

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.

Bishop: 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.

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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.

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.

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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

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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 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 bishop with seven elders present shall lay their hands severally upon the head of everyone that receives the order of elder, the receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and the bishop saying...

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.

The bishop shall deliver to each of them kneeling the Bible into his or her hands, saying...

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.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Communion Hymn.....Rev. Dr. Ayana Newton
St. Jude AMEC, Germantown, MD

“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. Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.
Union Bethel AMEC, Randallstown, MD

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.

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The Sharing of the Elements

Bishops, Presiding Elders, Board Of Examiners, and Ordinands

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebratory Hymn

"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. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr.
Ebenezer AMEC, Fort Washington, MD

The Benediction

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Candidates to be elected and ordained **Itinerant Deacons** in the African Methodist Episcopal Church



KIMYATA BLACK

AGE: 43

COMMUNITY OF HOPE AMEC



PATRICK FRUGE

AGE: 43

KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP AMEC



CHRISTINA HAINES

AGE: 46

REID TEMPLE AMEC



CRAIG A. HYMON, SR.

AGE: 50

REID TEMPLE AMEC



CHAUNETTA JONES

AGE: 44

KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP AMEC



BRODELL MCNEIL JR.

AGE: 41

REID TEMPLE AMEC



LANELLE SEAY

AGE: 46

KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP AMEC

Candidates to be elected and ordained **Itinerant Elders** in the African Methodist Episcopal Church



CRYSTAL S. DOZIER

AGE: 60

FALLS ROAD AMEC



BRIAN ANDRE MITCHELL

AGE: 52

FALLS ROAD AMEC



LINDA J. HERNDON

AGE: 69

GALILEE AMEC

Candidates to be elected and ordained **Local Deacons** in the African Methodist Episcopal Church



YVETA FOOTE

AGE: 65

EBENEZER AMEC - GALESVILLE



PHYLLIS A. GODETTE

AGE: 66

REID TEMPLE AMEC



JASMIN WILLIAMS

AGE: 40

FIRST AMEC - ALEXANDRIA

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Sylvester Robinsion, Worship Leader
Wayman Memorial AMEC, Baltimore, MD

The Call to Worship

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. Joseph Deck, III
Wayman AMEC, Frederick, 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 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* Rev. Brenda White
Allen AMEC, Baltimore, MD

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

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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 Roll Call by the Conference Secretary Rev. Regina Clay

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 Rev. Luke J. Robinson
Quinn Chapel, Frederick, MD

When Peace Like a River

[Verse 1]

*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.*

[Verse 4]

*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. Louis Kelly
Seaton Memorial, Lanham, 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



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rev. Erika Nicole Barnes

**Itinerant Elder
Union Bethel AME Church
Brandywine, MD
1969 – 2026**



Rev. Dr. Priscilla Irene Boswell

**Itinerant Elder
Pilgrim AME Church
Washington, DC
1946 – 2025**



Rev. Dr. Carrington Darrell Carter

**Pastor, Itinerant Elder
Brown Memorial AME Church
Washington, DC
1957 – 2025**



IN LOVING MEMORY

Rev. William Trent Conyers, Jr.

**Itinerant Deacon
Hemingway Temple AME Church
Washington, DC
1961 – 2026**



Rev. Dr. S. Isaiah Harvin

**Pastor, Intinerent Elder
Greater Faith Temple AME Church
Lanham, MD
1972 – 2026**

Rev. Nailah Sharona-Chinyere Jaha

**Local Deacon
Emmanuel AME Church
Fredericksburg, VA
1957 – 2026**



IN LOVING MEMORY

Rev. LaDorothy Pittman

**Local Deacon
First AME Church
Gaithersburg, MD
1942 – 2025**



Rev. Jerome Hollingsworth Singletary

**Itinerant Elder
St. Mark AME Church
Oxon Hill, MD
1948 – 2025**



Mrs. Pamela Lynne Weaver

**First Lady
Potomac District
1952 – 2025**



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THE RETIREMENT SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Dededrick Rivers, Worship Leader
Ward Memorial AMEC, Washington, DC

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. Regina Clay

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. Jerald Graham
Ebenezer AMEC, Charlotte Hall, MD

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Retirees



Charles. T. Sembly

REV. CHARLES T. SEMBLY

Presiding Elder, Capital District

4 years Presiding Elder

40 years of Pastoring

53 years of Ministry

“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”

