

2022



AME *Women In Ministry* WELCOMES

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COVID TESTING PRE-REGISTRATION

All conference participants must pre-screen for COVID on Tuesday and Wednesday for entry.

All "Thursday Only" attendees must provide proof of negative test for admission.

Masks are required at all times, in the conference area with the exception of active eating and drinking.

Testing will take place Tuesday and Wednesday from 6am—1pm. Please enter the link below or scan the QR Code below or scan the QR code on your mobile device to begin your pre-registration process. You'll be taken to an online form to fill out, sign electronically on your device, and submit. Completing this will greatly speed up the testing process. If you're unable to complete this in advance, assistance will be available at the testing table.

Please provide your correct first name, last name, and date of birth as well as a valid email address. Your results will be sent to your email address and you will need to validate your account by entering in your name (first and last) and date of birth

Thank you!



<https://honumg.info/AMEC>

Apple QR Instructions

Open the Camera app from the Home screen, Control Center, or Lock screen.

Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app.

Your device recognizes the QR code and shows a notification.

Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

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Open your Camera app and point it steadily for 2-3 seconds towards the QR Code you want to scan.

Whenever scanning is enabled, a notification will appear.

If nothing happens, you may have to go to your Settings app and enable QR Code scanning.

If QR Codes isn't an option in your settings, your device unfortunately can't scan QR Codes natively. But don't worry, this only means you'll have to download a free third-party QR Code reader app from the Google Play

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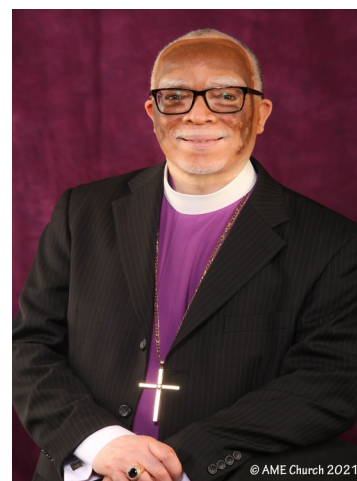
ALL ATTENDEES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TEST BEFORE ARRIVAL AND AFTER DEPARTURE. A LIMITED NUMBER OF AT HOME TESTING KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

GREETINGS FROM OUR COMMISSION CHAIR

Greetings and Blessings!

Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright and I welcome the Bishops, Supervisors, General Officers, Connectional Officers, AME/WIM and all attendees to our AME/WIM 2022 Quadrennial Conference in Detroit Michigan. A special thanks to Bishop John F. White and Episcopal Supervisor Penny White of the Fourth Episcopal District for their willingness to host our conference. Also, thanks to the Fourth Episcopal District AME/WIM President and the Michigan Conference AME/WIM President for their support and special assistance.

The Connectional AME/WIM President, Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford and the AME/WIM Executive Board have planned an enlightening, empowering, entertaining, and encouraging activities of events that we hope will inspire you to move to embrace and execute our theme *"Iron Sharpens Iron."*



Your collective gathering with us is extremely special. May our fellowship together create an atmosphere of rejoicing, refreshment, renewal, and re-visioning.

May God continue to bless the African Methodist Episcopal Church to be the world's light, changing lives to meet a demanding world. Let our faith stand not in the wisdom of humankind but the power of God

Bishop Frederick A. Wright
20th Episcopal District AMEC
Commission Chair of AME/WIM

GREETINGS FROM HOST BISHOP



Greetings to the Wonderful Laborers for the 11th Quadrennial Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Connectional Women In Ministry!

It is with profound joy and excitement that I welcome each of you to the Fourth Episcopal District. As we host this important meeting, Supervisor Penny White, the 4th Episcopal District WIM and the entire District pray God's blessings and anointing upon this week's activities and your work beyond.

Special thanks to Commission Chair Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford, Connectional AMEWIM President; 4th Episcopal District member, Rev. Joelynn T. Stokes, Esq., Connectional AMEWIM 2nd Vice President; Rev. Janice Brazil Cummings, 4th District WIM President, and your hard-working team for your magnificent and impactful leadership to our Zion.

As we reflect on the effects of a devastating global pandemic, and unfortunate events that have touched so many in ways that we could not predict, I commend Connectional AME Women In Ministry. There is no doubt that during these challenging times, you are making significant and positive differences in the lives of God's people. Your agenda for this 11th Quadrennial Session is topical and remarkable and I have no doubt that all attendees will be edified by the outstanding workshop presenters and participants, programs and worship services.

I challenge each of you during this AMEWIM 11th Quadrennial Conference to "step into the anointing" that is being offered and come away with new energy, new direction and committed to the Quadrennial theme of *Iron Sharpening Iron*

Bishop John F. White
4th Episcopal District AMEC

GREETINGS FROM CONNECTIONAL PRESIDENT



God's Great Blessings!

It is with great excitement and anticipation that the 2021-2024 Connectional AME/WIM Executive Board welcomes you to our 11th Quadrennial Conference here in "The D," the great City of Detroit, Michigan.

The Executive Board, our meeting planner and the sub-committees have planned, worked and prayed for you to have a life-changing, ministry enriching and Holy Spirit filled experience this week. You will meet Believers from across the connection and other denominational bodies here to support the work and witness of women in ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal church. You will

be encouraged and inspired by preachers, presenters and panelist from multiple generations, diverse calls and a variety of gifts and graces. This WILL BE a week of ***Iron Sharpening Iron!***

AME/WIM is committed to the mission and work of encouraging, supporting and elevating the gifts, purpose and call of women in the AME Church. We believe that we are in the midst of a divine shift in our church and in our culture as we commit ourselves to walk in the fullness of our call as ***Iron Sharpens Iron!***

We are thankful for the presence, encouragement and leadership of our Commission Chair, Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., the hospitality of Bishop John White, Supervisor Penny White, the Fourth Episcopal District, the Michigan Annual Conference WIM and the support of Pastor Cindy Rudolph and members of Oak Grove AME Church .

We are grateful for your presence and look forward to a mind-blowing mighty move of God this week as we walk and work in our gifts- ***Iron Sharpening Iron!***

Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford, D.Min.
Connectional (International) AMEWIM President



African Methodist Episcopal Women in Ministry (AME/WIM) is the official professional organization for women pursuing excellence in ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

AME/WIM is an international organization serving the 20 Episcopal Districts of the AME Church in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and the continents of Africa, Asia, South America, and Europe.

AME/WIM is led by an Executive Board elected by the active membership - women preachers from across the Connectional AME Church.

AME/WIM currently serves, supports, and provides encouragement to more than four thousand women serving in ministerial capacities at every level throughout the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 2, 2022—Thursday, August 4, 2022

07/31/22 - Pre-Conference Activity

- 11:00 am** **Worship at Central Grove AMEC, Harrow, Canada**
Rev. Denise Johnson, Pastor
Hotel Departure 8:00 am (outside of Sound Board entrance)
***Attendees must be pre-registered, have a Passport/Visa and
have completed the protocol for travel to Canada. ***

08/01/22 - Pre-Conference Activity

- 12:00 pm** **Registration Open (12pm—5pm)**
12:00 pm **Vendor's Open**
6:00 pm **Jesus, Jokes and Jazz**
(Location: Amnesia Room)
Attire: Casual/Denim, Diamonds & Chucks

08/02/22 - Day 1 of Conference

- 6:00 am** **Morning Prayer**
6:00 am **COVID testing (6am to 1pm)**
7:00 am **Registration Open (7am—9:30am)**
10:00 am **Opening Worship**
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Elaine Flake
Pastor of Greater Allen Cathedral AMEC, Jamaica, NY
Attire: Uninterrupted Black (with pearls and AMEWIM Stole)
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch (On your own)**
12:00 pm **Registration Open (12 noon—2:00 pm)**
- 2:00 pm** **Plenary I: Iron Sharpening Iron - Serving This Present Age**
Presenter: Rev. Chania Dillard
Reid Temple AMEC, Glen Dale, MD
- 3:30 pm** **Plenary II: Iron Sharpening Iron - Understanding the Church**
Presenter: Bishop Adam J. Richardson
Senior Bishop of the AMEC
Presiding Prelate, 10th Episcopal District
- 5:00 pm** **Candidates Greeting**
Moderator: Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.
Commission Chair of AMEWIM
Presiding Prelate, 20th Episcopal District
- 6:00 pm** **Koinonia (κοινωνία) Fellowship Dinner**
- 8:00 pm** **Ecumenical Worship**
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Traci Blackmon
Associate General Minister
Justice & Local Church Ministries United Church of Christ

08/03/22 - Day 2 of Conference

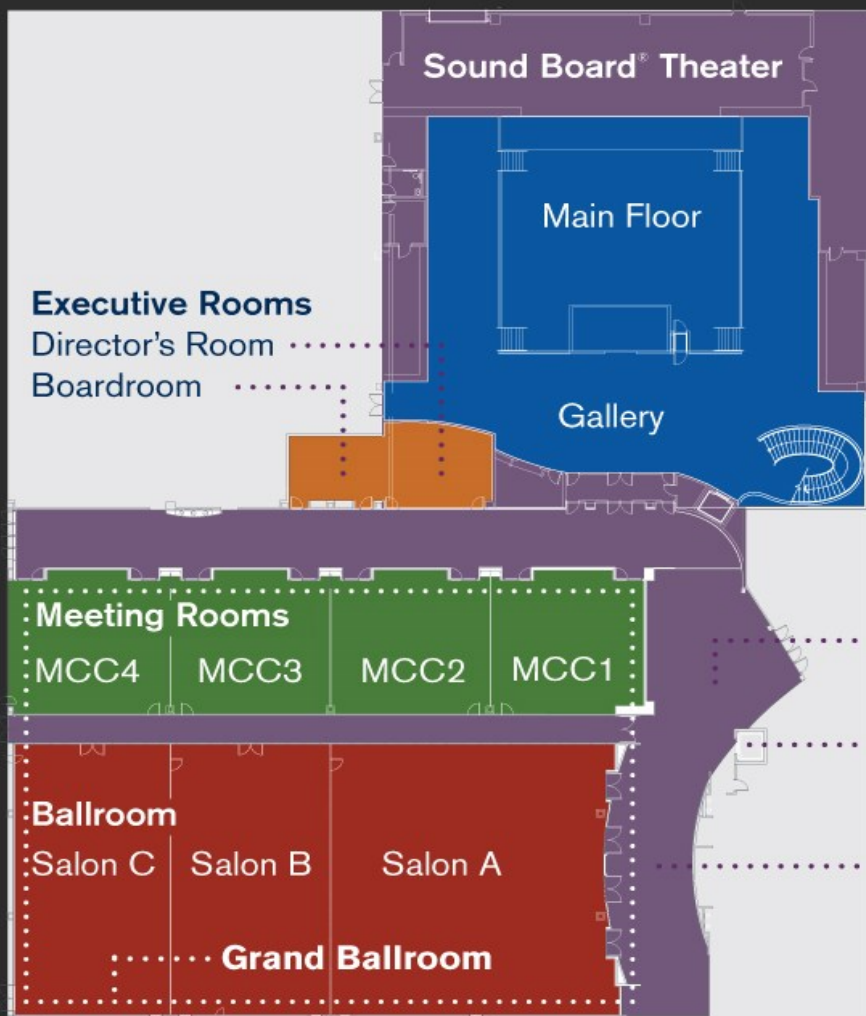
- 6:00 am** **Prayer**
6:00 am **COVID testing (6am to 1pm)**
7:00 am **Registration Open (7am—9am)**
8:00 am **Morning Lecture**
Lecturer: Presiding Elder Betty Holley, PhD
Presiding Elder of Columbus – Springfield – Xenia District
Academic Dean and Director of the Master of Divinity Degree Program, Payne Theological Seminary, Xenia, OH

