



# **Thirteenth Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church**

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE GUIDE SCHEDULE & AGENDA**

**2020**

### ***Old Landmarks-Uncharted Times***

*So that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?" Joshua 4:6*

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## **THE VENUES**

### **East Tennessee Annual Conference (ETC)**

120<sup>th</sup> Session

9-13 September 2020

Host Church: Bethel AME Church, Knoxville, TN

Host PE: Dr. Eva M. Settles

Associate PE: Dr. Terence Mayes, Sr.

Host Pastor: The Rev. Lee Russell Brown

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Sheila Harris, D.Min.

Lay Witness Night:

WMS Annual Day (Zoom): 11 September 2020

YPD Annual Meeting: 12 September 2020

### **Kentucky Annual Conference (KYC)**

153<sup>rd</sup> Session

16-20 September 2020

Host Church: Quinn Chapel AME Church, Louisville, KY

Host PE: Dr. William W. Easley

Associate PEs: The Rev. Kenneth J. Golphin

The Rev. William R.T. Hale

Host Pastor: The Rev. Troy I. Thomas

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Erika Taylor

Lay Witness Night (Zoom): 11 September 2020

WMS Annual Day (Zoom): 18 September 2020 (8:30 am)

YPD Annual Meeting: 19 September 2020

**West Tennessee Annual Conference (WTC)**

146<sup>th</sup> Session

7-11 October 2020

Host Church: St. John AME Church, Memphis, TN

Host PE: Dr. C. Robert Finch

Associate PEs: The Rev. Linda Thomas Martin

The Rev. Dave L. Adams

The Rev. Colleen P. Gibson

Host Pastor: The Rev. Errol Thomas, Jr., M.D.

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Garry Fair

Lay Witness Night (Zoom):

WMS Annual Day (Zoom): 9 October 2020

YPD Annual Meeting: 10 October 2020

**Tennessee Annual Conference (TNC)**

153<sup>rd</sup> Session

21-25 October 2020

Host Church: Payne Chapel AME Church, Nashville, TN

Host PE: The Rev. Troy Merritt, Jr.

Associate PEs: The Rev. Sidney F. Bryant

The Rev. Alexander Gatson

Host Pastor: The Rev. W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph.D.

Annual Sermon: Dr. Ralph E. Johnson

Lay Witness Night (Zoom): 17 October 2020 (TBA)

WMS Annual Day (Zoom): 23 October 2020 (9 am)

YPD Annual Meeting: 24 October 2020

## THE SCHEDULE

### Wednesday – Day One – ZOOM ONLY

7 pm – 9 pm *Conference Literary Exercises*

- State of the Country/Social Action
- State of the Church
- Christian Stewardship
- Health & Wellness

### Thursday – Day Two – ZOOM ONLY

7 pm – 9 pm *Ministry Reports*

- PE Reports
- Pastor Reports
- Chaplain Reports

## THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS

### Friday – Day Three– ZOOM ONLY

7pm **OPENING WORSHIP**

### Saturday – Day Four - ZOOM ONLY

8:30 am **BUSINESS SESSION I**

- Roll Call
- Organization
- Board of Examiners
- Ministerial Efficiency

9:45 am **BUSINESS SESSION II**

#### **Committee Reports**

- 13<sup>th</sup> District Budget
- 13<sup>th</sup> District Audit
- Conference Trustees
- Treasurer's Report

- Missions, Circuits and Stations
- Pastor & Charge Classification
- Budget Committee
- PE Support

**11:00 am BUSINESS SESSION III**

- CDMC
- Christian Education
- Church School
- M-SWAWO
- Evangelism
- Lay
- MCAM (Music)
- RAYAC
- Sons of Allen
- WIM
- WMS
- YPD

**12 noon LUNCH/BREAK**

**2:00 pm BUSINESS SESSION IV  
Episcopal District Reports at  
Planning Meeting**

**Summaries & New Organization**

- Finance Committee
- Elect Treasurer
- Elect Conference Trustees
- Appoint District Trustees
- Believe Board Reps
- Camp Primm-Simmons Reps
- Ministerial Efficiency
- Ministerial Training

