

July Suggested Reading
The Unofficial Rules of the AME Way
By The Reverend Dr. Michael Cousin



The Rev. Michael Alphonso Cousin is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, having served over 10 pastoral charges during his ministerial journey. Rev. Michael A. Cousin is the fourth son out of five born to Bishop Philip Robert Cousin, Sr. and Dr. Margaret Joan Cousin, a former Episcopal Supervisor of Missions. Rev. Cousin is a proud graduate of Alabama State University, where he earned his BA in Political Science. He has done further studying at Boston University School of Theology earning his M.Div. and Garrett-Evangelical Theological School earning his D.Min in Theology and Leadership. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Rev. Cousin has served in various capacities from the Annual Conference to the General Conference. He has served as a member of the Revisions Committee, Compilations Committee, Strategic Planning Commission of the AME Church, as well as a member of the Annual Conference Board of Examiners. Additionally, Rev. Cousin has served as Treasurer to Chairman of the Annual Conference and Episcopal District Finance Committee. Rev. Cousin is the proud father of two sons, Michael A. Cousin, Jr. and Timothy Charles Cousin.

“The Unofficial Rules of the AME Church is a collection of unwritten rules and principles that has helped shape African Methodism and will be beneficial to other denominations and ministries, as well. Dr. Cousin’s humorous, yet inciteful writing makes this book a delightful read, as well as a manual to help answer questions that people are often afraid to ask.

I believe that this book is a great tool for both clergy and laity reaching across all faiths and denominations.”

- Dr. Joseph N. Cousin, Sr.
- Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church
Woodstock, GA

