

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

118TH 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

“Called, Consecrated, Commissioned to Serve: Generation to Generation”

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 Church**

Conference Minutes

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

118th Session of the
Central Annual Conference

Conference Minutes
Friday, Oct 6, 2017

9:00 AM

Devotion began at 8:45 a.m. with the Reverends Rhonda McIntyre, Mikel James, and Bro. Anthony McClendon. The Reverend McIntyre presented the Bishop. Bishop greeted the Conference at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL THE PREVIOUS DAY'S MINUTES

READING OF THE THURSDAY SESSIONS' MINUTES (9:01 A.M. – 9:57 A.M.)

The Reverend Dr. Missouri McPhee and the Reverend Arthur Davis, Jr. Assistant Conference Secretaries read the minutes of the Thursday Sessions` and Worship services.

Action by the Conference:

The Reverend Patrick Sasnett moved that the Conference adopt the minutes from Thursday per section, seconded by The Reverend Jeffrey Dove – **motion carried.**

Thursday Morning Opening Minutes – (Opening Morning Minutes readings)

It was moved by The Reverend Charles Jackson and properly seconded by The Reverend Joseph Brooks that this portion of the Thursday Minutes be adopted by the Conference with any necessary corrections. Having addressed all unreadiness, the motion carried.

Thursday Morning – (Minutes of the Conference Institute, Ministerial Efficiency Committee Reports, Conference Trustees Report, Christian Stewardship Reports – Sessions from 9:15 – 11:45 am)

It was moved by the Reverend Reginald Johnson and properly seconded by T. Patricia Nelson that these portions of the minutes be adopted by the Conference with any necessary corrections. Having addressed all unreadiness, the motion carried.

Thursday Afternoon Minutes – (Service of Ordination, Superannuation of Preachers, and Holy Communion, Church at Work Sessions 12:03-2:45, 3:30-4:35 pm)

It was moved by the Reverend Lorenzo Laws and properly seconded by the Reverend Robert Simmons that this portion of the minutes be adopted by the Conference with any necessary corrections. Having addressed all unreadiness, the motion carried.

Thursday Evening Minutes – Annual Lay Witness Session (7:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

It was moved by the Reverend Patrick Sasnett. and properly seconded by The Reverend John Williams that this portion of the minutes be adopted by the Conference with any necessary corrections. Having addressed all unreadiness, the motion carried.

**Presentation by the Reverend James C. Givens (10:01 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)
Eleventh Episcopal District Director of Christian Education**

Bishop Richardson presented the Reverend James C. Givens to the Conference at approximately 10:01 a.m. The Reverend Givens brought greetings to the Conference and provide an overview of the 2017 Christian Education Youth & Leadership Congress (CEYLC). The Reverend Givens made mention of the three new initiatives undertaken by the Board of Christian Education to include: (1) The Bishop Edward Waters Scholarship; (2) The Scouting Ministry; and (3) The Post-Congress.

The Reverend Givens paused to thank the Reverend Jeffrey Dove and the Sons of Allen for their work with the Scouts prior to his (the Rev. Givens) appointment as Episcopal Director of Christian Education. The Reverend Givens informed the Conference that Mr. Herman Floyd (East Conference) was appointed as the Eleventh Episcopal District for the Boys Scouts. The Reverend Givens is requesting that the Presiding Elders of the Conference appoint a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Director for their respective districts. The Reverend Givens is requesting that this be done by the Bishop's Planning Meeting in November 2017. The Reverend Givens also gave a brief overview of the Partnership between the Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Citrus Council of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. that was manifested at the 2017 Congress with a Merit Badge University and G.I.R.L. Power Initiative. The Reverend Givens also made mention that the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Senior Judge, the Honorable John Adams, who was attending the Florida Circuit Court Judges Convention, expressed appreciation for the effort the AME Church is making with the scouts and vowed to support the next year's scouting programming at the Christian Education Youth & Leadership Congress (CEYLC)

The Reverend Givens then presented Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II with a certificate to commemorate the fact that the North Orlando District registered the most delegates to the 2017 CEYLC.

