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Thirteenth Episcopal District**

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**Wayman Chapel AME Church, Host Church
Columbia, Tennessee**

**Report of the Tennessee Conference Board of Examiners
Friday, October 19, 2018**

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Dr. Susan J. Leath, Episcopal Supervisor**

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Reverend Walter Reid, 2nd Year
Reverend James McKissack, 3rd Year
Reverend Kenneth Hill, 4th Year
Reverend Benessa Sweat
Reverend Sonja Brown DeLoatch
Reverend Frederick Jenkins
Reverend Dennis Lawson
Reverend Marlon Crawford
Reverend Trent Ogilvie**

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Supervisor Susan J. Leath, general officers, presiding elders, pastors, delegates, friends and visitors of the 151st Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the 13th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We, the members of the Tennessee Conference Board of Examiners, wish to make the following report:

Admissions

The following classes were offered to the student in the Class on Admissions:

Class	Instructor	Dates of Class
The Call to Christian Ministry	Benessa Sweat	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Articles of Religion	Lisa Hammonds	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
The Nature and Mission of the Church	Trent Ogilvie	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Black Church in America	Lisa Hammonds	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Homiletics I	Walter Reid	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
History of African Methodism	James McKissack	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Introduction to the Bible	Randall Webster	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25 (x2)
Catechism of Faith, et al	Kenneth Hill	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25

Margarette Ann Dashiell, age 48 (9/9/70), single with no dependent children. She is a member of Mullins Chapel AME Church in Shelbyville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on February 7, 2018. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University and is currently enrolled at the Hazelip School of Theology at Lipscomb University pursuing her Master of Divinity degree. She has satisfied the requirements of the Ministry Safe program, background check, and psychological exam and is in possession of all books. She successfully completed the aforementioned coursework and exhibits a functional knowledge and proficiency for the class of Admissions, having obtained a cumulative score of 84.4%. We, therefore, recommend she be admitted to the Tennessee Annual Conference on trial and advanced to First Year Studies in itinerant relations.

First Year Studies

The following classes were offered to the students in First Year Studies:

Class	Instructor	Dates of Class
Homiletics II	Walter Reid	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Role of the Laity	Jeffery Norfleet, II	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Major Methodist Beliefs	James McKissack	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Roles of the Pastor	W. Antoni Sinkfield	6/2, 6/30, 7/7 (x2)
Stewardship in the Local Church	Trent Ogilvie	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
AME Discipline/Church Polity	Frederick Jenkins	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25
Worship, Liturgy, and Rituals	Anica Howard	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25
Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette	Ralph Johnson	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25

Tanya Mason, age 48 (8/23/70), divorced with no dependent children. She is a member of Payne Chapel AME Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on July 5, 2009. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from American Baptist College. She is currently enrolled at Payne Theological Seminary pursuing her Masters of Divinity degree. She has satisfied the requirement for an updated background check, successfully completed the aforementioned coursework, and exhibits a functional knowledge and proficiency for First Year Studies, having obtained a cumulative score of 87.5%. We, therefore, recommend she be advanced to Second Year Studies in itinerant relations.

Tremaine Sails-Dunbar, age 27 (8/5/91), single with no dependent children. He is a member of St. Luke AME Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on October 9, 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from American Baptist College. He is currently enrolled at Vanderbilt Divinity pursuing his Master of Divinity degree. Due to personal concerns, Brother Sails-Dunbar did not successfully complete the coursework as described and agreed to be retained in First Year Studies. We, therefore, recommend that he be retained in First Year Studies in itinerant relations.

