

13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018



# The African Methodist Episcopal Church A Social Justice and Liberating Faith

*See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern,  
and humbly obey your God. Micah 6:8*

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

*Gender/Sexual Justice*

*Loving Those with Whom I Disagree*

## 13th District Planning Meeting

**October 25, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

**Jeffrey N. Leath**  
Presiding Bishop

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

**The Reverend Eva M. Settles, D.Min.**  
Host Presiding Elder

**The Reverend Pedro Basden, D.Min.**  
Host Pastor

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presiding Elder Eva M. Settles, Worship Leader

## THE DOXOLOGY

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Presiding Elder Linda Thomas-Martin

**Leader:** I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

**People:** For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Leader:** The people have gathered from each Annual Conference to praise God and celebrate the beginning of a new year of service.

**People:** We come to ask God's blessing on those who shall lead and those who will follow the call of Christian service and justice.

**Leader:** We have been commissioned to save, heal and liberate. We will grow to be more loving and faithful to the One who is love.

**People:** We come to sing praise to the Almighty, who empowers us with love to speak truth to power and call for salvation and justice in the land.

**All:** As You receive our praise, Gracious God, bless our district and the congregations we represent. Let us go from this place filled with the Holy Spirit and more mature in love. Give us holy fire so we may labor with the power of God. Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!

### THE OPENING HYMN

Presiding Elder C. Robert Finch

*There's Not a Friend*

*Hymn 381*

1. *There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! no, not one!  
None else could heal all our soul's diseases, No, not one! no, not one!*

#### *Refrain*

*Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;  
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! no, not one!*

2. *No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not one! no, not one!  
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not one! no, not one!*
3. *Was e'er a gift like the Savior given? No, not one! no, not one!  
Will He refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! no, not one!*

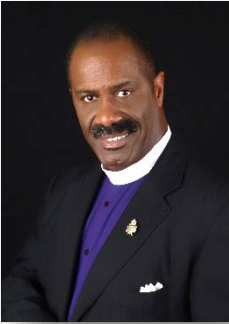
### THE PRAYER

Presiding Elder Dave L. Adams, Sr.

### THE PRAYER RESPONSE

*Sentence and The Lord's Prayer*

THE SELECTION	Warren Chapel AMEC Choir
THE SCRIPTURE	Presiding Elder William R.T. Hale
THE INTROIT	<i>From All that Dwell Below the Skies</i> Duke Street (gospel arr.) <i>From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise;  Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land be every tongue.</i>
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Presiding Elder Alexander Gatson
Leader:	Let us affirm our faith.
All:	I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.
THE GLORIA PATRI	
THE SELECTION	Warren Chapel AMEC Choir
BENEVOLENCE OFFERING	Presiding Elder Sidney F. Bryant
THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER	Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath Presiding Bishop, Thirteenth Episcopal District
THE SELECTION	Warren Chapel AMEC Choir
THE SERMON	Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District AME Church
THE INVITATION TO ACCEPT CHRIST	Presiding Elder Terence Mayes, Sr.
THE PRESENTATION OF GUESTS	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Pedro Basden
THE DOXOLOGY	
THE BENEDICTION	Presiding Elder Troy Merritt



## **Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram**

Presiding Bishop

First Episcopal District AME Church

Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, 118<sup>th</sup> Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District. His first appointment as a Bishop was to the Fifteenth Episcopal District, comprising Angola, Namibia and most of South Africa. Following the Fifteenth Episcopal District, Bishop Ingram served as the Presiding Prelate of the Tenth Episcopal District (TEXAS) and as President of the Council of Bishops.

Before his election to the Episcopacy, Bishop Ingram served for thirteen years as the Senior Minister of Oak Grove AME Church in Detroit, Michigan. Under his leadership, 2,400 members joined Oak Grove and more than 1,420 became tithers. Prior to his Oak Grove assignment, Bishop Ingram served as pastor of AME churches in Chicago, Springfield and Alton, Illinois. He also served two years on the religious staff at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville Campus.

Bishop Ingram has distinguished himself throughout African Methodism for his expertise in stewardship and tithing and is a dynamic preacher and lecturer who is sought after to speak at churches, colleges, universities, and civic functions. He has authored a number of publications that are heralded throughout African Methodism.

His civic, community, professional and social affiliations, past and present, include the: Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies in North America, Christian Communication Council, Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Bishop Ingram holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilberforce University, a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from Antioch College, a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Planning Meeting**

Warren Chapel AME Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Convened At

Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church

October 25-26, 2018

### **13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District AME Church**

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