~Luke 12:48b



Jonathan L. Weaver

REV. DR. JONATHAN L. WEAVER

Presiding Elder, Potomac District

3 years Presiding Elder

38 years of Pastoring

43 years of Ministry

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight”

~Proverbs 3:5-6

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Wayne Bennett

REV. WAYNE BENNETT

Pastor, St. Stephens AMEC, Elkridge, MD
Capital District

12 years of Pastoring | 20 years of Ministry

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

~Jeremiah 29:11-13

REV. FRANCES E. SPARKMAN

Itinerant Elder, Seaton Memorial AMEC, Lanham, MD
Potomac District

13 years of Pastoring | 40 years of Ministry

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.”

~Psalm 121: 1-2



Frances E. Sparkman

REV. HERMIA SHEGOG WHITLOCK, ESQ.

Itinerant Elder, Reid Temple AMEC, Glenn Dale, MD
Capital District

18 years of Ministry

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

~Psalm 139:13-14



Hermia Shegog Whitlock

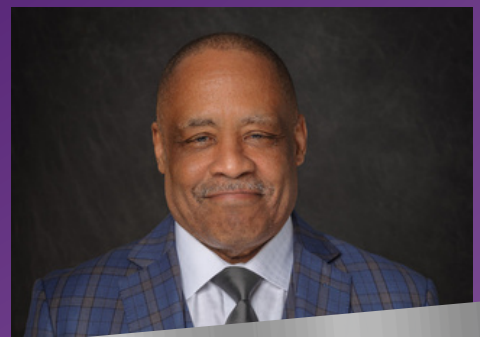
REV. DR. MARK E. WHITLOCK, JR.

Pastor, Reid Temple AMEC, Glenn Dale, MD
Capital District

28 years of Pastoring | 34 years of Ministry

“I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.”

~Philippians 4:13



Mark E. Whitlock, Jr.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, April 17, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Dr. William Campbell, Jr., Worship Leader
Union Bethel AMEC, Brandywine, MD

The Opening HymnThe Washington Conference Choir

The InvocationRev. Brenda White
Allen AMEC, Baltimore, MD

The Scriptures:

Old TestamentRev. John Royster
Ebenezer AMEC, Hagerstown, MD

New Testament.....Rev. Dr. Anita Gould
Agape AMEC, Gaithersburg, MD

The Welcome and Recognition of Guests.....Rev. Phillip Jackson
Mt. Sinai-Cornerstone AMEC, Clinton, MD

The Ministry through Music.....The Washington Conference Choir

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection.....The Washington Conference Choir

The Sermon.....Bishop C. Anthony Muse
Pastor, Ark of Safety Christian Church, Upper Marlboro, MD
Maryland State Senator; District 26 – Prince George's County

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Rev. Vernon Ware
Faith AMEC, Laurel, MD

The AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr.
Ebenezer AMEC, Fort. Washington, MD

The BenedictionBishop C. Anthony Muse

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, April 17, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Charles T. Sembly, Presiding Elder, Capital District
Worship Leader

The PreludeThe Washington 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. Stanley Fuller
Real Power AMEC, Upper Marlboro, 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 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. Falecia Williams
Payne Memorial AMEC, Jessup, MD

“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. Dr. Mark E. Whitlock, Jr.
Reid Temple AMEC, Glenn Dale, MD

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

The Ministry through MusicThe Washington Conference Choir

The Scriptures:

Old Testament Rev. Karen Myers
Gaines AMEC, Elkridge, MD

Epistle Rev. Rowena White
Campfield AMEC, Pikesville, MD

New Testament Rev. Emmanuel Johnson
Ebenezer AMEC, Brunswick, MD

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The Summary of DecalogueRev. Dr. Willie Johnson
New Creation AMEC, Fort Washington, MD

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 MusicThe Washington Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions.....Rev. Andre Christian
First AMEC, Alexandria, VA

The Offertory

The Presentation of the Bishop Presiding Elder Jonathan L. Weaver
Potomac District, Washington Conference

The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection..... Washington Conference Choir

The Sermon..... Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Episcopal Supervisor, Second Episcopal District

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Dr. Michael E. Bell Sr.
Allen AMEC, Washington, DC

