

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

**118<sup>TH</sup> SESSION**

**Annual Conference Theme**

*“Called, Consecrated, and Commissioned to Serve – Generation to Generation”*



**Connectional Quadrennial Theme of the AME Church**

*“A Social Justice and Liberating Faith”*

**Episcopal District Motto**

*“Exalting Christ, Expanding His Church, Empowering His People”*

**October 3, 2017 – October 6, 2017**

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, Host Presiding Elder, North Orlando District  
The Reverend Valarie J. Walker, Presiding Elder, Orlando District  
The Reverend Ronald E. Williams, Sr., Host Pastor  
New Bethel AME Church, Orlando, Host Church  
The Reverend Terence R. Gray I, Host Site Pastor  
Saint Mark AME Church, Orlando, Host Site Church

**Conference Minutes**

*The Rev. Caroline D. Shine, M. Div., Chief Conference Secretary  
The Rev. Dr. Missiowri McPhee, Assistant Conference Secretary  
The Rev. Arthur Davis, Jr., M.Div., Assistant Conference Secretary*

**Central Annual Conference  
Conference Minutes  
Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

*The Church at Work – Morning Session  
9:00 AM*

Devotion began at 8:45 a.m. The devotion was led by the Rev. Sandara E. Williams (Mt. Tabor, Altamonte Spring), Bro. Anthony McClendon, (Mt. Zion, Oakland), Sis. Carmella Blair (St. James, Sanford), Bro. Freddie Miller, (St Paul, Leesburg) with uplifting songs, prayer and the Scripture reading. The Rev. Sandara Williams presented Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., the 115<sup>th</sup> Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Richardson announced that the 118<sup>th</sup> Central Annual Conference is in session and introduced Supervisor Connie Richardson.

Rev. Caroline D. Shine, Conference Secretary for the 117th Session of the Central Conference called the 118th 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

**Bishop's Moments from the Roll (9:00 a.m. – 10:12 a.m.):**

The Reverend Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr. has been transferred to the West Coast Conference / Tampa District and is stationed at Allen Temple. He is doing an amazing job with the AME brand.

The Reginald B. Johnson is now the Episcopal District Superintendent of Church School.

The Rev. Odell Watson reported that his 13-year-old daughter was admitted to college.

Glad to have the Rev. Courtney Jamal Mackey back home. He has graduated from the ITC and we praise God for his achievements. We will make room for his gifts.

The Rev. Ralph Newell announced that as of today, he is 9 weeks cancer free.

\*The Rev. Edison O. Jackson has retired as the President of BCU to his home in Virginia, but is endeavoring to meet the Conference sometime this week.

**The Transfers were as follows:**

**Transfer in:** The Rev. Arthur Davis, Jr., South Conf. (Itinerant Elder)  
The Rev. Floyd Lindsey Narcisse (6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District) (Itinerant Elder)

**Transfer Out:** The Rev. Dr. Glenn D. Dames West Coast Conf. (Itinerant Elder)  
The Rev. Jacqueline Bogen, West Coast Conf. (Itinerant Deacon)

**Request received to Transferred out of Conference: None**

**Withdrawal requests sent to the Ministerial Efficiency:**

The Rev. Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr.  
The Rev. Taderryl LaVaughn Holley

**Referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee for the request to superannuate:**

The Rev. Willie Bell Coleman-Smith  
The Rev. Jiles J. Smith

**Other Referrals to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee:**

The Rev. Evers Robinson, Itinerant Elder  
The Rev. G. W. Layne, Superannuate  
The Rev Henry Allen, Superannuate, Presiding Elder to find in Tallahassee  
The Rev. Viola Fisher, Local Elder, Presiding Elder to find  
The Rev. Griselle Velez, Itinerant Elder, Investigate for status

**Referred to the Committee on Necrology and Memorials:**

Presiding Elder Leroy Kennon, Jr. (Ret.)

