THURSDAY – September 15, 2016

Opening Worship Service

The Opening Worship Service of the 149th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference began promptly at 7:30 pm with Presiding Elder William W. Easley, Jr. (Louisville-Paducah District) as the Worship Leader. The preacher was the Reverend Jermaine Lapaz Wilson, Pastor of Saint John AME Church, Frankfort, Kentucky. The text was Acts 28:1-6 for the sermon entitled, “Under God’s Protection!”

Bishop Jeffrey Leath welcomed the following visitors: Connectional Officer, Sister Ora Easley (Administrator of the Clergy Family Information Center); Sister Gwendolyn Dillihunt, 13th Episcopal District Missionary Society President; Sister Dorothy Ealy, 13th Episcopal District Lay Organization President; Sister Dianna Golphin, 13th District Minister’s Spouses President; the Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas, 13th District Women In Ministry President; Sister Sherri' Pointer, 13th District CDMC Director; Presiding Elder Terence L. Mayes, Sr. (Chattanooga District, East Tennessee Conference); Presiding Elder C. Robert Finch (North Memphis District, West Tennessee Conference); the Rev. Walter R. Henry (West Tennessee Conference); the Rev. Babydoll Kennedy (Tennessee Conference); and, Dr. Susan Leath, M.D., the 13th District Supervisor of Missions.

The Opening Worship Service concluded at 9:16 pm.
**THE MINUTES OF THE 149TH SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
Quinn Chapel AME Church - Louisville, Kentucky
September 15-18, 2016

**FRIDAY – September 16, 2016**

**Opening Business Session**

At 8:47 am, devotions began. At 9:00 am, the Rt. Reverend Jeffrey N. Leath, the Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, called the 149th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, hosted by Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Louisville, Kentucky, to order. Bishop Leath acknowledged the merger of the West Kentucky Conference and the Kentucky Conference into the “new” Kentucky Conference!

Bishop Leath called for the Conference Secretary of the 148th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, the Reverend William R. T. Hale, and the Conference Secretary of the 135th Session of the West Kentucky Annual Conference, the Reverend Linda R. Jackson, to Call their respective Rolls (see the Roll).

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To  Kelvin Robinson  Transferred to West Tennessee Conference
    Melanie Samuels-Black
    Ralph B. Smith
R  Rita Story  Removed after General Conference – to TN Conference
A  Veda Stewart
    Robert A. Strode
    Antonio Q. Stuckey
    Erika Taylor
    Troy I. Thomas
To  Edward L. Thompson  Transfer to the Tennessee Conference
To  Ebonie Walker  Transferred to the Ohio Conference 3rd Episcopal District
    Jermaine L. Wilson

**ITINERANT ELDERS – SUPERNUMERARY**

**The Reverends…**
Kent Burley
James Carter
LaVita Chavous
Deidra Ellis
A  Sharon W. Johnson
    Sherry Miller
    A.D. Reed
PL  Vivian Snardon
Ex  Glenn A. Spaulding
    Maxine Thomas
W  Avis L. Thompson  Withdrawn from the AME Church
    Alphonso Walker

**SUPERANNUATED**

**The Reverends…**
David L. Chavous
Geoffrey Ellis
Ex  Barry Frazier
Ex  Eugene Fuller
    Gene Gallon
Ex  Frederick E. Hale, Jr.
Ex  William Hardy
A  Christine Hooper
    Carl C. Liggins
Ex  Price D. Mitchell
Ex  Wanda Ryan
Ex  Romiltia W. Shelton
A  James H. Stowe
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    Richard Watts

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- Linda Brown
- Kenneth Milden Coffey
- Ralph Tommy Johnson
- Douglas Peyton
- Herlea Reynolds
- Janet Seay

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- Robert Watkins *Removed, now under jurisdiction of the 4th Episcopal*

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- Etolia Carolyn White

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- Tony Anthony Gooch
- Sherry Green
- Quincy Harvey
- Ella T. Jones
- Dennis Miller
- Louise Spencer