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

The Conference ResolutionResolutions Committee

The Commissioning Service

The Selection.....Rev. Roslyn Riley
St. James AMEC, Frederick, MD

"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 Prayer Rev. Danielle Hipkins
St. Luke AMEC, Ellicott City, MD

The Scripture 2 Timothy 4: 1-5..... Rev. Aaron Tinch
New Hope AMEC, Waldorf, MD

The Commissioning Hymn..... Rev. Caroline Jones
Galilee AMEC, Washington, DC

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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

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Rev. Dr. Melinda Contreras-Byrd

Episcopal Supervisor – 17th Episcopal District

Dr. Contreras-Byrd is a retired New Jersey state licensed psychologist with over 35 years of clinical practice. She specializes in meeting the psychological, and spiritual needs of all women, and both men and women of color. Dr. Contreras-Byrd's general areas of expertise involve issues of class, gender, ethnicity and faith; while her clinical areas of expertise are Major Depression and Anxiety Disorders.

A graduate of Rutgers University (NCAS), The Graduate School of Applied & Professional Psychology (Rutgers), and the Princeton Theological Seminary; her seminary thesis involved the development of a psycho-spiritual approach to treating Major Depression in Christian women.

She has worked as a school psychologist in urban and suburban districts; a clinical psychologist for juvenile offenders, homeless men, and adult substance abusers. Dr. Contreras-Byrd has directed programs for bilingual preschoolers and the intellectually gifted. She has been a professor of Psychology, Pastoral Counseling, Multicultural Counseling and Black Studies at Alliance Graduate School of Counseling & The Doctor of Ministry programs at Drew University and New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

For six years she served as the Special Services Advisor to the Office of the Dean of Students at Princeton University where she developed, implemented and/or supervised programming directed at meeting the social, cultural, academic and emotional needs of Asian, Black, Latinx and Native American undergraduate students. She also served as interim Director of the Third World Center at Princeton University (Now renamed the Carl Fields Center), as well as director of the Princeton University Minority Affairs Adviser Program. For six years she served as a consultant psychologist and clinical supervisor for LifeTies Inc. of Trenton and Ewing, N.J. working with teen populations with backgrounds of abuse & neglect, and those who were “medically fragile” or gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, trans-gendered or questioning.

Dr. Contreras-Byrd has appeared on local radio and television stations, and served as lecturer, preacher, work-shop facilitator or key note speaker for numerous corporations, diverse community, religious and educational organizations throughout the United States, Africa and Latin America. She served as Dean of the AME Ministerial Institute in the Dominican Republic District (which includes Cuba and Brazil); and was an elected member of the Board of The Association of Theological Schools. She has been a consistent presenter for The Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, The Hispanic Theological Initiative and a lecturer or the Hampton Ministers Conference. She has been blessed to among those receiving the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and to serve as an NGO delegate to the United Nations.

She is a writer and poet and has published many articles and four books. She is an ordained Elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the mother of two daughters, the Rev Kamaria Milagros Byrd McAllister and Alexa Esperanza Byrd, a vocalist and recording artist. She joined her husband, the then Rev. Vernon R Byrd Jr. in pastoral ministry for some 30 years; and upon his recent election of Bishop, she now serves as Episcopal Supervisor of the 17th Episcopal District of the AME Church in 6 countries in Central Africa.

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Rev. William H. Lamar IV

William H. Lamar IV is pastor of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, where he has served since 2014. As pastor of Metropolitan, Rev. Lamar has extended the church's historic legacy into the contemporary moment. Under his leadership, the congregation has grown, and its ministries have achieved significant impact.

A native of Macon, Georgia, Lamar earned the Bachelor of Science degree in public management with a minor in philosophy and religion and a certificate in human resource management (*magna cum laude*) from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in 1996. In 1999, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University. Lamar is currently a PhD candidate in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary.

The ministries of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church are rooted in worship, liberation, and service. Major philanthropic organizations have partnered with Metropolitan to amplify its consequential local, regional, national, and global impact. Metropolitan's Come to the Table Storytelling Initiative and Sankofa Parenting Program (<https://sankofaparenting.org/>) are generously funded by Lilly Endowment. Metropolitan also partners with the Smart Surfaces Coalition to combat the deleterious effects of climate apartheid and heat islands in Black, brown, and poor communities. Metropolitan has awarded \$700,000 to more than thirty churches and organizations in 6 cities across the nation to keep our communities safe and cool.

