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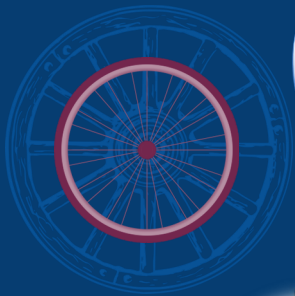


October Newsletter Hallelujah, Hallelujah

GOD Is

VOLUME 11

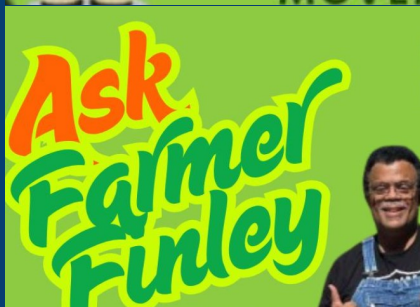
My  my and  a Protector

HE'S MY  Omnipresence  Divine
UNITY

I LOVE TO PRAISE

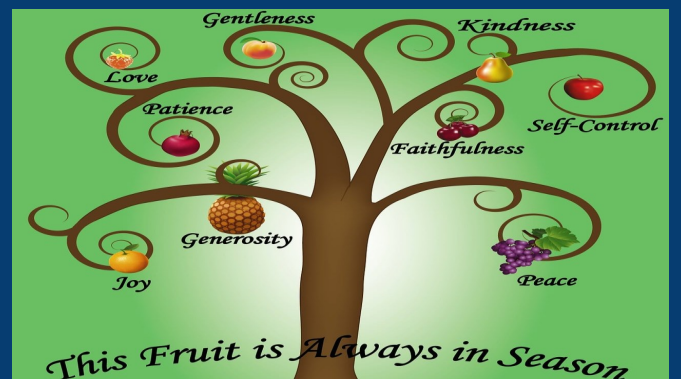


HIS Holy Name EZEKIEL 1:16



OUR CHURCH WAS BUILT ON SELF-RELIANCE, SELF-PRESERVATION; AND SELF-HELP.

LET'S FEED OUR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. PEOPLE. LEARN TO GROW YOUR OWN FOOD AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEBODY.



2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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LAY LESSON FIVE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF LAY CONVENTIONS

CONNECTIONAL

DISTRICT

CONFERENCE

LOCAL

FUNCTIONS:

ELECT	ELECTIONS	ELECT EVERY 4 YEARS	ELECT EVERY 4 YEARS	ELECT EVERY 2 YEARS	ELECT EVERY YEAR
PASS	BILLS/POLICY	LEGISLATION/ BILLS CONTSIT./BY-LAWS PROPOSED ADMENT- MENTS	BY-LAWS	BY-LAWS	BY-LAWS
ADOPT	FINANCIAL	BUDGET—4 YRS	BUDGET —4 YRS	BUDGET —2YRS	BUDGET — 1 YR
HEAR	RECEIVE INFORMATIONI	OFFICERS' REPORTS DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS	OFFIERS' REPORTS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS COMMITTEES	OFFICER'S REPORTS STANDING COMMIT- TEE REPORTS AND AD HOC, SPECIAL COMMITTEES	OFFICERS' REPORT COMMITTEE
LEARN	TRAININGS	STUDY MANUAL WORSHOPS TRAININGS/ SEMINARS —ETC.	LERNING LABS WORKSHOPS/ PANELS SEMINARS/ ETC	WORKSHOPS SEMINARS/PANELS LAY COUNCILS LAY WITNESS NIGHT	WORKSHOPS CHURCH BULLETINS LAY DAYS

[EXCERPT TAKEN FROM MICHAEL COUSIN JR. , 4TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY PRESIDENT — 9/19/26; WORKSHOP]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



OCTOBER 12	COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 21	WMS CONVENTION & NIGHT IN WHITE 6 PM — 9 PM, LAX HILTON HOTEL
OCTOBER 21	LAY ORGANIZATION COMPONENT MEETING 9:30 PM LAX HILTON HOTEL
OCTOBER 22	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE — OPENING SERVICES
OCTOBER 23	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION — LAY WITNESS NIGHT
OCTOBER 25	CLOSING SERVICES
OCTOBER 26—27	5TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT BISHOP'S PLANNING MEETING
OCTOBER 31	HOLLOWEEN — AFRICAN HARVEST FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE
MAY 8, 2026
THE CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL
A TALENT SHOWCASE
Theme: "My Expressions of Faith"

Scripture: 1Peter 4:10



ANIME, CARTOONS, SKETCHING

Lay Presidents and Youth Sponsors, now is the time to start recruiting the youth and young adults at your church to participate in next year's Christian Arts Festival—Talent Showcase 2027. **ANIME, CARTOONS, SKETCHING**

Look for flyers in the Conference Lay Newsletter to keep you up-dated about dates and locations. A brochure will be distributed in **December** at the Conference Lay event. Packets with judging criteria, rules, application, and timeline will be emailed in **January** to Lay Presidents and Pastors.