- 9:00 am Plenary III: Iron Sharpening Iron - Beyond Average—Taking Congregations to the Next Level**
 Presenter: Rev. Dr. Elaine Flake
 Pastor of Greater Allen Cathedral AMEC, Jamaica, NY
- 11:00 am Plenary IV: Iron Sharpening Iron - Beyond the Walls—Engaging Your Community**
 Presenter: Rev. Dr. Traci Blackmon
 Associate General Minister
 Justice & Local Church Ministries United Church of Christ
- 1:00 pm The President's Luncheon: A Celebration of Leadership**
- 3:00 pm ***Explore Detroit and come back for worship*****
- 9:00 pm Late Night Worship**
 Preacher: Rev. Chania Dillard
 Reid Temple AMEC, Glen Dale, MD

08/04/22 - Day 3 of Conference

- 6:00 am Prayer**
- Registration:** As needed. See Rev. Carolyn Cavaness
- 8:30 am Morning Worship**
 Preacher: Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.
 Commission Chair of AMEWIM
 Presiding Prelate, 20th Episcopal District
- 10:00 am Plenary V: Iron Sharpening Iron Leading Leaders: Investing in Others**
 Presenter: Chaplain (COL) Monica Lawson
 U.S. Army Chaplain
- 11:30 am Plenary VI: Iron Sharpening Iron: The Voices of Wise Women**
 Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield
 Presiding Prelate, 13th Episcopal District
- Bishop Francine A. Brookins
 Presiding Prelate, 18th Episcopal District
- Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry
 Retired
- 1:00 pm Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 3:00 pm Workshop Iron Sharpening Iron: Personal Budgeting and Building Wealth**
 Erica Hall, Presenter
- Workshop Iron Sharpening Iron: Am I Retirement Ready?**
 Ramona Pearson, Presenter
- 7:00 pm The Jarena Lee Awards Banquet: A Lavender and Black Affair with Vickie Winans**

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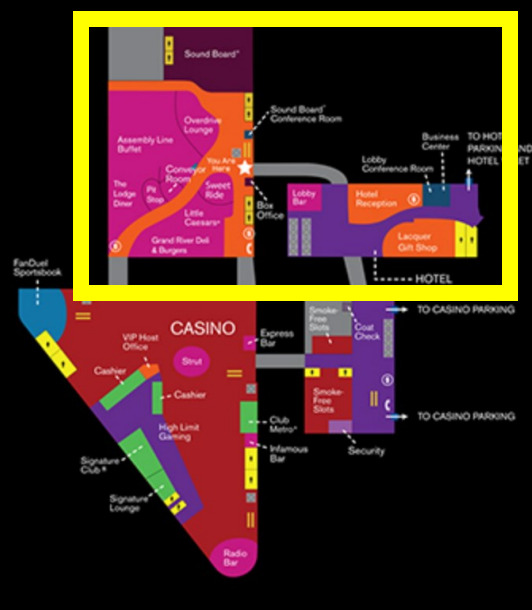
The Hotel Rooms and Meeting rooms for the Quadrennial Conference are not near the Casino Floor. You will not need to enter the casino to attend any events

Pre-Function Wing

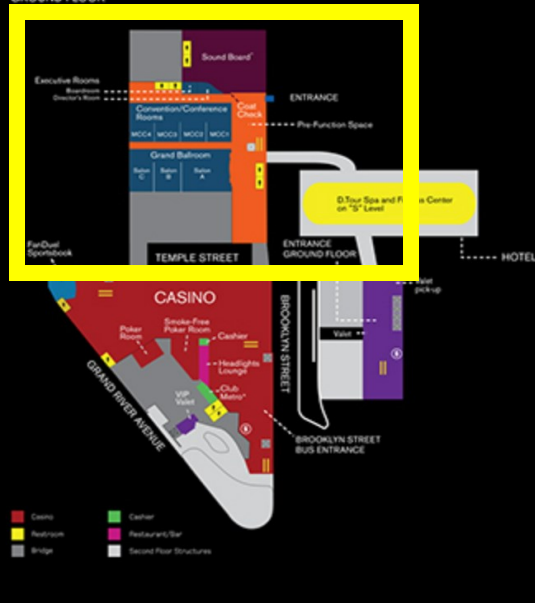
To Second Floor and Restaurants

Grand Ballroom Foyer

SECOND FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



EXPLORE AND TOUR POSSIBILITIES

Welcome to the 11th Connectional AME WIM Quadrennial Conference. The members of the Fourth Episcopal District and the Michigan Annual Conference Women In Ministry, offer you the following list of businesses and places to visit during your "down time."

These are just a few of many ways for you to experience the culture of "The D."

- ⇒ **Livernois Avenue of Fashion (Historical Black Shopping District)** <https://www.avenueoffashion.com/>; <https://visitdetroit.com/profile/the-livernois-avenue-of-fashion/>
- ⇒ **Detroit Riverwalk (Voted #1 River walk in US)** <https://detroitriverfront.org/> & **Motown Virtual Tour** <https://www.motownmuseum.org/visit/motortown-revue/#section-2>
- ⇒ **Belle Isle** <https://visitdetroit.com/profile/belle-isle-park/>
- ⇒ **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** <https://www.thewright.org/>
- ⇒ **Detroit Institute of Art** <https://www.dia.org/>
- ⇒ **Detroit Historical Museum** <https://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/exhibitions/>; <https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2021/09/14/detroit-historical-society-launches-interactive-black-bottom-walking-tour/>
- ⇒ **Michigan Science Center** <https://www.mi-sci.org/>
- ⇒ **Virtual Detroit City Tours**, with Jamon Jordan <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/detroits-black-history-series-tickets-253959508727?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
- ⇒ **D-Tour Spa** (at Motor City Hotel) <https://www.motorcitycasino.com/Spa.aspx> (note while Day passes are available to access the pool/sauna/hot-tub, **massage services require reservations one to two weeks prior**).
- ⇒ **Woodhouse Day Spa** <https://locations.woodhousespas.com/dir/mi/detroit/1447-woodward-ave> (Black Owned; advance reservations required)
- ⇒ **Canada** a short drive across the bridge or through the tunnel, Canada is a beautiful place to visit. (Note Covid-19 Travel restrictions and requirements as well as Passport/Visas)

GOT A TASTE FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT? Check Out These Sponsors and Black-Owned Restaurants Within 5 Miles of Motor City Hotel

- ⇒ **The Congregation*** <https://thecongregationdetroit.com/>
former New St. James AME Church (check conference bag for discount card)
- ⇒ Bert's Marketplace www.eatatberts.com
- ⇒ Central Kitchen & Bar <https://centraldetroit.com/>
- ⇒ Coop Caribbean Fusion <https://coopdetroit.com/>
- ⇒ Detroit Shipping Company <https://www.detroitshippingcompany.com/>
- ⇒ Dime Store <https://www.eatdimestore.com/> info@eatdimestore.com
- ⇒ Gus World Famous Fried Chicken <https://gusfriedchicken.com/detroit-michigan-location/>
- ⇒ Le Petit Dejeuner www.facebook.com/lepetitbreakfast
- ⇒ Louisiana Creole Gumbo <http://detroitgumbo.com/>
- ⇒ Minnie's Detroit <http://www.minniesdetroit.com/>
- ⇒ Motown Bistro <http://www.motownbistro.com/>
- ⇒ Savannah Blue <http://savannahbluedetroit.com/>
- ⇒ Sema's Bistro & Bar <https://semajsbistroandbar.com/>
- ⇒ Southern Fire <http://southernfiresdetroit.com/>
- ⇒ The Block blockdetroit@gmail.com
- ⇒ The Ivy Kitchen www.ivykc.com
- ⇒ They Say <http://www.thesayrestaurant.com/>
- ⇒ Thrive Acai <https://www.thrivebowlDetroit.com/>
- ⇒ Urban Soul Restaurant <https://urbansoulrestaurant.com/>
- ⇒ Vicki's Bar-B-Que <https://vickisbbq.com/>
- ⇒ Yum Village yumvillagemarketpantry.com

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JESUS, JOKES & JAZZ
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022 @ 6PM
An Evening of Laughter and Love

THE GATHERING

DJ GOLD

WELCOME

PRESIDING ELDER ELAINE GORDON
South District
Indiana Annual Conference

INVOCATION

PRESIDING ELDER LUCINDA BURGESS
Europe District
European Annual Conference

INTRODUCTION OF COMEDIANS

PRESIDING ELDER TONI BELIN INGRAM
Augusta North District
Augusta North Annual Conference

COMEDIANS

K. WEBB AND COMPANY

INTRODUCTION OF JAZZ ARTIST

PRESIDING ELDER PATRICIA WALLACE
Tampa District
West Coast Annual Conference

JAZZ PERFORMANCE

KIM JORDAN

BENEDICTION

PRESIDING ELDER ANGELA BREWSTER
Little Rock/Jonesboro District
Arkansas Annual Conference

OPENING MORNING WORSHIP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 @ 10AM
WORSHIP LEADER: REV. DR. ERIKA D. CRAWFORD
AME/WIM Connectional President

PRELUDE

REV. AMANI HENRY
Fourth Episcopal District MCAM Director

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE DOXOLOGY

#647 "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

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

REV. DR. ERIKA D. CRAWFORD

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: *But the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.*

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

People: *O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing.*

OPENING HYMN

REV. ANGELIQUE MASON
Connectional AMEWIM Treasurer

COME WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

By Issac Watson

Come, 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.