Before his tenure at Metropolitan, Lamar served African Methodist Episcopal congregations in Florida and Maryland; and from 2008 to 2011, he was the managing director of Leadership Education at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, where he convened and resourced executive pastors of large churches, denominational finance executives, young denominational leaders, Methodist bishops, and the constituency of Lilly Endowment's Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Program.

Lamar is actively involved in community organizing and currently serves as the founding board chair of the Just Power Alliance, a collective of organizations from the Midwest to the East Coast that focuses on building a multi-racial, multi-class, multi-generational, and multi-faith democracy in this nation that facilitates joy and justice for all. Rev. Lamar serves as chair of the strategy team for the Washington Interfaith Network, a broad-based, multi-racial, multi-faith citizens' power-building organization rooted in congregations and associations across Washington, DC. He also serves on the board of the Texas Methodist Foundation.

Lamar has published essays and chapters in outlets from peer-reviewed journals and books to articles and essays in the public sphere. His Washington Post op-ed from December 15, 2020, published after the Proud Boys desecrated Metropolitan by vandalizing church property, was a clarion call that culminated in a judgment of more than \$3.2 million in punitive damages against the white supremacist group for their criminality. Metropolitan was also awarded legal ownership of the Proud Boys trademark.

Lamar's efforts to embody justice in community have been featured in The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, US News and World Report, and the Afro-American and on WNYC's "The Takeaway," NPR's "1A," NPR's "All Things Considered," MSNBC's "The Reid Out," and PBS's "News Hour." Lamar has preached, lectured, and facilitated peer learning groups for denominations, judicatories, universities, seminaries, colleges, and local churches. He is the former cohost of the Can These Bones podcast, and his book, *Ancestors: The Names That Bless Us, Curse Us, and Hold Us*, was published by Broadleaf Books in March 2026.

Lamar was awarded Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award in the Promotion of Justice in 2025 and was honored as the Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. Spiritual Leader-in-Residence by Howard University in 2026.

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.

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Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox

Rev. Dr. Abdue L. Knox is a visionary pastor, executive leader, and community builder with a proven record of growing churches, strengthening organizations, and advancing social impact initiatives. He currently serves as pastor of St. Joseph AME Church in Durham, North Carolina, where he leads with the guiding theme: “Love God, Love the People, Do the Work.”

Over the course of his ministry, Dr. Knox has shepherded congregations of varying sizes, achieving measurable growth in membership, revenue, and community impact. At Greater Bethel AME Church in Charlotte, NC, he oversaw the expansion of a metropolitan congregation to more than 400 members (local and virtual), increased annual revenue from \$347K to \$1.1M, and strengthened ministries through innovation, stewardship, and community partnerships.

One of his most significant milestones was leading Greater Bethel in the liquidation of its mortgage, where he presented the bank with a \$350,000 check, freeing the church from long-term debt and positioning it for greater ministry expansion. In the midst of a global health crisis, he launched GB Cares, which provided financial relief to employees displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic and delivered vital supplies to seniors. Under his leadership, more than 5,000 vaccinations were administered, directly supporting public health and saving lives during the pandemic.

Earlier, at Bethel AME Church in Selma, NC, Dr. Knox not only grew the congregation but also successfully liquidated its mortgage ahead of schedule, demonstrating fiscal discipline and forward-looking leadership that set the foundation for continued ministry growth. While there, he also founded Bethel Cares, a ministry created to assist families impacted by government shutdowns and natural disasters in Eastern North Carolina.

Beyond the pulpit, Dr. Knox is a respected civic and denominational leader. He currently serves on the General Board of the AME Church, previously on the board of Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region, where he was chair of the tithe committee, and the Shaw University Alumni Association (Charlotte Chapter). His commitment to affordable housing and community development was honored in Charlotte by naming a street (Abdue Knox Way) in his honor.

Dr. Knox’s ministry is marked by a deep investment in health, wellness, and equity initiatives. He has spearheaded projects to address food insecurity, designed food pantry and healthy meal-prep resources (including multilingual recipe cards and booklets), and led congregational programs around mental health, active senior living, LGBTQ inclusion, HIV awareness, and chronic disease prevention. His leadership consistently bridges faith with tangible action, improving quality of life for individuals and families across North Carolina and beyond.