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- Natasha Billips Nix *(From the 5th Episcopal District)*
- Donna Lorhorn *(From the West Tennessee Conference)*
- J.T. Musgrove, Sr. *(From the 6th Episcopal District - Atlanta North Conference)*

**President of the Lay Organization**

- Sister Myrna Herron; Brother Chris Wilson

**President of the Women’s Missionary Society**

- Sister Dianna Golphin; Sister Betty Gresham

**Director of the Young People’s Division of the Women’s Missionary Society**

- Sister Mary Raglin; Sister Melanie Robbins

**President of the Young People’s Division**

- Sister Angelica Jones; Sister Summer Payne

**Health and Wellness Coordinator**

- Sister Lajava Chenault; Sister Alma Pitman

**President of RAYAC**

- Sister Martina Shirley
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Bishop Leath called for the Organization of the Conference.

Presiding Elder William Easley moved the following: the Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey N. Leath, as President Ex-Officio of the Annual Conference; the Reverend William R. T. Hale as Recording Secretary, the Reverend Linda R. Jackson as Assistant Secretary, the Reverend Linda Murray as Engrossing Secretary, the Reverend Antonio Q. Stuckey as Statistician, and the Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black as Assistant Statistician. The Reverend Troy Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved that the following act as the Conference Marshalls: the Reverend Stephanie Raglin (Chief Marshall), the Reverend Tony Gooch, Brother Sammy Clay, and Brother Melvin Allen. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved the following be elected to serve as the Finance Committee: the Reverends Jermaine Wilson, Kenneth Golphin, LaVeeshia Pryor, Troy Thomas, Erica Taylor, Linda Jackson, and William Jenkins; and Sister Dianna Golphin and Brother Chris Wilson. The Reverend Sheila Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved the following be elected to serve as the Triers of Appeals: the Reverends Everett Hobson, Sheila Harris, Veda Stewart, Stephanie Raglin, and Melanie Samuels-Black. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Presiding Elder Easley moved that the Conference Boundaries shall be the two center rows of pews and the chancel area. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved the approval of the Annual Conference Agenda with any reasonable and appropriate adjustments. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop acknowledged that the Rev. Dr. Sheiler Stokes (Bethel, Jeffersonville - Fourth Episcopal District), Presiding Elder Erich Shumake (AME Zion Church, Bardstown District) and the Reverend Byron Moore (Saint Andrew, Memphis, TN) who visited the Kentucky Annual Conference during the Opening Worship.

Bishop acknowledged guests to the Opening Business Session: The Rev. Roderick Belin (Publisher of the AME Sunday School Union), Brother John Thomas (the 21st Editor of the Christian Recorder), the Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield (Payne Chapel, Nashville, TN), and the Reverend Walter W. Reid, Jr. (Greater Bethel, Nashville, TN).

Bishop Leath called for the Board of Examiners report (see the report):

- Class of Admission — Sister Rachel K. French will remain on hold in the Class of Admissions until she completes her Bachelor’s Degree.
- Class of Admission — The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode moved that the Annual Conference recognize Brother Robert J. Lewis’s year of study and acknowledge his intent to pursue local order. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Second Year Studies — The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that Sister Dujuana S. Wilson (Itinerant Orders) remain on-hold in Second Year Studies. The Reverend Sheila Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Fourth Year Studies — The Reverend William Jenkins moved that the status of the Reverend Sherry Green (Local Deacon of Saint Peter, Harrodsburg and Supply Pastor of Saint Paul, Manchester) be moved from “Local” to “Itinerant”. The Reverend Dr. Maxine Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Fourth Year Studies — The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that the Reverend Donna Jean Lorhorn (Itinerant Deacon and Supply Pastor of Saint James, Pryorsburg) be elected and ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist
Episcopal Church. The Reverend Dr. Sheila Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that the Board of Examiners Report as a whole be adopted. The Reverend Dr. Robert A. Strode seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley (along with his spouse, Sister Ora Easley) presented a summary report (see the summary report). He then thanked the Louisville-Paducah District for their support.

Presiding Elder Smith (along with his spouse, Sister Renee Scott-Smith) presented a summary report (see the summary report). He then thanked the Lexington District for their support.