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.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry.
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

INVOCATION

REV. MAMPHETHE BEATRICE MOTOKOA
Connectional AMEWIM Central Southern Africa Coordinator

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

REV. CAROLYN BASKIN-BELL
Connectional AMEWIM Herstorlographer

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

QUADRENNIAL CHORALE

THE RESPONSIVE READING

REV. DR. EMILY PARDUE
Connectional AMEWIM Director of Liturgy

Leader : We gather for worship, united as one, strengthening, and encouraging one another.

Community: We are iron sharpening iron, standing on the shoulders of faithful women who labored without recognition and proclaimed the gospel without a pulpit.

Leader : We gather for worship, with a heart of thanksgiving for the ways God has made and the servants bold enough to walk in it.

Community: We are iron sharpening iron, decedents of Bishop Richard Allen and Jarena Lee.

Leader : We gather for worship and celebrate the passing of the mantle from Jarena Lee the first woman to preach to Sarah Hughes the first woman to be ordained.

Community: We are iron sharpening iron, we will pass the mantle.

Leader: We gather for worship and remember the herstoric appointments of The Rev. Dorothy Millicent Morris and The Rev. Cornelia Wright lifting them to the office of Presiding Elder.

Community: We are iron sharpening iron, we lift one another.

Leader: We gather for worship and remember the evangelistic witness of Mother Charlotte Maxeke

Community: We are iron sharpening iron, we are evangelist, seeking out the lost and the least.

Leader : We gather for worship and remember the elevations of Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry, Bishop Sarah Frances Davis, Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield and Bishop Francine A Brookins to the episcopacy and the election of Rev. Teresa Fry Brown (PhD) as a General Officer.

Community: We are iron sharpening iron, we remember these elevations with jubilation

Leader: We gather for worship and remember the best is yet to come.

All: We are iron sharpening iron, our gifts will make room for us and we will make room for each other.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

QUADRENNIAL CHORALE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/GREETINGS

REV. JOELYNN T. STOKES, Esq.
Connectional AMEWIM 2nd Vice President

TODD BETTISON,
DEPUTY MAYOR OF DETROIT

GARLIN GILCHRIST II
LT. GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN

BISHOP JOHN F. WHITE, SR.,
HOST BISHOP
PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

BISHOP FREDERICK A. WRIGHT, SR.,
COMMISSION CHAIR OF AME/WIM
PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE 20TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

BISHOP RONNIE E. BRAILSFORD, SR.,
PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE 19TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS OF THE AME CHURCH

BISHOP ADAM JEFFERSON RICHARDSON,
PRESIDING PRELATE 10TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
SENIOR BISHOP OF THE AME CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

BISHOP FREDERICK A. WRIGHT, SR.
Commission Chair of AMEWIM
Presiding Prelate, 20th Episcopal District

MUSIC MINISTRY

QUADRENNIAL CHORALE

WORSHIP THROUGH THE PROCLAIMED WORD

REV. DR. ELAINE FLAKE
Pastor of Greater Allen Cathedral AMEC
Jamaica, NY

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. TYRONDA BURGESS
Connectional AMEWIM 3rd Vice President

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

REV. ROBIN TRUITT
Connectional AMEWIM Financial Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. DR. LOUISE JACKSON
Connectional AMEWIM Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION

REV. DR. ELAINE FLAKE

RECESSIONAL

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 @ 8PM
WORSHIP LEADER: REV. LERATO PITSO
Connectional AMEWIM Statistician

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

ECUMENICAL ENSEMBLE

PROCESSION

ECUMENICAL ENSEMBLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. LERATO PITSO

Leader: Here we are Lord; your people, your Church from the north, the south, the east, and the west

People: **We welcome each other and we welcome You.**

Leader: Make yourself known to us new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word.

People: **Your Word liberates us, Your love frees us and Your touch heals us because You are all powerful.**

Leader: We meet not in our own strength but in the knowledge that your Spirit is in this place.

All: **In our short time together, open our ears and our eyes to see your vision for this place and our part within it. Teach us, hear our prayers and enable us for service wherever you might take us, to your praise and glory. abides within us, in our worship today and in our daily lives when we depart from this place.**

SONG OF CELEBRATION

ECUMENICAL ENSEMBLE

INVOCATION

REV. CYNTHIA STEPHENS
Shrine of the Black Madonna UCC
Detroit, MI

CHORAL RESPONSE

ECUMENICAL ENSEMBLE

SCRIPTURE

REV. KATHY HUNT
John Wesley AMEZ Church
Southfield, MI

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

ECUMENICAL ENSEMBLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REV. JAN BRAZIL CUMMINGS
4th Episcopal District AMEWIM President

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

REV. DR. AMMIE DAVIS
Connectional AMEWIM 1st Vice President

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

ECUMENICAL ENSEMBLE

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD

REV. DR. TRACI BLACKMON

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. GENETTA HATCHER
The Room Church
Detroit, MI

OFFERING

REV. BETTYE WATSON
Connectional AMEWIM Corresponding Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

REV. DR. TRACI BLACKMON
Associate General Minister
Justice & Local Church Ministries United Church of Christ

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022 @ 1PM

WELCOME

REV. LOLA RUSSELL
Former Connectional AMEWIM Herstorigrapher

SPIRITUAL ARTS

PRESIDING ELDER PAMELA RIVERA
Former Connectional AMEWIM Liturgical Director

INVOCATION AND BLESSING OF FOOD

REV. DR. DEBORAH K. BLANKS
Former Connectional AMEWIM Parliamentarian

SERVING OF FOOD

OCCASION/PRESENTATIONS

REV. DR. ERIKA D. CRAWFORD
Connectional AMEWIM President

BENEDICTION

LATE NIGHT WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022 @9PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVOCATION

REV. LAVITA MICKLE
7th Episcopal District

CALL TO WORSHIP

SIS. CHAREESE WILLIAMS

OCCASION

REV. KABRIELLE BAKER
1st Episcopal District

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER

REV. NORDIA HENRY-DUNBAR
16th Episcopal District

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SIS. CHAREESE WILLIAMS

SERMON

REV. CHANIA DILLARD
Reid Temple AMEC, Glen Dale, MD

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. ADRIENE GOODRICH
5th Episcopal District

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

SIS. CHRYSTAL BRIGHAM
10th Episcopal District

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/BENEDICTION

REV. TRINICE RICKS
8th Episcopal District

MORNING WORSHIP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 @8:30AM

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

REV. AMANI HENRY
4th District MCAM Director

INVOCATION

REV. CARMEN AVERY WALKER
9th Episcopal District AMEWIM President

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

REV. STEPHANIE RAGLIN
13th Episcopal District AMEWIM President

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER

REV. FANNY MDZEKA
20th Episcopal District AMEWIM President

MUSICAL SELECTION

MORNING MEDITATION

BISHOP FREDERICK WRIGHT
Commission Chair of AMEWIM
Presiding Prelate, 20th Episcopal District

CLOSING PRAYER

PRESIDNG ELDER NOMGANDO MATYUMZA
19th Episcopal District AMEWIM President

JARENA LEE AWARDS BANQUET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 @7PM

WELCOME

SUPERVISOR PENNY WHITE
4TH Episcopal District

INVOCATION

SUPERVISOR JESSICA INGRAM
Retired

INTRO OF MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

REV. JOY GALLMON
Co-Chair of Connectional AMEWIM Program Committee
4th Episcopal District

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

SUPERVISOR (REV.) SHERITA SEAWRIGHT
9th Episcopal District

LITANY OF CELEBRATION

In Remembrance of Rev. Jarena Lee ©
by Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield

Leader : We have entered this sanctuary remembering the life of Rev. Jarena Lee.

Community: **Through her witness, we know our doubts will diminish while our faith will prevail.**

Leader : We are here without fear and hesitation to proclaim the power of God,

Community: **For we have spirit of Rev. Jarena Lee's prophetic rhetoric and zeal.**

Leader : Her spiritual autobiography is more than her story.

Community: **It is a testimony for the unquenchable search for justice, we also seek.**

Leader : Our beloved Bishop Richard Allen did not initially agree with Jarena Lee about her godly call to preach saying the "Discipline knew nothing at all about . . . Women preachers."

Community: **Her response represented her strength and tenacity to serve her God and her Church: "O how careful ought we be, lest through our bylaws of church government and discipline, we bring into disrepute even the word of life."**

Leader : Her response confronted Bishop Allen that nothing is impossible with God.

Community: **Her life's witness demonstrated that "possibility" with many saved, churches built, and communities restored with schools, and mission support. Further in 2016, she finally received posthumously, her full ordination.**

Leader: Her courage laid the foundation that the church of Allen is a place of empowerment and utilization for all marginalized people.

Community: **We give glory to God for her boldness and ask that we continue to journey for full equality for women and other marginalized people in the church of Allen and beyond, remembering:**

All : "And why should it be thought impossible, heterodox, or improper for a woman to preach, seeing the Savior died for the woman as well as the man?" Second, "If the man may preach, because the Saviour died for him, why not the woman, seeing he died for her also?" Third, "Is he not a whole Saviour, instead of a half one, as those who hold it wrong for a woman to preach, would seem to make it appear?"

Leader: Let us affirm as spiritual descendants of Rev. Jarena Lee we may instruct and inspire and continue the vision to be proclaimers of the truth, empowers of the disenfranchised, and servants of the Church.

