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A Season of Action

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026



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AGENDA
November 18-20, 2026

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

2:00 pm	**The Components at Work**	WIM Signature 1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

10:00 am	**The Bishop and Presiding Elders in Session**	Salon 1
11:30 am	**The Supervisor and District Consultants in Session**	Salon 2
12:30 pm	**The Bishop, Presiding Elders' Council and Guests Luncheon**	Signature 2
3:00 pm	**Opening - Plenary Session I** **"Protecting the Church and My Ministry" (Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training)** **The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Facilitating** Senior Pastor - Big Bethel AMEC, Atlanta GA AMEC Judicial Council Member	Junior Ballroom F
4:30 pm	**Annual Conference Trustees**	
	Florida	Signature 2
	Central	Salon 10
	South	Signature 1
	West Coast	Salon 4
	East	Salon 9
	Bahamas	Salon 2
5:00 pm	**Eleventh Episcopal District M-SWAWO plus PKs**	Salon 3
7:00 pm	**The Convocation Opening Worship Service** **The Reverend Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Ph. D., Preaching** Associate Dean & Professor Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)	Executive Ballroom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

7:00 am	**The Eleventh Episcopal District Enterprise Center Board**	Salon 2
8:15 am	**The Church Praising God**	Executive Ballroom
8:30 am	**Plenary Session II** **"Worship and Liturgy in this Season of Action"** **The Reverend Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Ph. D., Presenting** Associate Dean & Professor Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)	Executive Ballroom
9:45 am	**BREAK**	

10:00 am	**The Components at Work** **Women's Missionary Society**	Executive Ballroom
	Sons of Allen	Salon 9
	Women In Ministry	Signature 1
	Presiding Elders	Salon 2
	TBD	Salon 10
1:30 pm	**The Components at Work** **Lay**	Executive Ballroom
	Clergy	Grand A Ballroom
3:15 pm	**BREAK**	
3:30 pm	**Plenary Session III** **"Spiritual Formation For the Growth of God's Kingdom"** **The Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph.D., Facilitating** Associate Dean & Professor – Wesley Theological Seminary	Executive Ballroom
5:00 pm	**DINNER on your own**	
7:00 pm	**The Convocation at Worship** **The Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph. D., Preaching**	Executive Ballroom

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:15 am	**The Church Praising God**	Executive Ballroom
8:30 am	**The Closing Business Session** **Presiding Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II, Facilitating**	Executive Ballroom
10:30 am	**BREAK and Hotel Check-Out**	
11:00 am	**The Convocation Commissioning Worship Service** **Presiding Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II, Preaching**	Executive Ballroom

PREACHERS AND PRESENTERS

OPENING PLENARY SESSION I	**The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine** **Wednesday, November 18th @ 3:00 pm**
OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE **PLENARY SESSION II**	**The Reverend Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Ph. D.** **Wednesday, November 18th @ 7:00 pm**
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE **PLENARY SESSION III**	**The Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph. D.** **Thursday, November 19th @ 7:00 pm**
COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE	**The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II** **Friday, November 20th @ 11:00 am**

THE REVEREND DR. JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE

Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine (“Pastor Jay”) serves as senior pastor of Big Bethel AME Church (Atlanta, GA), and as an assistant professor at the Hampton University School of Religion. He is also the vice president of the Judicial Council of the AME Church. An accomplished author, he is a sought-after speaker and internationally recognized academic leader.

Prior to leading Big Bethel, for six-years, Pastor Jay led St. Joseph AME Church (Durham, NC), while serving on the faculties of North Carolina Central University Law School and Duke University Divinity School, where he was also a member of the Board of Visitors and chaplain to the Duke Football Team. For four years prior to leading St. Joseph, he was senior pastor at Historic St. James AME Church (New Orleans, LA) the oldest predominantly Black, Protestant congregation in the Deep South (1844), while also teaching at Southern University Law Center. He served eight years as the general chaplain of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

An accomplished author, Pastor Jay’s most recent books are When Prophets Preach: Leadership and the Politics of the Pulpit (Fortress Press, 2023) and Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity and Inclusion (Baker Academic, 2022). His scholarly articles appear in the University of Richmond Law Review, Howard Law Journal, Louisiana Law Review, Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal, and Theology Today, among others. He has been invited to lecture in Heidelberg, Germany; Accra, Ghana; and Oxford, England, and has been featured on C-SPAN Book-TV. His leadership was also profiled on the front page of USA Today and more recently, in The New York Times.