Bishop addressed the issue of timely reporting to the Annual Conference, noting that the fiscal year ends on June 30, and reports should be completed well before the required reporting date.

Bishop acknowledged that no deaths of Annual Conference members were reported this year, but the Memorial Service would proceed to address the loss and grief we have all experienced in our local churches and communities.

Bishop called for the report of Mission, Circuits and Stations. The Reverend June Anderson-Dorsey reported (see the report).

- The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that due to the Paducah Area Churches being joined with the Tennessee Conference, that the Louisville-Paducah District now be named the Louisville District. The Reverend Sheila Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The Reverend William Hale moved that since Thompson Chapel, Beattyville (a Mission Charge) has withdrawn from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, that their name be dropped from the roll of churches. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The Reverend Joshua Hale moved to amend the report that Shekinah Glory, Louisville (Mission Charge) be removed from the roll because the Pastor reported no activity. The Reverend James Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
• The Committee on Mission, Circuits and Stations agreed to amend the report to reflect the concern of the Annual Conference concerning Saint Paul, Owensboro, stating that if there is no improvement (the Pastor reported only two members) then it’s doubtful that they’ll be able to continue in “Station” status.

• Brother Sammy Clay, delegate from Saint Andrew, Winchester, stated that its members are dying and finances are low, and requested to go to two Sunday’s a month.

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved the adoption of the report as a whole, as amended. The Reverend William Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Annual Conference recessed at 11:21am.

The Memorial Service

The Memorial Service began at 11:35am, the Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black was the worship leader. The services concluded at 11:46am.

The Morning Business Session continued

The Morning Business Session resumed at 11:46am. Bishop Leath informed the Annual Conference of the offer to sell Minor Chapel, Taylorsville for $10,000. The Reverend Joshua Hale moved that the offer be accepted and the property sold to Second Baptist Church, Taylorsville, KY (The Rev. Dr. Charles Burton, Senior Pastor, was present). The Reverend Sheila Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop acknowledged the Reverend Randall Webster (Tennessee Conference).

The Hour of Power

The Hour of Power began at 12noon, with Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath as the Worship Leader. Host Pastor Troy Thomas introduced Brother Kevin Dunbar, the First Vice President of the local NAACP and who works with the Urban League Housing Development, and gave “A Word of Voter Participation Encouragement”. Bishop Leath led the Annual Conference in “A Word of Spiritual Encouragement” utilizing the Full Decalogue. The Hour of Power ended at 12:30pm.
Afternoon Business Session

The Afternoon Business session began at 1:50pm, Bishop Leath called the Annual Conference to order and called for the Pastor’s Reports to continue. The following Pastors reported:

- Pastor Donzella Lee (with delegate, Robert Leon Allen) – Saint John, Monticello
- Supply Pastor Kenneth Coffey (with substitute Katrina Coffey) – Craig Chapel, Salvisa
- Evangelist Gayle Lang – Perkins Chapel, Wilmore
- Supply Pastor Louise Spencer (with substitute delegate, the Reverend Percy Spencer) – Wayman Chapel, Barboursville
- Supply Pastor Revonda Bright (with delegate, Viola Young) – Allen Chapel, Moreland
- Pastor Fonseco Frazier (with delegate, Virginia Thompson) – Wayman Chapel, Georgetown

Bishop Leath entertained a motion to make Presiding Elder C. Robert Finch to serve as President Pro-Tem. The Reverend William R. T. Hale moved for Presiding Elder Finch to serve as President Pro-Tem, the Reverend Troy I. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Finch called for the report on Social Action (see report), which was presented by the Reverend Everett Hobson, Chair; read by the Reverend Dr. Sheila Harris. The Reverend Carl C. Liggins moved the report be adopted, the Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath resumed the chair and called for the Pastor’s reports to continue:

- Supply Pastor Sherry Green (with delegate, Darnell Hipsher) – Saint Paul, Manchester
- Supply Pastor Ralph T. Johnson (with delegate, Doris Sloan) – Mount Zion, Frazier
- Supply Pastor Tony Gooch (with delegate, Cornell Fish) – Saint James, Ashland
- Pastor Melanie Samuels-Black - Wards Chapel, Scottsville
- Pastor Karen Carter – Shekinah Glory (no delegate)
- Pastor Barbara Crawford (with delegate, James Stanley) – Saint Paul, Woodburn
The Reverend Vivian Snardon requested superannuated status. Presiding Elder William Easley moved to accept the Reverend Vivian Snardon’s request for superannuation status based on confirmation from the Ministerial Efficiency committee. Seconded by the Reverend David L. Chavous. The motion carried.