Community: **Let it be so. Let it be so.**

BLESSING OF FOOD

SUPERVISOR JENNIFER DIXON-WRIGHT
20th Episcopal District

DINNER IS SERVED

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REV. DR. ERIKA D. CRAWFORD
Connectional AMEWIM President

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A CELEBRATION THROUGH MUSIC

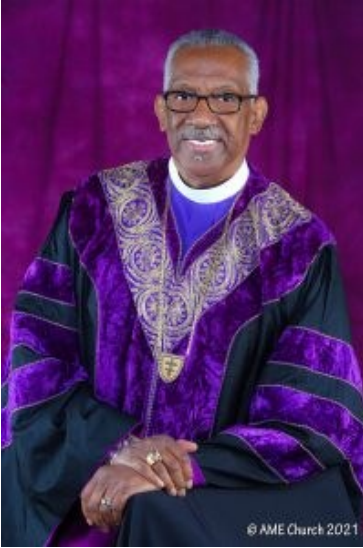
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Grammy Award Winning Recording Artist

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BISHOP FREDERICK A. WRIGHT, SR.
Commission Chair of AMEWIM
Presiding Prelate, 20th Episcopal District

Bishop Adam J. Richardson

Presenter



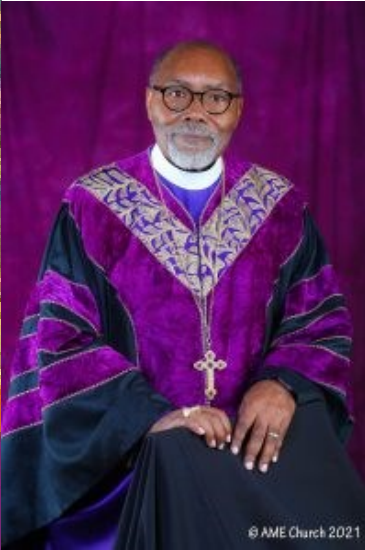
Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. was elected and consecrated the 115th Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1996 at Louisville, Kentucky. He was assigned to the 14th Episcopal District which includes six countries in West Africa. In the 2000 – 2004 quadrennial, he served as chair of the Lay Commission and as a member of the World Methodist Council. He has chaired the Health Commission and twice as chair of the Commission on Seminaries, Universities, Colleges and Schools. In 2002, Bishop Richardson served as President of the Council of Bishops and the Presiding Bishop of the 19th Episcopal District with headquarters in Johannesburg, South Africa. Beginning in 2004, he served as the presiding bishop of the Second Episcopal District which includes North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC. For eight years, the Second District saw phenomenal growth in membership, educational support, missions-related ministries, and ministry to men, health, prisons, the advancement of women in ministry, and a commitment to social and political action. Bishop and Mrs. Richardson took great pride in the District's embrace of ministries to youths and young adults. At the 2012 General Conference, Bishop Richardson was elected president of the General Board and was assigned to the Electrifying, Empowering Eleventh Episcopal District which includes Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. For nine years, he was chairman of the Board of Trustees at Edward Waters College. Prior to his election as a Bishop, he was senior minister of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Tallahassee, Florida. For eighteen years his leadership and teaching skills produced a major ministry of growth in membership, new and expanded facilities, outreach to the poor and dispossessed, with an active presence in the community. Under his leadership, a ten-acre camp was acquired called Bethel-By-the-Lake. In honor of he and Mrs. Richardson, the well-appointed recreational site has been renamed Camp Richardson.

Bishop Richardson began his educational pursuit in the public schools of Tampa, Florida. He received the B.A. degree from the Florida A&M University in Philosophy and Religion (where he was also noted as the head drum major of the famed Marching '100' Band). He received the Master of Divinity degree from the Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta and the Doctor of Sacred Theology (STD) degree at the ITC through the Atlanta Theological Association.

His ministry has included teaching at the Interdenominational Theological Center and Morris Brown College in Atlanta, and as an adjunct instructor at his alma mater, Florida A&M University. He has received recognition from the City of Tallahassee, the State of Florida and the many places he has taken his message of hope and encouragement. In 1994, he was cited by Tallahassee Magazine as one of the most influential people of that city in the past fifteen years. Bishop Richardson has contributed articles or chapters in several books, including: "The Great High Priest" in the African American Devotional Bible, 1997 (Congress of National Black Churches); "Courage to Face the Battles of Life" in *Ain't That Good News*, 1984 (the Rev. Gregory G. M. Ingram, ed.); "An Introduction to the New Testament" and "Pastoral Care" in *The Pastor's Manual of the AME Church*, 1976 and 2000 (Dr. George L. Champion, ed.); and has written several instructional manuals for discipleship training and spiritual formation for churches he has served and for use on the lecture circuit, which include *Take Me To The Water: A Manual For Christian Baptism*, 1996; *African Methodism 101*, 1996; *Traditional and Charismatic Styles of Ministry*, 1996; *The Wedding Manual*, 1994; *The Funeral Manual*, 1995; and *Headlines to Homilies: Sermons on Political, Commercial and Other Popular Annoyances*, 2000. His most recent publication is "Let the Church say Amen: Liturgy, Litany and Homily," published in 2012. His travels outside of the United States have taken him to 50 countries, commonwealths and nation states. He and his wife of 51 years, Dr. Connie Speights, are the proud parents of two adult children, Monique (an elected County Judge), and Trey (a certified radiographer and recipient of two Master's degrees in music theory and classical saxophone performance).

Bishop John Franklin White

Jarena Lee Honoree



130th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the AME Church Presiding Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District President of the Council of Bishops

Bishop John F. White serves as the 130th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He was assigned to the Fourth Episcopal District at the 50th Quadrennial Session of the AME General Conference in July 2016.

Before his appointment to the Fourth Episcopal District, he served the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Episcopal Districts simultaneously. He has previously served as the AME Ecumenical and Urban Affairs officer and has represented the AME Church globally on several church councils.

Bishop White is a native of Boynton Beach, Florida, and a graduate of Carver High School, Delray Beach, Florida. He is the recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree from Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida; Master of Education from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida; Master of Divinity from Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; and the Doctorate of Education degree in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Bishop White has also served as an educator in Florida's Duval and Palm Beach County School districts, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Edward Waters College, and as a member of the ITC Continuing Education faculty. He has pastored churches in Florida and Georgia.

Throughout his ministry, Bishop White has dedicated himself to kingdom building. In 1977, he led the St. John A.M.E. Church of Eatonton, Georgia, in the building a new church edifice. While at Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, Florida, he led the congregation in the burning of the church's mortgage and the building of a new parsonage. During his 13½ - year tenure at Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church in Miami, (January 1988 – October 2001), he established the B.A.M.E. Development Corporation of South Florida Inc.; a Legal Assistance Program in collaboration with St. Thomas University Law School; the Agape Academic Enrichment Center, an after-school tutorial program for children in the Overtown community of the inner city Miami; the Wilbur F. Ellison Scholarship Fund; the Mattie B. Koonce Computer Lab; the Bethel Investment Club; and a new model for church growth, one church in two locations, planting a Bethel A.M.E.C. (Miami) satellite worship center at Silver Lakes Elementary School, Miramar, Florida. He also led the Overtown community in building the Jefferson Reaves Health Center and 211 units of tax credit residences, Miami River Apartments.

Bishop White began providing spiritual leadership in October 2001 to Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During his tenure, Mount Hermon experienced an unusual amount of spiritual growth. Bishop White created the Mount Hermon Development Corporation of South Florida, Sons of Allen Men's Ministry, the Mount Hermon Summer Camp, Back-to-School Explosion, a separate youth church, and he hired several full-time employees, an Associate Pastor, Youth and Young Adult Minister, custodian, and Minister of Music. He led Mount Hermon in the building of a 17,000-sq.-ft. Family Life /Assembly Hall with a multi-purpose room, classrooms and an administrative suite. The cost of this project was \$4 million.

Bishop White is married to Penny Hartsfield White, a native of Tallahassee, Florida. They are the proud parents of five lovely children: Tenner, John II, Alfred, Byron and Candace. They have two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and nine grandchildren, Erica, Dwayne, Alisha, Kya, John III, Byron Ealie, Ashton, Dorian and Joseph.

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield

Panelist

Jarena Lee Honoree



Bishop Anne Henning Byfield is one who dares to Live, Learn, Lead, and Love GOD. She lives a life filled with creativity and passion as a preacher, psalmist, a poet, spoken word artist, strategic consultant, writer, composer, wife, mother and grand- mother. Married to Ainsley for over 40 years, they have one son, Michael, and four grandchildren. She loves GOD and encourages others to know and love GOD as well.

As a leader, Bishop Anne Henning Byfield serves as the 135th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her historic election in the year 2016 represents the first time in the history of the AME Church, a person was elected who had a sibling on the bench of Bishops. She is also the first known person to be elected from Indiana since Bishop William Paul Quinn. Bishop Byfield is the President of the Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. At the 51st Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Byfield was assigned as the Presiding Prelate of the Thirteenth Episcopal District (Tennessee and Kentucky). Previously, she served as the Presiding Prelate of the 16th Episcopal District, where she provides leadership to seven annual conferences in the Caribbean, South America, and Europe.

She is the author of three books. The first one *Let the Worship Begin* is a book of lectionary aids for the church and pastor. It contains, calls to worship, litanies, stewardship prayers, and benedictions. The second: *The Essence of My Existence* is a book of essays and poetry, which helps with personal and professional growth. Her third book *Produced by Strength, Living by Power* provides life changing principles for those on the journey of life. Her other works include *Flowing Essence*, a Spoken Word CD, *An Explanation of AME Church Worship*; *Now That You Are Saved: Preparing Leaders for Leadership*, *Odyssey*, *A Girls Mentoring Program*, *AME 101*, *Reigniting Success*, and numerous Christian Education materials. She wrote the litany used for Mrs. Rosa Parks' funeral in Detroit, Michigan, and Congresswoman Julia Carson's funeral in Indianapolis. She is also the editor of the Prayer Booklet for the 2008 General Conference.

As a learner, she has her Bachelor of Science degree from Wilberforce University, Master of Divinity degree from Newburgh Theological Seminary; A Master of Divinity Degree from Payne Theological Seminary, A Doctor of Ministry Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from R.R. Wright School of Religion, Johannesburg, South Africa. Her dissertation is entitled *the Effect of Short Notice Itinerant Moves In the North District Indiana Annual Conference, AME Church*.

She is a former Presiding Elder of the North District Indiana Annual Conference and of the South District. She is the first presiding elder who is female in the Fourth Episcopal District and considered first woman presiding elder in the AME connection whose father was presiding elder. She has served as Senior Pastor of three churches, Bethel AME Church, Bloomington, IN, Robinson Community AME Church, Indianapolis, and St. Paul AME Church, Detroit, MI. She is the managing partner of AHBand Associates, a consulting firm to help clients unleash their talents through personal and organizational transformation, and leadership development. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and held numerous connectional and local offices.

She has received numerous awards including the Jarena Lee Preaching Award; the Legacy Award for over 25 years of leadership in Pastoral Health Initiatives particularly in the HIV/AIDS community; one of eight religious history makers in the Indianapolis Community, one of the most 15 influential African Americans in Indianapolis and was named as one of its ten most influential pastors. In 2016 she received the state of Indiana 47th Drum Major for Justice Award.