The Bishop's Moment

Bishop Richardson made comment that young Jacob Cuthbert, III (Star Ranked Scout, and member of Saint Mark, Orlando) was responsible for the inception of the Scouting Program at the CEYLC. Bishop Richardson also made mention that Jacob was in attendance at the Boy Scouts of America 2017 National Jamboree when #45 addressed the audience. Jacob expressed his disappointment with #45's address and his appreciation for his church and scouting training. Bishop stated that Jacob brought scouting to the Central Conference and he is doing a fine job in his scouting ministry. Bishop expressed how proud he and the Supervisor are of young Jacob.

Bishop Richardson went on to express that part of Supervisor Richardson's community service while they lived in Tallahassee was as a Girl Scout Leader. Bishop expressed that he and the Supervisor are very much proponents of scouting ministries (Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts) in the AME Church. Bishop stated that when he occupied the pastorate at Bethel, Tallahassee, he appointed leaders who were interested in mobilizing the scouting ministry. Bishop Richardson is encouraging every church in the Conference to engage in scouting ministry.

Stretch Break

21st Century Church School

It was moved by the Reverend Jeffrey Dove and properly seconded by the Reverend John D. Williams, Sr. to adopt the report of the 21st Century Church School with any necessary adjustments. The motion carried.

Bishop's Moment

Bishop Richardson made mention that all reports will be posted online at www.centralconference11thdistrict.org. Bishop Richardson also announced that the Bishop Richard Allen stamps are now out of print. They may be available online, but they can no longer be found in the post office. Any remaining stamps will be destroyed.

State of the Church (10:25 a.m)

It was moved by the Reverend Robert Simmons, Sr. and properly seconded by the Reverends Joseph Brooks and Gloria House to adopt the report of the State of the Church with any necessary adjustments. The motion carried.

Bishop's Moment

Bishop Richardson stated that the State of the Church is active and relevant to community life. Bishop suggested that future reports should include a comparative analysis of the statistical information from the previous year. Bishop stated that based on the State of the Church report, no one should be embarrassed to be AME. The report puts a smiley face on the work and ministry of the AME Church in the Central Conference.

Committee on Living Well – Life in Balance

It was moved by the Reverend Gerard A. Moss, Sr. and properly seconded by the Reverend Ruth D. Diehl to adopt the report of the Committee on Living Well – Life in Balance with any necessary adjustments. The motion carried.

Comments

- 👤 The Reverend Jeffrey Dove stated that the Sons of Allen have adopted the prostate cancer cause as an initiative.
- 👤 Bishop encouraged the Committee to do the research as it pertains to "Alternative Medicine."
- 👤 Bishop further indicated that "prayer" and "meditation" are **NOT** "alternative medicine," they are necessary.

Christian Education (11:09 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)

It was moved by the Reverend Jeffrey Dove and properly seconded by the Reverend Lamarda Brooks to adopt the Christian Education report with any necessary adjustments. After a spirited discussion, the motion carried.

Comments

- ☉ The Ruth Diehl expressed concern that the recommendations being offered places an undue burden on smaller churches. She suggested that churches cluster to share resources.
- ☉ Bishop Richardson stated that when he was elected in 1996 and assigned to West African, there were five countries assigned to the 15th Episcopal District. When he arrived on the Ivory Coast, they had 11-14 churches. As a Bishop, he had to do everything for that Conference as he would do for the other Conferences with 70 churches. The same amount of time and energies need to be given smaller churches as given to larger churches. Clustering with churches enhances the fellowship.
- ☉ Pursuant to Bishop Richardson, Christian Education for the Bishop is the “whole thing” of the Church. Everything that is done in the Church is Christian Education From the kneeling in the pulpit to the reading of the scriptures.
- ☉ The Reverend James Givens announced the Christian Education Training in Jacksonville in January 2018. The Reverend Givens is requesting that all local churches and Presiding Elders consider sponsoring their CEDs and Church School Superintendents.

Women in Ministry Report

The Women in Ministry Report was read by the Reverend Kimberly Stockton, Conference President. She along with the Reverend Dr. Rhella Murdaugh presented Bishop and Supervisor Richardson a gift (original drawing sketch of their official photograph) from the Conference Women in Ministry.

