

**142nd Canadian Annual Conference** 

Theme: Think Possible

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:23** 

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding Prelate Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor Reverend Stacey L. Smith, Host Presiding Elder Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath, Host Pastor

Agenda	
Thursday August 7th	Friday August 8th
8:15 am Breakfast	8:15 am Breakfast
<b>9:00</b> am - <b>12:00</b> pm WMS Convention	9:00 am Roll Call
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Bishop and Presiding Elder	<b>9:30</b> am - <b>10:00</b> am Organization of Annual Conference
<b>12:00</b> pm - <b>12:30</b> pm Lunch	<b>10:00</b> am Opening Worship service
<b>12:30</b> pm - <b>1:30</b> pm Women in Ministry meeting	<b>11:00</b> am - <b>11:30</b> Report of Board of Examiners
<b>1:00</b> pm Bishop and the Board of Examiners	<b>11:30</b> am Presiding Elder Summary Report
<b>2:00</b> pm - <b>4:00</b> pm Lay Organization Conference	<b>12:30</b> pm Lunch
<b>3:00</b> pm Bishop and Conference Trustees	<b>1:30</b> pm Reports Committee Reports Superannuatuion Service Memorial Service Ordination
<b>5:00</b> pm - <b>6:00</b> pm Dinner on your own	Service
	5:00 pm Dinner
<b>7:00</b> pm - <b>8:30</b> pm WMS Night in	

**Saturday August 9th** 9:00am - 12:00 pm **YPD** Convention

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**6:30** pm Statistical Report

**Commisioning Service** 

Adjournment

Resolution Disciplinary Questions



The Right Reverend Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

142nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop in the African

Methodist Episcopal Church



Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. and Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright



#### THE BISHOP'S GREETINGS

To the Fabulous Fourth Episcopal District, I bring you greetings from the Episcopal Team of Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright and Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. With great anticipation we are delighted to begin another series of Annual Conferences throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District.

I also greet you with a message that resonates deeply within the hallowed halls of faith, a message woven into the very fabric of our history: **Think Possible!** For generations, our pulpits have been more than just a place of worship; they have been beacons of hope, fortresses of resilience and incubators of dreams. When the world told us "no," our preachers, our spiritual ancestors, stood tall and declared, "**Yes, through Christ, all things are possible!**"

Look at our legacy! From the brush harbors to magnificent cathedrals, from the whispered prayers in secret to the thundering pronouncements from the mountaintop, our journey has been a testament in the audacious belief in the impossible.

But the work, Beloved, is far from over. We stand at a critical juncture, facing new challenges that demand we once again tap into that wellspring of "*Think Possible*." Remember the words of Philippians 4:13: "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*." In other words, there are no limits to what we can achieve, no ceiling to the "good" we can bring forth.

So, as we lead our churches and communities, I urge us to rekindle the flame of "**Think Possible.**" Let it ignite our sermons, inspire our outreach, and transform our vision. Let us once again be the vanguards of possibility, leading our people into a future overflowing with God's grace, promise and boundless potential.

May God continue to bless you and your sacred work.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

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# Tanner-Price African Methodist Episcopal Church



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#### Greetings from Tanner-Price AME Church

Bishop Frederick Alan Wright, Sr. and Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright and distinguished guests who have come from near and far, Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith, and members of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Canadian Annual Conference:

We greet you with the grace, mercy, and peace that are ours in God, our Creator, in the Lord Jesus Christ, through the very presence of the Holy Spirit! It is a distinct honor and privilege it is to welcome you to the refuge of love and liberation God is providing through Tanner-Price AME Church and to Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

At Tanner-Price, we are witnesses that . . .

Welcome is possible! When some chose not to support the God-work at Tanner-Price, angels posted at Oak Grove AME Church and Third New Hope Baptist Church in Detroit, MI, Grant AME Church in Toronto, ON, Campbell AME Church in Chatham, ON, John Wesley AME Zion Church in Southfield, MI, and All Saints' Anglican Church here in Windsor, ON – along with a host of God-fearing people (some of whom have offered formal greetings to the Conference) – extended themselves, demonstrating extraordinary and uncommon welcome and generosity. The welcome of others inspires us to share expressions of welcome with each of you – especially through messages reminding you that you are in the right place: where God is love, where God loves you, where we know our individual and communal responsibilities to love God, others, and ourselves, and where we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Justice is possible! Sharing the resources that have been shared with us is at the heart of who we are at Tanner-Price. We believe we have been blessed to be a blessing to others. We believe that care is where justice begins. Mindful of this, we invite you to join us in connecting with and encouraging others by writing a message on the postcard provided to you in your kits that we can deliver to those residing at The Village of Aspen Lake long-term care facility and those incarcerated at the Collins Bay Correctional Facility.

