

**150<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 14-17, 2017**

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**TO THE 150<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church**

**Lexington, Kentucky**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

To Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath and members of the 150<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**

**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. She is employed part time at the Asbury Theological Seminary library. She is in possession of all of her books as required by the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is the recommendation of this Board that she be admitted on trial for ***Itinerant Orders*** and passed to the First Year Studies.

**FIRST YEAR STUDIES**

**LOCAL TRACK**

**One (1)**

- B. **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 the father of one daughter. He is currently employed full-time, and holds a Bachelors of Arts in Broadcast/Electronic Media from Eastern Kentucky University. He is in possession of the books required by the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and is active in his church. He has been recommended to the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference for Second Year Studies in *Local* Status by the Kentucky Conference. He possesses all of his books and having been examined by this Board.

We recommend he continue in the Kentucky Annual Conference in ***Local*** status and be passed to Second Year Studies.

## **SECOND YEAR STUDIES**

### **LOCAL TRACK**

**Two (2)**

#### **Candidates**

A. **Sister 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's Degree 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 **changed** from Itinerant Orders to ***Local Orders*** and elected and ordained as a local deacon for St. John AME Church – Frankfort, KY and passed to the Third Year Studies.

B. **Bro. 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 degree in Business Management from Berea College in Berea, KY, and Master degrees in Criminal Justice and Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, VA. He is in possession of all of his books.

Having been examined by this Board we recommend that he be **changed** from Itinerant Orders to ***Local Orders*** and elected and ordained as a local deacon for St. Paul AME Church Lexington, KY, and passed to Third Year Studies.

- C. **Brother 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 AME 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.

Having been examined by this Board we recommend that he be **changed** from Itinerant Orders to **Local Orders** and elected and ordained as a local deacon for Wayman Chapel AME Church Georgetown, Kentucky, and passed to Third Year Studies.

### **THIRD YEAR STUDIES**

No Third Year students

### **FOURTH YEAR STUDIES**

#### **ITINERANT TRACK**

**One (1)**

#### **Candidate**

- A. **The Reverend Sherry Green**, age 62 (08/04/1955) is an Itinerant Deacon and is currently serving the Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Manchester, Kentucky. She is married and has 2 adult children. She is retired from the USDA Agriculture Department after 29 ½ years. She has earned a Bachelor's of Social Work Degree from the University of Kentucky, holds a Masters of Social Work from the University of Louisville, and is currently a full-time student at Louisville Theological Seminary. We are in possession of a letter from Steve Cook, Registrar of the Seminary, confirming she will graduate in December 2017, earning her Master of Divinity degree. 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 recommendation of this Board is that The Reverend Sherry Gay-Green be elected and ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### **LOCAL TRACK**

**One (1)**

**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).

This Board recommends that she be changed to ***Itinerant Orders***.

**This concludes our report.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**The Kentucky Conference Board of Examiners**

*The Reverends*

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