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1600th SESSION

of the

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MAY 19-23, 2026

NORFOLK WATERSIDE MARRIOTT, VENUE
235 EAST MAIN STREET, NORFOLK, VA 23501

REVS. ANDRE' P. JEFFERSON, SR., VANESSA COPELAND,
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REV. CHESTER W. MORRIS, HOST PRESIDING ELDER
REV. BILLY R. HUNTER, CO-HOST PRESIDING ELDER

"FIRST FOR CHRIST, SECOND TO NONE."

Preachers & Speakers

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



WMS NIGHT IN WHITE

MAY 19 | 7PM
PRESIDING ELDER EVELYN DUNN,
RETIRED, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE



ANNUAL SERMON

MAY 20 | 10AM
PRESIDING ELDER CHESTER MORRIS
NORFOLK-EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE



LAY WITNESS NIGHT

MAY 20 | 7PM
BRO. W. GERMAIN FAVOR, PRESIDENT,
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE
LAY ORGANIZATION



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

MAY 21 | 12PM
REV. MARILYN MEDLEY, PASTOR,
HOLLY GROVE A.M.E.-
WINDSOR



ORDINATION SERVICE

MAY 21 | 7PM
BISHOP VERNON R. BYRD, JR.,
PRESIDING PRELATE,
SEVENTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
OF THE AMEC



DEAN'S INSTITUTE

MAY 22 | 8AM
BISHOP JOHN E. GUNS, SENIOR
PASTOR OF ST. PAUL
CHURCH OF JACKSONVILLE, INC.



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

MAY 22 | 12PM
REV. LUCIUS SMITH, SENIOR
PASTOR, MT. PLEASANT
BAPTIST CHURCH IN SWANSEA, SC



CLOSING & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

MAY 22 | 7PM
REV. DR. DERRILL BLUE, PASTOR
LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NC

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.

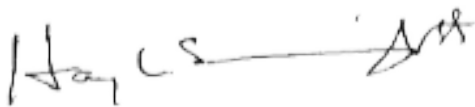
As the 2026 Annual Conferences begin, I honor the memories of Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and Supervisor Christy Davis Jackson, Esq. Their love for the Second Episcopal District showed up in everything they did. I continue to pray for Regina, Seth, Chris, Chico, and their family. Thank you for sharing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

NIGHT IN WHITE SERVICE

Tuesday, May 17, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Sister R. Daniela Flood-Walker
VA Conference WMS 2nd Vice President, Presiding

Bro. Christopher Wilson, Director
Virginia Conference Women's Missionary Choir

Opening Selection Virginia Conference WMS Choir

Prayer Sister Sadie Kellam
Esther L. Beckett Area

Choral Response Virginia Conference WMS Choir

Scripture Sister Geraline Cox
Clara L.K. Bailey Area

Welcome Sister Malissa Spaulding
Mary W. Sanders Area

Selection Virginia Conference WMS Choir

Litany for Missions Sister Angela Moss
Nora B. Taylor Area

A Call to Service and Witness (Please Stand)

Leader: We have been called to make a difference in the world.

People: So let us trust God and do as He commands us.

Leader: We have been called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give drink to those who thirst.

People: So let us step out into his vineyard and commit hands to the task that is before us.

Leader: We have been called to heal the wounded and bind the broken hearts.

People: So let us as Christians carry the Good News of the Gospel to the dispossessed, the disenfranchised, and the dispirited.

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Leader: We have been called to serve, for a servant is no greater than his master.

People: Father God, help us to be dedicated, consecrated, and committed to your word. Go with us and stand by us as we carry the message of your healing power to a lost world. We can do all things through you. This we ask in your precious name. Amen.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Capping and Pinning Ceremony

Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor

Ms. Selerya O. Moore, Episcopal President

Ms. Debra Y. White, VA Conference President

Mrs. Donna Hill, VA Conference Third Vice President

Chairperson	I, Donna Hill, Membership Chairperson of the Virginia Conference Branch W.M.S. am proud and happy to present for capping and pinning and confirmation of new members of the Women's Missionary Society.
Episcopal Supervisor	Listen and heed the words of Jesus in John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." As missionaries, then, you have been appointed: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To witness to the unsaved2. To love the unloved3. To visit the sick and shut in4. To carry the good news to the imprisoned and the outcast.5. To fight for justice and equity in our communities6. To feed the hungry and house the homeless7. To practice love and reconciliation in a broken world
Episcopal President	Be aware that each of you stands here as a sign of your solemn commitment to be agents of God's mission and purpose through your life and service in the Women's Missionary Society.
President	This capping ceremony symbolizes the crown that awaits you if you are willing to take up the cross by giving of yourselves in ways that exemplify the love of Jesus for the world.
Episcopal Supervisor	Are you willing to meet the hard challenges of missionaries in a chaotic world?
Response	God being my helper, I am ready and willing
Episcopal Supervisor	May God empower and strengthen us all for the journey and may the spirit of Christian mission abide in every heart.

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“THIS IS MY MISSION”

Blessed with His Goodness, Blessed with
His love
Blessed with His showers that come from
above
Blessed with His sunshine, Blessed with
His air,
I'll keep on going everywhere.
Remembering others when 'er we pray,
Looking to Jesus, He is the way.
Onward I travel, Him by my side,
I'll never falter, He is my guide.

God gives us courage, faith leads the way,
Onward we travel, happy and gay,
Thinking of others, willing to share
Taking God's message everywhere.