**Ministers with Unexcused Absence:**

**The Rev. Charles Everett** (Itinerant Elder)  
**The Rev. Taderryl LaVaughn Holley** (Itinerant Deacon)  
**The Rev. Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr.** (Itinerant Deacon)  
**The Rev. Marcella Baker** (Itinerant Elder)  
**The Rev. Henry Smith** (Itinerant Elder)  
(Rev. Smith need to ask for a transfer to his new District)  
**The Rev. Dr. Evers Robinson** (Itinerant Elder)  
**The Rev. Byron Renard Lesane** (Itinerant Deacon)  
**The Rev. Viola Fisher** (Local Elder)  
**The Rev. Larnce Sylvester William** (Superannuate)  
**The Rev. Willie James Denmark** (Superannuate)  
**The Rev. Griselle Velez** (Itinerant Elder)

**The Presiding Elders led, by Presiding Elder Hartford Lee, read the Conference Organizational Recommendations (10:19 am – 10:32 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  
**Assistant Secretary** – The Rev. Arthur Davis, Jr.  
**Conference Treasurer** – The Rev. Nathan M. Mugala  
**Statistician** – The Rev. Odell Watson  
**Assistant Statistician** – The Rev. Bettye J. Watson

**Action by the Conference:** *The Rev. Patrick Sasnett moved to elect and accept the recommendation, seconded by the Rev. Willie N. Barnes, Jr. – **Motion carried***

**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:** *The Rev. Patrick Sasnett moved to elect and accept the recommendation, seconded by The Rev. Lester Davis, Jr. – **Motion carried***

**Stewardship Committee**

Presiding Elders, ex-officio  
The Revs. Hartford Lee, Henry L. Postell, II, Valarie J. Walker

The Rev. Terence R. Gray, I	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. Arthur Davis, Jr.
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:** *The Rev. Nathan Mugala moved to elect the persons listed above as members of the Stewardship Committee, seconded by the Rev. Patrick Sasnett – Motion carried*

**Recommendation:**

**Time Keepers – The Revs. David Ferguson (Chief Timekeeper), Haywood Davidson, and Ruth Diehl.**

**(2 min for Pastors' Report)**

**Action by the Conference:** *The Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher moved to elect the persons listed above as Time Keepers, seconded by the Rev. Joseph Brooks – Motion carried.*

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES**

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Chair  
Presiding Elders: The Revs. Hartford Lee, Henry L. Postell, II, and Valarie Walker

**Ministerial:**

1. The Rev. Terence R. Gray I, Vice Chair
2. The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher
3. The Rev. Nathan M. Mugala
4. The Rev. Arthur Davis, Jr.
5. The Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr.
6. The Rev. John D. Williams, Sr.
7. The Rev. Odell Watson
8. The Rev. Gerard A. Moss, Sr.
9. The Rev. Caroline D. Shine, Conf. Secretary
10. The Rev. Octavius L. Smith

**Laypersons:**

1. Bro. Tyrone Presley, 2nd Vice Chairman
1. Sis. Ella Wilson
2. Sis. Marie Dixon-Jones
3. Sis. Ella Gilmore, Lay President
4. Bro. Charles W. Jackson, Sr.
5. Sis. Marian Mitchell
6. Atty. Harriet Brown Birk
7. Sis. Elouise Walker
8. Bro. Bryan K. Broomfield
9. Sis. Chloe Bonds Wormack
10. Sis. Betty Ivey
11. Bro. Jessie McDaniel, SOA Coordinator
12. Sis. Lenora Mobley

**Action by the Conference:** *The Rev. John D. Williams, Sr. moved that the recommendation be accepted, seconded by the Rev. Richard E. King. Motion carried*

**Enterprise Center Advisory/Trustee Board**

Presiding Elder Hartford Lee  
The Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher  
Bro. Tyrone Pressley

**Action by the Conference:** *The Rev. Crutcher moved that the recommendation be accepted, seconded by Rev. Charles R. Jackson. Motion carried*

**Appointed by Bishop Adam J. Richardson (These are recommendations only):**

Debutante Master Commissioner	Sis. Teresa R. Johnson
Director of Christian Education	The Rev. Phyllis R. Brown
Director of Evangelism	The Rev. Odell Watson
Director of Music	The Rev. Pricilla Robinson
Superintendent of Church School	The Rev. John D. Williams, Sr.
Director of Stewardship	The Rev. Willie B. Coleman-Smith
Sons of Allen	Bro. Jesse McDaniel
	The Rev. Lorenzo Laws