A Zoom orientation for participants, lay leaders, and parents will be presented in **March** after Mid-Year Convocation. Tentative date for preliminary judging is **MAY 8, 2027**.



THE 28 FINALIST FOR THE 2027 ROSE PARADE QUEEN COURT HAVE BEEN SELECTED



DANA HAZELTON IS ONE OF THE FINALIST FOR THE 2027 COURT

DANA IS A MEMBER OF FAME, PASADENA. SHE IS A TWO TIME WINNER OF THE **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE'S CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL**. SHE IS A CHRISTIAN YOUTH SERVANT WORKER. SHE HAS BEEN ACTIVE WITH HER LOCAL LAY ORGANIZATION AND THE YPD SINCE KINDERGARDEN. ACTIVE SUNDAY/CHILDREN CHURCH MEMBER; A SCHOLAR IN HIGH SCHOOL AND A MEMBER OF THE FAME MEDIA MINISTRY. SHE IS THE PROUD GRAND-DAUGHTER OF KISCHCHEN HAZELTON VENERABLE AND BRIAN VENERABLE.

WE ARE PRAYING THAT GOD WILL BLESS HER GOOD WORKS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

FINAL SELECTION DATE FOR THE QUEEN AND COURT IS SEPTEMBER 28, 2026



BALLOT MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

41 REQUIRES AUDITS OF PROGRXS FUNDED BY NEW STATE SPECIAL TAXES. PROHIBITS NEW STATE TAXES THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM EXISTING VOTER-APPROVED STATE SPENDING LIMIT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONA-XENDMENT. For statewide special taxes, requires (1) a pre-election audit of programs that would receive funding from a special tax proposed by voter initiative, and (2) recurring audits of programs funded by all special taxes enacted after January 1, 2026. Prohibits any new state taxes, enacted after January 1, 2026, that exclude their revenues from existing voter-approved state spending limit, including any new taxes that appear on the same ballot as this measure. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown Fiscal Effect. Net costs or savings resulting from the rrpasure would depend On (1) how rmny special tax initiatives qualify for a audit but are not approved by voters, (2) the number of pages that are added to the State." Secretary Stat. %ter Infornztion Guide each election cycle, and (3) the level of savings that are identified and invlenEnted as a result of the audits. Proposition

42 PROHIBITS NEW STATE PERSONAL PROPERTY TMES AND CERTAN RETROACTIVE STATE TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONA- AMENDMENT. prohibits any new state tax that either (1) taxes the ownership or control of personal property (including retirement accounts, financial assets, investment accounts, business interests, and intellectual property), or (2) applies retroactively based on tle taxpayer's conduct, activities, or a status that occurred before the new tax's effective date, with ūrnited exceptions. Applies to taxes that are enacted or take effect on or after January 1, 2026, including taxes that appear on the same ballot as this measure. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Possibility that tax revenues will be lower in the future. P041A1.) Proposition

43 Proposition 44 REQUIRES COMMUNITY CLINICS SPEND OF REVENUE ON PROGRAM SERVICES. INITIATIVE STÆUTE. Requires nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers (community clinics that provide primary care to medically underserved areas and populations) to spend at least 90% of their revenue on program services advancing their charitable purpose, including but not firmited to patient serices, rather than management and overhead. Department of Public Health may waive spending requirement in exceptional circumstances. Authorizes Attorney General to publish guidance defining qualifying expenditures. hnposes monetary penalties for noncompliance, which may be refunded if centers become compliant within five years. Authorizes criminal charges for false reports and schemes to artificially increase spending ratio. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: State cost of up to the low tens of millions of dollars annually to enforce the new requirerænt that nonprofit safety net health clinics spend at least 90 percent of annual revenue on certain types of expenses, nuch of which would be covered by fees and penalties charged on the affected entities. (25:90QOA1.) Proposition