A gifted and nationally celebrated communicator, Pastor Jay was inducted into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers and twice awarded the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service. He was named “Outstanding Alumni Brother of the Year,” by Alpha Phi Alpha, and also won the fraternity’s Belford V. Lawson National Oratorical Scholarship. As an emerging leader, he received the Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award, from the U.S. Jaycees and was named to Ebony Magazine’s “30 Leaders of the Future.” He is an active member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Kappa Boulé).

After earning an economics degree from Howard University, Pastor Jay served as a decorated infantry officer in the United States Army. He subsequently earned his law degree at Tulane University and served as a law clerk to Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice (then-Associate) Bernette Joshua Johnson, before practicing law and serving in both publicly elected and gubernatorially appointed offices. He earned his Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary, completed a fellowship at Princeton Theological Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Ministry degree at Duke University. He is currently a PhD candidate at The University of Alabama.



THE REVEREND LISA ALLEN-MCLAURIN, PH.D.

The Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin is Associate Dean and Professor of Worship, Music, and Spirituality at Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO) and an ordained elder in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. She graduated from Millsaps College and the University of Southern Mississippi with Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in piano and music education. She also holds the Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Dr. Allen-McLaurin has authored several books, including her forthcoming monograph, Overcoming Proverbs 31: Freeing Black Women from the Violence of Virtuous Womanhood (Fall 2027). Her most recent text, Over My Head: The Power of Ancestral Music to Future the Black Church was featured during the June sessions of the 2026 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Dr. Allen-McLaurin has been featured as an ethnomusicologist and practical theologian in video and online journal documentaries including the 2020 People's Voice Webby Award-winning documentary, A King's Place: Reclaiming the Black Church's Civil Rights Past and the 2015 Emmy-award winning documentary, Reflect, Reclaim, Rejoice: Preserving the Gift of Black Sacred Music. She is a noted composer and arranger and, in 2019 debuted her Advent cantata, Christmas is Waiting to Be Born: An Advent Cantata Inspired by the Works of Howard Thurman at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. While on sabbatical in 2023, Dr. Allen-McLaurin served a six-month term as music director and scholar-in-residence at the American Church in Paris, France.

In addition to her work at MTSO and the CME Church, Dr. Allen-McLaurin serves on the editorial board of The Methodist Review Journal and holds memberships in the American Academy of Religion and the Society for the Study of Black Religion. She has served as a mentor with the RISE Together National Mentorship Network and is a 2018 inductee into the Morehouse College Board of Preachers.

Dr. Allen-McLaurin is married to Thomas McLaurin and their blended family includes five children and two grandchildren.



THE REVEREND W. ANTONI SINKFIELD, PH.D.

The Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph.D. is a native of the city of Nashville, Tennessee. He is a graduate of the Tennessee Technological University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing; Vanderbilt Divinity School where he earned the Master of Divinity Degree; and the Union Institute and University where he earned the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Ethical and Creative Leadership with a specialization in Martin Luther King, Jr. Studies. Rev.
Sinkfield has also completed post-graduate work at United Theological Seminary; Oral Roberts University; and Asbury Theological Seminary as a Beeson Pastor Scholar.