Chorus: This is my mission, this is my
prayer,
Helping the needy everywhere.
This is my mission, this is my prayer,
Helping the needy everywhere.

Offering Sister Katrina Flowers and the Area Treasurers

Presentation of Guest SpeakerSis. Carolyn Morris
Millie E. Baker Area

Musical Selection.....Virginia Conference Women's Missionary Choir

Guest Preacher Presiding Elder Evelyn Dunn (Retired)
North Carolina Conference

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Presiding Elder Dunn

Announcements..... Rev. Billy Hunter
*Presiding Elder Portsmouth Richmond Roanoke District
Coordinator, 2026 Virginia Annual Conference*

Remarks VA Conference WMS President Debra Y. White
Episcopal President Selerya O. Moore
Episcopal Supervisor Sherita Moon Seawright
Bishop Harry Seawright, Presiding Prelate

Missionary Benediction..... WMS Conference Choir/Audience

In the name of the Triune God, May the Spirit of Christian Missions,
Enter every heart, This we ask in Jesus' name. AMEN

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Billy R. Hunter, Presiding Elder,
Portsmouth Richmond Roanoke District
Worship Leader

The Introit.....The Virginia Conference Choir

The Processional The Virginia 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. Andre’ Jefferson, Sr.
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Hampton, VA

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 thy honor dwelleth.

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, sing praises.**

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The Hymn of Praise.....Rev. Christian Savage
Pastor, St. John's AMEC, Norfolk, VA

"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 InvocationRev. Reuben Boyd, Jr.
Pastor, Third Street Bethel AMEC, Richmond, VA

The Choral ResponseThe Virginia Conference Choir

The Hallelujah Chant

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!"

The Scriptures:

Old Testament: Habakkuk 2:2-3..... Rev. Tricia Muriel
Pastor, Centerville Chapel AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

EpistleEphesians 2:1-7..... Rev. Marilyn Medley
Pastor, Holly Grove AMEC, Windsor, VA

The Gospel: Luke 8:4-8..... Rev. Kevin Wilson
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Winchester, VA

The Preface to the Decalogue "From All That Dwell"

The Turner's Decalogue in Verse Rev. Catreena Staples
Pastor, Union Bethel AMEC, Smithfield, VA

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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 Virginia Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions.....Rev. Christian Savage
Pastor, St. John’s AMEC, Norfolk, VA

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

The Worship through MusicThe Virginia Conference Choir

The Presentation of the Episcopal Supervisor Sister Debra White
President, Virginia Conference WMS

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright
Supervisor, 2nd Episcopal District

The Presentation of the Bishop..... Presiding Elder Billy R. Hunter
Portsmouth Richmond Roanoke District, Virginia Conference

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

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The Sermonic SelectionThe Virginia Conference Choir

The Annual Sermon.....Rev. Chester Morris
Presiding Elder, Norfolk-Eastern Shore District, Virginia Conference

The Invitation to Christian DiscipleshipRev. Tony Boone
Pastor, St. Mark AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

The Worship through Giving..... Finance Committee

“All things come of Thee, O Lord”

The Announcements.....Rev. Vanessa Copeland
Pastor, Mt. Zion & Campbell's Chapel AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Communion Medley

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 (read together).....Rev. Myra Payne
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Danville, VA

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.

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The First Collect Rev. Richard Greene
Pastor, Macedonia AMEC, Accomac, VA

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect Rev. Charlotte Ritchie
Pastor, St. John AMEC, Roanoke, VA

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your holy spirit that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Prayer of Adoration Rev. Kimberly Neal
Pastor, Gordon Chapel AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we shall at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high." Amen.

The Prayer of Humiliation Rev. Elvin Price
Pastor, Beulah AMEC, Farmville, VA

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, Gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

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The Prayer of ConsecrationBishop Harry L. Seawright

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who for 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 my body which 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 remembrance of me. Amen."

The Elements Shared

The Lord's Prayer

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 BenedictionRev. Chester Morris

LAY NIGHT

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Sis. Malissa Spaulding, St. Mark AME Lay Organization
Worship Leader

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.*

Opening Hymn.....Choir and Congregation
"The Laymen's Hymn"

InvocationSis. Lolita Moses
Virginia Conference Lay Organization Chaplain

Worship Through Song.....Choir

ScriptureSis. Rita Turner
Virginia Conference Lay Organization Recording Secretary

Lay LitanySis. Yvonne Davis
Virginia Conference Lay Organization Third Vice President

- Leader: We serve a church which spans 39 countries, 5 continents, speaks countless languages, resides in places governed by democracy, aristocracy, and monarchy amid a plethora of cultures and yet believes in THE SAME GOD.
- People: .We are separated by miles, resources, agendas, political interests and a pandemic. We have been kept TOGETHER through the innovation of technology, the willingness to transform to different ways of thinking, worshiping and witnessing and by the Grace of THAT SAME GOD.
- Leader Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms is real life ministry. Reflective of a personal relationship with God, it is a complete renewal or shift of one's mindset, beliefs and entire way of being and behaving.
- People: O LORD, we seek Transformation by the renewing of our minds and hearts so that we may prove what is Your good, acceptable and perfect will.

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Leader: Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transcends goes beyond borders and boundaries. It is the charge and chance for us to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zone to communicate and create avenues that will span generations, open minds and activate people to engage in edifying work.

