

**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
CENTRAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

117TH SESSION

Intentional about Ministry-Generation to Generation



**“A Social Justice and Liberating Faith”
“Prayer, Praise, Proclamation and Prophetic Engagement”
“Exalting Christ, Expanding His Church, Empowering His People”**

September 27 – September 30, 2016

The Rt. Reverend Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., Presiding Bishop
Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson, Episcopal Supervisor
The Reverend Hartford Lee, Presiding Elder, Daytona Beach District
The Reverend Henry Postell II, Presiding Elder, North Orlando District
The Reverend Valarie J. Walker, Presiding Elder, Orlando District
The Reverend Nathan Mugala, Host Pastor
Allen Chapel AME Church, Daytona Beach, Host Church

Conference Minutes

*The Rev. Caroline D. Shine, M. Div., Chief Conference Secretary
The Rev. Dr. Missiouri McPhee, Conference Secretary*

Central Annual Conference
Conference Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2016

The Church at Work – Morning Session
9:01 AM

Devotion began at 8:44 a.m. The devotion was led by Sisters Stephanie Francis (Greater Mt. Olive, Merritt Island), Tina Davis (First AME, Orlando), Shalonda Doughty (St. Mark, Orlando), Brothers Terry Walker (St. Mark, Orlando), and Bryan Loyd (Greater Allen, Melbourne) with uplifting songs, prayer and the Scripture reading. Brother Terry Walker presented Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. at 9:01 a.m.

Bishop Richardson, the 115th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church announced that the 117th Session of the Central Annual Conference is in session and introduced Supervisor Connie Richardson.

Rev. Caroline D. Shine, Conference Secretary for the 116th Session of the Central Conference called the 117th Session Central Conference Roll of Clergy, Lay Delegates, and Officers. All Lay Delegates announced themselves at the assembling of Bishop Richardson who welcomed and affirmed the delegates as constituent members of the conference. They were also affirmed by the Presiding Elders Hartford Lee, Daytona Beach District; Henry Postell, North Orlando District; and Valarie J. Walker, Orlando District, respectively (9:01 am - 10:30 am).

BISHOP'S MOMENT: Bishop Richardson discussed the importance of ceremony of confirmations.

The Transfers were as follows:

Transfers in: Rev. Ronald E. Williams, West Coast Conf. (Itinerant Elder)
Rev. Milford Talbot, South Florida (Itinerant Elder)
Rev. Shawn Brock (Itinerant Elder-Sent to MEC)

Transfer Out: Rev. Kirk Bogen, West Coast Conf. (Itinerant Elder)
Rev. Shanetta Ligon, West Coast Conf. (Itinerant Elder)
Rev. Santarvis Brown, South Conference (Itinerant Deacon)

Request received to Transferred out of Conference: None

Request to withdraw from the Conference: Rebecca A. Thompson

Referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee:

The Rev. LeVerk Youmans – Request to Superannuate
The Rev. Thomas Moses Connelly – Request to Superannuate
The Rev. Willie Denmark - Request to Superannuate
The Rev. Larnce Sylvester Williams, Sr. - Request to Superannuate
The Rev. Ursula Latwan Norris - Deposition of Request
Sister Rebecca Arlena Thompson - Request to Withdraw

Referred to the Judicial Committee: The Rev. Claude Harrison

Referred to the Committee on Necrology and Memorials:

The Rev. Cato Leamon Mott
The Rev. Carl Brinkley
The Rev. Henry Woodie
The Rev. Wilbur Roy Johnson
Bro. Albertis Timmons, Jr.
Presiding Elder Thelma Shaw Young

Ministers with Unexcused Absence:

The Rev. Charles Everett (Itinerant Elder)
The Rev. Henry Smith (Itinerant Elder)
(Per PE V.J. Walker, the Rev. Smith has relocated to the another Episcopal District Bishop indicated that the Rev. Smith need to ask for a transfer to his new Episcopal District)
The Rev. Evers Robinson (Itinerant Elder)
The Rev. Byron Renard Lesane (Itinerant Deacon)
The Rev. Viola Fisher (Local Elder)
The Rev. Willie D. Young (Itinerant Elder – Superannuate)

Bishop's Moments: There is a difference between retiring and superannuating. Every preacher should belong to an Annual Conference and should report to a Quarterly Conference. Superannuates should be given pastoral care.