Dr. Knox holds a Doctor of Ministry (2019) from Payne Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity (2016) from Campbell University Divinity School, and a Bachelor of Science in Religion (2013) from Liberty University, with additional undergraduate study at Shaw University. His academic preparation is paired with extensive hands-on leadership in congregational, nonprofit, and civic settings, giving him both theological depth and practical wisdom.

A devoted husband and father, Dr. Knox has been married to Rashida for 23 years. Together, they are the proud parents of Kezia, Abdue II, and their fur baby Christmas. His personal life is grounded in faith, family, and service, reflecting his lifelong commitment to leaving a legacy of love, justice, and transformative leadership.

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Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Browning

Co-Pastor, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Fort Washington, MD

Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Browning is a pastor, preacher, teacher, author, mentor, wife, mother, grandmother, and trailblazer whose life's work has been devoted to serving God and God's people. For more than 40 years, she has faithfully served in team ministry with her husband, Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr. Together, they have led the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, Maryland congregation from 17 faithful members with a \$12,000 budget to a dynamic, transformative ministry that serves thousands of members, strengthens families, and impacts lives across the world.

Pastor Grainger and Pastor Jo Ann Browning have led the Ebenezer A.M.E. Church family in donating more than \$5 million in scholarships to high school graduates and returning college students. Additionally, the church distributed more than \$1 million dollars in grocery gift cards to those in need to assist throughout the COVID pandemic and beyond. Rev. Dr. Jo Ann accepted her call to preach in 1982 at Hemingway Memorial AME Church in Maryland under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. William R. Porter. She briefly served on the ministerial staff at St. Paul AME Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts where Rev. Dr. Leroy Attles was pastor, before joining her husband at Ebenezer in 1983. She became assistant minister in 1985, assistant pastor by 1986, and began acting as co-pastor in 1991. In 1998, Bishop Vinton R. Anderson made the historic and unprecedented appointment officially naming her as Co-Pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church. This groundbreaking appointment was continued by subsequent bishops until 2025, in accordance with the retirement requirement of the AME Church.

She continues to serve actively in ministry alongside her husband, Rev. Dr. Grainger. Her ministry extends far beyond the local church. Pastor Browning has preached, taught, and facilitated around the world, including across the United States, Haiti, Bermuda, Barbados, Germany, Liberia, and nations throughout southern Africa. She also traveled to Israel with an interreligious delegation for theological study. With a deep passion for women's spiritual formation, Pastor Browning has envisioned and led 41 annual Women's Seasons and 40 Women's Spiritual Retreats, drawing thousands of women from across the nation and abroad. These retreats have become sacred spaces of healing, empowerment, and transformation. She is the author of *Our Savior, Our Sisters, Ourselves and Faithful, Focused and Fearless*.

Her leadership and service have earned her numerous awards and recognitions, including the One Thousand Churches Connected Award from Rainbow PUSH, the Café Mocha Religion Award, the Governor's Award of Distinction from Massachusetts, and inclusion in *Who's Who in Cambridge*. She holds an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from AME University in Liberia, and she has preached Spelman College's Baccalaureate Ceremony, where she also served on the Sisters Chapel Wisdom Center Executive Board for a decade. She is an honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and has served on multiple boards, including Maryland Governor Wes Moore's Interfaith Council. Pastor Browning is a graduate of Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications, and she earned both her Master of Divinity (1986) and Doctor of Ministry (1991) from Howard University School of Divinity, where she received the Benjamin E. Mays and Pew Fellowships and the Rev. Vernon Johns Preaching Award. Her commitment to continual learning has included participation in the Princeton Center Graduate Theological Inquiry.

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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Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield

Associate Dean, Professor of Spiritual Formation and African Methodist Episcopal Church Polity, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

The Rev. W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph.D., is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. He earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Tennessee Technological University, the Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Ethical and Creative Leadership, with a specialization in Martin Luther King, Jr. Studies, from Union Institute & University. He has also completed post-graduate study at United Theological Seminary, Oral Roberts University, and Asbury Theological Seminary as a Beeson Pastor Scholar.