**Praise is possible!** Everyone has made sacrifices to be here. And, for many of us, the journey from last annual conference to this annual conference has been long – and we have faced unexpected challenges, losses, and obstacles. Yet, God has been faithful. So, we *thank you* for pressing your way – and we *praise God*! Most Sundays at Tanner-Price we do not have a musician, but that never stops us from praising God – with whatever and whoever is there! With that spirit, in your kits we provide you with instruments of praise – tambourines, shakers, and scarves reflecting liturgical colors that symbolize all the ways God meets us. While you are here – and when you go – please use these instruments to bless the Lord.

May the glory of the Lord rise among us – resting, ruling, and abiding! May the Holy Spirit ignite us with a fresh fire to do and be all that God is calling us to do and be! May we each go forth from this Annual Conference with everything we need!

Thank you, Bishop Wright, Supervisor Dixon Wright, and the 142<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Canadian Annual Conference for the honor of hosting you. Please let us know if there are any other ways we can enhance your visit!

Thinking Possible,

Pastor Leath & Tanner-Price AME Church

1 August 2025

Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr.

Presiding Prelate of the 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

c/o Rev. Jennifer S. Leath, Ph.D., Pastor Tanner-Price African Methodist Episcopal Church 733 McDougall Street Windsor, Ontario N9A1L7

Re: Greetings from The Canadian Council of Churches to the 142nd Session of the Canadian Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church

Dear Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr.,

Thank you for an opportunity to extend greetings to those gathered on August 8, 2025, for the 142<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Canadian Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Windsor, Ontario.

At The Canadian Council of Churches, the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (CEARN) was one of my first introductions to the Canadian ecumenical justice world. At CEARN we grounded our reflection and action in the stories we learned from the experience of freed people of African descent in Windsor and in Southwestern Ontario. Another formative Canadian ecumenical movement for me was MESA: The Movement for Economic Solidarity in the Americas. When Canadian, Mexican, and USA delegates visited Windsor to better understand the dynamics of the North American economy, we began with a visit to churches of free people of African descent and receiving stories of how their experience informed our faithful convictions and advocacy for human rights and liberty in a globalized economy.

And so it is with deep respect and admiration that, on behalf of all the members, associate members, affiliates, and observer churches of The Canadian Council of Churches, I extend greetings to all those gathered in your deliberations about how governmental, secular, and religious institutions will work together to establish and maintain communities of love and liberation. The Canadian Council of Churches and its member churches are with you in those deliberations, and we look forward to walking and working alongside you to see those visions realized.

We are especially pleased that this year the African Methodist Episcopal church is on its way to membership in The Canadian Council of Churches. I know, we know, that the African Methodist Episcopal church will bring an invaluable perspective to our shared journey to unity, justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Wishing you strength and courage,

in Christ's abundant love,

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Pastor Peter Noteboom

General Secretary

Cc: Rev. Amanda Currie, President Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright

> Rev. Jennifer S. Leath, Ph.D., Pastor Elder Stacey L. Smith, Presiding Elder Consultant Jeffery L. Smith

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July 29, 2025

To: Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Leath

Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith and Consultant Jeffery L. Smith

Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr.

Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright

The members of the 142<sup>nd</sup> session of the Canadian Annual Conference of the African

Methodist Episcopal Church

#### Friends in Christ,

As you meet in this 142nd session of the Canadian Conference, it is my distinct honour to extend the greetings from the 44th Moderator of the United Church, The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne; the Commissioners of the 45th General Council, who meet in Calgary, Alberta, from August 7-11, 2025, and from myself as the General Secretary.

We pray as you gather, hosted by Tanner and All Saints' congregation, that your time together will be rooted in the inescapable truth that you are called by God to "proclaim the gospel of Jesus by seeking justice and resisting the forces of evil that exploit and marginalize; to demonstrate fierce love in the face of violence as you defend the dignity of all human persons" (adapted from the United Church's A Song of Faith). May you experience the blessings of Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

The United Church of Canada celebrates 100 years of ministry and witness in Canada this year. As we remember our history, we lament the fact that our ancestors in the faith did not engage with the Black Methodist traditions as they sought to bring Methodist, Presbyterians and Congregationalist together to form the new United Church. We also beg your forgiveness and commit to working towards more collegial relationship for the sake of the world.

