

THE MINUTES OF THE 151ST SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Embry Chapel AME Church - Elizabethtown, Kentucky
September 27-30, 2018

FRIDAY – September 28, 2018

Friday Business Session

At 8:46am, devotions began, led by the Reverend Louis Spencer and the Reverend Percy Spencer, with assistance from Brother Chris Wilson.

At 9:00am, the Rt. Reverend Jeffrey N. Leath, the Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, called the 151st Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, hosted by Embry Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to order.

Bishop Leath called for the Organization of the Conference.

The Reverend Troy Thomas moved the election of the following: the Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey N. Leath, as President Ex-Officio of the Annual Conference; the Reverend William R. T. Hale as Recording Secretary, the Reverend Linda R. Jackson as Engrossing Secretary, the Reverend Linda Murray as Asst. Engrossing Secretary, and the Reverend Antonio Q. Stuckey as Statistician. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Linda Murray moved the following be elected to serve as the Finance Committee: the Reverends Jermaine Wilson, Troy Thomas, William Jenkins, Erika Taylor; and Sister Dianna Golphin and Brother Chris Wilson. The Reverend Joshua Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that the following act as the Conference Marshalls: the Reverend Stephanie Raglin (Chief Marshall), the Reverend Tony Gooch, the Reverend Ralph T. Johnson, Brother Daniel Gooch, Sister Angelica Jones, and Brother Maurice Golsby. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder William Easley moved that the Conference Boundaries shall be the first 7 rows across the sanctuary. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved the approval of the Annual Conference Guide with any reasonable and appropriate adjustments. The Reverend Joshua Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath prayed for the wife of the Reverend J. T. Musgrove, who was undergoing surgery this day.

Bishop Leath confirmed the Annual Conference Committees, with necessary adjustments.

Presiding Elder Easley made his Summary Report on behalf of the Louisville District (see the report).

Bishop Leath called for the Board of Examiners report (see the report):

- Class of Admission — By common consent the body acknowledged Bishop Leath's intent to License Brother Ernest Gooch (Bethel, Boneyville) as Conference Evangelist.
- Class of Admission — The Reverend Troy I. Thomas moved that Brother Philip Gayles Johnson (Quinn Chapel Louisville) be retained in the Class of Admissions.
- Class of Admission — The Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas moved that Sister Tracy M. Thomas (a licentiate of Quinn Chapel Louisville, Pastor Troy I. Thomas), be admitted to the Kentucky Annual Conference on trial and passed to the Class on First Year Studies. The Troy I. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Class of Admission — The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode moved that Sister Doretha V. Sanders (a licentiate of Bethel Campbellsville, Supply Pastor Laurice Martin), be admitted to the Kentucky Annual Conference on trial and passed to the Class on First Year Studies. The Troy I. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- First Year Studies — The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode moved that Sister Melissa George's (a licentiate of Saint Paul, Louisville, Pastor June Anderson Dorsey) letter of withdraw from the Ministerial Institute be acknowledged, and it is the recommendation of this Board of Examiners that her name be removed from the Annual Conference Roll. The Rev. Stephanie Raglin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- First Year Studies — The Rev. Troy Thomas moved that the Annual Conference recognize that Brother Robert J. Lewis (a former licentiate of Saint Paul Versailles, Pastor Robert A. Strode) is no longer a member of the A.M.E. Church, and is no longer studying for Local Orders, and that his name be removed from the roster of

the Ministerial Institute. The Reverend Stephanie Raglin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Third Year Studies — The Reverend Jermaine Wilson moved that the Reverend Dujuana Wilson (a Local Deacon for Saint John Frankfort, Pastor Jermaine Wilson) be passed on to the Class on Fourth Year Studies. The Reverend Stephanie Raglin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Third Year Studies — The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that the Reverend Kelly Roberts (a Local Deacon for Saint Paul Lexington, Pastor William Hale) be passed on to the Class on Fourth Year Studies. The Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Third Year Studies — The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that Reverend Damien Nichols (a Local Deacon for Wayman Chapel Georgetown, Pastor Fonseca Frazier) and be retained in Third Year Studies. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. Following unreadiness, the motion carried.
- Fourth Year Studies — The Reverend Percy Spencer, Jr., moved that the Reverend Louise Spencer (Itinerant Deacon and Supply Pastor of Wayman Chapel, Barbourville) be elected and ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend Ralph Boyd Smith and Sister Michelle Johnson (Delegate, Wayman Chapel Barbourville) seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode moved that the Board of Examiners Report as a whole be adopted. The Reverend Troy Thomas seconded the motion. Bishop extended commendations to the Chair, Dean, and Members of the Board of Examiners. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath acknowledged the 13th District Supervisor, Dr. Susan Leath.