It was moved by the Reverend Lovisa Moore and properly seconded by the Reverend Jiles J. Smith that the Women in Ministry Report be adopted with any necessary adjustments. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

Bishop's Comments

Pursuant Bishop Richardson, the Central Conference has the largest number of women in ministry including the Licentiates.

Ministry to Young Adults

The Ministry to Young Adults Report was read by the Reverend Mikel J. James. It was moved by the Reverend Willie N. Barnes, Jr. and properly seconded by the Reverend

Joseph L. Brooks that the Ministry to Young Adults Report be adopted with any necessary adjustments. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

Bishop's Comments

Bishop Richardson stated that the report should include what we are doing and what we are not doing.

Evangelism & Church Growth Report (11:58 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

The Evangelism & Church Growth Report was read by the Reverend Odell Watson. It was moved by the Reverend Lorenzo Laws and properly seconded by the Reverend Jeffrey Dove to adopt the Evangelism & Church Growth report with any necessary adjustments. The motion carried.

Christian Stewardship (12:01 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

The Christian Stewardship Report was read by the Reverend Patrick J. Sasnett. It was moved by the Reverend Jeffrey Dove and properly seconded by the Reverend Charles Robert Jackson to adopt the Christian Stewardship report with any necessary adjustments. After a spirited discussion, the motion carried.

Discussion

The Reverend Terence R. Gray, I commented that there can be no talk about stewardship without considering tentmaking. Churches are not going to show any progress if over half of the resources are going to pastor's salaries. Pastors have to pace and take the time to move the church. The Reverend Gray charged the committee with amending their report to include that the practice of electronic giving is necessary. The millennials are not giving cash. They don't carry cash. They carry cards.

Bishop Richardson thanked the Reverend Gray for opening the door to a larger conversation. Bishop Richardson stated that pastors and members would have to work together to negotiate how far they want the church to grow. Some pastors receive as much as 80% of the churches' income. The church will not grow beyond its pastor. Bishop said that there is no shame in a pastor having secular employment in addition to the pastorate. Throughout the vast majority of his pastorate, Bishop indicated that he had a job. He worked at the funeral home and did substitute teaching. He also taught Religion as an adjunct professor at FAMU. Bishop Richardson received the report as loaded with principles of stewardship that applies to both sides.

Clergy Spouses Report (12:33 p.m)

The Clergy Spouses Report was read by Mrs. Cynthia Bradley. It was moved by the Reverend David Bradley and properly seconded by the Reverend Lorenzo Laws that

Lay Report (see report):

Sister Ella Wilson present the Report. Addition made to the report after reading – Brother Pressley was honored as a Living Legacy at the 35th Biennial Lay Meeting.

Action by the Conference: The Rev. Jeffrey Dove moved that the conference adopt the committee's report and add it the Conference Minutes, seconded by The Rev. Terence R. Gray I. – **Motion carried.**

Note: Presiding Elder Walker has a Team Orlando plan to help all of her churches meeting their Lay Budget.

WMS & YPD (see report):

Sister Betty Ivey presented the Reports. Additions made to the report – The Conference offered prayer for Sis. Timika Fountain-Coney. Sister Harriet Brown Birk made a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Action by the Conference: The Rev. Nathan Mugala moved that the conference adopt the committee's report and add it the Conference Minutes, seconded by The Rev. Octavious Smith. – **Motion carried.**

Debutante Masters Commission (see report):

Sister Tereasa Johnson presented the Report.

Action by the Conference: The Rev. Patrick Sasnett moved that the conference adopt the committee's report and add it the Conference Minutes, seconded by The Rev. Sandara Williams. – **Motion carried.**

Sons of Allen (see report):

Brother Jessie McDaniel presented the Report.