Dr. Sinkfield has served as the pastor of Mount Olive AME Church in Lebanon, TN, St. James AME Church in Dickson, TN, United AME Church in Wilberforce, OH, Bishops Memorial AME Church in Columbia, SC, and St. John AME Church, Greater Bethel AME Churches in Nashville, TN, and as the Pastor of Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and CEO of the Daniel Payne Christian Outreach Ministries (inclusive of a Daycare Center, Feeding Pantry, and Alcohol and Drug Early Intervention Center) in Nashville, TN. From 2012 – 2014, Dr. Sinkfield served as the Presiding Elder of the North Nashville District of the Tennessee Annual Conference. He has also served as the Dean of Students for Allen University on Columbia, SC. Dr. Sinkfield is currently the Associate Dean for Community Life and Campus Operations; and the Professor of “Spiritual Formation for the Work of Ministry” at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Dr. Sinkfield is a published author with four publications to his credit at this juncture, was the 2020 Distinguished Alumnus of Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN, the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN, and is the 2025 Turner Theological Seminary President’s Lifetime Achievement Awardee for Excellence in Institutional Advancement. Dr. Sinkfield works diligently in the arena of community development and empowerment—having served on many boards and committees throughout his career and is one of the founding members and former finance/fundraising chair for Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH).

Dr. Sinkfield is the proud father of Joshua DuBois (Michelle), Anah, and Antoni, Jr., and the proud grandfather of August, Adelaide, and Auden.



THE RIGHT REVEREND MARVIN CLYDE ZANDERS, II

The Right Reverend Marvin Clyde Zanders, II is the 140th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. After his election and consecration on July 10, 2021 in Orlando, Florida he was assigned to the 16th Episcopal District. The 16th Episcopal District is made up of seven annual conferences representing fourteen countries in the Caribbean, South America, and Europe. During his tenure, churches were dedicated, communities impacted, and students received their Master's Degree to fulfill ordination requirements. Bishop Zanders served as the Chair of the Commission on Seminaries, Universities, Colleges, and Schools. He also Co-Chaired the Commission of The Department of Retirement Services. This Orlando, Florida native was born to the late Marvin C. Zanders and Mrs. Jacquelyn Johnson Bain. He is a graduate of Edgewater High School-Orlando, Florida. Bishop Zanders holds a B.A. Degree from Morehouse College, a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Arts in Christian Education from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center all in Atlanta , Georgia. He was awarded the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Edward Waters University, Jacksonville, Florida.

Prior to his election as Bishop, he served the following congregations. St. Paul AMEC in Mascotte, Florida, Greater Payne Chapel AMEC in Jacksonville and Mount Olive AMEC in Orlando, Florida. These churches experienced growth in membership, social and political action, youth and young adult involvement in addition to supporting women in ministry. His last pastoral assignment was the prestigious St. Paul AMEC in Jacksonville, Florida. As the 35th and youngest pastor in the church's storied 150 year history, he led members into new and innovative ministries, expanded facilities, and had strong community outreach. A committed prayer ministry resulted in many souls being won for the kingdom, strong leadership development, overflowing generosity and the burning of a $2,500,000 mortgage, three (3) years ahead of schedule. He served as advisor to the Chairman and 1st Vice-Chairman of the AMEC Episcopal Committee for 5 Quadrennials. He was District Treasurer for the 11th Episcopal District for 30 years and has served on the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

On August 28, 2024 at 52nd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference in Columbus, Ohio he was assigned to serve the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This appointment gives him the leadership oversight for at least 396 congregations, 356 pastors, and 70,758 members across the State of Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The Bishop serves in various other capacities, among them are Chairman of the Board of Trustees Edward Waters University and Chairman of the Commission of the Department of Retirement Services of the AMEC. He is also engaged in social and civic organizations such as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Theta Phi Chapter), a 32nd Degree Prince Hall Mason-Champion Lodge #2 and Tillman Valentine Consistory #22.

To support the Prelate in ministry is his wife, Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders, their sons, David Christopher (B.A. Middle Tennessee State University) Marvin Frank Curtis (B.A. University of Missouri, M.S. North Carolina Central University, J.D. FAMU College of Law, L.L.M New York University Law School) and Micah Van (A.A. Hinds Community College, B.S. North Carolina Central University, M.S. North Carolina Central University).



OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 7:00 pm

The Reverend Valarie J. Walker | Worship Leader
Presiding Elder – North Orlando District

The Time of Gathering **Choir and Congregation**

The Doxology **AMEC Hymnal No. 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

The Call to Worship **The Reverend Willie Hayes**

Pastor, Mount Zion AME Church, Sebring

Leader: We gather with grateful hearts, giving thanks to God for the successful completion of all our annual conferences. Through every gathering, every conversation, and every decision, God has guided us and strengthened us for the journey ahead.

People: We give thanks for where God has brought us, and we trust God for where we are going!

Leader: Now, we come together as one body—not simply to reflect on what has been accomplished, but to pray, discern, and plan for the work that lies before us.

People: With hearts united in prayer and minds focused on purpose, we are ready to move forward!

Leader: The time for action is now! God is calling us to be bold in our faith, intentional in our planning, and faithful in our service.

People: We are prepared to answer the call. This is our Season of Action!

Leader: Let us pray together, plan together, and work together, trusting that the God who has brought us this far will lead us into all that is yet to come.

All: Lord, order our steps, unite our hearts, guide our decisions, and bless the work of our hands. As we enter this Season of Action, may our plans reflect Your purpose, our prayers strengthen our commitment, and our actions bring glory to Your name. Amen!

The Hymn of Praise **The Reverend Rogery Adams**

Pastor, Martin Memorial AME Church, Miami

"We Praise Thee, O God (Revive Us Again)" AMEC Hymnal No. 97

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

[Refrain): Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God! for the Spirit of light ,
Who has shown us the Savior, and scattered our night. [Refrain]

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath bore all our sins, and has cleansed every stain. [Refrain]

Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May our souls be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation — **The Reverend Jessica Ford**
Pastor, St. James AME Church, Quincy

The Prayer Response — **Choir and Congregation**

"You Are My Strength"

You are my strength, strength like no other, Strength like no other, reaches to me. [x2]
In the fullness of Your grace, in the power of Your name, you lift me up, you lift me up. [x2]

The Reading of the Scripture: Luke 7:1-10 (NRSV) — **The Reverend Dr. Debra Walker King**
Pastor, St. Luke AME Church, Alachua

The Worship Through Music — **Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

The Offering for Expansion and Missions — **The Reverend Lester W. Davis, Jr.**
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church, New Smyrna Beach

The Offertory Response

"My Offering"

Lord, I give to you my offering, Lord, I give to you my offering.
Lord, I give to you my offering, and my offering is a sacrifice of praise.

I lift my hands, that's my offering, I lift my voice, that's my offering.
I give my heart, that's my offering, I give my life, that's my offering,
and my offering is a sacrifice of praise.

The Presentation of the Preacher — **Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II**

The Worship Through Music — **Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

The Word of God Proclaimed — **The Reverend Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Ph. D.**
Associate Dean & Professor, Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)
Delaware, Ohio

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship — **The Reverend Dr. Glenn B. Dames**
Pastor, Allen Temple AME Church, Tampa

The Worship Through Giving — **Presiding Elder Dr. David W. Green, Sr.**
& the Eleventh Episcopal District Finance Committee

The Offertory Response

"We give Thee but Thine Own" AMEC Hymnal No. 646
We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.

The Notices and Concerns

The Doxology **AMEC Hymnal No. 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

The Benediction **The Reverend Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Ph. D.**

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 7:00 pm

The Reverend Dr. Michael B. Price, I | Worship Leader
Pastor – Bethel AME Church, Tallahassee

The Time of Gathering — **Choir and Congregation**

The Doxology — **AMEC Hymnal No. 647**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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The Call to Worship — **The Reverend Chiquita Washington**
Pastor, Mount Olive AME Church, Bushnell

Leader: We gather with grateful hearts, giving thanks to God for His faithfulness and guidance throughout every congregation in the Eleventh Episcopal District.

People: We give thanks for His presence His protection, and His provisions in all our lives from day to day.