The Planning Meeting will be held in November and we will be making plans for the General Conference in 2020, which the Eleventh Episcopal District, particularly the Central Annual Conference, will be hosting. Bishop will be saying farewell after the General, and by God's grace, he will then be the Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Presiding Elders led, by Presiding Elder Hartford Lee, read the Conference Organization Recommendations (10:38 am – 10:52 am):

Conference Staff

Special Executive Assistant – Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson
Special Financial Officer - The Rev. Marvin C. Zanders, II

Episcopal District Accountant – The Rev. Mark Griffin
Chief Conference Secretary – The Rev. Caroline D. Shine
Assistant Secretary – The Rev. Dr. Missouri McPhee
Conference Treasurer – The Rev. Nathan M. Mugala
Statistician – The Rev. Odell Watson
Assistant Statistician – The Rev. Betty Watson

Action by the Conference: *Rev. Dr. Glen Dames, Jr. moved to elect and accept the recommendation, seconded by Rev. John Williams – **Motion carried***

Established Bounds of the Conference: The first 17 pews across the church; carried by consensus.

Recommendation:

Marshals

Chief Marshal – Sis. Evone Jackson

The Rev. Susan Wiggins	The Rev. Regina Womack
The Rev. Dr. David Bradley	The Rev. Curtis Lewis
The Rev. Van Green	The Rev. Robert Simmons, Sr.
The Rev. Shirley Myrick	Bro. Joseph Harvey
Bro. Robert Batts	

Action by the Conference: *Rev. Terrence Gray moved to elect and accept the recommendation, seconded by Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames– **Motion carried***

Stewardship Committee

Presiding Elders, ex-officio

The Revs. Hartford Lee, Henry L. Postell, II, Valarie J. Walker

The Rev. Terence R. Gray	The Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher
The Rev. Nathan Mugala	The Rev. John D. Williams
The Rev. Ronald Williams	The Rev. Octavius Smith
The Rev. Gerard Moss	The Rev. Glenn B. Dames
The Rev. Willie Coleman Smith	The Rev. T. Patricia Nelson
Bro. Mark Glover	The Rev. Lorenzo Laws
Bro. Valene Croskey, Jr.	The Rev. Richard E. King
Sis. Ella J. Gilmore	

Action by the Conference: Rev. Lorenzo Laws moved to elect the persons listed above as members of the Stewardship Committee, seconded by the Rev. Ronald Williams – **Motion carried**

Recommendation:

Time Keepers – The Revs. David Ferguson (Chief Timekeeper), Gene Brown, and Ruth Diehl

(2 min for Pastors' Report)

Action by the Conference: Rev. Dr. Glenn D. Dames moved to elect the persons listed above as Time Keepers, seconded by the Rev. Travis Kendricks – **Motion carried.**

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Chair

Presiding Elders, Rev. Hartford Lee, Rev. Henry L. Postell, II, Rev. Valarie Walker

Ministerial:

1. The Rev. Terence R. Gray, Vice Chair
2. The Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher
3. The Rev. Nathan Mugala
4. The Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr.
5. The Rev. Ronald Williams
6. The Rev. John D. Williams
7. The Rev. Bettye Watson
8. The Rev. Odell Watson
9. The Rev. Gerard Moss
10. The Rev. Lorenzo Laws
11. The Rev. Patrick Sasnett
12. The Rev. Caroline Shine, Conf. Secretary
13. The Rev. Octavius Smith

Laypersons:

1. Bro. Tyrone Presley, 2nd Vice Chairman
2. Sis. Ella Wilson
3. Sis. Marie Dixon-Jones
4. Sis. Lothar Cherry
5. Sis. Ella Gilmore, Lay President
6. Bro. Charles W. Jackson, Sr.
7. Sis. Joan Johnson
8. Atty. Harriet Brown Birk
9. Sis. Elouise Walker
10. Bro. Bryan K. Broomfield
11. Sis. Chloe B. Wormack
12. Sis. Betty Ivey

Health Team Taskforce members from the Central Conference:

1. Sybil Gaines
2. Dr. Sharon McCrary
3. Elouise Walker
4. Dr. Lee Fowlkes
5. Ruth Moss
6. Margaret Thomas

She stated the team would like to move from being a taskforce to the Commission on Health, as per the Discipline. The teams continue AME Health Smart Initiative and Hand Hygiene Initiatives. The programs are working and experiencing growth.

The team is exploring two ideas:

1. Integrate Health in components such as the YPD
2. Created Standard Practice
 - a. Healthy Ministry- Growth at small church
 - b. Add Dental and Mental Health
 - c. Health Care Standard; clinic on site
 - d. Working standards

BISHOP'S MOMENT: These things will make us more health conscious and healthier.

Public Officials: Bishop Richardson thanked the Conference for all the love and support shown to Attorney Monique Richardson. She received 46% of the votes, but not enough to elect her to the office.