Action by the Conference: The Rev. Terence Gray I moved that the conference adopt the committee's report and add it the Conference Minutes, seconded by The Rev. Joseph Brooks. – **Motion carried.**

**2017 Disciplinary Questions
(12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?

Itinerant Ministry

**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)**

Local Ministry

**Michelle Adell King Cason (Greater Saint Paul, Orlando)
Henry Rayfield Humphrey (Allen Chapel, Sanford)
Merrill Jerome Robertson (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne)**

2. Who remains on trial?

Itinerant Ministry

**Tina Gordon Davis (First AME, Orlando)
Shalonda Lynette Doughty (Saint Mark, Orlando)
Stephanie Michelle Francis (Greater Mount Olive, Merritt Island)
Bryan Roderick Loyd (Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne)
Grant Humbert McCray (Mount Zion, Daytona Beach)
Freda Russell Miller (Grace, The Villages)
Regina Aurora Taylor (Saint Mark, Orlando)
Kenya Williams (Allen Chapel, Sanford)**

Local Ministry

**Walter Larry Jett (Grace, The Villages)
Terry Lorenzo Walker (Saint Mark, Orlando)**

3. Who are admitted or readmitted to full connection?

No one, Bishop.

4. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?

Itinerant Ministry

**The Reverend Shalon Monique Chambers (Allen Chapel, New Smyrna Beach)
The Reverend Sheila De Los Angeles Hamilton (Grant Chapel, Oviedo)
The Reverend Mikel Jere James (Mount Tabor, Ocala)
The Reverend Chloe Jeanique Lyals (Ebenezer, Royal)**

The Reverend Frederick Lee Pennington (Mount Olive, Orlando)

5. Who have been elected and ordained elders?

Itinerant Ministry

The Reverend Dr. Ida Stephens Andrews (New Bethel, Orlando)
The Reverend Pamela Kaye Harrison Bivins (Greater St. Joseph, Sparr)
The Reverend Gregory Louis Brown, Jr. (Saint Paul, Apopka)
The Reverend Courtney Jamal Mackey (Greater Saint Joseph, Sparr)

6. Who have been located this Year?

The Reverend Willie Mae Simmons Joma (voluntary)

7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal Office and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

Council of Bishops:

Bishop McKinley Young
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Bishop Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram
Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah
Bishop Paul Jones Mulenga Kawimbe
Bishop James Levert Davis
Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.
Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.
Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr.
Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr.
Bishop John Franklin White, Sr.
Bishop Clement Willie Fugh
Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson
Bishop Harry Lee Seawright
Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell
Bishop Elizabeth Anne Henning Byfield
Bishop Ronnie Elijah Brailsford
Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker
Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III

8. Who are the supernumerary preachers?

The Reverend Donna Mosley Andrews
The Reverend Dr. Ida Stephens Andrews
The Reverend Marcella Baker
The Reverend Jeffery Alan Beason
The Reverend Carla Lorraine Bouie
The Reverend Gregory Louis Brown, Jr.
The Reverend Erma Croom

The Reverend Juanita Crutcher
The Reverend Charles Everett
The Reverend Carolyn Peeples Farrior
The Reverend Audrey Lenetta Greene
The Reverend Claude Ellis Harrison
The Reverend Paula Jackson
The Reverend Willie Mae Simmons Joma
The Reverend Kathy Brown James
The Reverend Woodrow L. Leeks
The Reverend Courtney Jamal Mackey
The Reverend A. Janice Mallory
The Reverend Dr. Missiouri L. McPhee
The Reverend Floyd Lindsey Narcisse
The Reverend Cynthia Miller
The Reverend Dr. Ann Marie Mingo
The Reverend Amos Moore
The Reverend Lillie Hall Moore
The Reverend Makeba Reed-Myorba
The Reverend Priscilla Robinson
The Reverend Ellen Rozier
The Reverend David Randall Smith
The Reverend Henry Smith
The Reverend Milford Talbot
The Reverend Leon Alexander Tucker, Jr.
The Reverend Lateria Shamone Watson
The Reverend Isaac Leon Williams
The Reverend Kenya Shanell Williams
The Reverend Griselle Velez

9. Who are the superannuated preachers?

Presiding Elder Leroy Sneed
The Reverend Roger Armstead
The Reverend Dennis Luther Bell
The Reverend Willie Branch, Jr.
The Reverend Charles Brown
The Reverend Walter Brown
The Reverend Johnny Bryant
The Reverend Lawrence Campbell
The Reverend Willie James Cohen
The Reverend Willie Bell Coleman-Smith
The Reverend Thomas Moses Connelly, Jr.
The Reverend Richard D. Daniels
The Reverend Willie James Denmark
The Reverend Charles Gordon, Sr.
The Reverend Susie Johnson Harris
The Reverend Allen Henry

