

# **120<sup>th</sup> Session of the East Tennessee Annual Conference**

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To the Presiding Prelate, Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Supervisor, Dr. Susan Leath, Presiding Elders Eva M. Settles and Terence L. Mayes, Sr., ministers, members, and delegates of the East Tennessee Annual Conference.

We greet you in the matchless and wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

There is a song that states, “When all of God’s children get together, what a time what a time, what a time!” This statement could have no greater emphasis than in the period of time that we are living right now. As we endure the restrictions of the pandemic, this song reminds us of the victory to come and how we should remain patient to witness the greatness of God.

The Music Ministry of the East Tennessee Conference has not diminished but has become wiser in the implementation of worship to the children of God that are not able to congregate within the edifices of our Zion. We still can utilize our gifts through the talents of instruments and melodic voices to encourage, uplift, and empower souls in the work of the kingdom of God.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

First, it is the recommendation of the East Tennessee MCAM that each congregation within the East Tennessee Conference implement training in the area of media and communication technology to ensure that each congregation within the East Tennessee Conference remains connected. Examples of this are zoom© and Facebook Live (two of the most popular). Secondly, each congregation should connect with the Christian Education Department ([ameced.com](http://ameced.com)) to gain access to musical accompaniment and worship music. This is a rich resource for congregations without musicians and during the pandemic season.

## **CONCLUSION**

As the vices of the pandemic diminish, these recommended technologies that have been utilized can continue to be an active part of the church ministry as they provide vehicles of connection for those unable to physically fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Committee of Music  
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