The Rev. Terence Gray announced:

- Valdez Butler "Val" Demings won her primary election, and is on her way to becoming a United States Congresswoman (member of Saint Mark AME, Orlando).
- Kamia Brown has been elected to the Florida House of Representatives (member of Saint Mark AME, Orlando).
- Kathleen Gordon was re-elected to the Orange County School Board (member of Saint Mark AME, Orlando).
- The current Sheriff of Orange County, FL, Jerry Demings, a member of Saint Mark, Orlando, will most likely be re-elected to his current office.

BISHOP'S MOMENTS: It is important to be have civic engagement. He discussed contribution of Desmond Meade and The Rev. Jeffrey Dove in advancing the petitions for voter rights restoration. The AME church presented greater than 6,000 signatures. This initiative will be on the November ballot. We plan to give Mr. Mead a citation for his work.

Bishop announced the passing of the Rev. Gladys Searcy, Bethel AME Church, Indiantown, Florida.

Moved/Seconded by Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr./Rev. Charles R. Jackson that this portion of the Opening Day's Minutes be adopted by the Conference with any necessary corrections. Having addressed all unreadiness, the motion carried. (Bishop has asked that the Presiding Elders confer with each other to determine the members of the Trustee Board).

Presiding Elders' Summary Reports (11:28 am – 11:34 am)

**Beach District Beach District
The Rev. Hartford Lee, Presiding Elder**

General Budget	\$ 23,169.50
Annuity & Insurance	\$ 34,657.68
Subscriptions	\$ 4,446.00
Eleventh District Budget	\$ 46,339.00
Sustentation	\$ 10,000.00
Offerings & Gifts for Conference	\$ 5,000.00
Overseas Witness/Bahamas	\$ 500.00
Grand Total	\$ 124,208.18

**North Orlando District
The Rev. Henry L. Postell, II, Presiding Elder**

General Budget	\$ 26,649.00
Annuity & Insurance	\$ 50,498.00
Subscriptions	\$ 4,446.00
Eleventh District Budget	\$ 51,564.00
Sustentation	\$ 9,200.00
Offerings & Gifts for Conference	\$ 5,000.00
Overseas Witness/Bahamas	\$ 545.00
Grand Total	\$ 147,902.00

**Orlando District
The Rev. Valarie J. Walker, Presiding Elder**

General Budget	\$ 23,219.75
Annuity & Insurance	\$ 39,887.00
Subscriptions	\$ 4,275.00
Eleventh District Budget	\$ 45,116.00
Sustentation	\$ 7,300.00
Offerings & Gifts for Conference	\$ 4,000.00
Overseas Witness/Bahamas	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 124,797.75

Stewardship Committee Pastoral Reports

The members of the Stewardship Committee gave reports stewardship at their church.

Allen Chapel, Daytona Beach
The Rev. Nathan M. Mugala, Pastor

Conversions	4
Accession	27
Baptisms	6
Full Membership	494
CEC 2016	20
Projected CEC 2017	22
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$626,463.61
# of Registered Voters	382
Total Benefits	\$70,834.00

Saint Mark - Orlando
The Rev. Terence R. Gray, I, Pastor

Conversions	40
Accession	143
Baptisms	21
Full Membership	3,890
CEC 2016	25
Projected CEC 2017	25
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$3,065,536.29
# of Registered Voters	2,335
Total Benefits	\$140,000.00

Providing Residence for Homeless

Mount Olive - Orlando
The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher, Pastor

Conversions	3
Accession	62
Baptisms	1
Full Membership	673
CEC 2016	34
Projected CEC 2017	34
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$773,820.00
# of Registered Voters	450
Total Benefits	\$98,784.00

Prep School and Daycare with Ministry

Saint James - Titusville
The Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr., Pastor

Conversions	7
Accession	25
Baptisms	7
Full Membership	565
CEC 2016	18
Projected CEC 2017	24
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$494,224.45
# of Registered Voters	405
Total Benefits	\$57,274.00

Developing a Prophetic Ministry; Member rec'd New Lung

New Bethel - Orlando
The Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr., Pastor

Conversions	10
Accession	21
Baptisms	14
Full Membership	600
CEC 2016	20
Projected CEC 2017	13
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$300,772.92
# of Registered Voters	326
Total Benefits	\$52,000.00

Partnership to reduce Drugs cost, DMin graduate

Allen Chapel - Sanford
The Rev. Octavius L. Smith, Pastor

Conversions	8
Accession	37
Baptisms	2
Full Membership	350
CEC 2016	18
Projected CEC 2017	18
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$317,307.71
# of Registered Voters	120
Total Benefits	\$61,000.00