The Reverend Reginald Joe
The Reverend G.W. Layne
The Reverend Herbert Missick
The Reverend Mildred Moten
The Reverend David Perry
The Reverend Melvin Rayner
The Reverend Dr. Evers Robinson
The Reverend Josephine Russ Petersen
The Reverend Lugenia P. Sanchez
The Reverend Benjamin Smith
The Reverend Jiles J. Smith
The Reverend Larnce Sylvester Williams
The Reverend Rudolph Wilson
The Reverend LeVerk Youmans
The Reverend Willie B. Young

10. Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference?
No persons have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference.
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?
The Reverend Taderryl Lavaughn Holley (Mount Olive AMEC, Orlando)
The Reverend Darold Anthony Ingram, Jr. (Saint Mark AMEC, Orlando)
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?
Yes.
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
Presiding Elder Leroy Kennon, Jr. (Ret.) (Orlando District)
Deaconess Naomi Lee Curry (Mount Olive, Merritt Island)
Deaconess Peggy Olivia Davis (Ebenezer, Royal) (103 yrs.)
Deaconess Bettye Ann Howard Hillman (New Bethel, Orlando)
Deaconess Verna Collier Mann (Mount Olive, Orlando)
Deaconess Ida Mae Smith (Saint James, Titusville)
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to the Christian Recorder and also the A.M.E. Church Review, The Voice of Missions, The Journal of Christian Education, The Secret Chamber, or the Missionary Magazine?
Yes.
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments or the church publications?
None Reported.
16. a. Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization? ***Some have.***
b. If not, what stations, circuits, do not have a Lay Organization?

Greater Ward Chapel, Melbourne (Daytona Beach District)
New Hope, Summerfield (Daytona Beach District)
Hurst Chapel, Orlando (North Orlando District)
Mount Olive, Orange Bend (North Orlando District)
Greater Mount Olive, Coleman (North Orlando District)
Mount Olive, Mt. Dora (North Orlando District)
Mount Zion, Zellwood (North Orlando District)
Ball Chapel, St. Cloud (North Orlando District)
Trinity, Orlando (North Orlando District)
Mount Olive, Trilby (Orlando District)

17. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?

Sine Die.

18. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?

**Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church
2525 West Church Street
Orlando, Florida 32805**

19. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

At a place determined by the Bishop's godly judgment.

Sister Carman Rosario, Mt. Olive AME Church, Orlando, Florida accompanied by her pastor, The Reverend Dr. Mark Crutcher, requested that Mt. Olive AME Church, Orlando, Florida host the 119th Session of the Central Annual Conference.

It was moved by the Reverend Arthur Davis, Jr. and properly seconded by the Reverend Lester Davis, Jr to accept the invitation for Mt. Olive AME Church, Orlando, Florida to host the 119th Session of the Central Annual Conference. The motion carried

The newly superannuated Reverend Jiles Smith and Reverend Willie Bell-Coleman were presented stipends from the Annual Conference and well wished on their retirement.

Bishop's Moment

Bishop Richardson thanked the members of the Conference for what they do to make the Conference great. Bishop Richardson commented that the Central Annual Conference is indeed a very strong Conference.

Presiding Elder Hartford Lee, on behalf of the Presiding Elders, pastors, and the entire constituency of the 118th Session of the Central Annual Conference gave Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. and Supervisor Connie Speights Richardson commendation for excellent supervision of the conference.

At the end of the session, Elder Postell moved to close the conference sine die after the reading of the appointments on this night. The Conference accepted this by consensus.

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The Memorial Service
1:15 P.M. – 1:35 P.M.

The Memorial Service was led by members of the Necrology and Memoirs Committee. Members lit white candles in memory of the Conference members that transitioned this Conference Year. The Conference name and Connectional names were solemnly called by The Reverend John D. Williams names.

