



MEMORIAL REPORT

One Hundredth Forty-Sixth Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference

To Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, General Officers, Connectional Officers, Presiding Elders Reverend C. Robert Finch, Reverend Linda Thomas Martin, Reverend Dave Louis Adams Sr., Reverend Colleen Gibson, Pastors, Ordained Clergy, Episcopal Supervisor, Dr. Susan J. Leath, M.D., Missionaries, Delegates and Youth of this 146th Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference in the Thirteenth Episcopal District; we the members of the Memorial Committee graciously submit this report commemorating those who have served within the various congregations of this Zion in the Body of Christ. Whenever, we gather as the church militant we do so under the larger glorious splendor display of the church triumphant.

Such glorious splendorous display embeds within our memories of the hope of the saints who challenges this generation to maintain a faith in that there is a “**Crown of Life**” awaiting for all who remains faithful" in their call to Christ, the Bread of Life (Revelation 2:10). We remember with gratitude the witness and service of the clergy and elected officers in leadership from our various congregations who transitioned from this life this past Conference at this 146th Annual Conference meeting with this poem:

Not, How Did I Die, but How Did I Live?

Not, how did I die, but how did I live?

Not, what did I gain, but what did I give?

These are the units to measure the worth

Of me who answered God regardless of my birth.

Nor what was my church, nor what was my creed?

But had I befriended and carried out God's gospel to those really in need?

Was I ever ready, with words of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear.
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many lives I touched with God's transformational Word prior to this glorious day!

Departed Clergy

Reverend Gregory McCollins, Itinerate Elder, Pastor. Died October 2019

Reverend Lula Marie Martin Sanderson, Itinerate Elder, Pastor. Died December 2019.

Sister Gloria Epperson

YPD Conference West TN Branch President of the 13th Episcopal District. Died May 2020

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5

Thus, ends the report of the Memorial Committee of this Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference in the Thirteenth Episcopal District.

Humbly Submitted by,

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