Leadership Training Seminar

Greater Allen Chapel - Melbourne
The Rev. Lorenzo Laws, Pastor

Conversions	4
Accession	5
Baptisms	6
Full Membership	295
CEC 2016	26
Projected CEC 2017	26
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$424,715.18
# of Registered Voters	175
Total Benefits	\$58,721.00

Partnership, Job Fair, Car Give Away

Saint Paul - Apopka
The Rev. Gerard A. Moss, Sr., Pastor

Conversions	76
Accession	47
Baptisms	13
Full Membership	520
CEC 2016	13
Projected CEC 2017	19
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$333,736.34
# of Registered Voters	160
Total Benefits	\$52,000.00

Youth Academy, DC trip

Ministry again Violence, Prison Ministry

Ward Chapel – Winter Park
The Rev. John D. Williams, Sr., Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	7
Baptisms	
Full Membership	149
CEC 2016	10
Projected CEC 2017	10
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$209,809.44
# of Registered Voters	137
Total Benefits	\$46,000.00

Mount Tabor - Ocala
The Rev. T. Patricia Nelson, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	11
Baptisms	
Full Membership	174
CEC 2016	12
Projected CEC 2017	12
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$168,765.59
# of Registered Voters	122
Total Benefits	\$40,106.00

Major Renovations; Community Partnership

Communitywide, Social Justice

Saint James - Eustis
The Rev. Richard E. King, Pastor

Conversions	6
Accession	7
Baptisms	1
Full Membership	93
CEC 2016	10
Projected CEC 2017	12
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$163,468.34
# of Registered Voters	68
Total Benefits	\$39,000.00

Bethel - Kissimmee
The Rev. Willie Bell Coleman-Smith, Pastor

Conversions	6
Accession	14
Baptisms	2
Full Membership	105
CEC 2016	5
Projected CEC 2017	5
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$119,718.88
# of Registered Voters	65
Total Benefits	\$28,600.00

Rev. King's Wife, Mrs. Shelly King, died during 2015/16 CY

Juneteenth Legacy; Retiring in 2017

Special Notes: Rev. Terence Gray congratulated the conference for all support given to him in his recent Episcopal candidacy.

11th Episcopal District has the largest Christian Education Department in the AME Church. Something is going right with CED and YPD. Bishop then gave special recognition to the Rev. Joy Gallmon for her eight years of service as the 11th District's Director of Christian Education; Bro. Jamarien Moore who serves as the 11th District's YPD President and has been elected General Board of the AME Church; and to Sis. Sanjena Clay who serves as the 11th District's YPD Director and founder and coordinator of Black Heritage.

Bishop Richardson adjourned the conference for lunch at 12:22 pm to return at 2:00 PM.

Moved/Seconded by Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr./Rev. Ronald E. Williams that this portion of the Opening Day's Minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion carried.

**117th Session
of the
Central Annual Conference
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Tuesday, September 27, 2016
The Church at Work – Afternoon Session
2:00 pm**

TUESDAY AFTERNOON MINUTES

Devotion was led at 2:00 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. Glenn B. Dames who presented the Bishop.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS REPORT
2:08 P.M. – 3:05 P.M.

CLASS ON ADMISSION

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Tina Gordon Davis (First AME Church, Orlando), Shalonda Lynette Doughty (Saint Mark, Orlando), Bryan Roderick Loyd (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Freda Russell Miller (Grace, the Villages), Regina Aurora Taylor (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be admitted to the Central Annual Conference on trial to pursue Itinerant Orders in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and advanced to the First Year Class of Studies.

Action by the Conference: Rev. Jeffrey Dove moved that **Tina Gordon Davis (First AME Church, Orlando), Shalonda Lynette Doughty (Saint Mark, Orlando), Bryan Roderick Loyd (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Freda Russell Miller (Grace, the Villages), Regina Aurora Taylor (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be admitted to the Central Annual Conference on trial to pursue Itinerant Orders in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and advanced to the First Year Class of Studies. **Rev. Octavius L. Smith** seconded. The motion carried.

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Walter Larry Jett (Grace, the Villages), Terry Lorenzo Walker (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be admitted to the Central Annual Conference on trial to pursue Local Orders in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and advanced to the First Year Class of Studies.

Action by the Conference:

Rev. Octavius L. Smith moved that **Walter Larry Jett (Grace, the Villages), Terry Lorenzo Walker (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be admitted to the Central Annual Conference on trial to pursue Local Orders in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and advanced to the First Year Class of Studies.

Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II seconded. The motion carried.

