



13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

The AME Church
A Social Justice & Liberating Faith

117th Session of the East Tennessee Annual Conference

God's People Pursuing **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

A CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHIC - ISSUES IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

September 21-24, 2017

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Presiding Bishop

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The Reverend Dr. Eva Settles
Host Presiding Elder, Fayetteville Pulaski District

The Reverend Dr. Terence L. Mayes, Sr.
Associate Presiding Elder, Chattanooga Knoxville District

The Reverend Dr. Charles Holsey, Jr.
Host Pastor



21 September 2017

Host Presiding Elder Settles, Presiding Elder Mayes and their spouses, Host Pastor & Dr. Holsey, Clergy, Laity and Friends of the 117th Session of the East Tennessee Annual Conference,

We greet you with the Grace and Peace of Jesus, who sends us to preach justice in the land!

Praise God for the loyal clergy and laity who labor daily for the mission of Christ and the work of the church. God has brought another year through the trials of ministry!

Congratulations to the Fayetteville-Pulaski District as you stepped into a renewed identity. We pray you will continue to grow closer together in the fulfillment of God's will.

Thanks to Saint Paul Church (Fayetteville), and those in the vicinity of the Fayetteville community, for your hospitality. We appreciate the sacrifices and preparations to accommodate this session. Special thanks to Pastor and Dr. Holsey as they lead and encourage the flock of Christ.

This year our theme is Pursuing Criminal Justice. It is often easy to accuse and convict, without compassion, those who hurt and offend. Without law and order our society will not be conducive to life, liberty and happiness. The cry for criminal justice is an appeal for fairness in the administration of justice and commitment to help restore broken lives as they emerge from institutions of correction. It is also an opportunity to pray for healing and hope for those whose lives have been disrupted by evil and violence.

Give us, TODAY, Lord, our daily provision!

Let us display our faith in a God who provides. Our discipleship should reflect confidence in God who avenges injustice and delivers hope and peace. Justice is our calling because faith is our foundation. WE trust God!

Dr. Susan joins me in prayer for a wonderful annual conference. Be refreshed in the Holy Spirit. Be empowered by faith to serve the cause of justice with love.

Faithfully,

Jeffrey N. Leath

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

117th SESSION of THE EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday – Day One

8:00 am - 5:00 pm WMS Annual Day
7:30 pm Lay Witness Worship

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS

Friday – Day Two

8:15 am **Devotions**
8:30 am **BUSINESS SESSION I**
Roll Call
Organization

10:00am **OPENING WORSHIP**
12:00 pm **LUNCH**
(Meeting for MSWAWO & WIM)

1:00 pm **BUSINESS SESSION II**
Board of Examiners
PE Report
Pastor Reports
Chaplain Reports

2:45 pm **BUSINESS SESSION III**
Committee Reports
13th District Budget
13th District Audit
Conference Trustees
Treasurer's Report
Missions, Circuits and Stations
Pastor & Charge Classification
Budget Committee
PE Support

4:15 pm **BUSINESS SESSION IV**
Christian Stewardship
Social Action
CDMC
Christian Education
Church School
M-SWAWO
Evangelism
Lay
MCAM (Music)
RAYAC

Sons of Allen
WIM
WMS
YPD

- 5:30 pm **DINNER/BREAK**
7:00 pm **MEMORIAL SERVICE**
7:15 pm **RETIREMENT SERVICE**
7:30 pm **SPIRITUAL RENEWAL REVIVAL**

Saturday – Day Three

- 8:30 am **Devotions & Church School Lesson**
9:00 am **YPD/RAYAC PRESENTATION**
10:00 am **BUSINESS SESSION V**
Minutes
Ministerial Efficiency

10:15 am **Health & Wellness Committee**
10:30 am **Literary Committee Reports**
State of the Country
State of the Church
Enrichment Moment

11:30 am **ORDINATION/COMMUNION**
1:15 pm **LUNCH**

3:00 pm **BUSINESS SESSION VI**
District Reports
Camp Primm – Simmons
Believe Report & Presentation

Summaries & New Organization
Finance Committee
Elect Conference Trustees
Appoint District Trustees
Believe Board Reps
Statistician's Report
Ministerial Efficiency
Ministerial Training
Disciplinary Questions