Bishop Francine Brookins

Panelist



Francine Angelique Brookins is the 141st elected and consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a builder of buildings and of people, a licensed attorney in the State of California, a skilled mediator, and an experienced and beloved Pastor. Bishop Francine Brookins (141) is the biological daughter of two social activists: The Rt. Rev. Hamel Hartford Brookins (deceased) (91st elected and consecrated Bishop in the AMEC) and the Rev. Carole Nelson Ingram (Ret.). She is also the dog-mom of Zumme.

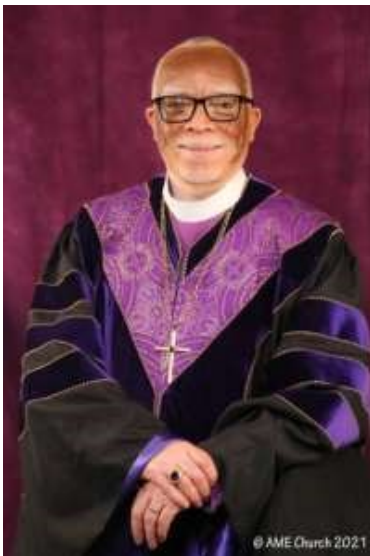
Bishop Brookins (141) earned her B.A. from Georgetown University in 1993, her Juris Doctor (J.D.) from The George Washington National Law Center in 1996, and her Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA in 2002. As a practicing attorney in the State of California she has represented litigants in the areas of civil rights, criminal defense, family law, personal injury, church property, and conflict resolution.

She has served as mentor for students matriculating through the Doctor of Ministry program at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. Bishop Brookins has been committed to the liberating and reconciling ministry of the AMEC from an early age. As a child she sang in the choir and was a junior stewardess and usher. In later years she collaborated in drafting and passing the revised policy on clergy sexual misconduct for the AMEC and helping to train its constituents. In 2008 she was elected and served as one of nine members of the Judicial Council, and as the 2nd Vice President of Women in Ministry in charge of legislation and bylaws. She is the recipient of numerous community service and leadership awards.

Bishop Brookins (141) is a dynamic, thought-provoking, soul-stirring, and powerful preacher and teacher who loves God, loves the AME Church, and loves you. She is faithful to the cause of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and dedicated to the work of caring for all of humankind. She is determined to expand the family of God using her special abilities to see and cultivate the gifts and calling in those who others sometimes overlook.

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

Moderator
Preacher



Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. is the son of the late Reverends Abner and Cornelia Wright, the first female appointed Presiding Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

Bishop Wright earned a Master of Divinity Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center Seminary as a Turner Student in Atlanta Georgia and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

As a pastor in the Third Episcopal District in the AME Church, he served as Dean of the Board of Examiner for ministerial students. He served as Chairperson of the Third Episcopal District Finance Committee and Vice Chairperson of the Ohio-South Ohio Conference Trustees.

Bishop Wright served as pastor in the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio within the Third Episcopal District of the AME Church. He last pastorate was at the Quinn Chapel AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio for seventeen years.

Also, Bishop Wright is an associate professor at Payne Theological Seminary and a Trustee Board Member at the Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

On July 10, 2021 at the 51st Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference in Orlando, Florida, he was elected and consecrated the 142^d Bishop.

Bishop Wright serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 20th Episcopal District AME Church which includes the countries of Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Uganda.

In addition, Bishop Wright serves as the Commission Chair for Women in Ministry in the AME Church. He is also a life member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc fraternity.

Bishop Wright is married to Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright and the father of two sons.

Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry

Panelist



122nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the AME Church (Retired)

The Right Reverend Carolyn Tyler Guidry became the 122nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi and came of age in the early years of the Civil Rights Movement. As a very young woman in 1959, Bishop Tyler Guidry was employed as the office manager for Rev. R. L. T. Smith, the first African American to run for Congress in Mississippi in one hundred years. After Rev. Smith's unsuccessful electoral run, Bishop Tyler Guidry began to work for Medgar Evers and the NAACP later that year. Here she worked as the women's voter registration chairperson for that organization.

Carolyn, with her husband Cary B. Tyler, moved from Jackson, MS. to Los Angeles, CA, with their five sons in September 1964. Their daughter was born in 1972.

Carolyn Tyler Guidry answered her call to preach in 1973; She was ordained itinerant deacon in 1975 by Bishop Harrison J. Bryant; and itinerant elder in 1977 by Bishop H. H. Brookins. Her first appointment was at First A. M. E. Church in Indio, California, in 1977.

In 1983 she was assigned to Cain Memorial A. M. E. Church in Bakersfield, California.

In 1989, Rev. Carolyn Tyler was assigned to the 600-member Walker Temple A. M. E. Church in Los Angeles, California. This assignment gave her the distinction of being the first female appointed to a major metropolitan charge in the A M E Church. She was appointed as the first female Presiding Elder in the Fifth Episcopal District in 1994 and served in that capacity until elected and consecrated the 122nd AME Bishop in 2004. After that, she was assigned Presiding Prelate to the 16th Episcopal District.

She served two terms as the chairperson of the Social Action Commission of the AME Church and initiated the effort to have the US Postal Service designate a stamp in honor of the founder of the AME Church, Bishop Richard Allen; that stamp was released during the first quarter of 2016.

She is a lifetime member of the NAACP and an Honorary Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Bishop Rev. Carolyn Tyler Guidry received her Associate of Arts Degree in Business and Secretarial Science from J. P. Campbell College in Jackson, MS. She also studied Economics at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS. In 1977 she graduated from Los Angeles Bible School (under the auspices of Talbot Seminary) with a four-year certificate in Religion and Bible; she is a graduate of the Fuller Theological Seminary with the Master of Arts in Theology.

She was awarded an honorary degree, The Doctor of Humane Letters, by Payne Theological Seminary in May 2009. She was included in the archives of the HistoryMakers in November 2004. In April 2011, she was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. The Turner Seminary presented her with The President's Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2019.

She is a contributor to the fourth edition of "Those Preaching Women," by The Rev. Dr. Ella Mitchell, published by Judson Press, which was released in June 2004, and has contributed to the publications of the AME Bishops, "The Anvil."

Carolyn Eujan Jackson Tyler Guidry is the mother of five sons, one daughter, thirteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Chaplain (COL) Monica Lawson Presenter



Chaplain (COL) Monica R. Lawson is a native of Five Points, Alabama and is a graduate of the Atlanta Public School System. She currently serves as the Chief of Recruiting and Accessions for the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. She is a graduate of Spelman College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development.

Chaplain Lawson earned the Master of Divinity with a concentration in The Psychology of Religion and Pastoral Care, from Turner Theological Seminary at the ITC and the Master of Arts in Family Life Counseling, Webster University.

Her military education and training include: Basic Training, Fort Jackson, SC, Advanced Individual Training, Fort Gordon, Georgia (1989) Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Spelman College/ Georgia Institute of Technology, Signal Officer Basic Course, the Chaplain Officers Basic Course, the Chaplain Captains Career Course, Family Life Training Program, Command and General Staff College, the Resource Manager Course. Her assignments include: Battalion Chaplain for the 11th Transportation Battalion, Fort Story, Virginia, Battalion Chaplain 1/61 Infantry Regiment, Basic Training Unit, Fort Jackson, SC, Brigade Chaplain 2nd Re-

cruiting Brigade, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL, Fort Bliss Garrison Family Life Chaplain, Deputy Command Chaplain-East, Cadet Command, Fort Knox, KY, Deputy Garrison Chaplain/Resource Manager, Fort Gordon, GA and Deputy Pentagon Chaplain.

CH Lawson's awards and citations to name a few are the Bronze Star Award, Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, the Meritorious Unit Citation and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

CH (COL) Lawson is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church where she is affectionately known as "Rev. Monica." She is married to Dr. Maurice L. Lawson, Pastor of Living Faith Cathedral, Greenwood, MS and they have one daughter, Jiana who is a freshman attending the University of Portland.

The Reverend Betty Whitted Holley, Ph.D. Lecturer



Rev. Betty Whitted Holley, Ph.D., holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, Bennett College, Greensboro, NC; a Master of Education degree in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC; an Educational Specialist degree from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC; a Master of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, OH; and a Ph.D. in Environmental Ethics and African American Religious Studies from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, OH.

Dr. Holley serves as the Senior Presiding Elder of the Columbus-Springfield-Xenia District of the Ohio South Ohio Conference, Third Episcopal District in the African Methodist Episcopal Church; superintending twenty-eight pastors and congregations across the State of Ohio.

Dr. Holley serves as the Academic Dean, Director of the Master of Divinity Degree Program, and is a Full Tenured Professor of Ecological Theology at Payne Theological Seminary, the oldest free-standing African American seminary of the six historical black seminaries, in the United States. Her service to Payne expands over 22 years.

Dr. Holley is the first African American woman elected as Chair of the Board of Commissioners on Accrediting for the Association for Theological Schools (ATS) that accredits over 280 seminaries in the United States and Canada. She serves as the African Methodist Episcopal Church representative to the Executive Board for Creation Justice Ministries, Washington, DC. She also serves as a member of the Smithsonian Institute of Natural History's Human Origins Broader Social Impacts Committee (BSIC), Washington, DC.

WHAT I BELIEVE AS A "CALLED" SERVANT OF GOD

Proverbs 3:6, I believe if you acknowledge God in all your ways, God will direct your every path. Because God has blessed me with the gifts of teaching and preaching, I must use my skills and talents, pursuant to these two gifts, to aid in the liberation and education of others so that they may be able to live a life of fulfillment.

Until I seek to liberate others, spiritually, economically, ecologically, and academically, I will never experience true freedom and wholeness.

Dr. Holley is the mother of one daughter, Kyilla and grandmother to one granddaughter, NaiLah, a senior at the University of NC in Greensboro.

Rev. Margaret Elaine Flake, D. Min.

**Preacher
Presenter**



Long recognized as a powerful preacher, teacher and role model with a gift for reaching worshippers of all ages, the Reverend Margaret Elaine M. Flake has been impacting the many lives she touches at The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral in New York City, where she served as co-pastor with the Reverend Floyd H. Flake until May, 2020. Upon the retirement of Dr. Floyd Flake, she received an appointment as Senior Pastor. She continues to dedicate her life to the betterment of others by leading in Christian education, evangelistic, and outreach ministries.