FIRST YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Shalon Chambers (Macedonia, Oak Hill), Shelia Deloangeles Hamilton (Grant Chapel, Oviedo), Chloe Jeanique Lyals (Ebenezer, Royal), Grant Humbert McCray (Mt. Zion, Daytona Beach), Frederick Lee Pennington (Mt. Olive, Orlando)** be advanced to the Second Year Class of Studies (Itinerant Track).

Action by the Conference

Rev. Jeffery Dove moved that **Shalon Chambers (Macedonia, Oak Hill), Shelia Deloangeles Hamilton (Grant Chapel, Oviedo), Chloe Jeanique Lyals (Ebenezer, Royal), Grant Humbert McCray (Mt. Zion, Daytona Beach), Frederick Lee Pennington (Mt. Olive, Orlando)** be advanced to the Second Year Class of Studies (Itinerant Track). **Rev. Travis Kendrick** seconded. **The motion carried.**

The Board of Examiners further recommended that **Kenya Williams** be retained in the First Year Class of Studies until he satisfies the requirements as set forth by the Ministerial Training Institute.

Action by the Conference

Rev. Ronald E. Williams that **Kenya Williams** be retained in the First Year Class of Studies until he satisfies the requirements as set forth by the Ministerial Training Institute. **Rev. Lorenzo Laws** seconded. **The motion carried.**

*Rebecca Arlena Thompson was referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee for further disposition.

SECOND YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr. (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and advanced to the Third Year Class of Studies.

Action by the Conference

Terence R. Gray, I (candidate's father in ministry) moved that **Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr. (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and advanced to the Third Year Class of Studies. **Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II** (candidate's Presiding Elder) seconded. **The motion carried.**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Charlotte Dunston Williams (Saint James, Eustis)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and advanced to the Third Year Class of Studies.

Action by the Conference

Rev. Richard E. King (candidate's father in ministry) moved **Charlotte Dunston Williams (Saint James, Eustis)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and advanced to the Third Year Class of Studies. **Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II** seconded. **The motion carried.**

The Board of examiners recommended that **Jacquelyn Yvonne Bogen (Saint Luke, Tampa)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and advanced to the Third Year Class of Studies.

Action by the Conference

Rev. Terence R. Gray, I that **Jacquelyn Yvonne Bogen (Saint Luke, Tampa)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and advanced to the Third Year Class of Studies. **Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II** (candidate's Presiding Elder) seconded. **The motion carried.**

The Board of Examiners further requested that **Jacquelyn Yvonne Bogen** be ordained an Itinerant Deacon in the West Coast Conference on behalf of the Central Conference.

Action by the Conference

Bishop Richardson granted the request. The Chair of the Board, the Rev. Terence R. Gray I, requested that all Board members be present to bear witness to **Jacquelyn Yvonne Bogen's** ordination in the West Coast Conference.

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Stephanie Michelle Francis (Greater Mount Olive, Merritt Island)** and **Mikel Jere James (Mount Tabor, Ocala)** be retained in the Second Year Class of Studies until they satisfy the educational requirements for advancement.

Action by the Conference:

Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr. moved that **Stephanie Michelle Francis (Greater Mount Olive, Merritt Island)** and **Mikel Jere James (Mount Tabor, Ocala)** be retained in the Second Year Class of Studies until they satisfy the educational requirements for advancement. **Rev. Dr. Rhella Murdaugh** seconded. **The motion carried.**

THIRD YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES

The Board of Examiners recommended that the Revs. **Alex Bernard Byrd (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Taderryl Lavaughn Holley (Mount Olive, Orlando), Shenikwa Wallace Jackson (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Harrington Maurice Smith (Mount Zion, Daytona Beach)** be advanced to the Fourth Year Class of Studies.

Action by the Conference:

Rev. Lorenzo Laws moved the Revs. **Alex Bernard Byrd (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Taderryl Lavaughn Holley (Mount Olive, Orlando), Shenikwa Wallace Jackson (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Harrington Maurice Smith (Mount Zion, Daytona Beach)** be advanced to the Fourth Year Class of Studies. **Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr.** seconded. **The motion carried.**

FOURTH YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES

The Board of Examiners recommended that the **Reverend Audrey Lenetta Greene (Mount Pleasant, Fruitland Park)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and released from the auspices of the Board of Examiners.

Action by the Conference:

Rev. Omega A.B. Collier (candidate's mother in ministry) moved that the **Reverend Audrey Lenetta Greene (Mount Pleasant, Fruitland Park)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and released from the auspices of the Board of Examiners. **Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II** (candidate's Presiding Elder) seconded. **The motion carried.**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **The Reverend Dr. Jamin Ahmad Powell (Mount Moriah, Wildwood)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and released from the auspices of the Board of Examiners.

