

**151<sup>th</sup> SESSION**  
**KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS REPORT**  
**BISHOP JEFFREY N. LEATH**  
**PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**September 27-30, 2018**

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**TO THE 151<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Embry Chapel A.M.E. Church**

**Lexington, Kentucky**

**September 27-30, 2018**

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

To Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath and members of the 151<sup>th</sup> Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, we, your members of the Board of Examiners beg leave to make the following report:

**THE CLASS OF ADMISSIONS**

**LOCAL TRACK**

**Four (4)**

- A. **Brother Ernest Gooch**, age 82 (04/23/36), is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Boneyville, KY, where his pastor is the Reverend Reginald Pullums. He is married with 8 adult children.

Brother Gooch was referred by the Lexington District to the Kentucky Conference Board of Examiners for the Class on Admissions. After reviewing his requirements for admissions, it is the recommendation of this Board that he not attend the Board of Examiners, and the Kentucky Conference approve him as a licensed evangelist for the Kentucky Conference at the 151<sup>st</sup> session.

- B. **Sister Rachel French**, age 38 (10/06/79), is a member of Embry Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Elizabethtown, KY, where her pastor is the Reverend Stephanie M. Raglin. She is single and has 1 son. She is a student at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY and majoring in Leadership Ministry (BA). She is a fulltime supervisor at Molding Solutions.

It is the recommendation of this Board that her studies be acknowledged and she be passed to the First Year Studies.

- C. **Brother Philip Gayles Johnson**, age 38, (11/10/79), is a member of Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Louisville, KY where his pastor is the Reverend Troy I. Thomas; he is married and has 4 children. He holds a Bachelors in Social Work from Murray State University in Murray, KY. He is a student in the Masters of Divinity program at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, in Louisville, KY.

It is the recommendation of this Board that he be retained in the Class of Admissions.

- D. **Brother Harold Mason**, age 60 ( 09/01/58), is a member of Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Georgetown, KY where his pastor is the Reverend Fonseca Frazier; he is single and has 1 daughter, and 3 grandchildren.

Brother Mason has not completed the Board requirements.

It is the recommendation of this Board that he be retained in the Class of Admissions.

### **ITINERANT TRACK**

**Two (2)**

- A. **Sister Traci M. Thomas**, age 24 (01/18/94), is a member of Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Louisville, KY, where her pastor is the Reverend Troy I. Thomas; she is single and has no children. She holds a Bachelor of Mass Communications from Kentucky State University, in Frankfort, KY. Additionally, she holds a Masters of Arts Degree in Communications from the University of Kentucky. She has been accepted in the Doctoral Program for her PhD at Howard University School of Communications. She is currently employed at Kentucky State University as a Professor of Mass Communications in Journalism.

It is the recommendation of this Board that she be admitted to the Kentucky Annual Conference on trial and passed to the First Year Studies.

- B. **Sister Doretha Sanders**, age 55 (02/1/63), is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Campbellsville, KY, where her pastor is the Reverend Laurice Martin; she is married and has no children. She holds a Bachelor of Education from Lindsey Wilson College, in Radcliff, KY and a Masters of Education from Campbellsville University, in Campbellsville, KY. She is currently employed at Campbellsville Elementary.

It is the recommendation of this Board that she be admitted to the Kentucky Annual Conference on trial and passed to the First Year Studies.

## **FIRST YEAR STUDIES**

**One (1)**

### **ITINERANT TRACK**

- A. **Sister Melissa George**, age 27 (10/03/1989), is a member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Louisville, KY, where her pastor is the Reverend June Anderson Dorsey; she is single and has no children. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Florida Southern College, in Lakeland FL. She graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore KY with her Masters of Divinity degree in May of 2017. On February 23, 2015, she was sworn in as a Chaplain Candidate in the United States Air Force. She graduated from Officer Training School's Rhyner Class at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery Alabama.

The Board has received and acknowledges a letter of withdrawal from the Board of Examiners effective 11/01/17. It is the recommendation of this Board that her name be removed from the roll of the annual conference.

### **LOCAL TRACK**

**One (1)**

- A. **Brother Robert J. Lewis**, age 41 (10/05/75), is a member of Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Versailles, Kentucky, where his pastor is the Reverend Dr. Robert A. Strode; he is married, and has 1 daughter. He is currently employed full-time, and holds a Bachelors of Arts in Broadcast/Electronic Media from Eastern Kentucky University, in Richmond, KY.

The Board has received and acknowledges a letter of withdrawal from the African Methodist Episcopal Church effective 10/18/17. It is the recommendation of this Board that his name be removed from the roll of the annual conference.

## **SECOND YEAR STUDIES**

No Second Year Students

## **THIRD YEAR STUDIES**

### **LOCAL TRACK**

**Three (3)**

- A. **Reverend Dujuana S. Wilson**, age 41 (11/12/1975) is a member of Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, where her pastor is the Reverend Jermaine L. Wilson. She is married and a mother of two. She is currently employed by Jefferson County Public Schools as an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher, and a student at Asbury Theological Seminary on track to obtain her Master of Divinity Degree. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Texas State University, and a Master in Teaching and a Master in School Administration, both from Bellarmine University. She also holds a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech University. She is in possession of all of her books.

Having been examined by this Board we recommend that she be passed to the Fourth Year Studies.

- B. **Reverend Kelly Roberts**, age 49 (7/05/1968) is a member of St. Paul AME Church, Lexington, KY, where the Rev. William R. T. Hale is the pastor and currently supply pastor at Davis Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he has been serving for two years. He is married and is the foster parent of three. He is currently employed at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and is a student at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio in the Masters of Divinity program. He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Berea College in Berea, KY, and Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY. He is in possession of all of his books.

Having been examined by this Board we recommend that he be passed to Fourth Year Studies.

- C. **Reverend Damien Nichols**, age 39 (07/16/1978) is a member of Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Georgetown, Kentucky, where his pastor is the Reverend Fonseca Frazier and currently supply pastor at St John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Greenup, KY where he has been serving for three years. He is married and the father of two. He has a High School Diploma. He and his wife currently own and operate their own landscaping business. He possesses all of his books.

Brother Nichols has attended the Board of Examiners once this conference year. Having been examined by this Board we recommend that he be retained in Third Year Studies.

## **FOURTH YEAR STUDIES**

## **ITINERANT TRACK**

**One (1)**

- A. **Reverend Ethel Louise Spencer, 63** (01/30, 1954) is an ordained **Local** Deacon serving at St. Peter's African Methodist Episcopal Church in Harrodsburg, KY where the Rev. William Jenkins is the pastor. She also serves as Supply Pastor at Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Barbourville, Kentucky. She has supplied Wayman Chapel for 6 years. She retired in 2005 after 29 years with the Federal Government including four years of active duty in the United States Army. She is married and has four adult children and six grandchildren. She received a B.A. degree in Leadership and Ministry from Asbury University in Wilmore, KY. She is presently attending Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY pursuing her Masters of Divinity degree. She has completed 64 hours of the 96 hours required for her degree and is expected to graduate December 2018. She is in possession of all of her books and completed her Fourth Year Studies in the 146<sup>th</sup> Session of the Kentucky Conference (2013). She is in possession of all of her books and completed her Fourth Year Studies in the 146<sup>th</sup> Session of the Kentucky Conference (2013). The Board recommended she be changed to **Itinerant Orders** at the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Kentucky conference.

The recommendation of this Board is that The Reverend Ethel Louise Spencer be elected and ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**This concludes our report.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

### **The Kentucky Conference Board of Examiners**

#### *The Reverends*

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