Today, more than ever, the world needs Christian communities that embody the fullness of the gospel living into the reality of God's unconditional love for all God's creation. Particularly, Canadian society needs strong Black churches. The work of liberation, emancipation and freedom is not done. We need to partner to address the ongoing legacy of the transatlantic slave trade.



So, as you gather, may there be much celebration and joy in worship, and enough foolishness and courage to believe that you, and the members of the African Methodist Church, can make a difference in the world.

In Christian solidarity,

Rev. Dr. Michael Blair

General Secretary

The United Church of Canada



# All Saints' Anglican Church

August 2025

Dear Bishop Frederick Alan Wright, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the Fourth Episcopal District, Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith, Host Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Leath, Host Pastor, all Clergy and all the faithful of AME Church,

Allow me to extend my warmest greetings to you all as you come together for the 142nd Session of the Canadian Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church! All Saints' Anglican Church welcomes you with open arms and hearts! We are ever so grateful that you have decided to hold this annual conference here at All Saints'. Our prayers are offered in earnest for all of you as you come together in the name of Yeshua--Jesus the Christ--who proclaimed the Love of God encountered in all people and creation, and who spoke truth to power--even in his last moments when he stood before Pilate.

When I was a boy, growing up in Chatham Ontario, one of my neighbourhood friends once shared with me that he attended the AME Church. As a young person, I did not know what "A M E" stood for. Years later, I have come to learn more about this wonderful Church, incorporated in the 19th Century with roots dating back to the 18th Century with the Free African Society. The AMEC came to existence in many ways as an answer to a unique call to address the struggles of African people brought to North America against their will to be slaves. The AMEC 'came to be' in response to a system that dehumanized people, and that 'system' did so by referring to what they believed to be endorsed by Scripture. The AMEC challenged that worldview and formed congregations to follow The Christ and his Gospel by first of all affirming the humanity of all peoples and to stand against the diabolical tyranny that treated human beings made in the image and likeness of God as less than human!

Today, there is in 'the air', once again, the putrid scent of racism, bigotry, and hate in all its forms. These realities have never left us, but somehow, there are people and their movements who have become more overt and audacious in their call to make racism and hatred of all kinds part of public policy. There are so called "pastors" now freely campaigning for a "Christian Nationalist" or even a "White Christian Nationalist" future in America! We Canadians would be delusional if we thought we were 'beyond that': we are not! And there is absolutely nothing 'Christian' about these ideologies. Not a thing.

As this relates to the AMEC--I celebrate your engagement in confronting these unholy realities by continuing to speak truth to power and to support those who are suffering in any way because of various forms of racism and bigotry and hate filled movements that seek yet again to marginalize human beings.

I close by saying that, as regards to that which is 'in the air' in more recent times because of very distorted ideas and sentiments--we too, here at All Saints'--clergy and people--commit to speaking truth to power! This begins by proclaiming in word and in action that God is Love! Everything must begin and end with that truth!

God bless you all and may God as the Holy Spirit dwell in your hearts and minds as you move forward towards a future that will be even better than the present day!

Shalom Bob Masters Rector, All Saints' Anglican Church Windsor



#### August 2025

Greetings to all who have gathered in Windsor, Ontario for the 142nd Session of the Canadian Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church! On behalf of the Essex County Black Historical Research Society, it is my pleasure to welcome this dedicated group of officers and members, clergy and lay leaders, youth, seniors, and everyone in between, here to our region. Coinciding with the beginning of the second International Decade for People of African Descent, this gathering of people of faith here in Windsor, a community so rich in Black heritage and culture, is well timed.

Here in the Detroit River borderlands, we celebrate more than three centuries of sustained Black presence. Not only was this the epicenter of Canada's Underground Railroad story but just as importantly, this is a region replete with stories of Black agency, activism, resistance, striving, and thriving that have changed the course of Canadian and North American history over many generations. While the Underground Railroad era is most often in the spotlight, Black communities have remained here with deep roots and many more stories to tell.