Fondly called "Reverend Elaine" by the GAC congregation, she and her husband founded the Allen Christian School in 1982. She was also instrumental in developing the Allen Women's Resource Center, which houses women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She acts as Advisor to the Missionary Department, and many of the other ministries at Allen, and as Advisor/Coordinator of the Allen Women's Ministry Department. Each year over 1,000 women from across the country and the Caribbean attend the retreats she hosts. Reverend Elaine has played a crucial role

in increasing the membership of The Greater Allen A.M.E Cathedral to over fifteen thousand. She mentors many male and female leaders in the New York City area and is frequently invited to speak throughout the country.

Dr. Flake is the author of the popular book, ***God In Her Midst: Preaching Healing to Hurting Women*** and has contributed to ***The Women of Color Study Bible***, and ***Souls of My Sisters: Black Women Break Their Silence, Tell Their Stories, and Heal Their Spirits***. She and her husband, the Reverend Dr. Floyd H. Flake authored two books, ***Practical Virtues: Everyday Values and Devotions for African American Families Learning to Live With All Our Souls*** published by Harper Collins and ***African American Church Management Handbook***, published in 2005 by Judson Press.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Flake earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She received a Master of Arts Degree in English from Boston University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She was awarded the Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. She has received numerous citations and awards. Most recently, The Distinguished Alumni Award was conferred upon her by Union Seminar, and in March, 2017, she was inducted onto Morehouse College's "Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers." She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; The Links, Incorporated; and the National Council of Negro Women.

Married for more than 45 years to Dr. Flake, they are the parents of four adult children: Aliya, Nailah, Robert Rasheed, and Harold Hasan. She has one granddaughter, Nia Renee.

Rev. Traci D. Blackmon, RN, MDiv.

**Preacher
Presenter**



Rev. Traci Blackmon is Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ, a denomination inspired by God's grace to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all through God-centered action, Christ-driven connection, and Spirit-led leadership. As a public theologian, Rev. Blackmon's voice is featured on many local, national, and international platforms spanning the breadth of the White House to the Carter Center to the Vatican, as well as several documentaries and print publications. She currently serves as pastor in residence for Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO.

From 2009 through 2020, Rev. Blackmon served as pastor of Christ the King United Church of Christ in St. Louis, MO, a position she retired from to serve the wider church fully. The ministries of the church expanded under her leadership as well, serving as a sacred launchpad for communal engagement. After the police killing of Michael Brown, Jr., Christ The King hosted the first community-led town hall meeting and dialogue with law enforcement and elected officials. The church led several other

mobilization efforts and healing spaces during the Ferguson uprising.

From 2000 through 2014, she also worked as a registered nurse in the city. Under her healthcare leadership, a community based mobile health unit was established engaging thousands of residents annually and providing a culturally attuned access point to health care in underserved and uninsured communities.

President Barack Obama appointed Rev. Blackmon to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships for the White House and awarded her special recognition as a presidential volunteer for her community service. She was also appointed to the Ferguson Commission by Governor Jay Nixon and led the criminal justice reform task force featured in the 'Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity' Report, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being and economic mobility in 2015.

Rev. Blackmon is the co-author of The White Privilege Curriculum for the United Church of Christ, and is a prominent voice in the PBS Special; The Black Church, and is featured in several print publications. She currently serves on the board of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference. She is a recipient of the NAACP Rosa Parks Award; the Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award from the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Planned Parenthood Faith Leader Award, and The Urban League of St. Louis Woman in Leadership Award, to name a few. She is listed as one of Ebony Magazine's Power 100, the St. Louis American's Citizen of the Year, and one of the 15 Faith Leaders to watch in 2020 by The Center for American Progress.

Speaking engagements include the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the Pontifical Council, the United Nations, Global Women's Forum at the Carter Center, the Festival of Homiletics, the United Reformed Church, SURRENDER Conferences of Australia.

Rev. Blackmon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Birmingham-Southern College where she is listed among Distinguished Alumni, a Master of Divinity degree and honorary Doctor of Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary. She is a graduate of Leadership St. Louis and is listed as one of St. Louis' 100 most influential voices. Rev. Blackmon was inducted into the 33rd Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. Rev. Blackmon currently resides in St. Louis, MO.

Until the lion tells the story, the hunter will always be the hero.

West African Proverb

"I speak from the chorus of lions. And we are many!"

Rev. Traci D. Blackmon

Rev. Chania L. Dillard

**Preacher
Presenter**



Reverend Chania L. Dillard is a native of Baltimore, MD. She holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary and Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Vocal Performance from Bowie State University.

Rev. Dillard is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.). She is a gifted preacher who has been graced with the privilege of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ both nationally and internationally. Her most recent messages have touched the lives of Youth and Young Adults within the connexional leadership training institute for young people of the A.M.E. church.

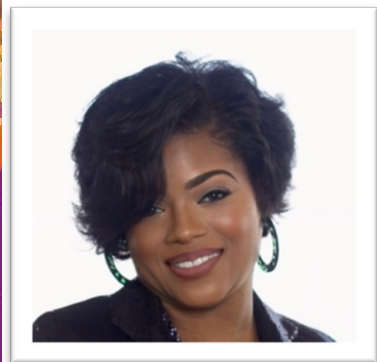
Affectionately known as "Rev. Nia", she has served in various capacities throughout her career in ministry. Youth Pastor, Young Adult Leader, Chaplain, Prayer Ministry Leader, and Associate Minister, are just a few titles she has had along her journey. In 2019, Rev. Nia was elected to serve as Journalist for the Richard Allen Young Adult Counsel (RAYAC) for the 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church. She was graced with the opportunity to start a mentorship program via the adopt-a-school initiative for Prince George's County Public Schools. As a former teacher, Rev. Nia understands the importance of pouring into the lives of youth. She has traveled to local schools to uplift and encourage students during their annual Career Day events. Rev. Nia is truly an advocate for change and finds joy in helping scholars in the community to reach their greatest potential.

Rev. Dillard strongly believes that it is only by the grace and mercy of God that she has made it this far. She

often says, **"God didn't bring me this far, to only bring me this far."** Rev. Dillard also holds fast to the promises in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "...eyes have not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him."

As a preacher, teacher, mentor, motivational speaker, intercessor, and workshop facilitator, Rev. Chania Dillard desires nothing more than to make an IMPACT in the world. She lives by the statement: "I am absolutely nothing without God".

Erica Hall Presenter



Erica Hall is a seasoned wealth advisor, serial entrepreneur, dynamic preacher, thought-leader, and successful business owner. It is her passion for financial "know-how" and her desire to share that knowledge that attracted her to the financial industry, where she has been a driving force for over 20 years. To advance her goals, Erica joined AXA Advisors as a Series 7 licensed registered representative in 2001. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Public Relations from Wayne State University.

Erica believes that everyone deserves access to financial resources to improve their financial status – which is her principal motivation for helping others make sense of their dollars. Throughout her decades-long career in serving clients, developing programs, and delivering workshops and webinars - Erica has informed and inspired those searching for the tools needed to advance their approach in managing their finances.

It is this attitude that sets Erica apart. She reflects fondly: *"Much to the chagrin of a few of my supervisors early on in my career (who wanted me to just 'close the deal'), I would spend a great deal of time helping others empower themselves with knowledge and prepare them to prosper by accepting their responsibility to seek out information, pay attention to their finances, and make decisions with confidence! Based on the number of "How come nobody told me?" looks - I knew that my gift was helping others take control of their finances."*

Over the years, she has built a diverse career in financial services from working at financial brokerage firms, working in financial compliance throughout the housing and financial market crashes, to providing client services to an ultra-wealthy family working for their single Private Family Office.

Erica notes, *"I spend countless hours learning financial concepts to introduce solutions clients need, clever strategies to help them reach their goals, dissecting the investment vehicles inside and out on their behalf, and coming up with systematic ways to teach financial principles and impart some wisdom along the way."*

In keeping with her commitment toward strengthening families in the area of financial literacy, in 2008, and after receiving a license in ministry, it was very clear the area of ministry in which Erica would serve - God has gifted her with a financial insight and a divine charge to share it honestly, clearly, and responsibly. She proceeded to develop a series of Biblically-based teachings, messages, and webinars called **Financial Revelations®**, to impart Kingdom principals and resources for managing finances God's way.

In 2010, after a decade of building a thriving career in the financial industry, Erica moved to establish Erica Hall Wealth Advisors, LLC., a registered investment advisory firm, with long-standing client relationships located throughout the country. EH Wealth Advisors serves as a financial planning and investment management firm that provides a more client-centered planning experience including,

retirement planning, college planning, wealth transfer strategies, portfolio management, cash flow management, and life insurance planning. The firm specializes in working with individuals seeking to build, protect and transfer generational wealth.

A little over ten years later and after finding various methods that worked for clients from all "walks-of- life," Erica developed and launched **myAdvisor®** in 2021. *This service is a monthly membership program where subscribers can choose a plan tailored to their financials needs and goals and are then connected with a financial advisor for personal coaching. From there, they will have instant access to that advisor and will be provided with training and guidance, both of which allow them to make their financial dreams become a reality!*

Aside from her more personal entrepreneurial pursuits, Erica is a Managing Partner of the Halnick Group, a private equity general partner investment group. The Halnick Group launched Flow Crowdfunding, a virtual platform that connects businesses to investors and investors to private deal flows.

She also is a co-founder, along with her children, Geordan, Najae and Gerald Jr., of the HF GenWealth LLC., a 1st Generation family-office seeking investment opportunities. "Scripture teaches us that a wise person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, so I believe we must also prepare the next generation to receive the inheritance and perpetuate wealth."

Erica is an Ordained Minister at Mt. Pleasant MBC of Detroit, Michigan, where she serves under the leadership of her Pastor, Rev. Dr. James Minnick. She places great emphasis on personal spiritual growth and boldly declares her ministry is for the edification of the saints, thereby operating in a powerful prophetic ministry, continually speaking words of encouragement to the body of Christ. Her areas of ministry include Worship Leader, Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development.

Erica is passionate about sharing her voice and loves to sing songs of Praise & Worship. Her love of music includes gospel, jazz, rap, hip-hop and classical. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, Chicago Step and Ballroom dancing are among her favorites.

Romona Pearson Presenter



A native of Baltimore, Maryland and graduate of Western High School, Ms. Pearson holds a BA in Accounting from Morgan State University (summa cum laude) and an MBA from the University of Detroit. She has been an adjunct faculty member of Walsh College in Troy, MI and a former faculty member at Morgan State University. Pearson is also a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Michigan Association of CPAs, the Michigan Financial Planning Association and Women in Insurance and Financial Services organizations.

