The African Methodist Episcopal Church
A Social Justice and Liberating Faith

See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God. Micah 6:8

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Gender/Sexual Justice
Loving Those with Whom I Disagree

144th Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference
Annual Conference Guide

October 4-6, 2018
St. James AME Church
600 N 4th Street
Memphis, TN 38107

Jeffrey N. Leath
Presiding Bishop

Susan J. Leath, MD
Supervisor, Women’s Missionary Society

The Reverend C. Robert Finch
Host Presiding Elder, North Memphis District

The Reverend Linda F. Thomas-Martin
Associate Presiding Elder, South Memphis District

The Reverend Walter Henry
Host Pastor
Grace to the 144th Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference!

Thanks to Pastor Henry, St. James Chapel AME Church, and those who assisted in every way to make our sessions efficient and productive. We appreciate the hospitality of the greater Memphis Area.

Special thanks to the presiding elders, pastors and laity for your diligent service throughout the year. Your preparations for this session are acknowledged with gratitude.

We are Pursuing Environmental Justice! Environmental accountability requires intentional focus on how our habits of consumption impact others and faithfulness to God’s plan for the earth. The power, and will, to do better is directly related to how we see God and our role as stewards of creation.

Let us praise God with grateful hearts and respectful practices. Conserve, re-use, recycle. Let us think as we act with our resources. Advocate for commercial and governmental interests to do the same.

Lest we forget, register, vote and encourage others. VOTE!

Supervisor Susan joins me in saying thank you for your loving support.

Faithfully,

Jeffrey N. Leath
ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA
144TH SESSION of THE WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday – Day One
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  WMS Annual Day
3:00 pm  Literary & Action Reports
          State of the Country
          State of the Church
          Christian Stewardship
          Social Action

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS
7:30 pm  OPENING WORSHIP
          Roll Call

Friday – Day Two
8:45 am  Devotions
9:00 am  BUSINESS SESSION I
          Organization
          Board of Examiners
          PE Reports
          Pastor Reports

12:00 pm  LUNCH

2:00 pm  BUSINESS SESSION II
          Pastor Reports
          Chaplain Reports

3:00 pm  BUSINESS SESSION III
          Committee Reports
          13th District Budget
          13th District Audit
          Conference Trustees
          Treasurer's Report
          Missions, Circuits and Stations
          Pastor & Charge Classification
          Budget Committee
          PE Support

4:15 pm  BUSINESS SESSION IV
          Committee Reports
          CDMC
          Christian Education
          Church School
          M-SWAWO
          Evangelism
          Lay
4:15 pm  BUSINESS SESSION IV
            Committee Reports
            MCAM (Music)
            RAYAC
            Sons of Allen
            WIM
            WMS
            YPD

5:30 pm  DINNER/BREAK
7:00 pm  MEMORIAL SERVICE
7:15 pm  SERVICE OF RETIREMENT
7:30 pm  RENEWAL SERVICE

Saturday – Day Three
8:20 am  Devotions & Church School Lesson
9:00 am  YPD/RAYAC PRESENTATION
10:00 am  BUSINESS SESSION V
            Minutes
            Ministerial Efficiency
39 x 384
10:15 am  Health & Wellness Committee
            Enrichment Moment
            District Reports
            Camp Primm – Simmons
            Believe Report & Presentation
11:30 am  COMMUNION WORSHIP
1:15 pm  LUNCH
3:00 pm  BUSINESS SESSION VI
            Summaries & New Organization
            Finance Committee
            Elect Conference Trustees
            Appoint District Trustees
            Believe Board Reps
            Statistician’s Report
            Ministerial Efficiency
            Ministerial Training
            Disciplinary Questions
5:30 pm  BREAK
7:30 pm  RESOLUTION
            APPRECIATION & REMARKS
            CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE
            Appointments
## KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
### Pastors & Delegates
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The Reverend Dr. Byron C. Moore
St. Andrew AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee
Opening Worship Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Byron C. Moore is the Pastor of St. Andrew AME Church in Memphis, Tennessee. He holds a B.S. in Psychology from Elizabeth City State University (NC) and a Master’s in Pastoral Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary, where he is presently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis on Transformative Leadership. He’s also been bestowed an Honorary Doctorate from the Tennessee School of Religion.

During his most recent pastorate prior to St. Andrew at Vernon Chapel AME Church in Flint, MI, his community activism and social justice emphasis provided pivotal, vocal and visible leadership around the grave issue of the contamination of the city’s water supply by lead. His sociopolitical involvement was equally evident in his two previous pastoral assignments at St. James AME in St. Paul, MN and Historic Ebenezer AME in Detroit.

The Reverend Lula Martin-Sanderson
Avery Chapel AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee
Renewal Service Preacher

The Reverend Lula Martin-Sanderson, is the pastor of Avery Chapel AME Church in Memphis. She graduated from Memphis Theological Seminary in May 2013 as the first Thomas Briggs Scholarship recipient in the Masters of Divinity Degree Program. She also earned an Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Psychology from Tennessee State University.

In her professional career, she is the Owner and Executive Director of Exploratory Centers of America, LLC, a Employment Community First Agency that assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with employment and community integration; a licensed Drug and Alcohol Addiction Counselor through CAAP (Cocaine Alcohol Awareness Program, Memphis, TN). She truly exhibits a gift for helping others and loves to serve God’s people in many capacities.
Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell
134th Bishop of the AME Church
Presiding Prelate, 12th Episcopal District
Closing Worship Preacher

Bishop Michael Mitchell, the 134th Bishop is the Presiding Prelate of the 12th Episcopal District. Determined to achieve God’s purpose for his life, Bishop Mitchell began his ministerial training and study under the African Methodist Episcopal Church and was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in 1979 and an Itinerant Elder in 1981. His first pastoral assignment came in 1985 at the AME Church of the Master (Jacksonville, FL). He also pastored Mount Zion (Arcadia, FL), Saint Luke (Tampa, FL), and Martin Memorial (Miami, FL).

In September 1992, Bishop Mitchell was chosen to succeed Bishop Robert V. Webster (retired) as pastor of Saint Stephen AME Church in Jacksonville, Florida where he served for 24 years. The return to his hometown brought with him a fresh, vibrant anointing spirit that excited and ignited the congregation to a spiritual high. Bishop Mitchell taught and preached the Gospel with revelation knowledge and a sincere determination to build a people able to stand, steadfast and unmoving, on the promises of God.

Prior to becoming the 134th elected and consecrated Bishop in the AME Church, Bishop Mitchell served on the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1996 through 2008) and served as the Chair of the Board of Examiners and Treasurer of the East Annual Conference of the Eleventh Episcopal District.

Bishop Mitchell graduated from Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio in 1982 and received a Master of Divinity Degree from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia in 1986. He received a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in 2012.

An anointed man of God whose concern for the people is not only spiritual, Bishop Mitchell is actively involved in the social, economic, and educational needs of the community.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are admitted or readmitted to full connection?
4. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained elders?
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal Office and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?
8. Who are the supernumerary preachers?
9. Who are the superannuated preachers?
10. Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference?
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers properly subscribed to the periodicals?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments?
16. Lay Organization:
   a. Does each station, circuit or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization?
   b. If not, which?
17. Women’s Missionary Society:
   a. Does each station, circuit or mission in this Annual Conference have a Women’s Missionary Society?
   b. If not, which?
18. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
19. Where shall your next Annual Conference be held?
20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?
PASTOR APPOINTMENTS

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