7:00 pm **BUSINESS SESSION VII** *(if needed)*

Sunday – Closing Day

- 10:00 am **RESOLUTION**
CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE
Appointments

EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PASTORS & DELEGATES

CHATTANOOGA KNOXVILLE DISTRICT

Church	Pastors (The Reverend)	Delegates
Warren Chapel, Chattanooga	Dr. Pedro Basden	Fannie Hewlett
Bethel, Knoxville	Lee Russell Brown	Renee McClure
St. Paul, Chattanooga	Kenneth Love	Charles Moore
Bethel, Chattanooga	A. J. Holman	Sharon Daniels
Allen Temple, Chattanooga	Fred Harris	Eula Massengill
St. Paul, Alcoa	Archie Griffin	Quentin Anthony
Joseph Chapel, Chattanooga	Ronald Glenn	Belinda Payeton
St. James, Chattanooga	Dr. Eva Settles	Millie Reeves
Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga	Anthony Carter	Myra J. Cook
Clayborn Temple, Knoxville	Barbara Jackson	Evang. Irvin Hines

FAYETTEVILLE PULASKI DISTRICT

Church	Pastors (The Reverend)	Delegates
St. Paul, Fayetteville	Dr. Charles Holsey	Dorothy Small
Berry Chapel, Lynchburg	Dickey Sebastian	Lizzie Askins
Shorter Chapel, Tullahoma	Fred Blackwell	Emma Terry
Campbell Chapel, Pulaski	Randy Brown	Linda Wright
St. Paul Agnew, Pulaski	Terence Mayes	Betty Conner
Phoenix Chapel, Prospect	Tylan Orr	Laverne Cook
Mary's Chapel, Fayetteville	Ernest M. Latham	Lynda Croom
St. John, Mulberry	Alma J. Herbert	Betty Jo. Bryson
Mt. View, Decherd	Coleman March Jr.	Jessica Southern
Round Hill, Lynnville	Dr. Yvette Tisdale	Mattie Coffey
Powell Chapel, Pulaski	Vickie Coleman	Joyce Young
Friendship, Pulaski	Ruby Mason-Crum	Noah Young
Brown's Temple, Fayetteville	Lance Shelton	Nina Green
Aspen Hill/Liberty, Prospect	Benjamin Sanderfur	Frances Neal
Suggs Chapel, Dellrose	Alma Herbert	Brenda Clark
Trotters Chapel, Pulaski	Benjamin Sanderfur	Norma Jean Turner

East Tennessee Annual Conference Committees

PUBLIC WORSHIP

Bishop Jeffrey Leath, Presiding Elders Eva Settles and Terence Mayes, Rev. Dr. Charles Holsey

MEMORIAL

The Reverends Alma Herbert, Barbara Arter, Donna Perkins, and Gloria Maddox, Brother Charles Shelby, Sisters Betty Conner and Brenda Clark

MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Reverends A. J. Holman and Andrea Brabson, Sister Eula Massengill

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS

The Reverends Marty Koontz, Dickie Sebastian, Kenneth Love, Ruby Mason-Crum and Alma Hebert, Sisters Belinda Payeton, and Lizzie Askins, Brother Charles Shelby

CLASSIFICATION OF PASTORS AND CHARGES

The Reverends Archie Griffin, Beryl Basden, Fred Harris, and Lance Shelton, Brother Quentin Anthony

BUDGET

The Reverends Lee R. Brown, A. J. Holman, Randy Brown, and Ernest Latham, Brother Charles Moore, Sisters Sharon Daniels, Dorothy Small and Frances Neal

PRESIDING ELDERS' SUPPORT

The Reverends Pedro Basden, Kenneth Love, Archie Griffin, and Dr. Charles Holsey, Brother Charles Moore, Sister Emma Terry

SOCIAL ACTION

The Reverends Randy Brown, Barbara Jackson, James Owens, Anthony Carter, and Vickie Coleman, Sisters Sharon Daniels, Norma Jean Turner, Lynda Croom and Emma Terry, Brother Charles Moore

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

The Reverends Coleman March, Andrea Brabson, and Ernest Latham, Sisters Jessica Southern, Bettye Jo Bryson, and Laverne Cook