Leader: Through every challenge, every triumph, and every season of ministry, God has continued to lead, strengthen, and sustain us.

People: Great is God's faithfulness! We are grateful for all He has brought us through!

Leader: As we celebrate what God has done, let us prepare our hearts for what God is calling us to do next.

All: With grateful hearts, united spirits, and renewed commitment, we step forward together into this Season of Action, trusting God's guidance for the work ahead. Amen!

The Opening Hymn — **Mrs. Raven Gainous-Bowers**
President, Eleventh Episcopal District RAYAC

"The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow"

Like a ship that's tossed and driven, battered by an angry sea
When the storms of life are raging, and their fury falls on me
I wonder what I have done, that makes this race so hard to run
Then I say to my soul, "Take courage, the Lord will make a way somehow."

[Chorus]: The Lord will make a way somehow when beneath the cross I bow
He will take away each sorrow; let Him have your burdens now
When the load bears down so heavy the weight is shown upon my brow
There's a sweet relief in knowing the Lord will make a way somehow.

Try to do my best in service, try to do the best I can
When I choose to do the right thing evil's present on every hand
I look up and wonder why that good fortune passed me by
Then I say to my soul, "Be patient, the Lord will make a way somehow."

Often there's misunderstanding out of all the good I do
I go to friends for consolation, and I find them complaining, too
So many nights I toss in pain, wondering what the day will bring
Then I say to my heart, "Don't worry, the Lord will make a way somehow."

The Prayer of Invocation — **The Reverend Dr. Ronnie Clark**
Pastor, Hurst Chapel AME Church, Winter Haven

The Prayer Response — **"God is Here"**

There is a sweet anointing in this sanctuary, There is a stillness in the atmosphere;
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried, For in this sanctuary, God is here.

[Bridge] He is here, He is here, to break the yoke and lift the heavy burden;
He is here, He is here, to heal the hopeless heart and bless the broken;

Come lay down the burdens you have carried;
For in the sanctuary, God is here.

The Reading of God's Word: John 4:46-54 (NRSV) — **The Reverend Shirley Myrick**
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church, Wabasso

The Worship Through Music — **Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

The Offering for Expansion and Missions — **The Reverend Brenda McCaslin**
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church, High Springs

The Presentation of the Preacher — **Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II**

The Worship Through Music — **Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

The Word of God Proclaimed — **The Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph. D.**
Associate Dean and Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary
Washington, D.C.

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship — **The Reverend Cecil B. Williams**
Pastor, Greggs Chapel AME Church, Ft. Walton Beach

The Worship Through Giving — **Presiding Elder Dr. David W. Green, Sr. & the Eleventh Episcopal District Finance Committee**

The Offertory Response

"We give Thee but Thine Own" AMEC Hymnal No. 646

We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.

The Notices and Concerns — **The Reverend Dr. Missiouri McPhee**
Connectional Director of Scouting

The Doxology — **AMEC Hymnal No. 647**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
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The Benediction — **The Reverend W. Antoni Sinkfield, Ph. D.**

CLOSING COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, November 20, 2026 | 11:00 am

The Rev. Jimmy J. Thompson | Worship Leader
Pro-tem, Eleventh Episcopal District Presiding Elders' Council

The Time of Gathering **Choir and Congregation**

The Doxology AMEC **Hymnal No. 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

The Call to Worship **Presiding Elder Vincent F. Mitchell**

Leader: Christ is waiting here for us.

People: To welcome us.

Leader: To show you the path of life.

People: To love us.

Leader: To hear our prayers.

People: To be present with us always.

Leader: Come and Worship

People: We are here to praise the Lord!

The Opening Hymn **Presiding Elder Dr. Patricia S. Wallace**

"To the Work" AMEC Hymnal No. 392

To the work! to the work! we are servants of God; Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew, Let us do with our might
what our hands find to do.

[Refrain:] Toiling on, toiling on, Toiling on, toiling on:
Let us hope, let us watch, And labor till the Master comes.