People: O LORD, our prayer is to execute a Transcendent mission that is unparalleled in commitment to any seen or yet to come

Leader: A Global Witness Ministry that Liberates, frees one to be liberal in praise, service and witness. In essence, it untethers us from dull traditions that bind our imagination, creativity and innovation, and conversely, loosens our proclivity for boundless greatness.

ALL: O LORD, we yearn for a Liberating gospel spread across the world so that all of humanity will come to know and exemplify Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates.

Worship Through Giving..... Finance Committee

The Offertory

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

Introduction of the Speaker..... Sis. Ruby Greer
Emanuel AME Church Lay Organization

Sermonic Selection.....Choir

Lay Message Bro. W. Germain Favor
Virginia Conference Lay Organization President

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Remarks & Presentation of the SED Lay President Bro. W. Germain Favor

Remarks & Presentation of Bishop.....Sis. Penny Oliver
Second Episcopal District Lay Organization President

Installation of Officers..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate, Second Episcopal District

The Lay BenedictionSis. Malissa Spaulding
St. Mark AME Church Lay Organization

*May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together,
not as man over man, but as Lay persons working with God. Amen*

WOMEN IN MINISTRY SERVICE

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Charlotte Ritchie, Worship Leader

Pastor, St. John AMEC, Roanoke, VA

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. Catreena Staples

Pastor, Union Bethel AMEC, Smithfield, VA

The Scripture..... Rev. Barbara Gill

Associate Minister, St. John AMEC, Roanoke, VA

The Presentations..... Rev. Yolanda Blow

Associate Minister, St. Luke AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

The Introduction of the Preacher..... Rev. Kimberly Neal

Pastor, Gordon Chapel AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

The Sermonic Selection..... Rev. Kesha Wilson

Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Portsmouth, VA

The Sermon..... Rev. Marilyn Medley

Pastor, Holly Grove AMEC, Windsor, VA

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship..... Rev. Robin Hopkins

Pastor, Meadowview AMEC, Martinsville, VA

The Offering..... Rev. Olivia Collins

Pastor, Ebenezer AMEC, Capeville, VA

The Offertory

The Announcements..... Rev. Winter Bass-Freeman

Associate Minister, Greater St. Andrews AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

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

Presiding Prelate, Second Episcopal District

The Benediction..... Rev. Marilyn Medley

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**THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION
AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Rev. Andrea Cornett-Scott, Worship Leader
Chair, Virginia Conference Board of Examiners
Pastor, Greater Allen AMEC, Staunton, VA

The ProcessionalThe 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. Regina Pennington
Pastor, Seed of Hope AME Mission Church, Richmond, VA

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. John Swann Jr.
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Newport News, VA

“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. Dr. Amy Hodge
Pastor, Mt. Zion AMEC, Roanoke, VA

The Choral Response..... “He is Lord”

The Ministry of Music The Virginia Conference Choir

The Presentation of the Candidates by the Chairperson For Ordination as Elders

Rev. Andrea Cornett-Scott, 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.

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Rev. Andrea Cornett-Scott, 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.

The Epistle – I Timothy 3: 8-13..... Rev. Matthew Shannon
Pastor, Campbell's Chapel AMEC, Carrollton, 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. Vanessa Copeland
Pastor, Mt. Zion & Campbell's Chapel AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

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.

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The Gospel – John 10: 1-16.....Rev. Sylvester Colvin
Pastor, Emanuel AMEC, Portsmouth, VA

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

“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 PreacherBishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection.....The Virginia Conference Choir

The Ordination SermonBishop Vernon R. Byrd, Jr.
Presiding Prelate, Seventeenth Episcopal District of the AME Church

The Invitation to Christian DiscipleshipRev. Reuben Boyd Jr.
Pastor, Third Street Bethel AMEC, Richmond, VA

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The Ministry of GenerosityRev. Christian Savage
Finance Committee

The Acknowledgment of Our Guests

The Offertory Response

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

The Call of the Elders

The Ordination of Elders

*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: 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 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

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be no place left among you, either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

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?

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Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop: Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be conducted and proved by Scriptures?

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

Bishop: Will you 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 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 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?

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

Bishop: Almighty God, who has given you this will to do all these things, grant also to 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 toward 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

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gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of your holy name; for these so great benefits of your eternal goodness, and for that you have vouchsafed to call these your servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render to you most hearty thanks; we praise and worship you, and we humbly 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. Olivia Collins
Pastor, Ebenezer AMEC, Capeville, VA

“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. Dr. Eugenia Bowser
Pastor, New St. James AMEC, Norfolk, VA

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 for 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 my body which 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 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..... Rev. Morris Reddon Jr.
Pastor, New St. John AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

“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. Andre' Jefferson Sr.
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Hampton, VA

The Benediction

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



REV. TIFFANY JEFFERSON

AGE: 40
NEW MT. OLIVE AMEC
CHESAPEAKE, VA



REV. KESHA WILSON

AGE: 51
ST. PAUL AMEC
PORTSMOUTH, VA

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Kimberly Neal, Worship Leader
Pastor, Gordon Chapel AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

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..... Rev. Timothy Johnson
Pastor, New Allen AMEC, Franktown, VA

“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

<i>[Verse 1]</i>	<i>[Verse 4]</i>
<i>Time is filled with swift transition, Naught of earth unmoved can stand, Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God’s unchanging hand.</i>	<i>When your journey is completed, If to God you have been true, Fair and bright the home in glory Your enraptured soul will view.</i>
<i>[Refrain]</i>	
<i>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.</i>	

The Prayer.....Rev. Matthew Shannon
Pastor, Campbell’s Chapel AMEC, Carrollton, VA

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. Marie Murphy
Pastor, Mt. Moriah AMEC, Elberon, VA

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 LitanyRev. Dr. Amy Hodge
Pastor, Mt. Zion AMEC, Roanoke, VA

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 Deceased..... Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Roll Call by the Conference Secretary..... Rev. Dr. Eugenia Bowser

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. Morris Reddon Jr.
Pastor, New St. John AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

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 PrayerRev. Kimberly Neal

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.



