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(A Guide to Membership in the African Methodist Episcopal Church)

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Reverend Dr. Roderick Dwayne Belin is an accomplished spiritual leader, educator, and innovator with over 40 years of experience in Christian ministry. As President and Publisher of the AME Sunday School Union, he has revolutionized the publishing arm of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, making essential resources more accessible and inclusive.

Dr. Belin's educational background includes degrees from Morehouse College, Union Theological Seminary (where he was a "Union Scholar"), and a Doctor of Ministry in Adaptive Leadership from Payne Theological Seminary. This solid foundation has informed his adaptive and visionary approach to ministry.

Throughout his career, Dr. Belin has served in various leadership roles, including Executive Minister at Greater Allen AME Cathedral in New York and Pastor of several churches, each marked by significant growth and development. Notable among these was his leadership at Lee Chapel AME Church in Nashville, where he oversaw the construction of a multi-million dollar facility.

As Publisher, Dr. Belin has spearheaded numerous innovations, including the first Spanish translation of the AME Book of Discipline and the digitization of key church resources. He also led the construction of a new, award-winning headquarters for the AME Publishing House. Adding to his contributions to church literature, Dr. Belin has authored three essential books in the "Local Church Leadership Series": "The Role of the Local Church Trustee," "The Sacred Role of the Steward," and "The Class Leader System Today." These works provide crucial guidance for church leaders in various roles.

Dr. Belin's ministry extends globally, with speaking engagements and workshops conducted across the Americas, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. His ability to foster interfaith dialogue has made him a respected figure in international religious circles.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Belin launched "INSIGHT: Life in the Spirit," a daily digital prayer service, and "Virtual Grace," a program specifically designed for African American seniors. These initiatives demonstrate his commitment to leveraging technology for spiritual enrichment and community building.

Recognized for his contributions, Dr. Belin was inducted into the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in 2014. He is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and proudly represents the third generation of ministers in his family.

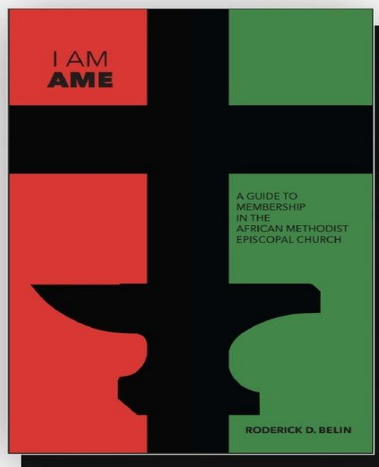
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