Bishop Leath called for the Pastor's Reports to begin. The following Pastors reported:

- Supply Pastor Louis Haynes – Wards Chapel, Scottsville
- Evangelist Gayle Lang – Perkins Chapel, Wilmore

- Pastor Melanie Samuels-Black (with delegate, James Stanley) – Saint Paul, Woodburn
- Pastor Fonseca Frazier (with delegate, Pam Nichols) – Wayman Chapel, Georgetown

Bishop Leath and the Annual Conference acknowledged the Reverend Fonseca Frazier's request for Supernumerary Status in the ensuing year.

Bishop Leath addressed Wayman Chapel Georgetown's proposal for an Adult Day Care, and directed Wayman Chapel to work with the new Pastor and the Annual Conference Trustees before making any contractual agreements.

The Pastor's Reports continued:

- Pastor Erika Taylor (with delegate, Tonya Clay) – Greater Taylor Chapel, Franklin
- Supply Pastor Revonda Bright (with delegate, Viola Young) – Allen Chapel, Moreland
- Pastor MacArthur Pendleton (with delegate, Cecilia Tinsley) – Bethel, Shelbyville
- Supply Pastor Kenneth Coffey – Saint Andrew, Winchester

Bishop Leath acknowledged the will of Saint Andrew Winchester's members to close the church.

The Pastor's Reports continued:

- Pastor Linda R. Jackson – Saint Mark, Louisville

Presiding Elder Easley moved that any of Saint Mark Louisville's debt to the 13th Episcopal District be forgiven. The Reverend Joshua Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Pastor's Reports continued:

- Pastor Donzella Lee (with delegate, Robert Leon Allen) – Saint John, Monticello
- Pastor BabyDoll Kennedy (with delegate, Marsha Ingram) - Taylor Chapel, Bowling Green
- Supply Pastor Percy Spencer (with delegate, William "Sam" Green) – Craig Chapel, Salvisa

- Supply Pastor Louise Spencer (with delegate, Michelle Johnson) – Wayman Chapel, Barboursville
- Pastor Sherry Green (with delegate, Darnell Hipsher) – Saint Paul, Manchester
- Supply Pastor Tony A. Gooch – Saint James, Ashland
- Supply Pastor Ralph T. Johnson (with delegate, Lemuel Coffey) – Mt. Zion, Frazier
- Supply Pastor Kelly Roberts (with delegate, Betty Cook) – Davis Chapel, Somerset
- Pastor Wallace Gunn (with delegate, Brenda Palmer) – Asbury Chapel

Following the blessing of the meal, Bishop acknowledged guests to the Annual Conference: Presiding Elder Troy Merritt, Presiding Elder Emeritus Robert Keese, and the Reverend Sharon Ogilvie and Member of Wayman Chapel, Columbia, TN. Following the hymn, “In the Cross”, Bishop Leath adjourned the Friday Morning Business Session with prayer, “In the Name of Jesus!”

The Annual Conference recessed at 12:09pm.

Afternoon Business Session, Part 1

The Afternoon Business Session began 2:04pm. Bishop Leath called the Conference to order, then called for the Pastor’s Reports to continue. The following Pastors reported:

- Supply Pastor Linda Murray (with delegate, Maurice Golsby) – Saint James, Covington

Bishop discussed Saint James Covington’s structural issues, and asked the Vice Chair of the Kentucky Conference Trustees, the Reverend Kenneth Golphin, to help evaluate the building structure.

The Pastor’s Reports continued:

- Supply Pastor Laurice Martin (with delegate, Ruth Allen) – Bethel, Campbellsville
- Pastor Kent Burley (with delegate, Donna Harris) – Shorter Chapel, Paris
- Pastor Joshua Hale (with delegate, Anna Johnson) – Saint Matthew, Midway