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. Dr. Franklin J. West Sr.

Retired Pastor

1933 – 2025



Sister Evelyn M. Scott

WMS Life Member

1932 – 2025



Sister Edith Mae Geraldine Wilson

WMS Life Member

1944 – 2025



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THE RETIREMENT SERVICE

Rev. Tony Boone, Worship Leader
Pastor, St. Mark AMEC, Virginia Beach, VA

Leader: We come here today to worship God and celebrate in the presence of God the ministry of The Reverends _____ who have been 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. Eugenia Bowser

Leader: Bishop, the Virginia 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 BenedictionRev. Sandra Greene
Pastor, First Trinity AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

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Retirees



Chester W. Morris

REV. CHESTER W. MORRIS

Presiding Elder
Norfolk Eastern Shore District
56 years of Ministry

REV. REUBEN J. BOYD JR.

Pastor, Third Street Bethel AMEC
Richmond, VA
Portsmouth Richmond Roanoke District
38 years of Ministry



Reuben J. Boyd Jr.

REV. ANTHONY SANDERS

Pastor, Greater Bethel AMEC
Chesapeake, VA
Norfolk Eastern Shore District
27 years of Ministry



Anthony Sanders

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, May 22, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Dr. Amy Hodge, Worship Leader
Pastor, Mt. Zion AMEC, Roanoke, VA

The Opening Hymn.....	The Virginia Conference Choir
The Invocation	Rev. Kenneth Ruff <i>Pastor, New Mt. Zion AMEC, Norfolk, VA</i>
The Scriptures:	
Old Testament	Rev. Elsie Wright <i>Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Blacksburg, VA</i>
New Testament.....	Rev. Bernard Holmes <i>Pastor, Rehoboth AMEC, Chesapeake, VA</i>
The Welcome and Recognition of Guests.....	Rev. Dr. Amy Hodge
The Ministry through Music.....	The Virginia Conference Choir
The Worship through Giving.....	Finance Committee
The Presentation of the Preacher	Bishop Harry L. Seawright
The Sermonic Selection.....	The Virginia Conference Choir
The Sermon.....	Rev. Lucius Smith <i>Senior Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Swansea, SC</i>
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Rev. Sylvester Colvin <i>Pastor, Emanuel AMEC, Portsmouth, VA</i>
The Announcements.....	Rev. Andre' Jefferson, Sr. <i>Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Hampton, VA</i>
The Benediction	Rev. Lucius Smith

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, May 22, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Chester Morris, Presiding Elder, Norfolk Eastern Shore District
Worship Leader

The Prelude.....The Virginia 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. Amen.*

The Call to WorshipRev. Chester Morris

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. Pamela Jones-Watford
Pastor, St. Luke AMEC, Daugherty, VA

“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 InvocationRev. Paul Evans
Pastor, Bethel Cave Spring AMEC, Roanoke, VA

The Choral Response“We Need to Hear From You”

The Ministry through Music.....The Virginia Conference Choir

The Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Rev. Dr. Cassandra Sparrow
Pastor, Lee's Chapel AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

Epistle.....Rev. Andre' Jefferson, Jr.
Pastor, New Mt. Olive AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

The Gospel.....Rev. Veronica Yates
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Harrisonburg, VA

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The Summary of Decalogue.....Rev. Derrell Wade
Pastor, Macedonia AMEC, Suffolk, VA

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 Virginia Conference Choir

The Offering for Missions.....Rev. Christian Savage
Pastor, St. John's AMEC, Norfolk, VA

The Offertory

The Presentation of the Episcopal Supervisor Sister Debra White
President, Virginia Conference WMS

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

The Presentation of the Bishop.....Presiding Elder Chester Morris
Norfolk Eastern Shore District, Virginia Conference

The Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Sermonic Selection.....The Virginia Conference Choir

The Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Derrill Blue
Pastor, Little Rock AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. John Swann, Jr.
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Newport News, VA

The Worship through Giving Finance Committee

The Conference Resolution Resolutions Committee

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The Commissioning Service

The SelectionRev. Vanessa Baldwin
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Wytheville, VA

"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. Dr. Herbert Gibbs
Pastor, St. Luke AMEC, Chesapeake, VA

The Scripture..... 2 Timothy 4: 1-5 Rev. Edgar Saunders
Pastor, Ebenezer AMEC, Roanoke, VA

The Commissioning Hymn Rev. Douglas Strand
Pastor, Gaskins Chapel AMEC, Melfa & Shorter's Chapel AMEC, Bridgetown, VA

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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

The Doxology

The Benediction Bishop Harry L. Seawright

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Rev. Evelyn Gail Dunn, Retired

Presiding Elder Southern District, North Carolina Conference

The Reverend Evelyn G. Dunn is the youngest of twelve children born to the late Allen Spencer Bland and Arrendy Pace Bland. She is married to Larry O. Dunn, and they are blessed with four children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

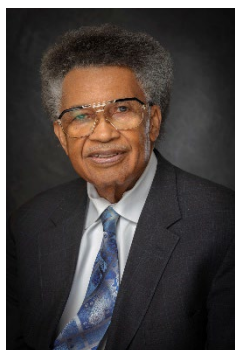
She answered the call into the Ministry in 1976 and preached her initial sermon in 1977. She received Elder's Ordination in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1982.