As the leading organization dedicated to preserving and sharing this region's Black history, we are overjoyed to welcome you to this special place where you will have many opportunities to learn from our stories. It is thrilling that the Young People's Department will visit the Amherstburg Freedom Museum on August 9<sup>th</sup>, where as Assistant Curator, I will be pleased to welcome all visitors to explore the Museum, the Taylor Log Cabin, and Nazrey AME Church, a National Historic Site! In addition, over 20+ years the dedicated volunteers of the Essex County Black Historical Research Society have worked tirelessly to ensure that the landscape of Windsor is full of visible markers, monuments, murals, and learning opportunities that can inspire all people to explore Black history. We either led or co-led all of the following initiatives and we invite you to enjoy these fruits of our labours during your stay: Tower of Freedom Monument, 200 Pitt St. E.

Black History Municipal Heritage Plaque, 400 City Hall Square East, eastern entrance (McDougall St.)

McDougall Street Corridor Walking Tour, mcdougallcorridor.ca

McDougall Street Corridor Murals, 400 Broadhead St.

Mary Ann Shadd Cary Sculpture, 181 Ferry St.

Sandwich Black History Walking Tour, https://collections.uwindsor.ca/across-the-river/walking-tour

Moreover, when taking a break from your important deliberations, you might enjoy these informative, award-winning short documentaries and videos co-produced by the Essex County Black Historical Research Society:

The North Was Our Canaan, https://collections.uwindsor.ca/nwoc/video

Across the River to Freedom, https://collections.uwindsor.ca/across-the-river/welcome

McDougall Street Corridor, mcdougallcorridor.ca

As you gather for the 142nd Session of the Canadian Annual Conference of the AME Church, we wish you a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, discussion, consensus-building, learning, and inspiration.

Sincerely.

Irene Moore Davis

President, Essex County Black Historical Research Society



### THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 8, 2025

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." | Martin Luther King Jr.

On behalf of the City of Windsor and my colleagues on City Council, it is my honour to extend warm greetings to Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr., Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright, Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath, Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith, Consultant Jeffery L. Smith, members,





Windsor is proud to serve as the backdrop for this important gathering, which takes on added meaning in the days following Emancipation Day. Our city remains deeply connected to the legacy of the Underground Railroad, and to those who built lives of faith, purpose, and perseverance in this region. Tanner-Price AME Church stands as a testament to this legacy, continuing the mission begun by its predecessor congregations in 1852 and 1963.

The choice of All Saints' Anglican Church as a host venue is particularly meaningful. Located steps from Windsor City Hall and the new City Hall Square, All Saints' began as a mission of escaped and freed people of African descent and today serves as a vital downtown anchor for faith-based outreach, arts and culture, and community support. The church plays a key role in many civic events, and has been home to organizations like the Arts Collective Theatre (ACT), which use performance as a platform for inclusion, education, and social justice. Together, these spaces reflect Windsor's enduring commitment to welcoming those seeking refuge, dignity, and freedom. United, we have built a stronger, more diverse, and inclusive Windsor.

As the Canadian Annual Conference brings together leaders, youth, and community builders from across the country, I hope your time in Windsor is filled with inspiration, reflection, and renewed purpose. Thank you for choosing our city for this gathering. We are honoured by your presence and grateful for the continued contributions the AME Church has made within our community and beyond its borders. Welcome to Windsor!

Sincerely,

**Drew Dilkens** 

#### CLIMBING CANADIAN CONFERENCE WMS ANNUAL DAY



The Rt. Reverend Bishop Frederick Alan Wright Sr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor
The Reverend Stacey L. Smith, Host Presiding Elder
Ms. Kimberly Hamilton Foy, Episcopal WMS District President
Ms. Patience Muyambo, Canadian Conference WMS President
Ms. Sylvia Kemboi, Host WMS President



Punching Holes and Bringing God's Light into the Dark Places!

1 Peter 2:9

#### NIGHT IN WHITE SERVICE

Thursday, August 7, 2025

#### Worship Leader - Sister Lindiwe Sithole

Praise and Worship	Canadian Conference Choir
Doxology	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (No. 647)
The Call to Worship	Missionary Litany
Opening Hymn	Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (No. 508)
Opening Prayer	Sister Esata Masters-Beals
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Leath
Scripture Lesson	Sister Rosia Jones
Offering for Missions	Finance Committee - Treasurer
Offertory Song	Canadian Conference Choir
Introduction of Speaker	Sister Veronica Williams-Dalrymple
Sermonic Selection	Canadian Conference Choir
Message	Rev. Tracey Thomas
Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Tracey Thomas
Remarks & Introduction of Supervisor	Sister Patience Muyambo
Remarks & WMS Lifetime Service Awards	Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright
Closing Remarks	Bishop Frederick A. Wright Sr., Presiding Prelate
Announcements	Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Leath
Missionary Benediction (No. 652)	All