- Statistician's Report
- Disciplinary Questions

**3:00 pm MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**3:15 pm RETIREMENT SERVICE**

**Sunday – Closing Day ZOOM & Ordination Participants**

**9-9:40 am Devotions & Church School Lesson**

**9:45 am Minutes**

**10:00 am RESOLUTION**

**CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Ordination  
Appointments**

**Annual Conference Participation Guidelines**

- ❖ Roll Call will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday.  
**CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES NEED TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT TO ZOOM TO RESPOND TO THE ROLL.**
- ❖ Worship Participants are to make pre-recorded submissions. The Annual Sermons are planned to be live.
- ❖ Pastors'/Chaplains' reports are to be video recorded and submitted to the bishop and presiding elder. 2 minutes or less. If recording with a smartphone, turn it landscape (sideways).

- ❖ **Dress for Zoom participants on Wednesday & Thursday may be business casual.**
- ❖ **Clergy are to wear clergy shirts for the Opening and Closing Worship. Jackets optional. Preacher may be robed.**
- ❖ **Saturday dress should be business attire.**
- ❖ **Component Reports should be video recorded and sent to the bishop's office. The Reports should be no longer than 3-5 minutes.**
- ❖ **Clergy and Lay Delegates will be invited to participate through Zoom. Observers will be encouraged to use Facebook Live and YouTube.**
- ❖ **No business sessions will be on YouTube. They will be available through Facebook Live. Though live, it is imperative that written reports be submitted on time.**
- ❖ **We will solicit a Benevolence Offering for Tornado Relief. The Nashville and Chattanooga communities suffered tornado damage as the COVID-19 pandemic was taking hold. An offering will be received at the closing worship.**
- ❖ **Host churches should prepare to video broadcast Friday evening and Sunday morning.**
- ❖ **Host churches need not be concerned with "amenities" for the bishop. Nothing special required for the bishop at the church.**



# **ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEES**

## **EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEES**

### **Public Worship**

Bishop Jeffrey Leath, Presiding Elders Dr. Eva Settles and Dr. Terence L. Mayes Sr., and the Rev. Lee Russell Brown.

### **Memorial**

The Reverends Donna Perkins, Barbara Arter, Alma Herbert, Dickey Sebastian; lay delegates Beatrice Bush, Barbara Howard, Sylvia Phillips, Charles Shelby.

### **Media/Public Relations**

The Reverends A.J. Holman (Chair) and Dr. Charles Holsey; lay delegates Robert Braston, Lynda Croom, Sharon Daniels, and Eula Massengill.

### **Missions, Circuits, and Stations**

The Reverends Alma Hebert (Chair), Archie Griffin, Kenneth Love, and William Howard Smith; lay delegates Mattie Coffey, Kathy Green, Belinda Payton, and Linda Wright.

### **Classification of Pastors and Charges**

The Reverends Dr. Sheila Harris (Chair), Fred Harris, Vanessa Holman, and Lance Shelton; lay delegates Quentin Anthony, Kay Blackwell, James Brown, and Barry Simpson.

### **Budget**

The Reverends Lee Russel Brown (Chair), A.J. Holman, Coleman March, and Dickie Sebastian; lay delegates Sharon Daniels, Kathy Green, Coleman March Sr., and Francis Neal.

### **Presiding Elders' Support**

The Reverends Dr. Pedro Basden, Dr. Charles Holsey, Ernest Latham, Kenneth Love; lay delegates Angela Bourne, JoAnne Gaunt, Barbara Howard, and Eula Massengill.

### **Committee on Stewardship and Tithing**

The Reverends Coleman March (Chair), Lee Russell Brown, Kenneth Love, and Ruby Mason-Crum; lay delegates Quentin Anthony, JoAnne Guant, William Mustin, and Sylvia Phillips.