Ms. Pearson has a passion for personal financial planning. She joined the AICPA's Personal Financial Planning division in its inception year in 1984 and began a lifelong work in women and financial literacy. This year, she has brought the practice of Wealthology™ to her clients, a methodology that entails designing and defining "wealth" for each individual so that targeted financial planning can take place. This pulls her client's end-of-work thought process away from what the media says to what the client has defined as post-work lifestyle and associated costs and support systems. As the thought leader, planner and implementation assistant, Pearson refers to herself as a

Wealthologist.

Ms. Pearson has been a speaker on financial topics for national organizations, a guest on local television, a published author in local newspapers and magazines), and has served on numerous community and professional boards. At the turn of the millennium she hosted several all-day seminars for women titled, Financial Fitness for the New Millennium™. On her website, www.hwwllc.net, you will find valuable information for evaluating your current financial position and progress toward financial goals as well as videos of some of her television appearances.

Her CPA firm, Ramona H. Pearson, CPA, P.C., focuses on tax compliance, Business Office Consultants, LLC provides financial management consulting services and the Pearson Group, LLC -- d/b/a Healthy, Wealthy, Wise, LLC--specializes in individual financial services and products. Her career spans 30+ years, during which period she continues to serve a wide range of governmental units, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations and individuals in Michigan, Atlanta, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Maryland, Louisiana and Texas.

Ms. Pearson is a licensed CPA, a former member and officer of the Michigan State Board of Accountancy, former member of the AICPA Futures Committee and Council, and past National President of the National Association of Black Accountants. She is licensed to provide insurance products and services as well as financial advice and planning. She is an Investment Adviser Representative of Advisory Alpha, LLC, a Registered Investment Advisor.

Most recently, Ramona became a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC) as conferred by the Col-

lege of Financial Planning, Denver, Colorado. Pearson has served in leadership capacities on numerous community service organizations over the years, recently retiring from the board of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary.

In May of 2018, Pearson published her first of three planned books on topics of financial planning.. She introduces the character RoomieBear™ in the first book, a primer on retirement issues we all need to consider in our planning. When not golfing, Pearson is an avid reader of the Bible and a golfer.

Vickie Winans

Presenter



The name "Winans" and gospel music are synonymous and Vickie Winans, who's been dubbed, "The hardest working woman in gospel music," definitely lives up to her name after 30 years of continuously singing the good news of Jesus Christ along with sharing her overwhelming personality and her hilarious comedy. The captivating vocals of this multitalented artist are like a soulful, fine tuned instrument that piques the emotions, and uplifts the spirit. Vickie lends a high-powered, energetic, yet smooth and inspirational style as showcased in all her Grammy-nominated, Stellar Award and NAACP Award Winning albums. (See Discography for album listings and accomplishments).

Vickie was just 8 years old when she sang her first solo in church. "You couldn't tell me I wasn't ready for Carnegie Hall," she laughs (not knowing she would actually sing there one day). From then on, the biggest challenge for Aaron and Mattie Bowman was keeping a tight rein on their 7th child.

In addition to being one of the industry's most beloved and respected artists, Winans is also in firm control of her career. She manages herself and is the President of Viviane, Inc., her Detroit-based management company where she books and performs approximately 200 shows a year. However, Vickie says her favorite "job" is being the proud mother of her 2 talented sons, who are both hit producers, singers, and film producers, Mario Winans and Marvin Winans, Jr., and "Nannie" to all of her beautiful grandchildren!

Reaching the impressive internationally renowned plateau took Winans an enormous amount of hard work, determination, sacrifice, and faith. Realizing this, she insists she's quite grateful, and takes nothing for granted. "Although I've had my share of heartaches, pain, and sickness over the years, I know that God has truly blessed me. It is because of Him that I have a fantastic family, great friends, and a rewarding career!"

Vickie always seemed destined not only to succeed, but to excel in her successes. Her vocal ministry, which has thrilled and inspired millions over the years, also paved the way for her in Broadway musicals, a host of other theatrical shows, and has made hundreds of television appearances.

Anyone who knows her or simply comes in close contact with her, experiences Vickie's wonderful sense of humor, charming personality and vivacious, down-to-earth manner. In fact, a key to her success is that her warm spirit immediately disarms the coldest stranger. We find those elements of delight in her energy and excitement to spread His message to people of all ages. "The Bible says that a merry heart doeth good like medicine," she quoted. In essence Winans makes it safe to laugh and worship in the same setting. However, her constant prayer is for the anointing of God to rest on her ministry so that burdens would be lifted, and yokes destroyed.

Vickie Winans' love for God, life, children, her many friends and fans, her incredible music, and her enormous giving spirit continue to make her one of the best and brightest stars lighting gospel today. On radio, TV, albums, videos, in concerts, plays and yes, even in future films, her extraordinary, multidimensional talents and unwavering faith in God keeps her on the positive path. "Wherever the Lord leads, I will follow and I'm having a ball on the trip," she concludes.

****While celebrating 30+ years in the industry, on March 28, 2015, "The Stellar Awards," chose Vickie Winans as one of the first 10 people to be inducted into the brand new "Stellar's Honor of Distinction Club!" She was awarded a Gold Medal along with President Barack Obama, who received "The Stellar Chairman's Award!" WHAT AN HONOR!!**

Kim Jordan Musician



Kim, a gifted artist, keyboardist, producer, composer, arranger, vocal coach and promoter received her BA in music from Howard University. Upon graduation, Kim was immediately hired by and subsequently became musical director for the iconic jazz poet "Gil Scott Heron" until his death in 2011. She received International acclaim for her live performances from such publications as The London Guardian, The San Francisco Examiner, The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, Vibe and Billboard Magazines.

Kim has over 40 years of experience in the music industry and was the first signed artist with the Washington D.C.-based Record Company, ProSounity Music Entertainment Label releasing several singles and 3 CD projects, All For You, Full Circle, and Uncommon.

Kim's career to date includes her keyboard work on Broadway with Taj Mahal in the Zora Neale Hurston's production, "MULE BONE" followed by a White House performance for President Bill Clinton saluting the anniversary of National Public Radio. She has performed with such notable artist as Roberta Flack, Stevie Wonder, Brenda Russell, Teri Lynn Carrington, Regina Carter, Common, Noel Pointer, Dave Valentine, Lonnie Liston Smith, Vanessa Williams, Meshell Ndegeocello, Suzanne Douglas and many others. Some of her Jazz performances have included the Jackie Robinson Jazz Festival; NYC Seaport Jazz Concert Series; The Congressional Black Caucus' Salute to Women in Jazz; The Women in Jazz Series' Kennedy Center, Washington, DC; The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc. Theatre in Dallas, TX; The Detroit Opera House; The Detroit African American Museum; Syracuse Jazz Festival; and the New Orleans Jazz Festival to name a few. Several-acclaimed Musical Artist such as Dianne Reeves, Kevin Eubanks, Gerry Gonzales Billy Childs, Regina Carter, Carla Cook, and Janet Williams have performed her compositions and arrangements.

Her compositions have aired on TV shows such as "All My Children," and the "CBS Morning Show." She has written Jingles and Theme Songs for Organizations, Companies, and Churches including JAG Aerobics DVD, The City of Richmond's "Move On" Health Initiative, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and Crossover Church. She also scored music for the Showtime Cable Network's Young Black Film Makers Showcase Movie "Rain."

She has worked as Musical Director, Composer, Producer, Arranger and/or Vocal Coach for a number of Award-Winning Recording Artists and Labels, including Gil Scott Heron on XL Records, Pure Soul and Mya on Interscope Records, Dru Hill on Island Black Music, and Terri Dexter on Warner Brothers Records.

As a former music teacher for the Washington, D.C. Public School System, she has received numerous awards including the prestigious ASCAP Music Award for composing and producing "We Must Be In Love" recorded by Interscope Recording.

Artist "Pure Soul". She has received the Urban Gospel Alliance and Urban Gospel

Industry Awards for Female Artist and Producer of the year in the Gospel-Jazz category. In December of 2008, Kim received her Master of Arts in Practical Theology from Regent University and on September 30, 2001. Kim was ordained a Minister of the Gospel at Crossover Church in Hyattsville, MD, where she continues to serve as Minister of Music.

In 2017-2018, Kim served as a guest facilitator and conducted Master Classes for the Washington, DC Arts Organization "The Musicianship Master Class Series", "The City of Liverpool Arts College" and for "Edge Hill University" in Ormskirk, United Kingdom. She continued to tour with her production "My Tribute to Gil – A Musical Expose" with performances in such cities as Washington, D.C., New York, London, Los Vegas, Baltimore and Detroit In the spring of 2018, she released "Put Your Hands Together" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" in December of that same year. She continues to serve as one of the National Co-Music Directors for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. On May 19, 2019, Kim made her first appearance at Carnegie Hall with Toshi Reagon and Soul Mechanism: A Concert Celebrating The Music Of Migration and on May 31, 2019, she released her 4th CD Project "Dreams Detours Destinies" directing an All Star Band to a sold out Performance at the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Club in the DC Metro Area.

Kim continues to Record, Produce, Perform and Promote. She also remains a much sought after Artist, Composer, Producer, Arranger, Director, Vocal Coach, Preacher, Teacher, Clinician and Facilitator for Churches, Record Labels, Artists, Choirs, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops.

KWebb Comedian



KWebb is a native of Elkhart, Indiana and currently resides in Westland, MI. He noticed his talents at a young age singing, dancing, playing instruments, acting and entertaining audiences in his parent's home, street corners and church gatherings. KWebb continues to hone his talents at Titus Harvest Dome Church. He is the seventh child of eight. He graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelors' Degree in Political Science and Master's Degree in Public Administration.

KWebb is a 'breath of fresh air' on the comedy scene. Dubbed a 'clean comedian', he delights audiences, young and old, with his clever wit and undeniable charm. As a recovering PK (Preacher's Kid), KWebb shares hilarious checklists of the proverbial do's and don'ts, growing up in Indiana, college life's pranks and hi-jinks all while providing you with keen insight as to what it really means to be a 'naturally' bald man from the streets who is adjusting to life in the 'burbs'!

KWebb is a regular performer at the Comedy Zone Jacksonville and has performed across Georgia and Florida stages.

KWebb is assured to make you laugh at his antics, life experiences and walk away feeling better about being able to laugh at the serious and not so seriousness of life.