**Judicial Committee (Bishop stated that those serving now will continue through the Conference year 2018):**

Presiding Elder Hartford Lee	The Rev. Nathan Mugala
The Rev. Omega Collier	The Rev. T. Patricia Nelson
The Rev. John D. Williams, Sr.	The Rev. Earnestine Abner

**Action by the Conference:** *The Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher moved that the recommendation be accepted, seconded by the Rev. Terence Gray I. Motion carried*

*Boundaries- the Conference approved the first 15 rows across the church to stand as the boundaries of the Conference.*

**Action by the Conference:** *The Rev. Nathan Mugala moved that the recommendation be accepted, seconded by the Rev. Lester Davis. Motion carried*

Bishop Richardson introduced three groups to the conference for inspiration, information, and aspiration for the conference. These included: (1) the Health Initiative; (2) ACTS 2 Care & Caregiver Initiative, and (3) DART Ministry.

**HEALTH INITIATIVE (10:34 a.m. – 10:48 a.m.):** *Bishop Richardson presented Dr. Penny Ralston, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Moss, Greater Mt. Olive, Merritt Island to give a progress report – AME Health Initiative.*

Dr. Ralston outlined the structure of the Health Initiative Staffing:

1. Presiding Elder District representative
2. Conference coordinators
3. Selected components representative
4. Advisory Committee Health Expert
5. Local church health members

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

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

Dr. Ralston announced that Humana has presented the initiative with a \$199,000 grant. She requested that Conference members visit the health tables during the conference.

**BISHOP'S MOMENT:** Bishop Richardson informed the conference that Edward Waters College received a grant of \$8,500,000.00 dollars to renovate Tiger Landing, Dormitory Space for the athletes, construction of a campus stadium in Newtown, and a community track that will benefit the community and students to walk and run on the track. The Edward Waters College is located in the Newtown Community.

Bishop stated that the Humana \$199,000 grant acquisition is being implemented by Stephen AMEC, Greater Grant Memorial AMEC, St. Paul AMEC, along with Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Institutional Baptist Church, and Shiloh Baptist Church.

**ACT 2 (African American Caregiver Training & Support) (10:48 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.):** Presiding Elder James Proctor (Ret.), Community Partner, Dr. Glueckauf, Project

Director, Presiding Elder Ralph Wilson (Ret.), and Tomeka Norton-Brown, Project Coordinator, presented the ACT2 initiative on Care for the Caregiver. Dr. Proctor thanked the Bishop and Supervisor for their support in allowing the expansion of this initiative into other areas. On October 28, 2017, the Rev. Terence R. Gray, I, will host a full presentation at Saint Mark (Orlando) so that it can be embedded into the Conference. The program is free. Sessions will include training on caring for persons with dementia, relaxation techniques, difficult behaviors, etc. The toll-free number is 866-887-2724. The training can also be done by telephone. The website address is [www.acts2project.org](http://www.acts2project.org).

***The Bishop's Comments***

Bishop Richardson thanked the conference for their prayers for him and Supervisor Richardson, his caregiver. He admonished the conference to be aware that the caregivers also need care.

**D.A.R.T. (Direct Action & Research Training) (11:05 a.m. – 11:21 a.m.):** The Rev. Nathan M. Mugala and the Rev. Willie N. Barnes, Jr., along with Volusia County FAITH contact Jessica Robillard made the presentation. DART is a social justice ministry. DART has 200 affiliated congregations in Florida. Allen Chapel (Daytona Beach) and Mount Zion (Daytona Beach) have partnered with the FAITH (Fighting Against Injustice Towards Harmony) program. Volusia County has \$8,000,000.00 set aside for homeless assistance with a goal of permanent facilities. The Volusia County Sheriff's Office is now able to carry *Narcan*, a drug used to counteract the opioid epidemic. At least 15 lives have been saved. The number of civil citations have been raised resulting in at least 4,000 less juvenile arrests.

**THE BISHOP'S MOMENT:** Bishop Richardson noted that the gospel is being lived out through these three initiatives on health, caregiving, and social justice. There are many outside programs that do similar outreach activities, but we do our activities in Jesus' name.

Bishop Richardson announced that AME on the Capitol day will be December 5, 2017. He stated that the restoration of voters right for those who served their time will also be discussed then.

