

THE MINUTES OF THE 150TH SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Quinn Chapel AME Church - Lexington, Kentucky
September 14-17, 2017

FRIDAY – September 15, 2017

Friday Business Session

At 8:40 am, devotions began, led by Bishop Leath. At 9:00 am, the Rt. Reverend Jeffrey N. Leath, the Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, called the 150th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference, hosted by Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lexington, Kentucky, to order.

Bishop Leath called the attention of the Conference to the 13th District Website (www.ame13.org) to download and view all of the Conference Reports, including the Day-1 Minutes.

Bishop Leath acknowledged the Reverend Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor, III (Retired General Officer), the preacher of the Annual Sermon.

Bishop Leath called for the Organization of the Conference.

Presiding Elder James Smith 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 Assistant Secretary, the Reverend Linda Murray as Engrossing Secretary, and the Reverend Antonio Q. Stuckey as Statistician. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Smith 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 James Stanley and Brother Daniel Gooch. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder William Easley moved the following be elected to serve as the Finance Committee: the Reverends Jermaine Wilson, Troy Thomas, Kenneth Golphin, LaVeeshia Pryor, Erica Taylor, Linda Jackson, and William Jenkins; and Sister Dianna Golphin and Brother Chris Wilson. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved the following be elected to serve as the Triers of Appeals: the Reverends Wallace Gunn, Stephanie Raglin, Sheila Harris, Melanie Samuels-Black, and Veda Stewart. The Reverend Donzella Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Smith moved that the Conference Boundaries shall be the first 7 rows across. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presiding Elder Easley moved the approval of the Annual Conference Agenda with any reasonable and appropriate adjustments. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath confirmed the Annual Conference Committees.

Bishop reiterated the members of the Ministerial Efficiency Committee appointed at the end of the 149th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference: The Reverends Troy Thomas, June Anderson Dorsey, William Hale, Sheila Harris, and Jermaine Wilson, and confirmed that the Rev. David Chavous was referred to them.

Presiding Elder Easley made his Summary Report on behalf of the Louisville District (see the report). Bishop acknowledged the First Lady of the Louisville District, Sister Ora Easley.

Presiding Elder Smith made his Summary Report on behalf of the Lexington District (see the report). Bishop acknowledged the First Lady of the Lexington District, Sister Renee Scott-Smith.

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

- Class of Admission — The Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas moved that Sister Melissa George (a licentiate of Saint Paul, Louisville, Pastor June Anderson Dorsey), be admitted on trial for Itinerant Orders and passed to the First Year Studies. The Rev. Dr. Robert Strode seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- First Year Studies — The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode moved that the Annual Conference recognize Brother Robert J. Lewis's (a licentiate of Saint Paul Versailles, Pastor Robert A. Strode) year of study, acknowledge his intent to pursue local order, and passed to Second Year Studies. The Reverend Troy Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Second Year Studies — The Reverend Jermaine Wilson moved that Sister Dujuana S. Wilson be elected and ordained a Local Deacon for Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church of Frankfort, KY (Pastor Jermaine Wilson) and be passed to the Class on Third Year Studies. The Reverend Joshua Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Second Year Studies — The Reverend Troy Thomas moved that Brother Kelly Roberts be elected and ordained a Local Deacon for Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lexington, KY (Pastor William Hale) and be passed to the Class on Third Year Studies. The Reverend William Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Second Year Studies — The Rev. Dr. Robert Strode moved that Brother Damien Nichols be elected and ordained a Local Deacon for Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Georgetown, KY (Pastor Fonseca Frazier) and be passed to the Class on Third Year Studies. The Reverend Troy Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Fourth Year Studies — The Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas moved that the status of the Reverend Louise Spencer (Local Deacon of Saint Peter, Harrodsburg, and Supply Pastor of Wayman Chapel, Barboursville) be moved from “Local” to “Itinerant”. The Reverend Ralph B. Smith 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. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath acknowledged the request of the Rev. Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor, III (Retired General Officer) for superannuation status, and referred him to the Ministerial Efficiency Committee to evaluate and approve his request.