Missionary Benediction: In the name of the Triune God. May the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

# August 8th, 2025 THE OPENING WORSHIP WORSHIP LEADER – PRESIDING ELDER STACEY L. SMITH

THE ORGAN PRELUDE THE PROCESSIONAL

"We Are Marching to Zion"

1Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne. Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God. 2 Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly King, May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. (refrain)

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

3 The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets.

(refrain)

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

4 Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. (refrain)

#### THE DOXOLOGY THE

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Reverend Tracey Thomas** 

**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 would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my god than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Leader:** Because of the house of the Lord our god, I will seek Thy good.

**People:** Those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Leader:** Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

**People:** For the Lord is in His Holy Temple. Let all the earth keep silent before Him.

**Leader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

**People:** O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing His praises.

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Reverend Elie Placide Irahoza

"And Are We Yet Alive"

- 1 And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give for His redeeming grace!
- 2 Preserved by pow'r divine to full salvation here, again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear.
- 3 What troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we past, fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

- 4 Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love; and still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above.
- 5 Then let us make our boast of His redeeming pow'r, which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.
- 6 Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain, and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

THE INVOCATION Reverend Kenesha Blake-Newell THE CHORAL RESPONSE The Canadian Conference Choir THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC THE SCRIPTURE **Old Testament** Reverend Denise Johnson **New Testament** Reverend Randolph Phillips THE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS The Finance Committee THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE "All Things Come of Thee" THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. The Canadian Conference Choir THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC THE ANNUAL SERMON Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY The Finance Committee "We Give Thee But Thine Own" THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath

Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath

THE BENEDICTION

# August 8th , 2025 THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION WORSHIP LEADER – Reverend Kenesha Blake-Newell Dean

THE PROCESSIONAL: The Dean of the BOE The Candidates for Ordination Board of Examiners

Presiding Elders

Bishops

THE DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Kenesha Blake-Newell

**Leader:** O Give thanks to God for all of the goodness we are shown! God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** We present ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.

**Leader:** God calls us from our lofty ambitions and our occupations with marvels and matters beyond our scope.

**People:** We present ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.

**Leader:** We have come to witness that these are servants of Christ entrusted with the secret things of God.

**All:** Come, Christ Jesus, your presence is needed! Bless us through the power of your Spirit and give us the courage to live as Your disciples day by day as a reasonable sacrifice.

1 I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in
the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to
Thee. Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer,
nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where
Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer,
nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious,
bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the pow'r of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain] Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.

3 Oh, the pure delight of a single hour That before Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! [Refrain] Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.

4 There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee. [Refrain] Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious, bleeding side.

THE INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath

#### THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE DEACONS

**Elder:** Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., I present unto you these persons to be Ordained Deacons.

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:** Take heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the church.

**Elder:** I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Name the Candidates.

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:** Members of the conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of these persons presented to be ordained Deacons, for which they ought not be admitted to that office, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE ELDERS

**Elder:** Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., I present unto you these persons to be ordained Elders.

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:** Take heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the church.

**Elder:** I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Name the Candidates.

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:** Members of the conference, these are they whom we propose, God willing this day to ordain Elders; for after due examination we find not the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and they are persons meet for the same. But if there are any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of them for which they ought not be received into this holy ministry let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

#### The Epistle (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

Reverend Elie Placide Irahoza

For the Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; they must hold fast to the mystery faith with clear conscience and let them also be tested first; then if they proved themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

#### The Epistle (Ephesians 4:7 - 13)

**Reverend Tracey Thomas** 

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying "He ascended "what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of fullness of Christ.

#### The Gospel (John 10: 1 - 16)

Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop Frederick A. Wright

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Canadian Conference Choir

THE ORDINATION SERMON

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath

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THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY

The Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"All Things Come of Thee"

#### THE ORDINATION

#### THE CALL THE OF DEACONS

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the office of the ministry in the church of Christ, to serve God for the promotion of His glory, and the edifying of His people?

Candidates: I trust so.

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates: I do believe them.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed to serve?