To the work! to the work! let the hungry be fed; To the fountain of life let the weary be led;
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be, While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

To the work! to the work! there is labor for all; For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;
And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be, In the loud-swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

To the work! to the work! in the strength of the Lord, And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward;
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be, And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!" [Refrain]

The Prayer of Invocation **Presiding Elder Dr. Carlton L. Taylor**

The Choral Response **"Zion is Calling Me"**

Zion is calling me to a higher place of praise;
To stand upon the mountain, And to magnify His name;
To tell all the people of every nation that He reigns;
Zion is calling me to a higher place of praise.

The Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38 **Presiding Elder Milton Broomfield**

The Worship Through Music **Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

The Offering for Expansion and Missions **Presiding Elder Ronald E. Williams, Sr.**

The Presentation of the Bishop **Presiding Elder Dr. Henry E. Green, Jr.**

The Worship Through Music **Eleventh Episcopal District MCAM**

The Word of God Proclaimed **Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II**
President, AMEC Council of Bishops
Resident Bishop, Eleventh Episcopal District - AMEC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Worship Through Giving **Presiding Elder Dr. David W. Green, Sr.**
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The Offertory Response

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THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Hymn of Commitment **Choir and Congregation**

"A Charge to Keep I Have" AMEC Hymnal No. 242

A Charge to keep I have, A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with watchful care, as in Thy sight to live,
and now Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely;
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. Amen

The Giving of Certificates

The Commissioning Prayer

The Commissioning Scripture **Matthew 28:16-20**

The Commissioning Hymn **Choir and Congregation**

"Go Preach My Gospel" AMEC Hymnal No. 220

"Go preach my gospel," saith the Lord. "Bid the whole earth my grace receive.
Explain to them my sacred word; Bid them believe, obey and live.

"I'll make my great commission known, and ye shall prove my gospel true
By all the works that I have done and all the wonders ye shall do.

"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go cast out devils in My name;
Nor let my prophets be afraid, Tho' some reproach and some blaspheme.

"While thus ye follow my commands I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted in my hands; I can destroy and can defend."

He spake, and light shone round His head, on a bright cloud to heaven He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread the grace of their ascended God.

(Tune by Thomas Dorsey, Tune by Thomas Hastings)

The Reading of Appointments **Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II**

The Closing Hymn **"God Be With You"**

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you, Until we meet, again.
God be with you, God be with you, God be with you, Until we meet, again.

The Closing Benediction **Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II**

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CALENDAR

"A Season Of Action"

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
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Day	Time	Event	Location
Nov 2026			
26th		Thanksgiving	
27th		Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders - Birthday	
Dec 2026			
3rd	7:00 PM	Connectional Lay Organization TNT	Zoom
4th-5th		Conn MSWAWO+PKs Retreat	Virtual
5th	11:00 AM	Florida Conference Day of Sharing	New Mount Zion AMEC Tallahassee Rev. Michael Bell, Jr., Pastor
6th	4:00 PM	East Conference Day of Sharing	Greater Grant Memorial AMEC, Jacksonville Rev. Octavius Smith, Pastor
11th-12th		Connectional Lay Organization Executive Board	Virtual
12th	11:00 AM	Central Conference Day of Sharing	Allen Chapel AMEC, Daytona Beach Rev. Eddie Lake-Pastor
12th	4:00 PM	West Coast Conference Day of Sharing	New Bethel AMEC, Lakeland Rev. Dr . Nathan Mugula, Pastor

Day	Time	Event	Location
13th	4:00 PM	South Conference Day of Sharing	Payne Chapel AMEC, West Palm Beach Rev. Odell Watson, Pastor
25th		Christmas Day	
26th		KWANZAA Begins	
		Jan 2027	
1st		New Year's Day	
8th-9th		11th Episcopal District Lay Executive Board	Staybridge Suites St. Petersburg, Florida
18th		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed	
		Feb 2027	
6th		Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II - Birthday	
8th		Founder's Day - African Methodist Episcopal Church	
10th		Ash Wednesday	
11th		Jarena Lee - Birthday (1783)	
12th	10:00 AM	Founder's Day Observance	Milne Auditorium Edward Waters University
12th-14th		40th Black Heritage Weekend	Edward Waters University Jacksonville
13th		Bishop Morris Brown - Birthday (1770)	
14th		Valentine's Day	