**Presiding Elders' Summary Reports (11:21 am – 11:30 am)**

**Daytona Beach District Beach District  
The Rev. Hartford Lee, Presiding Elder  
Sis. Bernice Lee, Consultant**

General Budget	\$ 23,169.50
Annuity & Insurance	\$ 34,256.68
Subscriptions	\$ 4,482.00
Eleventh District Budget	\$ 46,339.00
Sustentation	\$ 10,500.00
Offerings & Gifts for Conference	\$ 5,000.00

Overseas Witness/Bahamas	\$ 500.00
Grand Total	\$ 124,247.18

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

General Budget	\$ 26,319.00
Annuity & Insurance	\$ 50,590.00
Subscriptions	\$ 4,617.00
Eleventh District Budget	\$ 51,564.00
Sustentation	\$ 10,500.00
Offerings & Gifts for Conference	\$ 5,000.00
Overseas Witness/Bahamas	\$ 540.00
Grand Total	\$149,130.00

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

General Budget	\$ 23,219.75
Annuity & Insurance	\$ 39,910.00
Subscriptions	\$ 4,275.00
Eleventh District Budget	\$ 45,116.00
Sustentation	\$ 9,000.00
Offerings & Gifts for Conference	\$ 5,000.00
Overseas Witness/Bahamas	\$ 500.00
Grand Total	\$125,020.75

Bishop Richardson thanked the Presiding Elders and the Consultants for their stewardship and hard work.

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS' REPORT**  
**11:30 a.m. – 12:09 a.m.**

**CLASS ON ADMISSION**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Rose Marie Bash (Bethel, Umatilla), Carmella Germaine Blair (Historic Saint James, Sanford), Kenneth Junior Bryant (New Bethel, Sanford), Anthony George Allen McClendon (Mount Zion, Oakland), Rhonda Cain McDaniel (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Freddie Miller (Saint Paul, Leesburg)** 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:***

It was moved by the **Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher** and properly seconded the **Rev. Joseph L. Brooks** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. The motion carried.

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Michelle Adell King Cason (Greater Saint Paul, Orlando), Henry Rayfield Humphrey (Allen Chapel, Sanford), Merrill Jerome Robertson (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne)** 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:***

It was moved by the **Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Joseph L. Brooks** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. The motion carried.

**FIRST YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES (ITINERANT)**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Tina Gordon Davis (First AME, 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 advanced to the Second Year Class of Studies (Itinerant Track).

***Action by the Conference:***

It was moved by the **Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr.** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Willie Branch, Jr.** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. **The motion carried.**

**FIRST YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES (LOCAL)**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Walter Larry Jett (Grace, The Villages), and Terry Lorenzo Walker (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be advanced to the Second Year Class of Studies (Local Track).

***Action by the Conference:***

It was moved by the **Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr.** and properly seconded by the **Rev. John D. Williams, Sr.** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. **The motion carried.**

***The Bishop's Comments***

Bishop Richardson gave a word of encouragement to Bro. Terry Lorenzo Walker to continue his education and training.

**SECOND YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Shalon Monique Chambers (Allen Chapel, New Smyrna Beach), Shelia De Los Angeles Hamilton (Grant Chapel, Oviedo), Mikel Jere James (Mount Tabor, Ocala), Chloe Jeanique Lyals (Ebenezer, Royal),**

**Frederick Lee Pennington (Mount Olive, 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:***

It was moved by the **Rev. Jeffrey Dove (candidate's pastor)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Terence R. Gray, I** that **Shalon Monique Chambers** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved and properly seconded by the **Rev. Rhonda McIntyre (candidate's pastor)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Joseph L. Brooks** that **Shelia De Los Angeles Hamilton** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by **Rev. T. Patricia Nelson (candidate's pastor)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Regina Womack** that **Mikel Jere James** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by the **Rev. Melvin Lyals (candidate's pastor and father)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Aquinette K. Harrison** that **Chloe Jeanique Lyals** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by the **Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher (candidate's pastor)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Joseph L. Brooks** that **Frederick Lee Pennington** 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. **The motion carried.**

### **THIRD YEAR CLASS OF STUDIES**

The Board of Examiners recommended that the Rev. **Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr. (Saint Mark, Orlando)** be referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee as he has accepted a pastorate in the Baptist denomination (Mount Herman Baptist Church, Westwego, LA).