Then was our mouth filled with LAUGHTER, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. Psalms 126:2

HISTORY OF CLERGY WOMEN IN AME CHURCH TIMELINE

- 1809 – Jarena Lee denied licensed to preach
- 1819 – Jarena Lee granted licensed to preach
- 1848 – Ordination of women comes before the General Conference for consideration in the form of a petition by the Daughters of Zion. The General Conference granted permission for women to preach in churches and receive licenses, but not ordination.
- 1852 - Ordination of women comes before the General Conference for a second time, it rejected again.
- 1856 - Ordination of women comes before the General Conference for a third time, it is rejected again.
- 1868 - Ordination of women comes before the General Conference for a fourth time, this leads to the creation of the office of Stewardess, female evangelist, and deaconess.
- 1884 - Women were licensed to preach in the AME Church.
- 1885 - Bishop Henry McNeal Turner ordained Sarah Hughes an itinerant deacon
- 1887 – Ordination of women rescinded by Bishop Jabez P. Campbell
- 1888 - The General Conference affirms Bishop Campbell's order to rescind the ordination of Sarah Hughes. Women are confirmed as Evangelist.
- 1936- Martha Jane Keys, a pastor and evangelist from Kentucky, initiated the legal challenge to women's exclusion from ordination when she introduced a bill at the General Conference calling for the ordination of women. The bill failed.
- 1956 - The General Conference authorized the ordination of women as Local Deacons
- 1960- The General Conference passed legislation to ordain women as Itinerants
- 1964 - Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper becomes first female candidate for the Episcopacy
- 1968 - Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper runs for the Episcopacy a second time
- 1972 - Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper runs for the Episcopacy a third time.
- 1973 - Bishop Frederick H. Talbot broke with the tradition of nearly two centuries when he appointed Reverend Dorothy Millicent Stephens Morris Acting Presiding Elder (16th Episcopal District)
- 1976 - Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper runs for the Episcopacy for a fourth time
- 1977 – Ad Hoc WIM Committee established with Rev. Jacquelyn Grant as chair
- 1980 - Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper runs for the Episcopacy for a fifth time
- 1983 – Bishop Reverend Vinton R. Anderson appointed Rev. Cornelia Wright Presiding Elder, making her the first female Presiding Elder in the United States.
- 1988 – The Commission on WIM is established
- 1992 – The Commission on WIM is admitted by the General Conference
- 1996 – Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper dies at the age of 102
- 1996 – Dr. Jayme Coleman pushed for a resolution to elect a female Bishop. Bishop Frank Cummings made the formal recommendation to the General Conference
- 2000 – Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie is elected the first female Bishop in the AME Church
- 2004 – Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry and Bishop Sarah Frances Davis elected Bishops in the AME Church
- 2012 – Rev. Teresa Fry Brown, PhD, elected as Historiographer making her the first clergy woman to hold a General Office.
- 2012 – Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry retires.
- 2013- Bishop Sarah Frances Davis dies
- 2016 – Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield elected a Bishop in the AME Church
- 2021 - Rev. Dr. Elaine Flake appointed as Pastor of Greater Allen Cathedral (Jamaica, NY), the largest congregation in the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- 2021 - Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie retires
- 2021- Bishop Francine A. Brookins, Esq elected a Bishop in the AME Church

HERSTORY OF JARENA LEE AWARDS

The Jarena Lee Appreciation Awards Breakfast was initiated in 2001 during the term of office of Connectional President, Rev. Sandra Smith Blair, as an occasion to recognize Episcopal leadership that has provided oversight to the organization, to honor trailblazing sisters in ministry, and to express appreciation to other individuals for their support of the work and objectives of AME/Women in Ministry.

No.	DATE	LOCATION	HONOREES	KEYNOTE
1 st	June 19, 2001	Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, Los Angeles, California	Bishop John Hurst Adams, <i>Episcopal Oversight, 1977-1980</i> Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Jr. (posthumously), <i>Episcopal Oversight, 1977-1980</i> Bishop Hamel Hartford Brookins, <i>Support provided with 1992 General Conference approval of WIM Commission</i> Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams, <i>Retired Editor of the AME Church Review</i> Dr. Dorothy Adams Peck, <i>Connectional President, Women's Missionary Society</i>	Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, <i>Chair, WIM Commission, 2000-04</i>
2 nd	June 25, 2002	Tampa Water-side Marriott Hotel, Tampa Florida	Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot, <i>Episcopal Oversight, 1984-1988</i> Bishop Robert Thomas, Jr., <i>Episcopal Oversight, 1989-1992</i> Bishop McKinley Young, <i>Commission Chair 1992-96</i> Mrs. Carolyn Scalvella, <i>1st District Womens' Missionary Society</i>	Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, <i>Episcopal Supervisor, 15th District</i>
3 rd	June 24, 2003	Philadelphia Downtown Marriott Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Bishop Cornel Garnett Henning, <i>WIM Commission Chair 1996-2000</i> Dr. Paulette Coleman, <i>Retired Editor of the AME Church Review; 1992-2000</i> Rev. Dorothy Millicent Stephens Morris, <i>First Female AME Presiding Elder, 1973-1976</i>	Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant, <i>Episcopal Supervisor, 5th District</i>
4 th	July 2, 2004	Hyatt Regency Hotel Indianapolis, Indiana	Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, <i>WIM Commission Chair 2000-2004</i> Mrs. Delores L. Kennedy Williams, <i>Past Connectional President, Women's Missionary Society</i> Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, <i>President, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio</i>	Rev. Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, <i>President, Payne Theological Seminary</i>
5 th	June 28, 2005	Wyndham Anatole Hotel Dallas, Texas	Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry, <i>Presiding Prelate, 16th Episcopal District</i> Bishop Sarah Frances Davis, <i>Presiding Prelate, 18th Episcopal District</i> Mrs. Jamesina Evans, <i>Connectional President, Women's Missionary Society</i>	Bishop Sarah Francis Davis, <i>Chair, WIM Commission, 2004-08</i>

6 th	June 27, 2006	Embassy Suites Hotel, North Charleston, South Carolina	All Female Presiding Elders were recognized.	Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry, <i>Presiding Prelate, 16th Episcopal District</i>
7 th	August 7, 2010	Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Grant Collier, <i>Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on WIM, 1977-1980 and Consultant</i> Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, <i>Consultant</i> Rev. Sandra Smith Blair, <i>Past President, 1996-2000 and Consultant</i>	Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry, <i>Presiding Prelate, 16th Episcopal District</i>
8 th	June 28, 2011	Columbia Metro Convention Center, Columbia, South Carolina	Presiding Elder Rosalyn Grant Coleman, <i>Georgetown District, Palmetto Conference, 7th District</i> Rev. Gertrude Haynes Trescott, <i>Past Connectional AME-WIM Worship Director</i>	Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, <i>Consultant</i> Panel: Dr. Jayme Coleman Williams, <i>Retired General Officer</i> ; Presiding Elder Anne Henning Byfield, <i>Indiana North District, Indiana Conference, 4th District</i> ; Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Grant Collier, <i>Consultant</i> Responders: Rev. Christina Reed; Rev. Schrendiah Robinson; Ms. Veronica Tinsley, <i>6th District</i>
9 th	June 29, 2012	Gaylord Opryland Resort & Conference Center, Nashville, Tennessee	Bishop Sarah Francis Davis, <i>Presiding Prelate, 16th District</i> Rev. Francine Angelique Nelson Brookins, Esq, <i>Connectional AME-WIM Second-Vice President</i>	Prayer Service: Institutional Relationships, Rev. Monica Spencer, <i>Connectional Corresponding Secretary</i> ; Interpersonal Relationships, Rev. Shirley Inkton-Bowers, <i>Connectional Worship Director</i> ; Self Care, Rev. Lola Scott Russell, <i>Connectional Herstoryographer</i> ; Stewardship and Finance, Rev. Francine Brookins, <i>Connectional Second Vice President</i> ; Intercessory Prayer, Rev. Kimberly Detherage, <i>Connectional President</i>

10 th	August 9, 2014	Embassy Suites Hotel, North Charleston, South Carolina	<p>Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath, <i>WIM Commission Chair, 2008-12</i> Mr. Claytie Davis, Jr., <i>Episcopal Supervisor, 16th District</i> Presiding Elder Ida Willis Keener, <i>San Antonio District, SouthWest Texas Conference, 10th District</i> Ms. Misbrew Times, <i>7th District Member, WIM Commission</i></p>	Presiding Elder Jocelyn Hart, <i>Philadelphia District, Philadelphia Conference, 1st District</i>
11 th	July 1, 2015	Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana	<p>Rev. Miriam Barnett, MD <i>AMEC Medical Director, Health Commission</i> Mrs. Mary Edity Moody <i>Former 8th District AME/WIM Episcopal District President</i></p>	<p>Prayer Service: Memorial Prayer (for the Charleston, South Carolina Nine); Introduction of the Prayer Warriors/ Meditation, Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, <i>Historiographer/ Executive Director of the Department of Research and Scholarship</i>; Mission Possible, Rev. Dr. Cecelia E. Greene Barr, <i>Candidate for Episcopal Service</i>; Called To Serve, Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Esq., <i>Candidate for Episcopal Service</i>; Positioned To Lead, Presiding Elder E. Anne Henning Byfield, <i>Candidate for Episcopal Service</i>; Take Thou Authority, Presiding Elder Elizabeth E. Yates, <i>Candidate for Episcopal Service</i>; Go, Rev. Dr. Katurah York Cooper, <i>Candidate for Episcopal Service</i></p>
12 th	July 8, 2016	Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	<p>Bishop Clement W. Fugh <i>WIM Commission Chair, 2012-16</i> Rev. Elizabeth Scott <i>Candidate for the Episcopacy, 1988, 1992 & 1994; AME/WIM Consultant 1988-92; Connectional Herstoryographer, 1996-2004.</i> Ms. Anita Rankin <i>AME Church Convention Planner</i></p>	Ms. Sherrilyn Ifill President & Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF)

13th	July 10, 2018	The Birmingham Sheraton	Rev. Kim L. Detherage, Esq, <i>Former Connectional AMEWIM President</i> Presiding Elder Letia Williams-Watford, DDS	Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, AMEWIM Commission Chair
14th	August 4, 2022	The MotorCity Hotel, Detroit, MI	Bishop John H. White, Presiding Prelate 4th Episcopal District Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield. Presiding Prelate 13th Episcopal District, Former AMEWIM Commission Chair Chaplain (COL) Monica Lawson, U.S. Army Chaplain	Ms. Vickie Winans, Grammy Award Winning Recording Artist

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