Presiding Elder Dunn was appointed as the first female Presiding Elder of the Second Episcopal District to the Southern District of the North Carolina Conference by Bishop Vinton Anderson in the year 2000. The Southern District comprised 42 Churches in the year 2000. She also served on the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church from the year 2008 to 2012. She also served on the Episcopal Committee.

Rev. Evelyn G. Dunn recently retired at the North Carolina Conference Annual Conference on May 1, 2026.

Rev. Dunn has been described as a woman who is faithful in her work, loves the Lord with all her heart, is anointed and Holy Ghost-filled, walks victoriously in her calling, is obedient to the Master's will, and has received the gift of righteousness by faith.

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REV. CHESTER W. MORRIS

Known as the “Honey Child” Preacher - and Presiding Elder of the Norfolk/Eastern Shore District, VA Conference, and the Second Episcopal District when preaching, teaching, holding Quarterly Conferences, or encouraging people

Reflecting on his youthful days as a DJ helps explain his use of the phrases “How Sweet It Is” and “Peace, Love, and Happiness”.

Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Onancock, VA for 4 years, beginning at the age of 20 years

old.

- Pastor of New Allen Memorial A. M. E. Church in Franktown, VA for 31 years.
 - Fellowshipped with other churches, which often required chartered buses for travel
 - Often fellowshipping with Union Bethel AMEC in Brandywine, MD, when Bishop Seawright was the Pastor, and Bishop would do the same (come to New Allen)
 - Church Expansion – known for spiritual and financial growth, sponsoring well-known gospel singing groups - the church grew in membership as well as weekly attendance
 - Became known as one of the best churches for serving delicious, fresh foods with many varieties
- Appointed the Presiding Elder of the Norfolk/Eastern Shore District in 2007 following the retirement of the late Presiding Elder Emeritus I. W. Knight
- Appointed President of the Presiding Elder’s Council in 2023
- Recognized twice as the Presiding Elder of the Year
- Served as Treasurer of the VA Annual Conference for 20 years
- Served as Dean of the VA Conference and Board of Examiners for 20 years
- Served on the Episcopal Committee for three terms and had the privilege of serving as Chaplain on the Committee – was known as “the praying man.”
- Honored by the Business Community for Excellent Ministry and Service
- Retired High School and Middle School Teacher of History and Government
- Former Extension Instructor for the VA Union Theological Seminary
- Served for 25 summers as Minister with the Migrant Labor Camp in the state of Virginia
- Served on the Board of Directors for the YMCA
- Member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Member of the NAACP
- Member of the Prince Hall Masons and many other organizations
- Served as Head of Housing Corporation
- Currently serves on the General Board of the AME Church and was appointed to the Executive Committee and the Budget and Statistics Committee
- Has written articles entitled “How to Buy New and Used Automobiles” and “How to Communicate with Animals.”
- Enjoys “old cars” as a hobby - owns two 1979 black and gray Chevrolet Caprice Classics with power accessories, an 8-track player, AM/FM radio, a CB, and power antennae
- Riding in old-fashioned classics
- Listening to the old DJ songs from back in the day
- Married to Deborah Bibbins Morris – Retired educator after 30 years of teaching grades 2 & 4
- Has one adult daughter, Teresa Cheroyal Morris – serves as my Administrative Assistant
- Known for song of inspiration “Shine on Me” before speaking or preaching
- Daily lives by the words of the Scripture, “We walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- Is the only presiding elder or preacher in the 2nd Episcopal District who has an “Afro”.
- Will retire at the 2026 Virginia Annual Conference after 56 years of Active Ministry, but not from the words “HOW SWEET IT IS” and “PEACE! LOVE! and HAPPINESS!

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Bro. Winston Germain Favor

Winston Germain Favor is the son of Cassandra G. Favor and the late Winston Favor. He is a native of Newport News, where he graduated from Newport News Public Schools, Christopher Newport University with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and the Schar School at George Mason University with a Master's in International Security. He has also completed post-undergraduate classes in Political Science at Old Dominion University and Minority Political Leadership Institute through the Grace E.

Harris Leadership Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Germain is a practicing Christian as a member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Newport News, VA, where Rev. John I. Swann, Jr is his pastor. Germain has been active on the local, conference, and Episcopal District level of the Lay Organization. At St. Paul, he served as a Lay Organization Secretary and local Lay President. On the Episcopal District level, Germain served as Assistant Recording Secretary and as Director of Lay Activities for the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization. Currently, Germain is serving on the conference level as the Virginia Conference Lay Organization President.

Professionally, Germain has worked on various jobs throughout his adult life. Germain has been a teacher, a legislative intern with former Governor Ralph S. Northam, and a Legislative Assistant to Delegate Mamy E. BaCote of the 95th District, Virginia House of Delegates, and a political campaigner from Virginia Beach to Abingdon, Virginia. He is currently a curatorial assistant at The Mariners Museum and Park in Newport News, VA.