Conference Minister:

Presiding Elder Leroy Kennon, Jr. (Ret.) (Orlando District)
Deaconess Naomi Lee Curry (Mount Olive, Merritt Island)

Deaconesses:

Deaconess Peggy Olivia Davis (Ebenezer, Royal) (103 yrs.)
Deaconess Bettye Ann Howard Hillman (New Bethel, Orlando)
Deaconess Verna Collier Mann (Mount Olive, Orlando)
Deaconess Ida Mae Smith (Saint James, Titusville)

Connectional Members (courtesy):

Retired Elder Elijah Smith of the 6th District

The benediction was pronounced at 1:25 P.M., and the conference adjourned in solemn reverence.

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21st Century Church School
4:30 p.m.

The 21st Century Model Church School began promptly at 4:30 p.m. with a bell tap by Reverend Reginald Johnson, Central Conference Church School Superintendent. The opening hymn was, "My Hope is Built" (A.M.E.C. Hymnal, p. 364),

Lesson Title: God's Covenant with Israel

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 19, Isaiah 60:3
Print: Exodus 19:16-25

Key Verses: Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took Their stand at the foot of the mountain. Exodus 19:17 (NRSV)

Home Daily Bible Readings
October 2 – October 8

Monday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (You Are God's Choice)
Tuesday	Exodus 19:9b-15 (Prepare to Meet Your God)
Wednesday	Isaiah 60:1-7 (The Triumphant Glory of God)
Thursday	Psalms 135:1-9, 19-21 (House of Israel, Praise the Lord)
Friday	Luke 9:28-36 (Revealed in a New Way)
Saturday	I Peter 2:1-10 (A Chosen Race, a Holy People)
Sunday	Exodus 19:16-25 (Worship God Through Obedience)

The Introduction of the Lesson – Presented by The Reverend Kimberly Stockton
The Bible Story – Presented by Reverend Gene Brown
Life Application – Presented by Reverend James Watkins
Summary – Presented by Brother Dr. Earl A. Burney, Jr.
The Closing Devotions – Presented by Sister Loretta Dukes

THE REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS

The Reverend Reginald Johnson
11th Episcopal District Church School Superintendent
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., Presiding Prelate

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Closing and Commissioning Service

6:35 P.M. – 9:35 P.M.

The Ministers, Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishop Adam J. Richardson dressed in black robes marched grandly in singing “God of Grace and God of Glory (#62 AMECH).” The Central Conference Choir led us in extraordinary musical grandeur with Presiding Elder Hartford Lee serving as Worship Leader.

Bishop Richardson preached the closing sermon entitled “In the Beginning God Created the Heaven and Earth,” one of his finest exegetical and most powerful homiletical proclamations. He began the sermon by speaking in the Hebraic language (bərēšîṭ bārāʾ ʾēlohîm ʾēṭ haššāmayim wəʾēṭ hāʾāreṣ): וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ. The text was taken from Genesis 1. Along with the text, Bishop Richardson expounded on the Affirmation of Faith and the Baptismal Creed. These are universal, theological, Christological, ecclesiological, and eschatological. He proclaimed that God vastness reaches beyond anthropological study and genderism of mankind. Only Jesus, in His being, deserves the title of “Awesome.” The sermon reached to the highest echelon of scholarship with power, yet with the polyvalence to reach the understanding of every listener.

The Special Offering of the Annual Conference for Hurricane:

The Annual Conference collected \$7,000 for the relief to hurricane victims to Houston, Texas, and Puerto Rico.

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Bishop Richardson acknowledged the presence of the following visitors:

The Rev. Kevin Desire, Episcopal Chair of the Music
Presiding Elder Jerome Denmark (Ret.) (West Conference)
The Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
The Reverend Karl Van Richards
Bro. Marlow Smith
Dr. Rose Hill
The Reverend George Hartsfield

Bishop Richardson presented the Conference Statistician, the Reverend Odell D. Watson and the Conference Resolution Chair, the Reverend Dr. Falecia D. Williams to read the reports.