RESOLUTIONS

The Reverends Vanessa Holmon, Anthony Carter, and Lance Shelton, Sisters Mattie Coffey, Nina Green, Joyce Young, and Belinda Payton

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Reverends Fred Blackwell, Barbara Jackson, Ronald Glenn, Tylon Orr and Benjamin Sanderfur, Sisters Lizzie Askins, Delores Young, and Myra Cook, Brother Irvin Hines

STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Dr. Fannie Hewlett, The Reverends Dr. Yvette Tisdale Ruby Mason-Crum, and Etta Garth, Sisters Millie Reeves and Linda Wright

EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PREACHERS



The Reverend Lee Russell Brown, Jr.
Bethel AME Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
Opening Worship Preacher

The Reverend Lee Russell Brown, Jr., an Itinerant Elder, is the Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Prior to serving at Bethel, Rev. Brown pastored at Salters Chapel AME Church in Waverly, Tennessee. During his 3-year tenure there, with the help of God and enthusiasm of the congregants, Salter's Chapel was transformed from a part-time charge to a full-time charge. The church, during this tenure, was successful in completing a renovation project, paid in full, in the main sanctuary as well as acquiring resources and equipment landed through a Healthy Initiatives grant through the University of Tennessee.

Reverend Brown earned the Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, Tennessee in 2006 while simultaneously serving as the Director of Workforce Development and Adult Programs at the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville for three years. In order to foster the ministry to which God called him, Reverend Brown relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 2008 to begin his theological training. He earned the Master of Divinity with a concentration in Homiletics and Worship from the Interdenominational Theological Center/Turner Theological Seminary in 2013. While studying in Atlanta, Rev. Brown also served as an educator at Atlanta Preparatory Academy, teaching 2nd grade and later served as the Assistant Pastor at the Historic Big Bethel AME Church in downtown Atlanta.



The Reverend Dr. Yvette M. Tisdale

Round Hill AME Church, Lynnville, Tennessee
Ordination/Communion Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Yvette M. Tisdale, an Itinerant Elder, is a native Nashvillian. Dr. Tisdale has been preaching since she was 17 years old, and has pastored many AME Churches. She is presently the Pastor of Round Hill AME Church in Lynnville, Tennessee.

Dr. Tisdale graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a degree in Business Administration and Religious Education, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with a Master of Theological Studies and a MBA, Howard University in Washington, DC with a Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Divinity from Drew University.



The Reverend Coleman C. March, Jr.

Mt. View AME Church, Winchester, Tennessee
Spiritual Renewal Revival Preacher

The Reverend Coleman C. March, Jr., an Itinerant Elder, is presently the Pastor of Mt. View AME Church in Winchester, Tennessee. Before Reverend March became pastor at Mt. View, he served as pastor at St. Paul AME Church, Alcoa, TN (2004-2008), Solomon Chapel AME Church, Fayetteville, TN (2002-2004), and Suggs Chapel AME Church, Dellrose, TN (2000-2002).

Much of his life has been spent in education. He received a Masters Degree in Education with emphasis in Administration and Supervision from Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN (2006). He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management of Information Systems from Aquinas College, Nashville, TN (2003). He also studied Electrical Engineering at Tennessee State University.

Coleman is presently employed as a Bank Teller with Citizens Tri-County Bank in Tullahoma, Tennessee. Prior to his employment with Citizens Tri-County Bank, he was employed with Teledyne Solutions, Incorporated in Huntsville, Alabama as a Technologist in Occupational Safety and Health. He gained experience in occupational safety and health while working at Arnold Engineering Development Center from 1992 to 2000. Coleman designed engineering databases and monitored base personnel for chemical and biological exposures.

PASTOR APPOINTMENTS

Chattanooga Knoxville District

Warren Chapel, Chattanooga _____

Bethel, Knoxville _____

St. Paul, Chattanooga _____

Bethel, Chattanooga _____

Allen Temple, Chattanooga _____

St. Paul, Alcoa _____

Joseph Chapel, Chattanooga _____

St. James, Chattanooga _____

Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga _____

Clayborn Temple, Knoxville _____

Fayetteville Pulaski District

St. Paul, Fayetteville _____

Berry Chapel, Lynchburg _____

Shorter Chapel, Tullahoma _____

Campbell Chapel, Pulaski _____

St. Paul Agnew, Pulaski _____

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