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## BIOGRAPHY REVEREND TYRONDA BURGESS

Reverend Tyronda Burgess is a native of Nashville, TN. She is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN where she graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting, cum laude. She also received the Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior from the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. Reverend Burgess is a Certified Public Accountant.

Reverend Tyronda acknowledged her call to preach in November of 1990 and is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In her ministry she has ministered to the needs of youth, young adults, singles, women and six congregations in Tennessee and Texas. In 1995, she founded a monthly fellowship for women called Dinner and Dialogue. Reverend Tyronda and her husband have co-founded S.O.W.E.R.S (Stewardship Opportunities Which Encourage Resource Sharing) Ministries, a ministry that encourages total spiritual stewardship (time, talent and treasure).

For more than 30 years, Reverend Tyronda has worked in business and industry in various roles in finance and accounting. She has held numerous executive level management positions in not-for-profit and religious organizations in the communities she has called home. She has served as the full-time Assistant Pastor of St. Andrew African Methodist Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee; the Financial Services Director for Oasis Center, Inc.; the Chief Administrative Officer for the Memphis Leadership Foundation and the Chief Financial Officer for the Metropolitan Action Commission (Nashville, TN). Reverend Burgess has pastored six congregations in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Districts during her thirteen-year pastoral ministry. Currently, she is the Executive Administrator for the Tenth Episcopal District (State of Texas) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Presiding Elder of the Greater Dallas District in the Tenth Episcopal District.

Reverend Tyronda currently serves as the Third Vice President for the Connectional Women in Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and is an at-large member of the General Board of the AME Church.

Reverend Tyronda is married to Reverend Lish Burgess, Jr., pastor of New Jerusalem AME Church (Dallas, TX), and they have two adult sons, Lish III and Landon and five beautiful grandchildren, Jasmine, Jackson, Tylan, Jayla and Trenton.