45 MODIFIES ENVIRONMENTu REVIEW FOR CERTAN PROJECTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. knendS California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to expedite environmental review of specified project categories (including most housing, transportation, water, health, and clean energy projects). For these types of projects, this measure: • sets deadlines for public agencies to complete environmental review and take required actions for project; '€26.5.20 PM Of Stat. allows expedited review of projects environmental impacts, limiting public agencies' current obligation to consider a range Of feasible project alternatives to reduce environmental impacts; and • limits court review of project approvals by establishing deadlines for filing and resolving lawsuits and limiting evidence court may consider and relief it can order. Summary Of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance Of fiscal impact on state and local governments. State and local governl TEnt invlen-entation costs in the tens of nil-lions of dollars annually for the first several Over the long term, the annual net fiscal effects are uncertain, but state and local governnts likely would experience net savings due to reduced administrative and legal workload. Net fiscal effects on state trial courts ranging from annual savings of up to the tens of rrillions of dollars to annual costs of up to the low tens of nillions of dollars. (25:QOBM.) Note: On June 25, 2026, was removed from the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot pursuant to As new initiatives enter circulation, fail, become eligible for, or qualify for an election ballot, the Secretary of State's office will issue initiative status updates. The updates can be found on our Initiative and Referendum Qualification Status page or by signing up for updates below

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



LAY Witness NIGHT



GUEST SPEAKER

BROTHER GREGORY SNEED

PRESIDENT OF THE SONS OF ALLEN MEN IN MINISTRY

"MISSION POSSIBLE:
ONE CHURCH – ONE VISION – ONE MISSION"

Ephesians 4:3-6

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

AT 6:00 PM

FEATURING:



5TH DISTRICT YPD PRESENTATION



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SONS OF ALLEN CHOIR



Hilton

HILTON LAX AIRPORT

5711 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

LET US BE UNITED IN WITNESS, WORSHIP, AND MISSION!

ONE CHURCH – ONE VISION – ONE MISSION!



AME CHURCH

LAY ORGANIZATION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LAY ORGANIZATION

Mardi Gras

IN THE WINTER

LUNCHEON, SILENT AUCTION, AWARDS CEREMONY

MAQUARADE MASK CONTEST

Dress Attire:

UNIVERSAL

(FORMAL, CASUAL, OR BUSINESS CASUAL)

SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS

WILL GO TOWARDS THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Carson Event Center

801 CARSON STREET

CARSON, CA 90745

TICKETS:

\$80 PER PERSON / \$640 TABLE

Ticket Sell Deadline: November 23, 2026

FORMS OF PAYMENT:

Check | CashApp | Zelle

GOLD (POWER) - GREEN (FAITH) - PURPLE (JUSTICE)

A Time to Celebrate, Support, and Empower

The Fifth Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

**19th Session
MIDWEST
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER
6 - 10, 2026
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Reverend Karla J. Cooper, EdD
Presiding Elder
Midwest South District

Rt. Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Esq.
Presiding Probate
Fifth Episcopal District

Reverend Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH
Episcopal Supervisor of Missions
Fifth Episcopal District

Reverend John E. Cager, III
Presiding Elder
Midwest South District

Reverend Irene Prince
Quin Chapel - Elder

Reverend Juliet Hemphill
Elder - Elder

Reverend Benjamin Finnell
Elder - Elder

Reverend Jacqueline Ford
Elder - Elder

**HOTEL
REGISTRATION**

**Hilton Kansas City Airport
October 6 - October 10, 2026**

\$129/Night

The cutoff date for hotel registrations is September 6, 2026

REGISTER TODAY!

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The Fifth Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

**102nd Session
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER
20-25, 2026
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Reverend Allen Williams, Sr. EdD
Presiding Elder
Los Angeles North District

Reverend Larry Campbell, DMin
Pastor
Fifth - Presiding

Rt. Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Esq.
Presiding Probate
Fifth Episcopal District

Reverend Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH
Episcopal Supervisor of Missions
Fifth Episcopal District

Reverend Roosevelt Lindsey
Presiding Elder
Los Angeles South District

**HOTEL
REGISTRATION**

**Hilton LAX Airport
October 20 - October 25, 2026**

\$169-\$179/Night

REGISTER TODAY!

