



The Report of
THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Made to

**The 143rd SESSION
OF THE
WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF
THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

October 5, 2017

**THE RIGHT REVEREND JEFFREY N. LEATH, SR.
Bishop**

**THE REVEREND LINDA F. THOMAS-MARTIN
Host Presiding Elder**

**THE REVEREND C. ROBERT FINCH
Associate Presiding Elder**

**THE REVEREND WALTER R. HENRY
Dean**

**THE REVEREND KENNETH S. ROBINSON, M.D.
Chairman of the Board**

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BISHOP JEFFREY N. LEATH, SR. and Members of the 143rd Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference, your Board of Examiners begs leave to make the following report of our stewardship for this Conference Year.

We have received your charge to the Board, and have received the recommendations of the Dean and the Committee on Ministerial Training. Consequently, we have continued to examine these whom we present unto you concerning their relationship to the Lord, their Christian service, their personal lives, and their preparation for ministry, including specifically, their status towards meeting the academic requirements.



CLASS ON ADMISSIONS

We have no students in the Class on Admissions. So ends our report on the Class on Admissions.



FIRST YEAR CLASS

CLAXTON, ROBYN LATRICE CLEVELAND - 31, Greater Payne Chapel. Separated; 1 child. B.A. 2008, Rust College; M.Ed. 2012, Union University; School Counseling Licensure 2014, Freed-Hardeman University; 55 hours toward Ed.D., Freed-Hardeman University. Not currently enrolled in seminary. Teacher, Alternative Learning Center, Haywood County Schools. *In Itinerant Relations*.

The above student met the attendance and coursework requirements of the Board, and passed her aggregate exams.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT ROBYN LATRICE CLEVELAND CLAXTON BE ADVANCED TO THE SECOND YEAR CLASS.



SECOND YEAR CLASS

HOLLIDAY, CLAY A. JR. - 33, Noah Chapel. Married, 4 dependent children. Jackson State University, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Crichton College, Victory University. Reportedly completed his B.S in Bus. Administration, 2013. Transcript pending. Not currently enrolled in seminary. Completed Second Year Class, 2008. Quality Inspector, KM Logistics. During Conference Year 2008, Bro. Holliday served as Supply Pastor at Saulter's Chapel. In Conference Year 2009, at the call of the Bishop, he was given an opportunity to begin a new work - McKenzie Temple, now Chainbreakers AME Church - where he has served as Supply Pastor faithfully and productively for eight (8) years. *In Itinerant Relations*

In consultation with Bro. Holliday, and in consideration of his service to the West Tennessee Annual Conference as Supply Pastor for nine (9) years, and with his full understanding and consent to the following recommendations:

**BISHOP LEATH AND MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE,
WE RECOMMEND THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF CHAINBREAKERS A.M.E. CHURCH,
BRO. CLAY A. HOLLIDAY, JR. SERVE CHAINBREAKERS *IN LOCAL RELATIONS*, AND
THAT HE BE ELECTED AND ORDAINED A *LOCAL DEACON*
IN THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND THAT HE BE ADVANCED TO
THE THIRD YEAR CLASS.**



THIRD YEAR CLASS

We have no students in the Third Year Class. So ends our report on the Third Year Class.



FOURTH YEAR CLASS

To be eligible for Ordination as Itinerant or Local Elders, students must have satisfactorily met all Board of Examiners requirements for the Fourth Year Class, and the time stipulations as per *Discipline*.* To be eligible for Ordination as Itinerant Elders, students must also be graduates of a Seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools or similar accrediting agencies, earning a Master of Divinity (M.Div.)**

*Ordination subject to the request of the congregation and at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop

**Exceptions are at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop

BISHOP LEATH AND MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE, WE ARE NOW GRATEFUL TO GOD TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

GARVIN, ANNIE B. - 59. St. John. Single, 2 adult children. B.B.A., 1995, University of Memphis; M.B.A., 2007 Strayer University; **M.Div., Liberty University, 2016. *In Itinerant Relations***

Reverend Garvin met the attendance and coursework requirements of the Board, and passed her aggregate exams.

WILKERSON, JOY LYNN – 48. St. Andrew. Single, no children. B.S., North Carolina A&T State University, 1991; M.B.A., University of Michigan, 1996; Master of Arts in Religion, Memphis Theological Seminary, 2009. **M.Div., with Honors, Memphis Theological Seminary, 2017.** Program Design Analyst, Sedgwick CMS. ***In Itinerant Relations***

Reverend Wilkerson had previously completed the Fourth Year Class of the Board of Examiners in 2014, and has now provided the Board with the requisite documentation of her completion of the Master of Divinity degree, and has satisfied the requirements of *The Book of Discipline*.

**WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT REVEREND ANNIE B. GARVIN AND
REVEREND JOY LYNN WILKERSON
BE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR YEARS OF STUDY AND LABOR IN THE LORD
AND
THAT THEY BE ELECTED AND ORDAINED ITINERANT ELDERS IN
THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**



Bishop Leath, here ends our report.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kenneth S. Robinson, M.D., M.Div., Chairman of the Board of Examiners

Rev. Walter Henry, M.Div., Dean and Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Training

Rev. Dave Adams, Sr., M.Div., D.Min.

Rev. Colleen Gibson, M.Div.

Rev. Agnes Henderson, M.Div.

Rev. Benita Livingston, M.Div., D.Min.

Rev. Quinten Smith, M.Div.

Rev. Sarita Wilson, M.Div., Ed.D.

Members of the Committee on Ministerial Training

Rev. Anthony Branch, M.B.A.

Rev. Darrell K. Scott, M.A.R.

Rev. Hilda Taylor, Ed.S.