- Supply Pastor Reginald Pullums (with delegate, Daniel Gooch) – Bethel, Boneyville
- Pastor Ralph Boyd Smith (with delegate, Joe Thompson) – Saint James, Danville
- Pastor William Jenkins – Saint Peter, Harrodsburg
- Pastor LaVeeshia Pryor (with delegate, Robin Harris) – Saint Paul, Richmond
- Pastor Robert A. Strode (with delegate, Bruce Granville) – Saint Paul, Versailles
- Pastor Kenneth Golphin (with delegate, Carol Barbour) – Quinn Chapel, Lexington
- Pastor June Anderson Dorsey (with delegate, Shirley Smith-Pointer) – Ralph Avenue, Louisville
- Pastor Jermaine Wilson (with delegate, Kevin Mason) – Saint John, Frankfort
- Pastor William R. T. Hale (with delegate, Myron Coleman) – Saint Paul, Lexington
- Pastor Troy I. Thomas (with delegate, Helen Demaree) – Quinn Chapel, Louisville
- Host Pastor Stephanie M. Raglin (with delegate, Angela H. Jones; and, young adult delegate, Melanie N. Raglin) – Embry Chapel, Elizabethtown

At 3:04pm Bishop Leath acknowledged that the Pastor's Reports were complete. He then addressed the Annual Conference, stating that the 13th Episcopal District Audit is available at the Episcopal District Website: www.ame13.org.

At 3:05pm the Annual Conference stood in recess.

The Afternoon Business Session, Part 2

Following the recess, Bishop Leath called for the Annual Conference to reconvene. Bishop Leath called for the Report of the Conference Trustees.

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that this 151st Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference reaffirm that Saint Paul Owensboro is officially abandoned. The Reverend Joshua Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that the Conference Trustees be empowered to sell the Saint Paul Owensboro property. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that the Report of the Conference Trustees be received as a whole. Brother John Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Annual Conference stood in recess.

The Afternoon Business Session, Part 3

Following the recess, Bishop Leath reconvened the Annual Conference at 3:15pm.

Bishop Leath called for the committee reports to continue. The following committees reported:

- Missions, Circuit and Stations – Presenter: The Reverend June A. Dorsey. The Reverend Jermaine L. Wilson moved that Saint Andrew Winchester be dissolved, and the members be urged to affiliate with another congregation by the 152nd Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference. The Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Reverend June Anderson Dorsey moved that the name Ralph Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Church be preserved and secured for the new congregation currently known as Ralph Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend Karen Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Reverend Stephanie M. Raglin moved to receive the report as a whole. The Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Classification of Pastors and Churches – Presenter: The Reverend William Jenkins. Following corrections and updates, the Reverend Wallace Gunn moved that the report be received with necessary updates. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop called for the Component Reports:

- CDMC – Presenter: Sister Helen Demaree. The report was received by common consent.
- Christian Education – Presenters: Sister Amanda Johnson and Sister Susie Bates. The report was received by common consent.
- Church School – Presenter: Brother Melvin Allen and the Reverend Louise Spencer. After discussion, the report was received by common consent.
- MSWAWO +PK's – Presenter: Sister Hartents Johnson. The report was received by common consent.

- Evangelism – Presenter: Evangelist Norma Bean. The report was received by common consent.
- Lay Organization – Presenter: Brother Chris Wilson. The report was received by common consent.
- Sons of Allen – Presenter: Brother Michael Gresham. The report was received by common consent.
- WIM – Presenter: The Reverend Linda Jackson. The report was received by common consent.
- WMS – Presenter: Sister Dianna Golphin. The report was received by common consent.
- YPD – Presenter: Sister Mary Raglin. The report was received by common consent.

Reports continued:

- Treasurer’s Report – Presenter: The Reverend Troy I. Thomas. The Reverend William Hale moved to receive the Treasurer’s Preliminary Report. The Reverend William Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop lifted the Reverend Priscilla Taylor in prayer, she was being transported to the hospital.

The Afternoon Business Session adjourned at 5:19pm with prayer by the Reverend Karen Carter.

The Memorial Service

The Memorial Service began at 7:14pm, the Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black was the worship leader. The following were memorialized:

- The Rt. Reverend John Hurst Adams (87th Bishop)
- The Rt. Reverend C. Garnett Henning (112th Bishop)
- The Reverend Eugene Fuller
- The Reverend Price D. Mitchell
- The Reverend Romiltia Shelton
- The Reverend Sarah Spaulding

- The Reverend Mary White
- Brother Cornel Fish (Former Delegate, Saint James Ashland)
- Sister Lois Gross (Former Delegate, Saint James Cynthiana)

The services concluded at 7:26pm.

The Renewal Service

The Renewal Service began at 7:28pm with the Reverend Tony Gooch as the Worship Leader. The preacher was the Reverend Kelly Roberts (Supply Pastor of Davis Chapel AME Church, Somerset, KY). His text was Joshua 7:3-4, for the message entitled, “Who is Calling Your Play?”

The Renewal Service ended at 8:26pm.