Day	Time	Event	Location
14th		Bishop Richard Allen - Birthday (1760)	
14th		The Honorable Frederick Douglas - Birthday (1818)	
24th		Bishop Daniel Payne - Birthday (1811)	
26th	6:00 PM	2027 UNCF/EWU Mayor's Masked Ball	Hyatt Regency - Riverfront Jacksonville
26th-27th		11th Episcopal District Lay Retreat	Virtual/Zoom

Mar 2027

5th		World Day of Prayer	
14th		Daylight Savings Time Begins	
17th -20th		11th Episcopal District Mortgage Burning and Mid-Year Convocation	Hyatt Regency - Riverfront Jacksonville
21st		Palm Sunday	
25th		Maundy Thursday	
26th		Good Friday	
28th		Easter Sunday	

Apr 2027

Day	Time	Event	Location
		May 2027	
6th		Ascension Day	
9th		Mother's Day	
31st		Memorial Day	
		Jun 2027	
		11th Episcopal District Lay Convention	Embassy Suites Tampa
17th		Remembering the Emanuel 9 (2015)	
18th		Juneteenth (observed)	
20th		Father's Day	
		Jul 2027	
7th-9th		YPD Quadrennial Meeting	Dallas, Texas
11th-14th		WMS Quadrennial Meeting	Dallas, Texas
TBD		11th Episcopal District Debutante and Masters Ceremony	
		11th Episcopal District Christian Education & Youth Leadership Congress	
		Aug 2027	
		Connectional Lay Biennial	Johannesburg, South Africa

Day	Time	Event	Location
21st		Florida Annual Conference YPD Convention	Bethel AMEC, Tallahassee Rev. Michael Price, I, Pastor
23th		Florida Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
24th		Florida Annual Conference WMS Convention	
25th-27th		162nd Session of the Florida Annual Conference	
		Sep 2027	
6th		Labor Day	
11th		Central Annual Conference YPD Convention	St. Mark AMEC - Orlando TBA - Pastor
13th		Central Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
14th		Central Annual Conference WMS Convention	
15th-17th		128th Session of the Central Annual Conference	
26th		South Annual Conference YPD Convention	Bethel AMEC, Miami Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher, Pastor
28th		South Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
29th		South Annual Conference WMS Convention	
29th-1st		137th Session of the South Annual Conference	

Day	Time	Event	Location
Oct 2027			
9th		West Coast Annual Conference YPD Convention	
11th		West Coast Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
12th		West Coast Annual Conference WMS Convention	
13th-15th		87th Session of the West Coast Annual Conference	Allen Temple AMEC, Tampa Rev. Dr. Glenn Dames, Pastor
24th		East Annual Conference YPD Convention	St. Paul AMEC, Jacksonville Rev. Dr. Willie N. Barnes, Jr., Pastor
26th		East Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
27th		East Annual Conference WMS Convention	
27th-29th		152nd Session of the East Annual Conference	
Nov 2027			
2nd		Election Day	
7th		Daylight Savings Time Ends	

Day	Time	Event	Location
4th-5th		88th Session of the Bahamas Annual Conference	Robinson Morris AMEC, Nassau Bahamas Rev. Howard Williamson, Pastor
6th		Bahamas Annual Conference YPD Convention	
17th-19th		11th Episcopal District Planning Convocation	Venue - TBD
25th		Thanksgiving	
27th		Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders - Birthday	

Dec 2027

4th	11:00 AM	Florida Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
5th	4:00 PM	East Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
11th	11:00 AM	Central Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
12th	4:00 PM	West Coast Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD
19th	4:00 PM	South Conference Day of Sharing	Venue - TBD

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