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

- Wards Chapel, Scottsville – No Delegate
- Pastor Melanie Samuels-Black (with delegate, James Stanley) – Saint Paul, Woodburn
- Saint Paul, Owensboro – No Delegate

- Pastor June Anderson Dorsey (with delegate, Kenny Smith) – Saint Paul, Louisville
- Pastor McArthur Pendleton (with delegate, Cecilia Tinsley) – Bethel, Shelbyville
- Pastor Joshua Hale (with delegate, Wathetta Buford) - Taylor Chapel, Bowling Green
- Pastor Linda R. Jackson – Saint Mark, Louisville
- Pastor Wallace Gunn (with delegate, Donna Taylor) – Asbury Chapel
- Pastor Jeffrey Leath (with delegate, Shirley Smith-Pointer) - Youngs Chapel, Louisville
- Pastor Erika Taylor (with delegate, Tonya Clay) – Greater Taylor Chapel, Franklin
- Pastor Donzella Lee (with delegate, Robert Leon Allen) – Saint John, Monticello
- Pastor Jermaine Wilson (with delegate, Marcel Herron) - Saint John, Frankfort
- Pastor William R. T. Hale (with delegate, Carlnetta Brown) - Saint Paul, Lexington

The Annual Conference recessed at 11:09am.

The Memorial Service

The Memorial Service began at 11:20am, the Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black was the worship leader. The following were memorialized:

- The Reverend Frank Thomas Price
- The Reverend Etolia Carolyn White
- Brother Eddie White (Former Delegate, Wayman Chapel Barbourville)

The services concluded at 11:30am.

The Spiritual Revival Moment

The Spiritual Revival Moment began at 11:42am, with the Reverend Tony Gooch as the Worship Leader. The Reverend William Jenkins (Pastor of Saint Peters AME Church, Harrodsburg, KY) utilized the text Matthew 6:7-13 and preached the message, “Just Ask God”.

The Reverend Louise Spencer (Local Deacon) was reobligated to the Itinerant track.

The Spiritual Revival Moment ended at 12:12pm.

Afternoon Business Session

The Afternoon Business Session began 2:02pm. Bishop Leath called the Conference to order, then called for the Pastor's Reports to continue. The following Pastors reported:

- Pastor Stephanie M. Raglin (with delegate, Annette Hayden) – Embry Chapel, Elizabethtown
- Pastor Fonseca Frazier (with delegate, Joyce Nichols) – Wayman Chapel, Georgetown
- Supply Pastor Revonda Bright (with delegate, Viola Young) – Allen Chapel, Moreland
- Supply Pastor Kenneth Coffey (with delegate, Sammy Clay) – Saint Andrew, Winchester
- Evangelist Gayle Lang (with delegate, Charles Logan) – Perkins Chapel, Wilmore
- Supply Pastor Percy Spencer – Craig Chapel, Salvisa
- Supply Pastor Louise Spencer (with delegate, Michelle Johnson) – Wayman Chapel, Barboursville
- Brother Damien Nichols (with delegate, Susan McConnell) – Saint John, Greenup
- Pastor Tony A. Gooch – St. James, Ashland
- Pastor Ralph T. Johnson (with delegate, Doris Sloan) – Mt. Zion, Frazier
- Pastor Kelly Roberts (with no delegate) – Davis Chapel, Somerset
- Pastor Linda Murray (with delegate, Ella I. Frye) – Saint James, Covington
- Pastor Laurice Martin (with delegate, Ruth Allen) – Bethel, Campbellsville
- Pastor Kent Burley (with delegate, Donna Harris) – Shorter Chapel, Paris
- Pastor Sheila Harris (with delegate, Anna M. Johnson) – Saint Matthew, Midway
- Pastor Reginald Pullums (with delegate, Daniel Gooch) – Bethel, Bonneyville
- Pastor Antonio Stuckey (with delegate, Lois Gross) – Saint James, Cynthia
- Pastor Ralph Boyd Smith (with delegate, Joe Thompson) – Saint James, Danville
- Pastor William Jenkins (with delegate, Ruth Ann Bryant) – 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

Bishop Leath called for the Pastors of Quinn Chapel, Lexington and Saint Mark, Louisville to sign a waiver for their unpaid annuity and to pay their life insurance premium of \$155.

