ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
of the
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

The Goal of Discipleship

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28: 18-20

July 23 - 26, 2012

Shingle Creek Resort
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Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. Presiding Prelate
Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas
Dr. Connie Speights Richardson, Episcopal Supervisor
Our Episcopal Leaders

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., Presiding Prelate
Dr. Connie Speights Richardson, Episcopal Supervisor
Supervisor Richardson and I are pleased to return to the place we both call “home.” We thank and praise God for the glorious privilege to serve the great people of the “Electrifying, Energized Eleventh Episcopal District.” While we have received the words of “welcome home” into the District we also extend a warm welcome to the component ministries of Christian Education and youths and young adults for what is expected to be an exciting time in fellowship, spiritual renewal, and learning. It is always refreshing to see the “seasoned saints” mingling with the youths, learning from one another and being energized by one another’s presence. This mix is a marvelous paradigm of Christian Education at its best.

From my earliest recollection of Christian Education in the Eleventh Episcopal District, back when it was called the Tri-State Convention, this Congress has stood the test of time for its relevance and strong sense of nurturing through fellowship and teaching. It was a special experience for youths who were fortunate to be a delegate representing their respective congregations; connecting with other young people from all over the length and breadth of the Episcopal District. Friendships were formed that have lasted for decades. It has evolved toward excellence and is the envy of many Episcopal Districts. It was my good fortune to have been a delegate from Betel AMEC West Tampa, to report that “a good time was had by all.”

We are extremely grateful to the team of people who consistently help to organize and implement one of the best youth and leadership congresses anywhere on the planet. Thus, we salute all of the component leaders as well as our dynamic and committed Christian Education director, the Reverend Joy L. Gallmon, Presiding Elders, Host Pastors and Office Staff for their combined logistical leadership. I am satisfied that this edition of the Congress aims to be comprehensive, creative, and calculated to reach, teach and inspire souls for Christ.

We are especially excited about the theme selected as the focus of our time together – *Fulfilling the Great Commission: the Goal of Discipleship.* As a result of intentional worship and study, we can expect to see signs of significant movement from “Membership to Discipleship” as we set out to do what Christ has called us to do as the church—“Make Disciples.”

In addition to a wonderful cadre of workshop facilitators, we are pleased to welcome three dynamic preachers to the Congress Pulpit. **Bishop Clement W. Fugh** is the presiding prelate of the 14<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District and **Bishop Reginald T. Jackson**, presiding prelate of the 20<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. While they are newly elected bishops, their service to church and community has been commendable, socially responsible and spiritually uplifting. We are also very pleased to “welcome home” the **Reverend William H. Lamar, IV** senior minister of the Turner Memorial AME Church, Hyattsville, MD. He is a much-traveled preacher, scholar, anointed teacher and innovative pastor. We are pleased to call him a “son of the Eleventh.”

Again Mrs. Richardson and I take immense pleasure in rejoining the Eleventh Episcopal District at this unique place of service and opportunity. We anticipate **THE FAVOR OF THE LORD** on all that we set out to do that will honor Him this week. Let the ministry of Discipleship begin!

Yours in Christian Education,

*Adam Jefferson and Connie S. Richardson*
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE
WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO:

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The Reverend James O. Williams, Sr.
The Reverend Hartford Lee
The Reverend Henry L. Postell, II
The Reverend Nathan Mugala
The Reverend Terence R. Gray, I
The Reverend Dr. Mark Crutcher

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Dr. Connie Speights Richardson, Supervisor ~ WMS/YPD, MSA, DMC

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Bishop Reverend Reginald T. Jackson
The Reverend Anthony B. Vinson, Connectional Director of MCAM
The Reverend Samuel Baker, Connectional Vice-Chair of the FCE
Ms. Hattie Saulsberry Connectional Director of Girl Scouting
Mrs. Gloria Massey Ward, Connectional DMC Administrator
Dr. James Abbington, Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship
at Candler School of Theology, Emory University
The Reverend H. William Lamar IV, Senior Pastor of
Turner Memorial AMEC, Hyattsville, MD
and Managing Director, Leadership Education at Duke University Divinity School

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The Mission and Purpose of the Church

The Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word and deed. At every level of the connection and in every local church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church shall engage in carrying out the spirit of the original Free African Society, out of which the A.M.E. Church evolved: that is, to seek out and save the lost, and serve the needy through a continuing program of (1) preaching the gospel, (2) feeding the hungry, (3) clothing the naked, (4) housing the homeless, (5) cheering the fallen, (6) providing jobs for the jobless, (7) administering to the needs of those in prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, asylums and mental institutions, senior citizens' homes; caring for the sick, the shut-in, the mentally and socially disturbed, and (8) encouraging thrift and economic advancement.

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Focus Statement: Christian Education is one of the basic tenets of African Methodism. Although Christian Education was not established as a connectional organization until 1936, it has been evident since the founding of our Zion, through Church School and institutions of higher education. The theme of the 2012 General Conference was “Exalting Christ to Impact the World.” “And I, when I am lifted from the earth, will draw all people to myself (John12:32 ESV).” As we begin a new quadrennium, we seek to refocus and retool, reminding ourselves of the foundations that have sustained us in exalting Christ, resulting in a worldwide impact. In order to expand and enhance that impact, we will also adapt and build on those foundations to “serve the present age.”

