

THE 143<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
3300 Summers Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38122

# 143<sup>rd</sup> West Tennessee Annual Conference

## Conference Minutes

**Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding Prelate, Thirteenth Episcopal District  
Dr. Susan J. Leath, Episcopal Supervisor, Women's Missionary Society**

**The Reverend Linda F. Thomas-Martin, Host Presiding Elder  
The Reverend C. Robert Finch, Co-Host Presiding Elder**

**The Darrell K. Scott Host Pastor**

**The Reverend Barbara S. Green, Secretary  
The Reverend Quinten L. Smith, Engrossing Secretary**

**THE MINUTES OF THE 143<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE WEST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
New Tyler AME Church - Memphis, Tennessee  
October 5-8, 2017**

**THURSDAY – October 5, 2017**

**Opening Worship Service**

The Opening Worship Service of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference began promptly at 7:25 pm with Presiding Elder Linda F. Thomas-Martin (South Memphis District) as the Worship Leader. The preacher was the Reverend Hilda D. Taylor, Pastor of White's Chapel AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee. The text was Psalm 16:5-6 for the sermon entitled, "Tow The Line." The three points of the sermon were: (1) Trust God, (2) Own The Work and (3) Work Together.

Additionally, Bishop Leath acknowledged Supervisor Susan J. Leath, and thanked Reverend Darrell K. Scott and the New Tyler family for hosting in a marvelous way. Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath welcomed the following visitors: Reverends: Troy Thomas, and Maxine Thomas (13<sup>th</sup> District President of Women in Ministry), (Louisville, KY); and Reverend(s), Reginald Brock, (TN), Antony Sinkfield, (TN) Lisa Hammonds, (TN) Alexander Godson, (TN) and Everett Hopson, (TN); Reverend(s), Pedro Badsen, (East TN), A. J. Holman, (East TN), Randy Brown, (East TN), William H. Smith, (East TN), and Lee Russell Brown, (East TN); Sister Gladys Brock (TN). Sisters: LaTanya Germany (District YPD Director) and Theresa Baker (District 3<sup>rd</sup> VP).

Bishop Leath made the following announcements: Bishop acknowledged Reverend Dr., Janie Dowdy-Dandridge, (Connectional Herstorlographer WIM), Lisa Halfacre 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President). Additionally, Bishop recognized the in conference District and Conference Officers,

and clergy spouses. Bishop Leath also announced that Sister Gloria Epperson has been elected at the new YPD Director.

The Host Pastor, Reverend Darrell K. Scott made announcements.

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, announced that morning devotion will be led by him and will begin at 8:35 am.

**The Opening Worship Service closed at 9:10 pm.**

Opening Business Session convened at 9:20 pm, the Rt. Reverend Jeffrey N. Leath, the Presiding Bishop of the 13th Episcopal District, called the 143<sup>rd</sup> Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference, hosted by New Tyler African Methodist Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee, to order. Bishop Leath called for the Conference Secretary of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference, the Reverend Barbara S. Green, to call the Roll (see the roll).

**ITINERANT ELDERS – ACTIVE PASTORS**

	The Right Reverend Jeffrey N. Leath, <i>Presiding Prelate of the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District</i>
	The Reverend C. Robert Finch, [od 1986] <i>Presiding Elder of the North Memphis District</i>
	The Reverend Linda F. Thomas-Martin, [od 1996] <i>Presiding Elder of the South Memphis District</i>
	<b><i>The Reverends...</i></b>
	Dave Louis Adams, Sr. [od 2008]
	Anthony Branch [od 2002]
	Bobby Carter [od 1991]
	Janie Dowdy-Dandridge [od 1996]
	John Dandridge [od 2003]
	Ivy C. Hudson Courtez [od 1990]
	Linda A. Evans [od 1996]
	Garry Fair [od 1999]
	Colleen P. Gibson [od 2002]
	Barbara S. Green [od 1995]
	Perry Lorenzo Herman [od 2004]
	Agnes Henderson [od 2011]
	Walter Henry [od 1998]
	Anthony Hodges [od 2016]

	Verlie Horton [od 2000]
E	Clay A. Holliday, Sr. [od 1982]
	Eric J. Knowles [od 1993]
E	Gregory L. McCollins, Sr. [od 1991]
	Byron Moore [od 2002]
	John Moore [od] 1987]
	Stanley T. Richardson [od 1997]
	Kelvin Robinson [od 1996]
	Kirk W. Ridley, Sr. [od 1985]
	Lula Marie Martin Sanderson – married 5/2012 [od 2013]
	Darrell K. Scott [od 1997]
	Quinten L. Smith [od 2000]
	Amanda Speed
	Hilda D. Taylor [od 2004]
	Errol M. Thomas, Jr. [od 2011]
	Sabrina Transou [od 1992]
	George Turks [od 1987]
	David Yancy, II [od 2011]