118th Session Central Annual Conference Statistician's Report

The Reverend Odell Watson presented the Statistician Summary Report to the Conference:

118th Session Central Annual Conference Resolution – Read By The Reverend Dr. Falecia D. Williams

After the reading of the Resolution, the Reverend Lorenzo Laws moved that the Conference adopt the resolution, seconded by Reverend Patrick Joseph Sasnett II. - **The motion carried.**

Presentation of the Supervisor

Bishop Richardson presented the Episcopal Supervisor, Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson to the Conference to make remarks. She gave warm welcome, congratulations, and remarks to the Conference and visitors for all that has been done..

The Commissioning Service

8:59 P.M. – 9:35 P.M

The Commissioning Service was led by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., with the conference singing, "A charge to keep I Have, "#242 AMECH.

The Episcopal Supervisor distributed Certificates of Election for the following components:

- Women's Missionary Society (WMS) – Mrs. Bettye Ivey, President
- Young People's Department (YPD) – Ms. Tamika Fountain-Cooney, Director
- Ministers' Spouses Alliance – Mrs. Cynthia Bradley, Coordinator

Supervisor Richardson then requested the individual component officers to stand for recognition, and stated that the YPD & WMS elected officers last years and officers are elected every two years.

Bishop Richardson distributed the Certificates of Election, Admission, and Ordination as follows:

- Lay Organization – Mrs. Lenora Mobley
- Women in Ministry – the Reverend Sandara Elaine Williams
 - Bishop Richardson stated that approximately 49% of the preachers in the Annual Conference are women.
- Certificates of Admission to the Annual Conference
- Certificates of Ordination (Itinerant Deacons)

- Certificates of Ordination (Itinerant Elders)
- Certificates of Appointment
 - Bishop Richardson stated some persons would receive temporary appointments until he and the Supervisor make Conference adjustments throughout the remaining Conferences.

Bishop Richardson made extraordinary history on the number of persons admitted and ordained itinerant deacons and elders.

Total number of persons in worship - 590

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Pastoral Appointments

**Daytona Beach District
The Reverend Hartford Lee ~ Presiding Elder**

Church

1. Allen Chapel, Daytona Beach
2. Saint James, Titusville
3. Greater Allen Chapel, Melbourne
4. Mount Moriah, Cocoa
5. Mount Zion, Daytona Beach
6. Mount Tabor, Ocala
7. Allen Chapel, New Smyrna Beach
8. Mount Zion, Ocala
9. Bethel, DeLand
10. Historic New Bethel, Ormond Beach
11. Greater Mount Olive, Merritt Island
12. Shiloh, Mims
13. Mount Olive, Anthony
14. Mount Pisgah, Summerfield
15. Mount Olive, Lake Helen
16. Greater Faith, Deltona
17. Mount Zion, DeLeon Springs
18. Greater Saint Joseph, Sparr
19. Saint Joseph, Citra
20. Ward Chapel, Seville
21. New Hope, Summerfield
22. Greater Ward Chapel, Melbourne
23. Saint Mary, Osteen
24. Macedonia, Oak Hill
25. Mt. Zion, Orange City

Pastor

The Rev. Nathan M. Mugala
The Rev. Arthur Davis, Jr.
The Rev. Lorenzo Laws
The Rev. Odell D. Watson
The Rev. Willie N. Barnes, Jr.
The Rev. T. Patricia Nelson
The Rev. Jeffrey Dove
The Rev. Dr. Rhella Murdaugh
The Rev. Reginald Johnson, Sr.
The Rev. Phyllis Rose Brown
The Rev. Haywood Davidson
The Rev. Joyce Brown-Harvey
The Rev. Regina Womack
The Rev. Michael Kennedy
The Rev. Lester W. Davis, Jr.
The Rev. Caroline D. Shine
The Rev. Shirley Carr Myrick
The Rev. Pamela K. Harrison Bivins
The Rev. Willie Alexander
The Rev. Dr. Cornelius Scott Golden
The Rev. Charlotte Williams
The Rev. Kimberly Stockton
The Rev. Gloria Mott Payne
The Rev. Travis Kendrick
Presiding Elder Mary Robinson
(Ret.)(Supply)