### **Resolutions**

The Reverends Vanessa Holmon (Chair), Fred Harris, A.J. Holman, and Lance Shelton; lay delegates Mattie Coffey, Belinda Payton, Barry Simpson and Joyce Young.

## **LITERARY REPORT COMMITTEES**

### **Ministry in a Pandemic/State of the Church**

The Reverends Archie Griffin, Barbara Jackson, Ruby Mason Crum, and Paul Sherrell; lay delegates Angela Bourne, Sharon Daniels, Francis Neal, and Linda Wright.

### **Social Action/State of the Country**

The Reverends Vickie Coleman (Chair), Dr. Pedro Basden, Fred Harris, and Brother Terence L. Mayes Jr.; lay delegates Robert Brasto, Mattie Coffey, Kathy Green, and Eula Massengill.

## **KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEES**

### **Public Worship**

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding Elders Dr. William W. Easley, Jr, Kenneth J. Golphin, and William R.T. Hale, and the Reverend Troy Thomas.

### **Memorial**

The Reverends Melanie Samuels-Black, Ralph B. Smith, and Reginald Pullums; lay delegates Ella Frye, Marsha Ingram, Karen Manns, Susan McConnell, and James Stanley.

### **Media/Public Relations**

The Reverends Kelly Roberts, Louise Spencer, Linda Murray, and Laurice Martin; lay delegates Ruth Ann Bryant, Helen Demaree, Virginia Thompson, and Veronica Tyler.

### **Missions, Circuits, and Stations**

The Reverends June A. Dorsey, Kent Burley, Melanie Samuels-Black, Ralph B. Smith, Laurice Martin; lay delegates Roy Bowens, Ruth Ann Bryant, Dora Hudson, and Susan Johnson.

### **Classification of Pastors and Charges**

The Reverends Linda Brown Saffore, William Jenkins, and Damien Nichols; lay delegates Robin Harris, Anna Johnson, Michelle Johnson, and Diane Webb.

### **Budget**

The Reverends Jermaine Wilson, June A. Dorsey, Sherry Green, LaVeeshia Pryor, and Erika Taylor; lay delegates Shirley Bunton, Michelle Carter, Helen Demaree, Marsha Ingram, Karen Manns, Joe Thompson, and Betty M. Young.

### **Presiding Elders' Support**

The Reverends Troy I. Thomas, Jermaine Wilson, William Jenkins, Stephanie M. Raglin; lay delegates Doris Allen, Leon Allen, Angela Farrow, Dora Hudson, and Cecelia Tinsley.

### **Stewardship and Tithing**

The Reverends Sherry Green, Deidra Ellis, Louis Haynes, Ralph T. Johnson, Donzella Lee, and Veda Stewart; lay delegates Michelle Carter, Rose Embry, Katherine Parker, James Stanley, Joe Thompson, and Cecelia Tinsley.

### **Resolutions**

The Reverends William R. T. Hale, Joshua Hale, Linda Murray, Percy Spencer and Kelly Roberts; lay delegates Betty Cook, Susan Johnson, Doris Shaloam, Diane Webb, and Betty M. Young.

## **LITERARY REPORTS**

### **Ministry in a Pandemic/State of the Church**

The Reverends Louise Spencer, Kent Burley, Leonard Curry, Joshua Hale, and Veda Stewart; lay delegates Betty Cook, Rose Embry, Ella Frye, Daniel Gooch, Michelle Johnson, and Katherine Parker.

### **Social Action/State of the Country**

The Reverends Babydoll Kennedy, Revonda Bright, Leonard Curry, Tony Gooch, Louis Haynes, Sherry Miller, and Erika Taylor; lay delegates Doris Allen, Shirley Bunton, Tonya Clay, Angela Farrow, William Sam Green, Robin Harris, Darnell Hipsher, Anna Johnson, Doris Shaloam, and Lisa Stuckey.