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**5TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
MISSION POSSIBLE**

PLANNING MEETING

OCTOBER 26 - 27, 2026 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
Hilton LAX Airport | 5711 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, California

**BOOK YOUR ROOM FOR
PLANNING
MEETING**

Hilton LAX
October 26 - October 27, 2026

\$169-\$179/Night

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*Celebrating the Retirement
of*

Reverend Roosevelt Lindsey, Jr.
Presiding Elder
&
Dr. Kaye Lindsey
District Consultant

**Save The
DATE**

Friday
November 20, 2026
Reception: 5:30PM
Program: 6:30 PM

Hilton at LAX
5711 West Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Rt. Reverend
Francine A. Brookins, Esq.**
Presiding Prelate
Fifth Episcopal District

**Reverend
Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH.**
Episcopal Supervisor of Missions
Fifth Episcopal District



102nd SESSION
**SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA**
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 20 – 25, 2026

HOSTS

The Rev. Dr. Larry E. Campbell, First AME Church, Pasadena, CA
The Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey, Jr., Presiding Elder
The Rev. Dr. Allen L. Williams, Sr., Co-Host Presiding Elder

VENUE

LAX Hilton
5711 W. Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

SERMONS

THURSDAY NOON WIM HOUR OF POWER

The Rev. Gabrielle NS Kennedy,
First AME Church, Las Vegas, NV

THE ANNUAL SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Timothy O. Coston, Jr.
Grant AME Church, Los Angeles

FRIDAY HOUR OF POWER - TBA

THE ORDINATION SERMON

The Rev. M. Jo David Sales, Pastor
Brookins AME Church, Oakland, CA

THE CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Presiding Prelate



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

2:00 pm Registration, Credentialing, and Mission Project

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

7:00 am WMS Convention begins

7:30 am Breakfast & Fellowship

10:30 am Bishop meets with Presiding Elder(s); Finance Committee; Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon WIM Convention

12:00 Noon WMS Luncheon

2:00 pm WMS Convention

3:00 pm Bishop's prescheduled meetings with Pastors/Congregations

6:00 pm **WMS Worship Service (Night in White)**

9:00 pm Committee and Component Meetings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

8:30 am Devotion – Board of Examiners

9:00 am **Conference Institute - Contextualizing Scripture**

Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome (Eden Theological Seminary)

10:00 am Business Session I – Roll Call, Organization & Pastors Reports

12:00 Noon **WIM Hour of Power**

Preacher: Rev. Gabrielle NS Kennedy

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch Break

2:30 pm Business Session II – Pastors' Reports

5:00 pm Dinner Break

6:00 pm **Opening Worship Service**

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy O. Coston, Jr.

9:00 pm Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

8:30 am Devotion – Mindful Movements (WMS & WIM)

9:00 am **Conference Institute - AME Freedom Summer**

10:00 am Business Session III – Reports Con't

12:00 Noon **Hour of Power**

1:00-2:30 pm Lunch Break

2:30 pm Business Session IV - Reports Cont.

5:00 pm Dinner Break

6:00 pm **Lay Witness Night**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

8:00 am Church School/Bible Study

9:00 am Closing Business: Component Reports, Summary of the Minutes, Disciplinary Questions, Memorial Ritual, Retirement Ritual

10:00 am **The Service of Ordination & Sacrament**

Preacher: The Rev. M. Jo David Sales, Pastor, Brookins AME Church, Oakland, CA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

3:00 pm Closing and Commissioning Service

Preacher: Bishop Francine A. Brookins



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RELATIONSHIP



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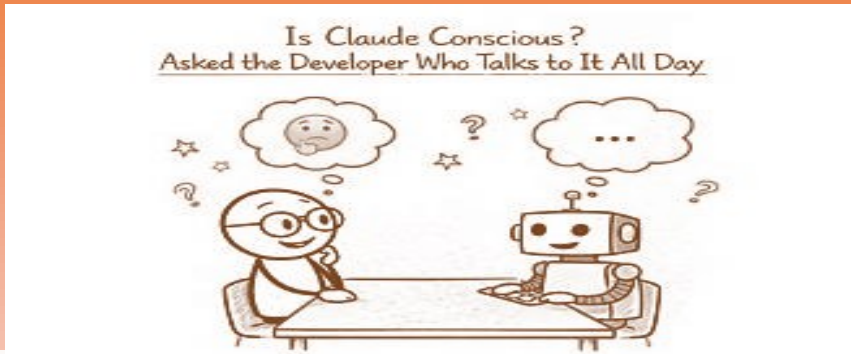


REPAIR



REBUILD

WHO IS OR WHAT IS CLAUDE?



Claude is a conversational AI assistant developed by Anthropic, designed to assist users in writing, analyzing information, and solving problems through natural dialogue. It operates via a chat interface and API, making it versatile for various applications .