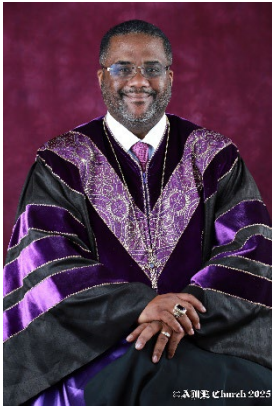
Dr. Sinkfield has served congregations across the African Methodist Episcopal Church, including pastoral appointments in Tennessee, Ohio, and South Carolina. His ministry leadership includes service as Pastor and Chief Executive Officer of Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Daniel Payne Christian Outreach Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee, overseeing community initiatives including early childhood education, food assistance, and substance abuse intervention programs. From 2012 to 2014, he served as Presiding Elder of the North Nashville District of the Tennessee Annual Conference. He has also served as Dean of Students at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina.

Dr. Sinkfield currently serves as Associate Dean for Community Life and Campus Operations and Professor of Spiritual Formation and African Methodist Episcopal Church Polity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He also serves as Pastor-on-Loan at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and as a church and clergy expert consultant with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Values Partnerships, supporting national initiatives at the intersection of faith, community health, and public engagement.

A published author and committed leader in community engagement and organizational development, Dr. Sinkfield has served on numerous boards and initiatives dedicated to community empowerment, including as a founding member and former finance and fundraising chair of Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH). His contributions to the church, academy, and community have been recognized through numerous honors, including being named Distinguished Alumnus of Vanderbilt Divinity School (2020) and Tennessee Technological University (2023).

Shaped by decades of pastoral, academic, and community leadership, Dr. Sinkfield's work continues to center the formation of leaders, the strengthening of communities, and the faithful engagement of church and society for the common good.

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Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District OF THE AME CHURCH

A fourth-generation minister, Bishop Julius McAllister, Jr. answered the call to ministry in 1992. He was licensed to preach and admitted to the Northeast Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District (South Carolina) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1993. In 1997, Bishop McAllister was ordained an elder in the Northeast Annual Conference. Prior to his appointment to the Bethel AME Church in 2008, he distinguished himself as an outstanding pastor in the Detroit and Chicago areas. He was a youth minister at Oak Grove AME Church in Detroit, Michigan. Subsequently, he served as the pastor of Payne Chapel AME Church in Chicago, Heights, Illinois, and the Greater Institutional AME Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Called to minister to the moral and spiritual lives of God's people by spreading the Good News of the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ, Bishop McAllister is recognized for his passionate and powerful preaching and teaching of God's Word. He interprets, instructs, and inspires with the hope that lives will be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Upon his call to Bethel, Reverend McAllister established the church theme, Called to Make a Difference, as believers are encouraged in Matthew 5:16 to let their light shine. He believes that Bethel's ministry experiences should reflect the abiding love of Jesus Christ, as well as love for one another; and that "our focus, as we turn the proverbial pages of time, must be to show the outside world that we are on the CARING END of ministry" Owing to his persistence, Bethel became one of the first black churches in the nation to address the COVID-19 vaccine distribution disparity in underserved communities by becoming a vaccination distribution site. A variety of ministries such as the Bethel Community Development Corporation that provides affordable housing for disadvantaged families; the A Life Recovery Center that offers accessible, efficient, and cost-effective treatment to low income individuals; the Tallahassee Homeless Shelter Food Project that provides hot lunches to the homeless, and other outreach programs, bring healing and help to those in need and assist in the formation of more loving and wholesome communities. As pastor of Greater Institutional AME Church in Chicago, Illinois, Reverend McAllister's devotion to community growth and development led to the creation of a Come Home For Christmas Ministry that served nearly 5,000 homeless, poor, and underprivileged adults and 2000 children and raised more than seven hundred thousand dollars to support needy families in Chicago during the Christmas season.

Throughout his ministry, Bishop McAllister has been prominently involved as a leader on all levels of the AME Church. Currently, he is the chairman of the Eleventh Episcopal District Board of Examiners, a member of the Board of Trustees of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida, and chairperson of the finance committee for the Florida Annual Conference. He is constantly called upon to preach and teach throughout the AME Connection.

Bishop McAllister received the baccalaureate degree in criminal justice from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina, the Master of Divinity degree from the Turner Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois

Bishop McAllister is the son of retired AME Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr and Mrs. Joan Marla McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor. He is married to Mrs. Deana Elizabeth Young McAllister, and they are the proud parents of three children: Julius Harrison III, Colin McKinley Young, and Dylan David Jeremiah.