Bishop Leath called for the chaplain reports: None reported.

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

- 13th District Budget – Presenter: The Reverend LaVeeshia Pryor. The Reverend Stephanie M. Raglin moved the Episcopal District Audit Report be accepted by the conference. The Reverend Troy I. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Conference Trustees – Presenter: The Reverend Troy I. Thomas. The Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin moved to adopt the report. Sister Wathetta Buford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Leath discussed Wilson Chapel Parksville property, tasking the Conference Trustees to confirm that an independent corporation has been established to receive the title to the property. Bishop Leath charged the Conference Trustees to make annual visits to the Ralph Avenue and Saint Mark properties to ensure the properties are maintained.

Reports continued:

- Treasurer’s Report – Presenter: The Reverend Troy I. Thomas. The Reverend Joshua Hale moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. The Reverend LaVeeshia Pryor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Missions, Circuit and Stations – Presenter: The Reverend June A. Dorsey. The Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin moved that Saint Paul Owensboro be declared as an abandoned property, listed as a new AME “Mission”, renamed Saint Paul Mission, and be allocated a general budget. The Reverend Jermaine Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend June Anderson Dorsey moved that the Youngs Chapel Louisville and Saint Paul Louisville congregations merge, and temporarily be named “Ralph Avenue” for the next Conference Year, and then a new name be determined. The Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend June Anderson Dorsey moved that the real estate assets of the newly merged congregations will revert, outside of merger, to the Annual Conference. The Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin seconded. The motion carried.

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin moved that the status of Perkins Chapel Wilmore be changed to “Mission” and be allocated a general budget. The Reverend Troy Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin moved to adopt the Mission, Circuits and Stations report as a whole. The Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black seconded. The motion carried.

The Reverend Robert A. Strode moved that the Reverend Sherry Green (Itinerant Deacon and Supply Pastor of Saint Paul, Manchester) be elected and ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reports continued:

- The Ministerial Efficiency Committee – Presenter: The Reverend Troy I. Thomas. The Reverend Joshua Hale moved that the request of the Reverend Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor, III (Retired General Officer) for superannuation status be approved. The Reverend Dr. Robert A. Strode seconded, with commendations for the service of Dr. Sydnor. The motion carried.

The Reverend Jermaine Wilson moved to approve the request of the Reverend David L. Chavous for an honorable discharge. The Reverend Kenneth Golphin seconded. The motion carried.

The Afternoon Business Session adjourned at 5:09pm with prayer by the Reverend Fonseca Frazier.

Retirement Service

The Retirement Service began at 7:02pm, and recognized the retirement from active itinerancy of the Reverend Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor, III (Retired General Officer, former Editor of the Christian Record, retired Military Chaplain, and former Pastor). The Retirement Service concluded at 7:14pm.

The Service of Word, Ordination, and Holy Communion

The Service of Word, Ordination, and Holy Communion, began at 7:14pm with the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Strode as the Worship Leader. The preacher was the Reverend Linda Roberts Jackson (Pastor of Saint Mark AME Church, Louisville, KY). Her text was Galatians 6:9-10, for the sermon entitled, “Don’t Give Up!”

The Reverend Damien Nichols was ordained a Local Deacon for Wayman Chapel, Georgetown; the Reverend Dujuana S. Wilson was ordained a Local Deacon for Saint John, Frankfort; and, the Reverend Kelly Roberts was ordained a Local Deacon for Saint Paul, Lexington.

The Reverend Sherry Green was ordained an Itinerant Elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The worship concluded at 9:05pm following Holy Communion.