Action by the Conference

Rev. Rev. Terence R. Gray, I (candidate's father in ministry) that **The Reverend Dr. Jamin Ahmad Powell (Mount Moriah, Wildwood)** be elected and ordained to the office of Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and released from the auspices of the Board of Examiners. **Reverend Dr. Jamin Ahmad Powell** seconded. **The motion carried.**

FOURTH YEAR CLASS CONTINUING

The Board of Examiners recommended that The Revs. **Gregory Louis Brown, Jr. (Saint Paul, Apopka), Dawn SharonAnn Harris (Saint Mark, Clermont), Courtney Jamal Mackey (Greater Saint Joseph, Sparr), Julia Ella Maynor (Saint Mark, Orlando), Gloria Mott Payne (Saint Mary, Osteen)** be granted a Certificate of Completion, but remain under the auspices of the Board of Examiners until they satisfy the educational requirement for advancement.

Action by the Conference

Rev. Glenn B. Dames, Jr. and Jeffery Dove moved The Revs. **Gregory Louis Brown, Jr. (Saint Paul, Apopka), Dawn SharonAnn Harris (Saint Mark, Clermont), Courtney Jamal Mackey (Greater Saint Joseph, Sparr), Julia Ella Maynor (Saint Mark, Orlando), Gloria Mott Payne (Saint Mary, Osteen)** be granted a Certificate of Completion, but remain under the auspices of the Board of Examiners until they satisfy the educational requirement for advancement. /Rev. **Lorenzo Laws** seconded. **The motion carried.**

DEACONESS CLASS

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Sisters Ruby Broomfield (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne); Gladys D. Brown (Bethel, DeLand); Dorothy M. Douglas (Bethel, DeLand); Willie Clyde Finkley (Mt. Olive, Bushnell); Louise W. Franklin (Bethel, DeLand); Naomi Lloyd Gardner (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne); and Mary Gillespie (Saint John, Citra)** be consecrated to the work and office of a Deaconess in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the seat of the Central Annual Conference Day of Sharing, December 10, 2016.

Action by the Conference

Moved/Seconded by Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr. moved that **Sisters Ruby Broomfield (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne); Gladys D. Brown (Bethel, DeLand); Dorothy M. Douglas (Bethel, DeLand); Willie Clyde Finkley (Mt. Olive, Bushnell); Louise W. Franklin (Bethel, DeLand); Naomi Lloyd Gardner (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne); Ida Wilson Griffin (Grant Chapel, Oviedo) and Mary Gillespie (Saint John, Citra)** be consecrated to the work and office of a Deaconess in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the seat of the Central Annual Conference Day of Sharing, December 10, 2016. **Rev. Ronald E. Williams** seconded. The motion carried.

The Chair of the Board, the Rev. Terence R. Gray I, rose to acknowledge and to give commendations to the Board of Instructors, the Board of Examiners, and pastors of the candidates. The Dean of the Board, the Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr., then rose to ask the Conference to join him in giving high commendations to the Chair of the Board.

Action by the Conference

Moved/Seconded by the **Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr./Rev. Lorenzo Laws** to accept the Board's report in its entirety. The motion carried.

Bishop's Moment: Bishop Richardson provided vital teaching/training on the work and office of a Deaconess in the AME Church.

Moved/Seconded by **Rev. Willie N. Barnes, II/Rev. Octavius L. Smith** to adopt this portion of the Opening Day's minutes with any necessary corrections. After all unreadiness had been addressed, the motion carried.

Bishop Richardson called for the reading of the

Pastor Reports, Daytona Beach District - Highlights (3:06 p.m. – 4:23 pm)

Mount Moriah – Cocoa
The Rev. Odell D. Watson, Pastor

Conversions	1
Accession	19
Baptisms	5
Full Membership	346
CEC 2016	16
Projected CEC 2017	20
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$346,861
# of Registered Voters	148
Total Benefits	\$57,412.00

Mount Zion – Daytona Beach
The Rev. Willie N. Barnes, II, Pastor

Conversions	2
Accession	15
Baptisms	3
Full Membership	175
CEC 2016	19
Projected CEC 2017	10
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$192,037.32
# of Registered Voters	130
Total Benefits	\$38,963.36

Men's Ministry, College Ministry

Car Donation to person in need

Allen Chapel – New Smyrna Beach
The Rev. Jeffery Dove, Pastor

Conversions	2
Accession	4
Baptisms	4
Full Membership	102
CEC 2016	8
Projected CEC 2017	15
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$151,814.54
# of Registered Voters	91
Total Benefits	\$41,146

