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Report of the Ministerial Efficiency Committee

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Supervisor Susan J. Leath, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Delegates, Friends and Visitors of the 153rd Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Thirteenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We, the members of the Tennessee Conference Ministerial Efficiency Committee, wish to make the following report:

The Reverend Dr. Yvette Tisdale, an itinerant elder serving as the pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Nashville, Tennessee, was referred to the Committee regarding four specific concerns as to her church administration, financial accounting and transparency, and amenability to the presiding elder.

After interviewing the pastor and annual conference delegate, the Committee finds that there is merit to the concerns that warrant further attention by the presiding prelate. The Committee recommends that Bishop Leath seriously consider the gravity of the situation in considering the charge's appointment and possible corrective action for this pastor going forward.

Humbly submitted,

Rev. Ralph Johnson, Chair
Rev. W. Antoni Sinkfield, Vice Chair
Rev. Lisa Hammonds, Secretary
Rev. Dennis Lawson
Rev. Benessa Sweat