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Bishop C. Anthony Muse

**Founder/Senior Pastor – Ark of Safety Christian Church,
Upper Marlboro, MD**

Maryland State Senator; District 26 – Prince George's County

A powerful, nationally-known and respected teacher and preacher of the gospel, Bishop C. Anthony Muse is founder and senior pastor of the Ark of Safety Christian Church, a vibrant, growing congregation with a rich 130-year history that began as Gibbons United Methodist Church in Brandywine, Md. In 1999, following his resignation from the United Methodist Church, Bishop Muse founded the Ark of Safety, currently located in Prince George's County, MD. Bishop Muse was ordained nearly five decades ago and is. Today, his messages are broadcast around the world on the internet.

Bishop Muse is the presiding prelate of Ark United Christian Community Churches International, a fellowship of nearly 280 churches in the Washington Metropolitan area, the U.S., and Africa, whose mission is to transform leaders into powerful agents of change in the church, local community, and the world. Bishop Muse is well-known and beloved as a pastor with a true servant's heart. He serves on the Board of Bishops of Kingdom Fellowship Covenant Ministries, led by Archbishop Ralph L. Dennis in Towson, Maryland, Bishop Muse's father-in-the-Lord.

However, Bishop Muse's ministry has always extended beyond the walls of the church. In addition to his extraordinary and seasoned leadership in ministry, he is highly regarded for his political leadership and service to the citizens of Prince George's County. He is currently a four-term member of the state senate representing Maryland's 26th legislative district. He serves on the Judicial Proceedings Committee; Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review; Joint Committee on Federal Relations; Executive Nominations Committee; and is vice-chair of the Rules Committee. He is a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland and the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. He is a former member of the House of Delegates, former chair of the Prince George's County delegation, and a former Maryland state ethics commissioner.

Bishop Muse holds a doctorate degree in church and community development from Howard University, a master's degree in divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary, and a bachelor's degree in history from Morgan State University. He is married to Pat Lawson Muse, a veteran local TV news journalist and Emmy-award-winning news anchor for NBC4-TV in Washington, D.C. Lady Muse is recently retired, and serves as an elder at the Ark of Safety.

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Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright

EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR, SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AME CHURCH

Sherita Moon Seawright was born in Clinton, South Carolina. Rev. Sherita is married to Bishop Harry L. Seawright. They have two adult children, Ms. Shari Nicole and Rev. Harry Matthew, and one grandson, Min. Cameron Isaiah. She is the second of four children born to the late Peter and Aurelia Moon.

Rev. Sherita attended public schools in Mountville, Cross Hill, and Clinton. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, summa cum laude, from Benedict College, Columbia, SC, a Master of Arts degree in political science from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and a Master of Divinity degree (with honors) from Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC. She completed a Chaplain Internship and Residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC.

Rev. Sherita grew up in Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Clinton, SC, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and church musician. In 1982, she became a member of Prodigal African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Swansea, SC. She supported her husband as he served as pastor of Payne Memorial AME Church, Jessup, Maryland, Hemingway Temple AME Church, Washington, DC, and Union Bethel AME Church, Brandywine & Temple Hills, Maryland. As an Itinerant Elder, at Union Bethel Rev. Sherita was the Assistant Pastor and Minister to Women. She also served as Executive Director for Bethel House, Inc., a Union Bethel non-profit agency. Rev. Sherita worked as a chaplain for Capital Caring Hospice in Prince George's County, Maryland.

In July 2016, at the 50th Quadrennial Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Rev. Dr. Harry L. Seawright became the 133rd elected and consecrated bishop in the AME Church. Upon Bishop Seawright's assignment to the Ninth Episcopal District (the State of Alabama), Rev. Sherita served as Episcopal Supervisor. From August 2024 until December 2025, she served as Episcopal Supervisor of the 13th "Episcopal District (Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Tennessee). As Episcopal Supervisor of the Second Episcopal District, Rev. Sherita is excited about this new adventure in a new Episcopal District that allows her to continue her passion for missions.

Rev. Sherita enjoys reading, writing, preaching, convening women's conferences, and facilitating workshops. She is the author of a poem, "A Prayer for the Women Who Wait" and a book, *When Momma Died- A Journey to Self*. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

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