The theme for 2012 Christ Education Leadership Conference is Discipleship. The basic definition of a disciple is “one who follows.” Thus, discipleship is a process term, describing the process of “following.” In the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, discipleship is cast in the context of following Jesus, and all of the Christian Education ministries emphasize following Jesus in general and specific ways. Accordingly, the guiding questions for each of the workshops are: How does each ministry enact following Jesus in its particular context? Because any form of discipleship requires discipline and service, we must also ask how does each ministry work to systematically teach its members to follow Jesus? How does each ministry fit into the whole of the AME Church in its efforts to enact following Jesus? What are some suggestions for the local church as we seek to activate and/or invigorate these ministries on the local level.
The Connectional Christian Education Department has adopted DISCIPLE Bible Study Program as an opportunity to support the Connectional theme of Discipleship with a well-developed bible study program that is readily available. This series provides essential biblical support through the use of timeless Wesleyan methodology, in particular, the small group approach or traditionally called, class system. DISCIPLE Bible Study Program is an appropriate means to enable the principles and objectives of the Connectional theme.

DISCIPLE Bible Study Program leads congregations and its constituency through in-depth study of God’s Word facilitating spiritual growth and faith formation by covering the Bible two times in four years. In year one, DISCIPLE surveys the entire Bible while in years two, three, and four, selected one-third portions of the Bible are investigated.

DISCIPLE Bible Study Program consists of four interrelated studies entitled, BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY; INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD; REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE and UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE. BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the DISCIPLE Bible Study program. The three others may be taken in any sequence; however, it is being recommended that the series be imploded in the order of development as previously listed.

Proposed Connectional Implementation Plan for the 2012-2016 Quadrennium

It is recommended that DISCIPLE Bible Study Program be implemented from August 2012 through May 2016 using regular Bible Study time or other small group studies as the time for the model. The model would be implemented as follows:

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Wednesdays before Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter are excluded.

DISCIPLE kits are available for purchase at the CELC, or may be ordered from the Connectional Christian Education Department.
Our Guests

Bishop Reverend Clement W. Fugh, the 131st elected and consecrated bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church holds the B.B.A, from the University of Memphis Boston University School of Theology; D.Min., United Theological Seminary; additional study at Atlanta University, Payne Theological Seminary and Memphis Theological Seminary.

He is the former General Secretary and Chief Information Officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and served more than thirty years as Pastor to congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. He has contributed articles to Liberation and Unity, a COCU sponsored devotional, to the African American Devotional Bible, and to The Pastor's Manual for the Twenty-First Century. He served as Secretary to the Committee on Worship and Liturgy that gave to the AMEC the Bicentennial Hymnal and the Book of Worship; and has been involved in the revision and compilation of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church since 1980.

Bishop Fugh has been happily married to Alexia Butler Fugh for more than 34 years. They are the proud parents of two beautiful and talented adult children: Marcia Dionne Fugh-Joseph and Joseph Edward Fugh and son-in-law, Paul Stephen Joseph.

Bishop Reverend Reginald T. Jackson, the 132nd elected and consecrated bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is a native of Dover, Delaware. He is a graduate of Delaware State University with a Baccalaureate Degree in History, and the Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta Georgia with a Masters of Divinity degree. In 1981 he was assigned to the pastorate of St. Matthew AME Church, Orange, NJ. Under his ministry more than 2500 people have accepted Christ or joined the church. The church has more than thirty ministries that minister to the spiritual, emotional, educational, physical and financial needs of the church and community. Known as "the servant church of the Oranges,” its doors are opened seven days a week. It is a center of activity for both church and community.

Bishop Jackson served as the Executive Director of the Black Ministers' Council of New Jersey. As Executive Director of the BMC he has been outspoken on almost every major issue in the state. He is best known for his leadership in the fight against racial profiling and reform of the New Jersey State Police which resulted in New Jersey passing legislation and signed by the governor making racial profiling a crime.

Bishop also served on numerous boards. He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Essex County College; member and former president of the Board of Education of the Orange Public Schools; member of the Board of New Brunswick Theological Seminary; and a life member of the NAACP. Bishop Jackson is the husband of Christy Davis-Jackson, Esquire and the father of two children, Regina Victoria Jackson a graduate of Florida A&M University and son Seth Joshua Jackson.
Dr. James Abbington currently serves as Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He previously served as professor of music in the Department of Fine Arts at Morgan State University. Prior to his tenure in Baltimore he was Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC (1998 – 2003). He is also the Executive Editor of the African American Church Music Series published by GIA Publications, Inc. of Chicago and has served as co-director of the annual Hampton University Minister’s and Musicians’ Conference since 2000. Dr. Abbington is a former member of the Executive Committee of the HYMN Society in the United States and Canada, as well as a member of the Grants Advisory Board for the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, funded by the Lily Endowment.