*Mt. Nebo - unlisted

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Pastoral Appointments

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

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| 1. Saint Mark, Orlando | The Rev. Terence R. Gray, I |
| 2. New Bethel, Orlando | The Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr. |
| 3. Saint Paul, Apopka | The Rev. Gerard A. Moss, Sr. |
| 4. Saint Paul, Ocala | The Rev. Patrick J. Sasnett |
| 5. Saint Stephen, Leesburg | The Rev. David L. Connelly |
| 6. Hurst Chapel, Orlando | The Rev. Dr. Falecia D. Williams |
| 7. Greater Saint Paul, Orlando | The Rev. W. Damone Johnson |
| 8. Mt. Moriah, Wildwood | The Rev. Dr. Jamin A. Powell |
| 9. Saint Paul, Leesburg | The Rev. Bettye J. Watson |
| 10. Ebenezer, Royal | The Rev. Melvin Lyals |
| 11. Bethel, Umatilla | The Rev. James Watkins, Jr. |
| 12. Saint James, Eustis | The Rev. Richard King |
| 13. Mt. Olive, Dunnellon | The Rev. Al Washington |
| 14. Bethel, Kissimmee | The Rev. Willie Bell Coleman-Smith ^(sup) |
| 15. Mt. Olive, Orange Bend | The Rev. Dr. David Bradley |
| 16. Mt. Olive, Coleman | The Rev. Woodrow Leeks |
| 17. Saint James, Plymouth | The Rev. Larry Johnson |
| 18. Mt. Olive, Mt. Dora | The Rev. Marvin Andrews |
| 19. Mt. Pleasant, Fruitland Park | The Rev. Omega A.B. Collier |
| 20. Mt. Zion, Zellwood | The Rev. Dorothy Owens |
| 21. Ball Chapel, St. Cloud | The Rev. Gloria J. Houser |
| 22. Bethel, Okahumpka | The Rev. Earnestine Abner |
| 23. Trinity, Orlando | The Rev. Ollie Demps |
| 24. Grace, The Villages | The Rev. Thomas H. Poole, Jr. |

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Pastoral Appointments

**Orlando District
The Reverend Valarie J. Walker ~ Presiding Elder**

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| 1. Mt. Olive, Orlando | The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher |
| 2. Allen Chapel, Sanford | The Rev. Octavius L. Smith |
| 3. Ward Chapel, Winter Park | The Rev. John D. Williams, Sr. |
| 4. New Bethel, Altamonte Springs | The Rev. Arnold A. Porter |
| 5. Saint James, Sanford | The Rev. Terrell Blair, Sr. |
| 6. Mt. Zion, Oakland | The Rev. Joseph L. Brooks |
| 7. New Bethel, Sanford | The Rev. Ruth D. Diehl |
| 8. Saint Mark, Clermont | The Rev. Van H. Green |
| 9. Mt. Zion, Dade City | The Rev. Charles R. Jackson |
| 10. Saint Lawrence, Eatonville | The Rev. La'Fiesta Cox-Brown |
| 11. Saint Paul, Winter Garden | The Rev. Frankie L. Massey |
| 12. Grant Chapel, Oviedo | The Rev. Rhonda McIntyre |
| 13. Allen Temple, Brooks | The Rev. Curtis Lewis |
| 14. Mt. Pisgah, Webster | The Rev. James Franklin |
| 15. First AME, Orlando | The Rev. David Ferguson |
| 16. New Bethel, Lacochee | The Rev. Gene A. Brown |
| 17. Mt. Olive, Bushnell | The Rev. E. Willis McCoy |
| 18. Mt. Tabor, Altamonte Springs | The Rev. Sandara E. Williams |
| 19. Mt. Zion, Brooksville | The Rev. Aquinette Harrison |
| 20. Saint James, Inverness | The Rev. Susan Wiggins |
| 21. Mt. Olive, Trilby | The Rev. Dawn SharonAnne Harris |
| 22. Mt. Olive, Sanford | The Rev. Lovisa S. Moore |
| 23. Mt. Zion, Hernando | The Rev. Robert Simmons |
| 24. New Bethel, Geneva | The Rev. Sheryl J. Moore |