**LOCAL ELDERS – ACTIVE PASTORS**

- Marlon Obe Barrentine, Sr. [od 2011 Supply Pastor – St. Paul/St. Mary Saltillo Circuit
- John Hall [od 2009] Supply Pastor – Williams Chapel
- Jerry Epperson [od 1997] Supply Pastor – St. Mark

**LOCAL DEACON – ACTIVE PASTOR**

Clonia Givan Young [od Deacon 2013, married previous name Givan] St. James

**LICENTIATE – ACTIVE PASTOR**

Clay A. Holliday, Jr. [A 2006] Itinerate Orders, Supply Pastor - Chainbreakers

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***The Reverends...***

?	Inez Blackman [od 1988]
E	Irene W. Booker [od 2000] - III
	Patsy T. Brown [od 1997]
	William Callian [od 1982]
	Chris Copeland [od 1997]
E	Beverly A. Darden [od 1993]
E	Dianne Watkins-Dickerson [od 2012]

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	Debbie R. Thomas-Gaskin [od 1998]
	Sarita Wilson-Guffin [od 2007]
	Frank Harris [od 1984]
E	Mary T. Hayslett [od 2011]
E	Charles Jackson [od 1992] Nursing Home - Missouri
	Lorraine Loving Jackson [od 2006]
	Ronald Jackson [od 1992]
E	Cetrea J. Jimmerson [od 2001]
	Benita Granberry Livingston [od 1997]
	Fekecia Gunn [od 2012]
E	Deborah Marshall [od 2003]
	Sharon Moore [od 2004]
	Denise Springfield Richardson [od 2010]
	Kenneth S. Robinson [od 1982]
	Marilynn S. Robinson [od 1996]
	Elizabeth Thurman Shell [od 1989]
	Terri Lynn Strong [od 2011]
?	Percy D. Thornton [od 1988]
	Joe Louis Travis [od 1986]
	Almella Y. Starks-Umoja [od 1997]
	Niambi Webster [od 2000]
	Karla Williams [od 2011]
	Willie M. Williams [od 2000]

**SUPERANNUATED**

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***The Reverends...***

	Harold Horton
	Cecil Maddox
	John E. Madison
E	Walter Perkins - III
D	William L. Smith - [Deceased refer to Memorial Committee]
E	Ora L. Thomas - III
D	James Weeden – [Deceased refer to Memorial Committee]
E	Willie V. Woods

**ITINERANT DEACONS**

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***The Reverends...***

	Marva C. Bell [od 2012 Complete the BOE 2015] [married 2013] previous "Curry"
	Aubrey Gamel Brownlow [od 2010 Completed BOE 2012]
	Ladonna Wiley Curry [od 2008 Completed BOE 2010]
	Angela L. Ward Fair [od 2008 Completed BOE 2010]
	Annie B. Garvin [od 2015]
	Doris Brietta Hendricks [od 2009 Completed BOE 2011]
	Ashleigh Nicole Jackson [od 2011 Completed BOE 2013]

	Sandra Ann Lynn [od 2007 Completed BOE 2009]
	Marvette Nicole Pounder Miller [od 2010 Completed BOE 2012]
	Alfred Trayham Owens [od 2010 Completed BOE 2012]
	Emanuel Wendell Reeves, III [od 2011 Completed BOE 2013]
	Kimberly Yarnell Campbell Rugaru [od 2007 Completed BOE 2009]
	Joy Lynn Wilkerson [od 2012 Completed BOE 2014]
	Francis L. Williams [married 11/2012 previous "Loyd" od 2012]

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**LOCAL ELDERS**

***The Reverends...***

	Marlon Obe Barrentine, Sr. [od 2011] Supply Pastor – St. Paul/St. Mary Saltillo Circuit
	Eugene Brooks [od 2007] Greenwood
	Loretta Dabbs [od 2004] St. Mark
	Regina Drake [od 2003] New Allen
	Jerry Epperson [od 1997] Pastor Long Chapel
	John Hall [od 2009] St. James
	Levirta Lynn Hill [od 2007] St. James
	Charles Horton [od 2003] Christ Tabernacle
	Lonnie McGhee [od 2008] St. Andrew
	Carolyn Triplett [od 2007] Greater Bethel - Jackson
E	Emma Jean Ward [od 2010] Saulter’s Chapel (first year being absent)
	Elizabeth S. Weaver - married 7/2012 previous "Shaw" [od 2010] Providence