#### ***The Bishop's Ruling***

Bishop Richardson made the ruling that **Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr.'s** name will be referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee for further deliberations.

The Board of Examiners further recommended that the **Rev. Charlotte Dunston Williams** be advanced to the Fourth Year Class of Studies.

#### ***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by the **Rev. Richard E. King (candidate's pastor)** and properly seconded by the **Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. **The motion carried.**

### **FOURTH YEAR CLASS**

The Board of Examiners recommended that the Revs. **Alex Bernard Byrd (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Eldred Willis McCoy (Mt. Olive, Bushnell), Ursula Latwan Norris (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne), Harrington Maurice Smith (Mount Zion, Daytona Beach)**, 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***

It was moved by the **Rev. Willie N. Barnes, Jr** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Terence R. Gray, I** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. **The motion carried.**

The Board of Examiners further recommended that the Rev. **Taderryl Lavaughn Holley** be referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee as he has requested withdrawal from the African Methodist Episcopal Church Connection.

#### ***The Bishop's Ruling***

Bishop Richardson made the ruling that **Taderryl Lavaughn Holley's** name be referred to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee for further deliberations.

The Board of Examiners recommended that the **Revs. Dr. Ida Stephens Andrews (New Bethel, Orlando), Pamela Kaye Harrison Bivins (Greater Saint Joseph, Sparr), Gregory Louis Brown, Jr. (Saint Paul, Apopka), Courtney Jamal Mackey (Greater Saint Joseph, Sparr)** 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***

It was moved by the **Rev. Ronald E. Williams Sr. (candidate's pastor)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Terence R. Gray, I** that the **Rev. Dr. Ida Stephens Andrews** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by **Presiding Elder Hartford Lee (candidate's Elder)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Nathan M. Mugala** that the **Rev. Pamela Kay Harrison Bivins** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by the **Rev. Phyllis Rose Brown (candidate's mother)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Gerard A. Moss, Sr. (candidate's pastor)** that the **Rev. Gregory Louis Brown, Jr.** 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. **The motion carried.**

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by **Presiding Elder Hartford Lee (candidate's Elder)** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Pamela K. Bivins (candidate's pastor)** that the **Rev. Courtney Jamal Mackey** 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. **The motion carried.**

***The Bishop's Comments***

Bishop Richardson extended congratulations to each of the candidates on the occasion of each of them earning their Master of Divinity degree.

**Announcements**

Announcements were given by the Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr., host pastor.

**Adjournment**

The Conference adjourned at 12:13 p.m. to attend the Clergy Spouse Luncheon and celebrate the Bishop's birthday. The Conference will reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

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**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**  
*The Church at Work – Afternoon Session*  
2:00 pm**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON MINUTES**

The Conference was led in devotion at 1:45 p.m. by the Revs Sandara E. Williams, Rhonda Connelly McIntyre (prayer), Lovisa Moore (Scripture). The Rev. Williams presented the Bishop.

**Board of Examiners Report Continued  
(2:27 p.m. – 2:34 p.m.)**

**DEACONESS CLASS (2:27 p.m. – 2:33 p.m.)**

The Board of Examiners recommended that **Sisters Agnes Stevens Berry (Saint Paul, Leesburg), Ertha Glymp (Saint Paul, Leesburg), Ernestine Ingram (Ward Chapel, Winter Park), Martha B. Myrick (Saint Paul, Winter Park), and Leberta Wilson (Ward Chapel, Winter Park)** 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 2017.

***Action by the Conference***

It was moved by the **Rev. Terence R. Gray, I** and properly seconded by the **Rev. Lorenzo Laws** that the Board's recommendation be adopted. The motion carried.

The Chair of the Board, the Rev. Terence R. Gray I, rose to thank Bishop Richardson for the opportunity to serve and to give commendations to the newly appointed Dean, the Rev. Dr. Missouri L. McPhee. The newly appointed Dean, Dr. McPhee, then rose to give high commendations to the Chair, the Board of Examiners, and the Board of Instructors. Dr. McPhee also thanked the Chair and the Bishop for the opportunity to be the first supernumerary in the Conference to serve in this capacity.