In addition to his work experience, Germain was a member of the Newport News Democratic City Committee, where he served as Secretary and Chair of the 95th VA House District. He is a published author who has written about the US-Africa. Reengagement, MONUSCO's use of the Force Intervention Brigade in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and various history blogs for The Mariners Museum and Park.

In addition to his professional commitments, Germain enjoys playing softball and watching European football (Come on, you Gunners and Blues), baseball, tennis, and American football. He also enjoys reading, completing large jigsaw puzzles, traveling, and is the resident historian for his family.

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Rev. Marilyn Medley

Pastor, Holly Grove AME-Windsor, VA

The Reverend Marilyn Medley serves with grace and devotion as the Pastor of Holly Grove AME Church in Windsor, Virginia. She is deeply committed to cultivating sustainable growth in ministry, while embodying her guiding principle: “Love the people, and they will love you.” Rev. Medley remains steadfast in her belief in the divine work that has been planted within her, striving to inspire and uplift others in their own spiritual journeys.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Rev. Medley graduated from Booker T. Washington High School before embarking on her academic path at Tidewater Community College, where she earned an Associate of Science in Education. She continued her studies at Old Dominion University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education, and subsequently completed a Master of Science in Education at Capella University.

With an esteemed career spanning 41 years in higher education, Rev. Medley currently serves as the College-Wide Admissions and Enrollment Coordinator at Tidewater Community College, a position through which she continues to empower students and foster academic excellence.

In 2013, Rev. Medley responded to the undeniable call to ministry, stepping forward to embrace her divine purpose. She pursued theological education at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, where she earned a Master of Divinity in May 2016. Rev. Marilyn Medley also serves as the Coordinator for Virginia Women in Ministry. Her commitment to ministry and personal growth reflects a deep and enduring faith in God’s guidance.

A compassionate and devoted servant, Rev Medley holds fast to the words of Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” These words not only guide her personal walk of faith but also serve as a source of encouragement to all whom she encounters.

Rev. Medley is the beloved daughter of Mary Alice Hawley and the late Leonard Hawley. She is the widow of Clyde G. Medley, Jr., and the proud mother of Clyde Lee Medley and Courtney Nicole Spence.

The light of her life shines brightly through her three granddaughters: Tiana Nicole, Kaedence Marie, and Aubrie Nicole. A favorite expression of hers is, “To God Be the Glory, for the great things He has done.”

As a leader, spiritual mentor, and servant of God, Rev. Medley’s life and ministry are a testament to the transformative power of faith, dedication, and divine love. We are privileged to witness her continued impact at Holly Grove AME Church.

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Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, Jr.

Presiding Prelate, Seventeenth Episcopal District of the AME Church

Bishop Vernon R. Byrd Jr. is the son of the late Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, Sr., and retired Episcopal Supervisor Theora Byrd.

As a child of the parsonage, Bishop Byrd was active in the Sunday School, the YPD, and the music ministry. He is a composer, singer, and musician. He has been a choir director for several choirs, including the Young Adult Choir of Hemingway Memorial AME in Maryland.

He received his BA degree in Economics and Sociology from Harvard University. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. And he received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Bishop Byrd served as the Pastor of St. Matthew AME Church in Philadelphia and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the St. Matthew Manor, which provides affordable housing for seniors. He was previously the pastor of Grant Chapel AME in Trenton, NJ, and St. Paul AME in South Bound Brook, NJ.

As an attorney, Bishop Byrd served as an Assistant General Counsel and Vice President for Johnson & Johnson. He also previously served as a Senior Counsel for The New York Times. He has been a member of the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York Bar Associations.

At the General Conference in July of 2012, the AME Church elected Rev. Byrd to serve as a member of the Judicial Council. He formerly served as Secretary for Council.

On September 11 of 2014, Bishop Byrd reached another summit when he successfully climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa. In May of 2017, Rev. Byrd also successfully climbed the mountain of Machu Picchu in Peru.

Bishop Byrd is married to the Rev. Dr. Melinda Contreras-Byrd, and they are blessed to have two daughters, Rev Kamaria Byrd McAllister and Alexa Byrd, son in love Rev Bryan McAllister, and granddaughter Mireya.

Last but not least, Bishop Byrd is simply a child of God who strives to live so that the world might see the love of Jesus in his life and give God the glory.



Bishop John E. Guns

Senior Pastor of St. Paul Church of Jacksonville, Inc.

Bishop John E. Guns is the Senior Pastor of St. Paul Church of Jacksonville, Inc., where he has transformed what was once a rigid, placid, traditional Southern Baptist church into an oasis of faith, fellowship, and fun. Through innovative leadership and an approachable spirit, Dr. Guns has modeled the true essence of koinonia, cultivating a vibrant and welcoming community of worshippers. His deep love for worship is evident whenever the St. Paul family gathers.

Bishop Guns received his formal education in the public and private school systems of Hampton Roads, Virginia. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Norfolk State University and later obtained both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

A visionary leader, Bishop Guns wears several proverbial hats. He is the Founder of Operation Save Our Sons, a national movement designed to work with at-risk boys and equip them to make positive decisions regarding the law and authority. For well over twenty years, he has nurtured and advised senior pastors across the country and was established as the Presiding Prelate of Kingdom Fellowship International, a growing fellowship of bishops, pastors, and church leaders.

Bishop Guns also serves as the Senior Vice President of the Global United Fellowship, under the leadership of Bishop Joel R. Peebles, Presiding Prelate. In addition, Dr. Guns proudly serves as Dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. He is actively involved in several boards and community-based organizations and has been a dedicated member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, since 1982.