## **WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC WORSHIP**

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding Elders Dr. C. Robert Finch, Linda Thomas-Martin, Dr. Dave L. Adams, Sr., and Colleen P. Gibson, and the Rev. Errol M. Thomas, Jr., M.D.

### **MEMORIAL**

The Reverends Sabrina Transou, Marlon O. Barrentine, Annie B. Garvin, Elizabeth C. Weaver, John Moore, John Hall, Jr., and Amanda Speed; lay delegates Idella Anderson, Frances Burge, Janet Byars, Samuel James, Carolyn Moore, Diane Pettigrew, Remell Rogers, and Edward Williamson.

### **MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Reverends Clay Holliday, Jr., Garry Fair, Dr. Felicia Ingram, and Kelvin Robinson; lay delegates Danny D. Gray, Christopher Greer, Irma Higgs, Cheryl Love, Esther Thornton, and Joyce Weeks.

### **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, AND STATIONS**

The Reverends Eric Knowles, Dr. Janie Dowdy-Dandridge, Harold Horton and David Yancy II, and; lay delegates Roxie P. Ball, Samuel Herring, Rita Matthews, Daphne Neal, Torrence Nelson, Dorothy Peete, and Bish Thomas, III.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF PASTORS AND CHARGES**

The Reverends Joy L. Wilkerson-Yancy, Dr. John Dandridge and Dr. Barbara S. Green; lay delegates Idella Anderson, Albert Boyce, Deborah Moffat, Velma Smith, and Freddie Williams.

## **BUDGET**

The Reverends Agnes M. Henderson, Dr. John Dandridge, Walter Henry and Darrell Scott; lay delegates Lavern Brooks, Edwina Buford, Irma Higgs, and Jerry Mason

## **PRESIDING ELDERS' SUPPORT**

The Reverends Darrell Scott, Hilda D. Taylor, Quinten Smith, Sr and Sabrina Transou lay delegates Lavern Brooks, Edwina Buford, Irma Higgs, Jerry Mason, and Tiffany Robertson.

## **COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING**

The Reverends David Yancy, II, Eugene Brooks, Sr., Annie Garvin, and Errol M. Thomas, Jr. MD; lay delegates Samuel James, Deborah Lofties, Nathaniel Lynn, Thomas Rice, Tina Sherrod, Ella M. Standberry, and Carrie Wellington.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The Reverends Marilyn S. Robinson, Dr. John Dandridge, Jerry Epperson, Garry Fair, and Denise Richardson; lay delegates Deborah Moffat, LaVern Brooks, and Gwendolyn Smith, Brothers Lewis Hurd, Sr., and Everett McIntyre.

## **LITERARY REPORTS**

### **Ministry in a Pandemic/State of the Church**

The Reverends Linda A. Evans, Patsy T. Brown, Bobby Carter, Agnes Henderson and Darrell K. Scott; lay delegates Christian Anderson, Willie Brown, Frances Burge, Mary R. Jones, Cheryl Love, Diane Pettigrew, Linda Pettigrew, and John Weaver.

### **SOCIAL ACTION/STATE OF THE COUNTRY**

The Reverends Dr. Byron C. Moore, Dr. Janie Dowdy-Dandridge, Linda A. Evans, Perry Herman, Dr. Benita Livingston, and David Yancy, II and; lay delegates Samuel Herring, Aleshyan A. Johnson, Linda Pettigrew, Remell Rogers, Ella M. Standberry, and Esther Thornton.

## **TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ANNUAL SESSION COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC WORSHIP**

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding Elders Troy Merritt, Sidney F. Bryant, and Alexander Gatson, and Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield.

### **MEMORIAL**

The Reverends Deshnell Cobbin, Ashley Cox, John Cummings, and Frankie Witt; lay delegates Melvin Brown, Michaelyne Darden, Cynthia Herron, Luther Jones and Nakeisha W. Ruth.