Bishop called for the Pastor’s Reports to continue:

- Pastor Erika Taylor – Greater Taylor Chapel, Franklin
- Pastor June Anderson-Dorsey (with alternate delegate, Yolanda Strawter) – Saint Paul, Louisville
- Pastor McArthur Pendleton (with delegate, Cecilia Tinsley) – Bethel, Shelbyville
- Pastor Kent Burley (with delegate, Katherine Baker) – Shorter Chapel, Paris
- Pastor Stephanie Raglin (with delegate, Nathaniel Stewart) – Embry Chapel, Elizabethtown

Bishop Leath acknowledged the members of Bethel, Campbellsville, and prayed for their pastor, the Reverend Frank Price (who is critically ill) and Sister Price.

Bishop called for the Pastor’s Reports to continue:

- Pastor Joshua Hale (with delegate, Wathetta Buford) - Taylor Chapel, Bowling Green
- Supply Pastor Linda Murray (with delegate, Teresa Huddleston) – Saint James, Covington
- Pastor Linda R. Jackson (with delegate, Cidra Archie) – Saint Mark, Louisville
- Supply Pastor Kelly Roberts (with delegate, Charity Roberts) – Davies Chapel, Somerset
- Pastor Wallace Gunn (with delegate, Brenda Palmer) – Asbury Chapel; Bishop Leath discussed the structural issues at Asbury Chapel and encouraged a decision to be made as to how to address it.

Bishop called for the Pastor’s Reports to continue:

- Pastor Everett Hobson (with delegate, Shirley Smith Pointer) - Youngs Chapel, Louisville
- Pastor Reginald Pullums (with delegate, Daniel Gooch) - Bethel, Boneyville
- Supply Pastor Jeffrey Washington (with delegate, Sammy Clay) - Saint Andrew, Winchester
- Pastor Troy I. Thomas (with delegate, Sonya Bullock) – Quinn Chapel, Louisville
- Pastor Sheila Harris (with delegate, Anna M. Johnson) - Saint Matthew, Midway
- Pastor William Jenkins (with delegate, Ruth Ann Bryant) - Saint Peter, Harrodsburg
- Pastor Antonio Stuckey (with delegate, Diane Woods) - Saint James, Cynthiana
- Pastor Robert A. Strode (with delegate, Ellis Collins) - Saint Paul, Versailles
- Pastor Kenneth Golphin (with delegate, Carol Barbour) - Quinn Chapel, Lexington
- Pastor Jermaine Wilson (with delegate, Michelle Carter) - Saint John, Frankfort
- Pastor William T. Hale (with delegate, Myron Coleman) - Saint Paul, Lexington
- Pastor Leveeshia Pryor (with delegate, Robin Harris) - Saint Paul, Richmond


Following announcements, the Afternoon Business Session adjourned at 4:47pm with prayer by the Reverend Geoffrey Ellis.

**Retirement Service**

The Retirement Service began at 7:14pm, and recognized the retirement from active itinerancy of the Reverend Vivian Snardon and the Reverend Kenneth E. Paris. The Retirement Service concluded at 7:34pm.
Spiritual Renewal Revival

The Spiritual Renewal Revival Service began at 7:38 pm with the Reverend Kenneth Golphin as the Worship Leader. The preacher was the Reverend June Anderson-Dorsey, Pastor of Saint Paul, Louisville, Kentucky. The text was Matthew 6:7-13 for the sermon entitled, “Jesus Prays!” The worship concluded at 8:44 pm.