Overview of Claude AI

Claude AI is a significant advancement in conversational technology.

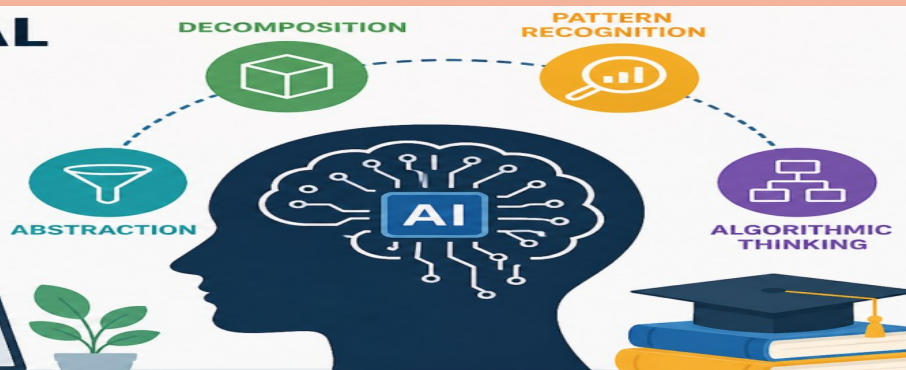
- **Development** — Claude was created by Anthropic, a company founded by former OpenAI researchers focused on AI safety.
- **Functionality** — It excels in tasks like summarization, editing, and decision-making, making it useful for a wide range of applications.
- **User Interaction** — Users interact with Claude by typing prompts or questions, receiving structured and clear responses.
- **Partnerships** — Early partners include Notion, Quora, and DuckDuckGo, showcasing its integration into various platforms.   

NOW CLAUDE 2

American AI company Anthropic has launched its latest artificial intelligence model, Claude 2. As a highly trained conversational chatbot, Claude 2 rivals OpenAI's global sensation...not only has Claude 2 got improved performance and longer responses, but it can make judgments about the content it is creating. This puts it a step ahead of many large language models in a way that is both impressive and terrifying. The four methods programmers use to cause AI to think: abstraction (focus on what matters), decomposition (spotting trends), pattern recognition, (breaking patterns down) & algorithmic/set of instructions (creating step by step solutions).

COMPUTATIONAL THINKING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Foundation Every AI Student Needs



Health and Wellbeing

October is



Breast
Cancer



Metastatic
Breast Cancer



Liver
Cancer

Awareness Month



ATTENTION-DEFICIT—HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER



THE BONNER CAMPBELL INSTITUTE PRESENTS

GR8TER WORKS

A SERIES OF TRAINING WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."
John 14:12

THE BONNER CAMPBELL INSTITUTE PRESENTS

GR8TER WORKS

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 @ 7 PM (CST) FOR
**THE WORK OF
THE OFFICIAL BOARD**

OCTOBER PRESENTER:
REV. DR. CONTRAS HOUSTON DICKENS
PASTOR OF DUPAGE AME CHURCH, LISLE, IL

REV. DR. HUGH B. MARSHALL
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR OF MISSIONS AND OUTREACH
BISHOP EDNA D. CRAWFORD
PRESIDENT, PLEASANT

VISIT: WWW.BTHDISTRICTAME.ORG TO REGISTER

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GR8TER WORKS

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 @ 7 PM (CST) FOR
**THE WORK OF
LITURGY & WORSHIP**

NOVEMBER PRESENTER: **BISHOP ADAM J. RICHARDSON**
THE 115TH ELECTED AND CONSECRATED BISHOP OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REV. DR. HUGH B. MARSHALL
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR OF MISSIONS AND OUTREACH
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GR8TER WORKS

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2026 @ 7 PM (CST) FOR
THE WORK OF EVANGELISM

DECEMBER PRESENTER: **REV. DR. MARCELLUS NORRIS**
REGIONAL OFFICER AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABE CHURCH

REV. DR. HUGH B. MARSHALL
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR OF MISSIONS AND OUTREACH
BISHOP EDNA D. CRAWFORD
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FEBRUARY 16-19, 2027

Shalom:

Well-Being

Completeness

Prosperity

Wholeness

Health

Safety

Harmony with God and others

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October contributors:

Dr. Dorothy Vails-Weber's AME V-Alert propositions on November ballot

Kischchen Venerable — Rose Court Photo



GOD'S INDESCRIBABLE GIFTS

"Fidelis et Verax"

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15



Loyalty

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