Of all his accomplishments, Bishop Guns considers his greatest blessing to be his family. He is the proud husband and life partner of Co-Pastor Sonjanique L. Guns, M.Div. Together, they are the loving parents of three amazing daughters: Alexis (Claude) Cheatham, Daijah S. Guns, and Tayler J. Guns. He is also a devoted grandfather to his grandsons, Zion John-Eric and Claude Douglas III, and his granddaughter, C'Zariah Alexis Michelle.

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Rev. Lucius Smith

Senior Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Swansea, SC

Lucius R. Smith is married to Sandra Pinckney Smith. He is the proud father of five children: Minister Roderick, Minister Zachary, Evangelist Cindy (Minister Eric), Minister Dr. Lucina (Kenneth), and Marlon (Bianca). He is also blessed with twenty-eight grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Pastor Smith is a graduate of Monroe Pinckney High School. After graduating, he served two years in the United States Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He later attended the Benedict College Extension Program under the leadership of Dr. Maxie Gordon.

Professionally, Pastor Smith is a retired bus driver from Greyhound Bus Lines. He is also an avid entrepreneur, a certified driver instructor, and a safety officer. He is the owner of Marlon's Fish & Things Restaurant and LR "U Drive" Driver Training School, both located in his hometown of Swansea, South Carolina.

Pastor Smith is an anointed pastor, mentor, and teacher who was called by God into ministry in 1981. On June 10, 1982, he was ordained by the Mt. Hebron Progressive Baptist Association. From 1982 through March 1987, he served as Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina. In April 1987, he was called to return to serve his home church.

On January 29, 2012, Pastor Smith was elected and installed as Moderator of the Mt. Hebron Progressive Baptist Association, where he faithfully served for four years.

During his 38 years as Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, many significant achievements have been accomplished within the church and the surrounding community. Through his vision and the faithful labor of God's people, the church was blessed with the construction of a new sanctuary. The sanctuary, which seats 500 people and includes Sunday School classrooms, a Trustee Room, a Communion Room, and an Usher's Room, was dedicated on May 28, 2006. Under Pastor Smith's leadership, and with the support of church members and community friends, the church mortgage was officially burned on June 11, 2022.

Pastor Smith has also made a tremendous impact in the community. His initiatives include the Community Tent Revival, the Chosen Generation Summer Camp and After-School Program, the USDA Food, Fuel, and Gas Program, and the Family Festival and Parade, among many other outreach efforts.

On January 16, 2016, Pastor Smith was honored with the MLK Community Service Award for Outstanding Community Leadership by the Midlands Coalition of Churches.

Pastor Smith was also given a vision from God to develop a multi-purpose and recreational facility for the Swansea community. In 2026, plans began to bring this vision to fruition.

Above all, Pastor Smith lives by his personal motto: "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."

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Rev. Dr. Derrill Blue

Pastor, Little Rock AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC

Rev. Dr. Derrill Antonio Blue, a native of Broadway, North Carolina, is the son of Jerry and Gail Quick. A graduate of Lee Senior High School (Class of 2001), Dr. Blue earned his undergraduate degrees in Business Management from North Carolina A&T State University and Organizational Leadership from the University of Memphis. He went on to receive his Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology in

Oklahoma City and, in 2024, earned his Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership from Boston University.

Dr. Blue preached his initial sermon on June 9, 2002, and began his pastoral career at the age of 23. Over the years, he has faithfully served multiple A.M.E. Zion congregations across North Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Connecticut, and New York. In December 2017, he was appointed pastor of Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Rochester, NY, and in July 2018, became the Presiding Elder of the Rochester-Syracuse District. In September 2024, he received the appointment to Little Rock AME Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Since coming to the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Derrill A. Blue has become the Chairperson of the Little Rock Community Development Corporation Board, the Chairman of the Conference Board of Christian Education, a member of the Walls -Battle Conference and Retreat Center Board, and a Conference Studies Instructor.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Dr. Blue brings a wealth of experience from the banking sector and higher education, specializing in assessment and accreditation. He serves as a Cultural Ambassador to the Yale Clinical Research Program and is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary. He is presently leading a project to establish a STEM Male Charter School in Charlotte.

Rev. Dr. Derrill is happily married to Rev. Dr. Paula Blue, who exemplifies what it means to serve with purpose, passion, and a deep love for the church. Their leadership is anointed; their vision is inspiring, and their impact is transformative. They are the proud parents of two children, Makis Antonio Blue and Norie Danielle Blue.

