



13<sup>TH</sup> EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

## 2020 Annual Conference

# 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



146th Session of the  
West Tennessee Annual Conference  
**Memorial Service**

October 10, 2020  
3:00 pm

Jeffrey N. Leath  
Presiding Bishop

Susan J. Leath, MD  
Supervisor, Women's Missionary Society

The Reverend C. Robert Finch  
Host Presiding Elder, North Memphis District

The Reverend Dr. Dave L. Adams, Sr.  
Associate Presiding Elder, Paris Jackson District

The Reverend Linda F. Thomas - Martin  
Associate Presiding Elder, South Memphis District

The Reverend Colleen P. Gibson  
Associate Presiding Elder, Millington District

St. John AME Church, Memphis  
Host Church

The Reverend Errol M. Thomas, Jr., M.D.  
Host Pastor

# ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH SESSION THE WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, 10 October 2020

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reverend Sabrina Transou, Committee Chair

### The Call to Worship

The Rev. Amanda Speed

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live." Let us praise God for those who have finished their course in faith. May God bless us with comfort and encouragement as we seek to share with them the inheritance of the saints.

### The Opening Hymn

Dr. Roderick D. Belin

***I Need Thee Every Hour***

Hymn No. 327

*I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford..*

### Refrain

*I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!*

### The Prayer

The Rev. Elizabeth Weaver

Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give us your light and your peace; give comfort to those who mourn as we remember the departed of the last annual conference year. Grant that we may follow the good examples of those who have served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### The Scripture

The Rev. Marlon Barrentine

*1 Corinthians 15:55-58*

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

**The Memorial**

The Rev. Sabrina Transou

We remember members of the annual conference and connectional leaders who died since we last gathered ...  
Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

**Connectional Leaders**

*Bishop Zedekiah Lazett Grady*

*Supervisor Patricia Ann Morris (PAM) DeVeaux*

*Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell, Connectional Lay President*

*Dr. Frederick C. Harrison Former Secretary of Missions*

*Mrs. Johanna Green, Former Connectional YPD Director*

*The Rev. Jeane B. Williams, Former Connectional President of WIM*

*Dr. Jesse L. Burns Jr., Former Connectional Lay President*

*Mr. Richard L. Bowden, Treasurer, Connectional Lay Org.*

**Members of the West Tennessee Annual Conference**

***The Rev. Gregory L. McCollins, Sr.***

***The Rev. Lula Marie Martin Sanderson***

***Sister Gloria Delane Epperson***

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work...  
Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope of the resurrection. Amen.

**The Benediction**

The Rev. Transou

**The Closing Hymn**

Dr. Roderick D. Belin

***I Need Thee Every Hour***

*I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their power when Thou are nigh.*

*Refrain*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee. O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!*



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