Second Year Studies

The following classes were offered to the students in Second Year Studies:

Class	Instructor	Dates of Class
Pastoral Care	Ralph Johnson	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Ministerial Practicum	W. Antoni Sinkfield	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Church Administration I	W. Antoni Sinkfield	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Urban/Rural Ministry	Randall Webster	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Christian Ethics	Lisa Hammonds	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Christian Evangelism/Church Growth	W. Antoni Sinkfield	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Black History	Kenneth Hill	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25
Homiletics III	Walter Reid	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25 (x2)

Corwin Davis, age 24 (8/25/94), single with no dependent children. He is a member of Lee Chapel AME Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on January 13, 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Belmont University. He is currently enrolled at Vanderbilt Divinity School pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. He has satisfied the requirement for an updated background check, successfully completed the aforementioned coursework, and exhibits a functional knowledge and proficiency for Second Year Studies, having obtained a cumulative score of 91%. We, therefore, recommend he be elected and ordained an Itinerant Deacon and advanced to Third Year Studies in itinerant relations.

John Cummings, Jr., age 54 (3/14/64), married with no dependent children. He is a member of Payne Chapel AME Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on September 25, 2006. He is currently enrolled at Welch College pursuing his Bachelor of Arts

degree. He has satisfied the requirement for an updated background check, successfully completed the aforementioned coursework, and exhibits a functional knowledge and proficiency for Second Year Studies, having obtained a cumulative score of 81.3%. We, therefore, recommend he be elected and ordained a Local Deacon for Payne Chapel AME Church in Nashville and advanced to Third Year Studies in local relations.

Jimmie Handley, Jr., age 49 (2/3/69), married with dependent children. He is a member of Payne Chapel AME Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on October 15, 2012. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Lipscomb University. He currently enrolled at the Hazelip School of Theology at Lipscomb University pursuing his Master of Divinity degree. He has satisfied the requirement for an updated background check, successfully completed the aforementioned coursework, and exhibits a functional knowledge and proficiency for Second Year Studies, having obtained a cumulative score of 78.6%. We, therefore, recommend he be elected and ordained a Local Deacon for Payne Chapel AME Church in Nashville and advanced to Third Year Studies in local relations.

Fourth Year Studies

The following classes were offered to the student in Fourth Year Studies:

Class	Instructor	Dates of Class
Homiletics V	Lisa Hammonds	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Women in the Church and Clergy	Barbara Crawford	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
Church Music	Jeffery Norflett, II	3/31, 4/28, 5/5
AME Discipline & Polity II	Frederick Jenkins	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Church Administration II	James McKissack	6/2, 6/30, 7/7
Ministry and Spiritual Formation	Anica Howard	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25
Christian Church Year and Symbols	Benessa Sweat	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25
Culture/Context of Contemporary Min	Frederick Jenkins	7/14, 7/28, 8/4, 8/25

The Rev. Kendell Jackson, age 38 (7/13/80), married with two dependent children. He is a member of Greater Ebenezer AME Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on September 19, 2009. He has both an Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree from Liberty University. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Regent University. The Rev. Jackson is active duty in the military and is currently deployed in Germany. As he is serving his country, practicing ministry while abroad, and continuing his studies, we recommend that his studies be acknowledged and he be placed “on hold” until such time as he completes his educational requirements.

The Rev. Candace Charlene Perkins, age 31 (12/03/86), single with no dependent children. She is a member of Greater Bethel AME Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was initially licensed to preach on July 8, 2013. She has a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree from University of Memphis and Master of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary. She has satisfied the requirement for an updated background check, successfully completed the

aforementioned coursework, and exhibits a functional knowledge and proficiency for Fourth Year Studies, having obtained a cumulative score of 65%. We, therefore, recommend she be elected and ordained an Itinerant Elder.

The Rev. Carl Watkins, age 54 (8/18/64), married with dependent children. He is a member of Scotts Chapel AME Church in Hermitage, Tennessee, having transferred from the Indiana Annual Conference into the Tennessee Annual Conference in its 150th Session on October 20, 2017. He was originally licensed to preach in 2008 and elected and ordained an itinerant deacon in 2010. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Southern University and A&M College and has attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Liberty University School of Divinity. Documentation received verifies the Rev. Watkins has successfully completed the Board of Examiners process in his previous conference and is now properly placed in Fourth Year Studies. We, therefore, recommend he be placed “on hold” until such time as he completes his educational requirements.