Candidates: I will.

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

It appertaineth to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service. And especially when he/she administers the Holy Communion, to help him/her in the distribution thereof and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth and, in the absence of the Elder, to baptize. And furthermore, it is his/her office to search for the sick, poor and impotent that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Candidates: I will do so by the help of God.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Will you frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of your families according to the doctrine of Christ to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

**Candidates:** I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and with their godly admonition?

**Candidates:** I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Take thou authority to execute the office of a deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Take thou authority to read the Scriptures and to preach the same in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### THE CALL OF ELDERS

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: The Call of Elders

#### Elder: Reverend Kenesha Blake-Newell:

You have heard, as well in your private examination as in the exhortation which as just made to you, and in the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and of how great important this office is, whereunto ye are now called. And now again we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye have in remembrance how high a dignity and to how weighty an office you are called; that is, to say to be messengers, watchers, and stewards of the Lord, to teach and to admonish; to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he brought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The church and congregation whom you must serve is his Spouse, and his Body.

And if it should happen that the church or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider within yourselves the end of the ministry toward the children of God, toward the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labor, care, and diligence until you have done all that you are able to do, for all that are committed to your charge unto that agreement in faith, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that they may be no place left among you either for error or in religion, or for viciousness in life.

#### **Elder: Reverend Tracey Thomas**

You cannot accomplish the doing of so weighty a work concerning the salvation of God's people with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy scripture, and with a life agreeable to the same, without the spiritual foundation which comes through the reading and study of the scripture, and the framing of your life and the lives of those who especially pertain to you, according to the rules of the same scriptures. For this reason, you must forsake all and set aside as much as you can all worldly care and studies.

#### THE COLLECTS

#### **FOR DEACONS**

Almighty God, who by thy Divine Providence hath appointed diverse orders of ministers of thy church, and didst inspire thine Apostles, to choose to the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with others mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with truth of thy doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy holy name and edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### **FOR ELDERS**

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by the Holy Spirit has appointed diverse orders of ministers in thy church, mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the office of Elder(s) and replenish them with the innocence of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy name and edification of thy church, through the mercies of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

We have good hope that you have weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time, and that you have clearly determined by God's grace to give yourselves to this office whereby it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lieth in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing and draw all your cares and studies this way, and that you will continually pray to God the Father by the meditation of our only Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit, that by daily reading and weighing of the scriptures you may wax riper and stronger in your ministry, and that you may so endeavor yourselves, from time to time to satisfy the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ that you may be wholesome and goodly examples and patterns of the people to follow.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and his church, shall demand of you, touching the same.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Do you think in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Order of Elder?

Candidate: I do so believe.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Are you persuaded that the holy scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by Scripture?

**Candidate:** I am so persuaded, and have so determined by God's grace.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Will you be ready with all faithful diligence always to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

**Candidate:** I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

**Candidate**: I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

**Candidate:** I shall apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Will you maintain and set forth, as much as lieth in you, sweetness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are of and shall be committed to your charge?

**Candidate:** I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Will you reverently obey your chief ministers unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad min and will their godly admonitions submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

**Candidate:** I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish his work, which he hath begun, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:** Come Holy Spirit, our hearts inspire.

**Response:** And lighten with celestial fire

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Thou the anointing Spirit art,

**Response:** Who doth thy sevenfold gift impart

**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:** Thy blessed unction from above.

Response: Comfort, light, and fire of love.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Enable with perpetual light

Response: The dullness of our blinded sight;

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Anoint and cheer our soiled face

**Response:** With the abundance of thy grace.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Keep far our foes; give peace at home

**Response:** Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Teach us to know the Father, Son,

**Response:** And thee of both to be but one!

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: That through the ages all along,

**Response:** This may be our endless song!

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Praise to thy eternal merit,

**Response:** Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.: Let us pray. Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us hast given us thy only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life, who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors, by whose labor and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy name for these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou has vouchsafed to call these thy servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks. We praise and worship thee, and we humbly beseech thee by the same blessed Son to grant unto all, either here or elsewhere call upon thy name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all thy other benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy ministers as by them over whom they shall be appointed thy ministers that thy holy name may be forever glorified and thy blessed kingdom enlarged through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. (The Bishop with seven Elders):

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the word of God and of His holy sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacrament in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### THE CLOSING COLLECTS FOR DEACONS