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**LOCAL DEACONS**

***The Reverends...***

D	James Jones – [Readmitted 2010] St. Mark – [Deceased – Memorial Committee]
	Mattie Partee [od 1999] St. John
	Sharon Felecia Webster-Walker [od 2008], St. Andrew
	Clonia Young [Od Deacon 2013, married previous name Givan] Local Orders, St. James

**LICENTIATES**

	Robin Claxton [A 2016] Itinerant Orders, Greater Payne Chapel
	Clay A. Holliday, Jr. [A 2006] Itinerant Orders, Pastor, McKenzie Temple
	Aundrae Deshone Mack [A 2012] Itinerant Orders, St. Andrew
	Erica Bolden Mack [A 2012] Itinerant Orders, St. Andrew
	Cynthia Pearson [A 2012] Itinerant Orders, St. Andrew
E	Wesley Stoval Itinerant Orders, Mt. Zion

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**TRANSFERS OUT**

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**The Reverends...**

Reverend Mary T. Hayslett [od 2011] - 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District

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**President of the Lay Organization**

Sister Lovie Jacocks

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**President of the Women's Missionary Society**

Sister Mary T. Jones

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**Director of the Young People's Division of the Women's Missionary Society**

Sister Janice Holliday

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**President of the Young People's Division**

Sister Rajanee' Braxton

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**Chair of Minister's Spouses**

Sister Janice Holliday

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**President of RAYAC**

Brother Clay Holliday, Jr.  
President RAYAC

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**Chair of Women in Ministry**

Reverend Terry Lynn Strong

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**Chair of Sons of Allen/Nehemiah Nation**

Brother Lewis Hurd

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**13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Supervisor of Missions**

Dr. Susan Leath

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**13<sup>th</sup> President of the Women's Missionary Society**

Sister Gwen Dillihunt

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**13<sup>th</sup> President of the Lay Organization**

Sister Dorothy Ealy

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Connectional Women's Missionary Society**

Sister Lisa Halfacre

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**WMS Foundation Board**

A Sister Brenda Gaines-Ollie

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**Connectional YPD Secretary**

A Sister Breonna Davis

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THE LAY DELEGATES

CHURCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DELEGATE	ALTERNATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YOUNG ADULT
North Memphis District			
St. James	Tyria Jeff	Evelyn Thurman	
Greater Payne Chapel	Shelia Tolbert	Mona Crockett	
Providence	Remell Rogers		
Mt. Sinai	Bish Thomas, III	Carolyn Moore	

Quinn Chapel		Freddie Williams		Shirley Hudson		
Greenwood		Kather Hayes				
Avery Chapel		Thalia Wilson				
Brown Chapel (Union City)		Ardell Maddox		Rodney Bass		
Greer Chapel		Michael Pegues		Rutha D. Pegues		
Saint Mark (Munford)		Edwina Buford		Wilma McCoy		
Saint John - Mphs		Carrie Wellington		Mae Pegues		
Mt. Herman		Mary R. Jones		Mary T. Jones		
Mt. Olive		Addison McFarland	A	Dorothy Ruth Peet	P	
Williams Chapel		Lewis Hurd	?	Willie Mason		
St. Paul - Fulton		Joyce Weeks	?	Percy Lee		
Salter's Chapel, Dyersburg		Courtney Mason				
Chainbreakers		Reshun Green				
Allen Chapel Paris		Jasper Bruce	?	William Tharpe		
Saint Paul - Mphs		Edward Williamson		Barbara Fox		
Christ Tabernacle		Beverly Sterling		Alandras Massey		
<b>South Memphis District</b>						
Saint Andrew		Shirley Johnson		Lavern Brooks		
New Tyler		Mondella Woods		James Johnson		
Ward Chapel		Margaret McLaurin		Lillian Whitney		
New Allen		Roxie Ball		Ann M. Williams		
New Greater Bethel, Jackson		Dr. Pamela Murray				
Bethel, Memphis		Alma Luper	E	Barbara Duty		
Mount Zion		Pauline Guyton		Rutherie Spearman		
Noah Chapel		Rita K. Nelson				
Wilson Chapel		Johnny Dotson		Freda Dotson		
Galilee		Esther Thornton		Lovie Jacocks		
White's Chapel		William McIntyre		David Hampton		Jarmarko Crisp
Satillio Circuit (St. Paul/St. Mary)		Peggy Lowery				
New Lewis Chapel		Linda Pettigrew				
Wrights Chapel		Leon Lynn				
Freedman's Chapel		Robbie White				
Spring Chapel		Samuel Herring	?	Jerry Mason		
Saint Mark		Gloria Epperson				

**Following directions by Bishop Leath, the Opening Business Session concluded at 9:40pm.**