PORTSMOUTH RICHMOND ROANOKE DISTRICT

Rev. Billy R. Hunter, Presiding Elder
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CHURCH	PASTOR	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Bethel - Cave Spring	Rev. Paul Evans	Loretta Freeman	
Bethel - Hampton	Rev. Andre Jefferson, Sr.	Dwight Elliott	Shirley Carter
Bethel - Harrisonburg	Rev. Veronica Yates	Valerie Sampson	Celeste Thomas
Bethel - Rocky Mount		Ethel Mattox	
Bethel - Wytheville	Rev. Vanessa Baldwin	Patricia Austin	
Beulah - Farmville	Rev. Elvin Price	James Ghee	
Brown's - Smithfield		Sterling Thomas	
Campbell's Chapel - Carrollton	Rev. Matthew Shannon	Kathleen Godwin	Ramone Pierce
Ebenezer - Roanoke	Rev. Edgar Saunders	Roy Welcher	Carolyn Welcher
Emanuel - Portsmouth	Rev. Sylvester Colvin	Pamela Blackwell	Ruby Greer
First Trinity - Chesapeake	Rev. Sandra Greene	Jerome Hope	
Greater Allen - Staunton	Rev. Andrea Cornett-Scott	Paris Evans	Elizabeth Williams
Greater Ebenezer - Richmond	Rev. Alfred Vann	Michele Parker	
Macedonia - Suffolk	Rev. Derrell Wade	Edwin Williams	
Meadowview - Martinsville	Rev. Robin Hopkins	Hortensia Washington	
Mt. Pisgah - Alton		Jacqueline Britton	
Mt. Zion - Martinsville	Rev. Jerome Bridges	Linda Moseley	
Mt. Zion - Roanoke	Rev. Amy Hodge	Marilyn Hairston	
New Hope - Chatham		Ida Henry	Barbara Hubbard
New St. James - Norfolk	Rev. Dr. Eugenia Bowser	Matilda Watson	
Rehoboth - Chesapeake	Rev. Bernard Holmes	John Sommerville	Rose Brabble
Seed of Hope	Rev. Regina Pennington	Cynthia Blowe	Rev. Deana Herbert
St. John - Roanoke	Rev. Charlotte Ritchie	Sharon Thomas	Frank Poindexter
St. Michael - South Boston		Barbara Ford	
St. Paul - Blacksburg	Rev. Elsie Wright	Connie Snell	
St. Paul - Danville	Rev. Myra Payne	Annie Dickerson	Renee Tucker
St. Paul - Newport News	Rev. John Swann, Jr.	Romona Harps	Brenda Williams
St. Paul - Portsmouth	Rev. Kesha Wilson	Debra White	
St. Paul - Winchester	Rev. Kelvin Wilson	Karen Wilds	Dorothy Crowe
Third Street Bethel - Richmond	Rev. Reuben Boyd, Jr.	Rita Willis	Gwen Davis
Union Bethel - Smithfield	Rev. Catreena Staples	Carrie Edwards	

NORFOLK EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT

Rev. Chester Morris, Presiding Elder
Pastors, Delegates, and Alternates

CHURCH	PASTOR	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Belle Haven Circuit, Belle Haven	Rev. Stephanie Castro Webber	Joan E. Wilson	Shirley Sturgis
Belle Haven Circuit – St. Paul AME Church			
Bethel, Eastville	Rev. Michael L. Gray	Wynola Wyatt	Jacqueline Allen
Bethel, Onancock	Rev. Valeria R. Knight	Clinton Strand	-
Campbell's Chapel, VA Beach	Rev. Vanessa A. Copeland	Jessica Copeland	-
Centerville Chapel, Chesapeake	Rev. Tricia Inez Thomas Muriel	Joanne Roberts	Standley Lewis
Ebenezer, Cape Charles	Rev. Olivia Collins	Lenora Ware	Joann Finney
Gaskins Chapel, Melfa	Rev. Douglas Strand	Brenda White	Joann West
Gordon Chapel, Chesapeake	Rev. Kimberly Neal	Melvin Williams	Sonya Artis
Greater Bethel, Chesapeake	Rev. Anthony R. Sanders	Alan Williams	Dr. Angela Holley
Greater St. Andrews, VA Beach	Rev. Timothy F. Smith, Sr.	Ophelia Mosley	Shameia Rogers
Holly Grove, Windsor	Rev. Marilyn Medley	Lisa Hardy	-
Lee's Chapel, Chesapeake	Rev. Dr. Cassandra A. Sparrow	Bettye Moore	Doris Gordon
Macedonia, Accomac	Rev. Richard L. Greene	Sheila Turner	-
Macedonia, Carrollton	Rev. Timothy D. Dorsey	Marcia Whitley	James White
Mt. Moriah, Elberon	Rev. Marie S. Murphy	Beatrice Liggins	J. Marie Newby
Mt. Zion, VA Beach	Rev. Vanessa A. Copeland	Timothy Ferguson	-
New Allen Memorial, Franktown	Rev. Timothy W. Johnson	Evelyn Diane Johnson	Shanae Collins
New Mt. Olive, Chesapeake	Rev. Andre' P. Jefferson Jr.	Calvin Hankins, Sr.	Lloyd Copeland
New Mt. Zion, Norfolk	Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Ruff	Daphne Perminter-Russell	Lorraine Thompson
New St. John, VA Beach	Rev. Morris Reddon, Jr.	Travon Ricks	Dina Reid
New Union Chapel, Norfolk	Rev. Ronald J. Knight	Yvonne Batts	Carolyn Garry
Shorter's Chapel, Bridgetown	Rev. Douglas Strand	Betty Sims-Bell	Charlotte Bell
St. John's, Norfolk	Rev. Christian J. Savage	Peggy Armstrong	George Nelson
St. Luke, Accomac	Rev. Pamela Jones-Watford	Exh. Millie Bagewell	Eula Mizelle
St. Luke, Chesapeake	Rev. Dr. Herbert Gibbs	Tracey Hinton	Akili Amari Corprew
St. Mark, VA Beach	Rev. Tony D. Boone	Malissa Spaulding	Johnetta Baugham
St. Stephens, Cape Charles	Rev. Olivia Collins	Pamela Brown Upshur	Denise Wortham

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