#### **Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:**

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy servants into the office of deacon in thy church, make them, we beseech thee O Lord, to be modest, humble, and consistent in their ministration, and to have a ready will to observe all spiritual disciplines, that thy, having always the testimony of a good conscience and continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son, Jesus Christ may so well behave themselves in this inferior office that they may be found worthy to be called unto the higher ministries of thy church, through the name, of thy Son and Our Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continued help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE CLOSING COLLECTS FOR ELDERS

#### Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.:

Most Merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessings that they may be clothed with righteousness and that the word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain, Grant, also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy word, or agreeably to the same, as the means of our salvation, and that in all our words and deeds may seek the glory and the increase of thy kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continued help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**GENERAL CONFESSION** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

#### **CELEBRATION HYMN**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:** Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:** Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:** Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath

# August 8th, 2025 THE CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING WORSHIP WORSHIP LEADER -PRESIDING ELDER STACEY L. SMITH

#### THE ORGAN PRELUDE

#### THE PROCESSIONAL

"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"

**1** All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

**2** O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

**3** Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

**4** Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Elie Placide Irahoza

**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 would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my god than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Leader:** Because of the house of the Lord our god, I will seek Thy good.

**People:** Those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Leader:** Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

**People:** For the Lord is in His Holy Temple. Let all the earth keep silent before Him.

**Leader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

**People:** O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing His praises.

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

THE INVOCATION Reverend Denise Johnson

THE CHORAL RESPONSE "Completely Yes"

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Canadian Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE

**The Old Testament** Reverend Wayne Lewis **The New Testament** Reverend Tracey Thomas

THE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

The Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE "All Things Come of Thee"

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP** Presiding Elder Stacey L. Smith

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**The Canadian Conference Choir

**THE PREACHED WORD**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

THE MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY

The Finance Committee

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

#### THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

#### THE HYMN

"A Charge To Keep I Have"

**1** A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

**2** To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill, O may it all my pow'rs engage to do my Master's will!

**3** Arm me with watchful care as in Thy sight to live, and now Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

4 Help me to watch and pray, and still on Thee rely, O let me not my trust betray, but press to realms on high.

#### THE GIVING OF CERTIFICATES TO CONFERENCE OFFICERS

#### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

"Matthew 28:16-20"

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### THE COMMISSIONING HYMN

1 "Go, preach My gospel, "saith the Lord. "Bid the whole earth My grace receive. Explain to them My sacred word; Bid them believe, obey, and live."

**2** "I'll make My great commission known ,And ye shall prove My gospel true By all the works that I have done And all the wonders ye shall do.

**3** "Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go, cast out devils in My name; Nor let My prophets be afraid,

Though some reproach and some blaspheme.

**4** While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till the world shall end; All power is trusted in My hands; I can destroy and can defend."

**5** He spake, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to Heaven He rode. They to the farthest nation spread The grace of their ascended God.

#### THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

#### THE CLOSING HYMN

"God Be With You"

**1** God be with you 'til we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:** 'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet; 'Til we meet, 'til we meet; God be with you 'til we meet again.

**2** God be with you till we meet again; 'Neath His wings protecting hide you, Daily manna still provide you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

**Refrain:** 'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet; 'Til we meet, 'til we meet; God be with you 'til we meet again.

**3** God be with you 'til we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you ,Put His arms unfailing round you: God be with you 'til we meet up again

**Refrain:** 'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet; 'Til we meet, 'til we meet; God be with you 'til we meet again.

**4** God be with you 'til we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you, Smite death's threatening ways before you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

**Refrain:** 'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet; 'Til we meet, 'til we meet; God be with you 'til we meet again.

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

### YPD Worship Service

THEME: Influencers 4 Christ... Is Possible

1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Worship Director - Emmanuel Irumva

Praise & Worship Canadian Conference YPD Praise Team

Opening Hymn To God be the Glory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Worship/Litany Love-Christa Irumva

Prayer Ola Akeju

New Testament Lesson Agis Irakoze

1 Peter 2:9

Musical Expression Oriana Farquharson

Artistic Expression Bella Irumva & Celeste Dalrymple

The Gift of Giving Finance Committee

Introduction of Supervisor Nigel Sitashi

Introduction of Bishop Nico Castro

Musical Expression YPD Praise Team

What a Beautiful Name

Sermon/Message Rev. Austin Young

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Austin Young

Announcements Sis. Veronica Williams-Dalrymple

Missionary Benediction All