Mount Zion - Ocala
The Rev. Dr. Rhella Murdaugh, Pastor

Conversions	11
Accession	9
Baptisms	
Full Membership	89
CEC 2016	5
Projected CEC 2017	5
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$142,183.00
# of Registered Voters	81
Total Benefits	\$37,528.00

Youth Program, Homeless

150th Anniversary, Included in Christian Recorder

Bethel - DeLand
The Rev. Reginald Johnson, Sr., Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	3
Baptisms	
Full Membership	63
CEC 2016	5
Projected CEC 2017	4
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$129,853.75
# of Registered Voters	44
Total Benefits	\$29,274.00

Historic New Bethel – Ormond Beach
The Rev. Haywood Davidson, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	1
Baptisms	
Full Membership	51
CEC 2016	9
Projected CEC 2017	5
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$97,385.36
# of Registered Voters	36
Total Benefits	\$29,274.00

Plastic Mat Ministry, Boy scout

Pantry for the Homeless

Greater Mount Olive – Merritt Island
The Rev. Phyllis Rose Brown, Pastor

Conversions	10
Accession	7
Baptisms	6
Full Membership	133
CEC 2016	14
Projected CEC 2017	10
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$103,393.38
# of Registered Voters	58
Total Benefits	\$31,994.00

Shiloh - Mims
The Rev. Joyce B. Harvey, Pastor

Conversions	2
Accession	7
Baptisms	1
Full Membership	75
CEC 2016	9
Projected CEC 2017	6
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$104,821.75
# of Registered Voters	55
Total Benefits	\$38,674.00

Feeding the Homeless

Bicycle Giveaways for students

Mount Olive - Anthony
The Rev. Regina Womack, Pastor

Conversions	12
Accession	1
Baptisms	2
Full Membership	87
CEC 2016	6
Projected CEC 2017	5
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$58,294.00
# of Registered Voters	44
Total Benefits	\$17,122.00

Mount Pisgah, Summerfield
The Rev. Michael Kennedy, Pastor

Conversions	1
Accession	
Baptisms	
Full Membership	49
CEC 2016	11
Projected CEC 2017	18
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$64,468.00
# of Registered Voters	37
Total Benefits	\$21,724.00

Feeding the Homeless

Increase Membership, Miracles and Restoration

Mount Olive – Lake Helen
The Rev. Lester W. Davis, Jr., Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	1
Baptisms	3
Full Membership	59
CEC 2016	2
Projected CEC 2017	2
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$46,007.77
# of Registered Voters	44
Total Benefits	\$17,122.00

Mount Zion – DeLeon Springs
The Rev. Shirley Carr Myrick, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	
Baptisms	
Full Membership	34
CEC 2016	1
Projected CEC 2017	1
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$22,065.34
# of Registered Voters	24
Total Benefits	\$11,324.00

Fixed Pews

To God Be the Glory

Greater St. Joseph - Sparr
The Rev. Pamala H. Bivins, Pastor

Conversions	1
Accession	
Baptisms	
Full Membership	39
CEC 2016	2
Projected CEC 2017	2
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$34,634.00
# of Registered Voters	22
Total Benefits	\$13,858.00

Saint John - Citra
The Rev. Willie Alexander, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	1
Baptisms	1
Full Membership	13
CEC 2016	3
Projected CEC 2017	3
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$32,292.00
# of Registered Voters	10
Total Benefits	\$6,124.00

Breast Cancer Walk

Tiled floors (pastor say 14 members)

Ward Chapel - Seville
The Rev. Willie Mae Joma, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	2
Baptisms	
Full Membership	28
CEC 2016	1
Projected CEC 2017	3
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$38,409.14
# of Registered Voters	21
Total Benefits	\$16,524.00

New Hope - Summerfield
The Rev. Susan Wiggins, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	
Baptisms	
Full Membership	15
CEC 2016	2
Projected CEC 2017	4
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$13,736.00
# of Registered Voters	11
Total Benefits	\$2,058.00

Breast Cancer walk, Homeless Ministry

Receipt of Bibles, spiritual increase

Greater Faith - Deltona
The Rev. Caroline D. Shine, Pastor

Conversions	4
Accession	8
Baptisms	
Full Membership	103
CEC 2016	12
Projected CEC 2017	12
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$142,805.02
# of Registered Voters	80
Total Benefits	\$21,189

Greater Ward Chapel - Melbourne
The Rev. Kimberly B. Stockton, Pastor

Conversions	2
Accession	9
Baptisms	0
Full Membership	93
CEC 2016	10
Projected CEC 2017	10
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$59,053.82
# of Registered Voters	25
Total Benefits	\$11,324.00