### **MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Reverends Dr. Trent Ogilvie, Omar'an Lee, Donna Lorhorn, Benessa Sweat, Dr. Yvette Tisdale, and Dr. Andre Washington; lay delegates Barbara Frierson, Benitta Jones, Lisa Long, Erskine Lytle, Will Marsh, Herbert Martin, Sandra Richardson, and Tim Woodard.

### **MISSIONS, CIRCUITS, AND STATIONS**

The Reverends Lavan Strickkland, Fred Beasley, James Bolen, Raymond Corbin, Barry Cox, Veronica Dailey, Chris Grizzard, Gloria Lasco, Omar'an Lee, Ben Sanderfur, and Albert Strawther; Lay Delegates Adam Boyd, Camiesha Brown, Diane Davis, Glenda Delk, Billy McKinley, William Posey, Florida Robinson, Charles Turner, and Rose Wilson.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF PASTORS AND CHARGES**

The Reverends Anica Howard, Nathan Frey, Linda Hopkins, Jeffrey Norfleet, Sharon Ogilvie, Tylan Orr, Dr. Andre Washington, and Carl Watkins; lay delegates Devora Barner, Hazel Chumney, Franzetta Council, Effie Haynes,



Ron Mitchell, Grace Mooreland, Emma North, William Posey, James Taylor, and Aspen Watkins.

### **BUDGET**

The Reverends Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield, Marlon Crawford, Lisa Hammonds, Everett Hobson, Fred Jenkins, Dr. Ralph Johnson, and Jimmie Plummer; lay delegates Adam Boyd, Tennile Chatman, Tony Eldridge, Lora Keesee, Joe Mays, and Nakeisha W. Ruth.

### **PRESIDING ELDERS' SUPPORT**

The Reverends Walter Reid, Reginald Brock, Dennis Lawson, Anthony Lyle, and Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield, Benessa Sweat, and Randall Webster; lay delegates Phoenix Doris, Lisa Long, Kerry Majors and Charles Turner.

### **COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING**

The Reverends Fred Jenkins, Vivian Canty, and Kenneth Harrell; lay delegates Linda Bailey, Alie Dashiell, Ada Gordon, Erskine Lytle, JoAnn Millon, Shirley Owens, Lisa Taylor, and Florida Robinson.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

The Reverends Sherri Cowley Scott, Cedric Bailey, Ashley Cox, Dr. Sonja DeLoatch, Linda Hopkins, Kenneth Odom, and Frankie Witt; lay delegates Tenille Chatman, Sheryl Fletcher, Cynthia Herron, Lester Lewis, and Rose Wilson.

## **LITERARY REPORTS**

### **Ministry in a Pandemic/State of the Church**

The Reverends Randall Webster, Deshnell Cobbin, Garrett Copeland, Chris Grizzard, Dr. Kenneth Hill, Benessa Sweat, and Dr. Yvette Tisdale; lay delegates Ada Gordon, Courtney Hawkins, Cynthia Herron, Josephine Jackson, Mary Lacy, and Candy Morris.

### **SOCIAL ACTION/STATE OF THE COUNTRY**

The Reverends Dr. Harold Love, Fred Beasley, Vivan Canty, Dr. Barbara Crawford, Veronica Dailey, Dr. Trent Ogilvie, and Verissa Williams; lay delegates Devora Barner, Melvin Brown, William Fuqua, Laura Hollerman, Ron Mitchell, Candy Morris, Wanda Morris, Emma North, Cindy Schrag, Lisa Taylor, Saniya Trotter, Annie Webster, Antoiwan White, and Rose Wilson.

## **SUPERANNUATING CLERGY**

### **ETC**

The Rev. Ruby Mason-Crum

The Rev. William Howard Smith

### **KYC**

Dr. William W. Easley, Jr.

The Rev. MacArthur Pendleton

### **WTC**

Dr. C. Robert Finch

The Reverend George Turks

### **TNC**

The Reverend Chris Grizzard