**Stewardship Committee Pastors' Report (2:38 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.)**

The members of the Stewardship Committee gave reports of the stewardship of their respective churches (see reports).

**North Orlando District Pastors' Reports (3:10 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.)**

The North Orlando District Pastors gave reports of the stewardship of their respective churches (see reports).

### **Bishop's Expression of Gratitude:**

At the conclusion of the North Orlando District's readings, Bishop Richardson asked all pastors and members of the North Orlando District to stand, and he said that on behalf of entire AME Connection, we expressed our deepest gratitude for your sacrifices, energy, creativity, and great work. We honor your fine work in making these wonderful reports. Surely the best in Christ Jesus is yet to come.

The Rev. Terence R. Gray I rose to give high commendation to Presiding Elder Henry and Consultant Beverly Postell for their electrifying leadership.

### **Orlando District Pastors' Reports (4:04 p.m. – 4:48 p.m.)**

The Orlando District Pastors gave reports of the stewardship of their respective churches (see reports).

*The Rev. Regina Womack, Mt. Olive Anthony, Daytona Beach District was given leave to read her church's report (see report). The conference lifted the Rev. Womack in prayers for her continued healing.*

### **Adjournment**

The Tuesday afternoon session adjourned at 5:05 pm.

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Tuesday, October 3, 2017  
Opening Worship Evening Service  
7:05 P.M.**

The Ministers, Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishop Richardson dressed in black ecclesiastical attire processed in the Sanctuary to the Opening Worship Service of the 118th Session. The melodic, moving and harmonious Central Conference Choir filled our souls with the songs “*God is God*” and “*Majesty*”, and Allen Chapel AMEC, Sanford choir cleared the way for their pastor singing “*Lord, I am standing in the need of a Blessing*” and “*I Came to Tell You What Jesus Said*”.

The Rev. Octavious Smith, Allen Chapel, Sanford, preached a powerful and anointing Annual Sermon “When God calls you to Greater Works” from the Luke 5:1-10 passage. He preached that when Gods calls us to greater works, He calls us through His Word; He call us to witness of His miracles; and we must have a willingness to follow. He challenged the Conference to move from shallow waters to the deep. The Rev. Smith passionately preached out of his soul, bringing the Conference and guest to their feet, inspired to move forward.

Bishop Richardson stated that our hearts go out to the people in Las Vegas, Nevada and the hurricane impacted areas of Houston, Texas, Puerto Rico, South Florida, Central Florida, and the Virgin Islands.

The program participants are listed in the official Conference Worship Guide. There were 508 persons in attendance to the Opening Worship Experience of the 118th Session of the Central Annual Conference.

The Rev. Ronald Williams thanks the Rev. Gray and Saint Mark church family for use of the site and gave the announcements.

**Presentation of special guest to the Conference by Bishop Richardson**

Presiding Elder Ralph Wilson, Retired (Florida)

Presiding Elder James O. Williams, Sr. (Pro Tem of the Presiding Elder’s Council/West Coast)

Sis. Evelyn Williams (West Coast / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Episcopal WMS)

The Rev. Jimmie Howard (West Coast)

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Sis. Francis Howard (West Coast)

The Rev. Milton Broomfield (West Coast)

The Rev. Mark Griffin (East)

The Rev. Latonya Floyd (East)  
The Rev. Dr. Melvin Kennerly (East)  
The Rev. Patricia Wallace (South)  
Licentiate Sandy Davis (South)  
Licentiate Sonya McIntosh (South)  
Bro. Marlow Smith (East)  
The Rev. Marlette Gilbert (6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal)  
The Rev. Denise Blue and Bro. Blue (South)

**Bishop Richardson** announced that Wednesday's devotion would start at 8:15 a.m. and the Conference Institute would start at 8:30 a.m. Attorney Monique Richardson will discuss the matter of sexual abuse among minors in the church.

Bishop Richardson thanked the Conference musicians and choirs, and the Allen Chapel AMEC, Sanford choir for the melodious music. He also thanked the Rev. Octavious L. Smith for the powerful word.

**Adjournment:** The Benediction was pronounced at 9:24 P.M.