Moved in Building, Homeless Ministry

Education, Youth Ministry, Hand Hygiene

Saint Mary - Osteen
The Rev. Gloria Mott Payne, Pastor

Conversions	
Accession	
Baptisms	
Full Membership	19
CEC 2016	4
Projected CEC 2017	7
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$24,701.69
# of Registered Voters	10
Total Benefits	\$6,500.00

Macedonia – Oak Hill
The Rev. Travis Kendrick, Pastor

Conversions	4
Accession	6
Baptisms	0
Full Membership	33
CEC 2016	1
Projected CEC 2017	3
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$8,455.24
# of Registered Voters	16
Total Benefits	\$3,324.00

Prayer Line, Loss of Pastor

Carpet Install

Mount Zion – Orange City
The Rev. Dr. Cornelius S. Golden, Pastor

Conversions	2
Accession	
Baptism s	1
Full Membership	15
CEC 2016	2
Projected CEC 2017	2
Total Raised for All Purposes	\$15,401.62
# of Registered Voters	15
Total Benefits	\$5,658.00

The work is all divine

Elder Hartford Lee announcement that Daytona Beach had a Dynamic Year. The District also suffered the loss of the Rev. Cato Mott, one of the easiest person to get along with. The District has established the Cato Leamon Mott Scholarship, and will be giving out a scholarship this year. He thanked Sister Bernice Lee and the Pastors and members for their contributions and work. Presiding Elder Lee also announced that this will be the last Annual Conference that he and Sister Lee will host before their retirement from active ministry.

Bishop's Commendation to the Daytona Beach District

Bishop Richardson asked all members of the Daytona District to stand, and said that on behalf of entire AME Connection, we expressed our deepest gratitude for your sacrifices. We honor your fine work in making these wonderful reports.

The Rev. Nathan Mugala rose to give commendation to Presiding Elder Hartford & Sis. Bernice Lee for all the compassionate leadership he brings to the District. We want to thank you Bishop for your godly judgment in sending him back to the Daytona Beach District.

Moved/Seconded by Rev. Willie N. Barnes II/ Rev. Gloria J. Houser to adopt this portion of the Opening Day's Minutes with any necessary corrections. After all unreadiness had been addressed, the motion carried.

**117th Session
of the
Central Annual Conference
Conference Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
Opening Worship Evening Service
6:55 P.M.**

The Ministers, Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishop Richardson dressed in black ecclesiastical attire processed in and filled the Sanctuary to the Opening Worship Service of the 117th Session. The divine, melodious, arousing and fire-baptized Central Conference choir stirred our souls with the arousing song "These are the Days of Elijah and as the Conference joined in singing there's "no god like Jehovah, the Holy Spirit saturated the room. The Mount Moriah AME Cocoa choir cleared the way for their pastor singing "God is" and "Worth."

The Rev. Odell Watson, Mount Moriah AME Church, Cocoa preached and walked the text of Mark 4:35-41 with the powerful and anointing Annual Sermon "Wake Me When It's Over." He preached that we can succeed if we understand that the declaration for success has already been given, we overcome fear, and realize that Jesus cares. The Rev. Watson preached out of his soul and brought the Conference members and guest to their feet, empowered.

The program participants are listed in the official Conference Worship Guide. 554 persons attended the Opening Worship Experience of the 117th Session of the Central Annual Conference.

Presentation of special guest to the Conference by Bishop Richardson

The Honorable Derrick Henry, Mayor of the City of Daytona Beach. Mayor Henry was presented by the host Pastor, the Rev. Nathan Mugala, to bring greetings to the Conference.

Presiding Elder Joyce J. Moore
Presiding Elder Frederick Richardson (Ret.)
Presiding Elder Eugene Mosley
The Rev. Alton Cole
The Rev. Tan Moss
The Rev. Kirk Bogen
The Rev. Denise Smith-Blue
The Rev. Roger Williams
The Rev. Bobby Jacobs
Mrs. Evelyn Williams
Mr. Donald Moore

Presiding Elder James O. Williams, Sr.
Presiding Elder Vincent F. Mitchell
Presiding Elder Jerome L. Denmark (Ret.)
The Rev. Joy L. Gallmon
The Rev. Ron Rawls
The Rev. Patricia Wallace
The Rev. Charletta Robinson
The Rev. Floyd L. Narcisse
Mrs. Laurastine Leamon

Adjournment: The Benediction was pronounced at 9:37 P.M.

Moved/Seconded by Rev. John D. Williams, Sr./Rev. Arnold A. Porter to adopt this portion of the Opening Day's Minutes with any necessary corrections. The Motion carried.