Dr. Abbington is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music and was a student of the late Dr. Wendell P. Whalun and Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson. He earned the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts Degrees in Church Music and Organ from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where he was a student of Marilyn Mason.

The Reverend William H. Lamar IV is the pastor of Turner Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, Maryland, and managing Director of Leadership education at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. Rev. Lamar has served congregations in Monticello, Orlando, and Jacksonville Florida. His pastoral ministry strengthened disciples and communities through numerical and financial growth, property acquisition, and ministry development. Through his association with Duke, Rev. Lamar convened and resourced executive pastors of large churches, denominational financial executives, young denominational leaders, Methodist bishops, and the constituency of Lilly Endowment’s Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Programs.

William H. Lamar IV was ordained an itinerant elder in 2000 at the Florida Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a 1996 magna cum laude graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University having earned a degree in Public Management with a minor in Philosophy and Religion and a certificate in Human Resource Management. Rev. Lamar earned the Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, in 1999. He has published articles in the Washington Post, Christian Century, The Anvil, and Divinity Magazine. He was featured on The Takeaway, a syndicated National Public Radio Show earlier this year.

William is the husband of Dr. Courtney Smith Lamar, Associate Professor of Computer Science at Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland.
Christian Education Leadership Congress
Code of Conduct

1. Delegates are to attend all required activities, sign an attendance sheet and do an evaluation.

2. Noise is to be kept to a minimum at all times, including music and talking. Always keep in mind that other guests are in the hotel. Use an earphone while listing to music. Special *Note: Boom Boxes and other loud audio equipment are not permitted at the Congress.

3. Delegates will not engage in any activity that will bring discredit to him or herself or their Church. Therefore, sexual activity, outside guests, illegal substances, alcohol use, possession or use of a dangerous weapon, smoking and profanity are strictly prohibited. The penalty for an infraction of this rule will be immediate expulsion from the congress and possible exclusion from the next year’s (future) Congress(es).

4. The open door policy is in effect at all times for your Chaperones. No unsupervised room visitation by members of the opposite sex.

5. Delegates are required to proceed to assigned floors and be in the room by 12:00 midnight. Post-curfew parties are prohibited. Curfew violation which result from being off-site of the Congress site will result in immediate expulsion from the Congress.

6. Delegates are expected to adhere to all rules and directions given by Chaperones, Missionaries, Ministers, Sons of Allen and Official Staff Members who can be identified at all times. Delegates must treat ALL adults with respect and courtesy - this includes hotel employees and other hotel guests. Instances of repeated displays of discourtesy, disrespect or conduct unbecoming the image of the AME Church will result in disciplinary action. This rule includes, but is not limited to use of language (verbal or body), behavior in restaurants and shops.

7. Delegates must wear identification badges (Congress ID badges) at all times.

8. No Cell phones / communication devices during Worship and Sessions, this includes text messaging.

NOTE: Please refrain from and delete from your wardrobe for this religious congress the following:
- Short Shorts or skirts (must be worn to the knee)
- Biking Pants
- Tank tops, Halters, Crop tops (midriff tops), Tube tops - no exposed belly button
- Droop pants/Sagging
- Hats indoors
- Special Note: No excessive jewelry (“Bling-Bling”)
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Schedule of Activities

Monday, July 23, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration: Sebastian Registration Desk
~ General
~ Fun Run Walk MSA Table
District Office Sebastian I 1
CED Director’s Office Sebastian L 1
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Presiding Elders meet with the Bishop Wekiwa 2
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Music Cabinet meeting Sebastian L 3
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. MSA District Officers Wekiwa 7-8
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Youth Ushers Rehearsal ~ Rev. Arnold Porter Uniform: black bottoms/white tops Sebastian Ballroom J-K
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Sebastian Ballroom J-K
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The District Board of Examiners meets with the Bishop Wekiwa 3-4
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sons of Allen Meeting ~ Rev. Kenneth F. Irby Suwannee 13-14
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Minister Spouses’ Alliance Wekiwa 7-8
MSA Reception Wekiwa 9-10
4:00 p.m. Hall Monitors Meeting ~ Rev. Ron Rawls Bro. Faheem S. Rasheed Suwannee 13-14
6:00 p.m. Worship Participants Gathering Sebastian I 2
Rev. Kennetta Carter, Processional Marshall
6:15 p.m. African Methodist Episcopal Church Scouting Flag Preamble Sebastian J-K
6:30 p.m. Opening Worship and Holy Communion Sebastian J-K
The Right Reverend Clement W. Fugh, Presiding Prelate
14th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church
Tuesday, July 24, 2012

6:00 a.m.  Morning Exercise ~ Losing to Win  
*Rev. Charles Graham & Rev. Charles Cloy*
   Wekiwa 6

7:45 a.m.  WMS Executive Board Breakfast  
   Wekiwa 1

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Morning Prayers *Evangelism Team*
   Sebastian J-K
   Logistics

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Registration:  
   ~ General  
   ~ District Office  
   ~ CED Director’s Office
   Sebastian Registration Desk  
   Sebastian I 1  
   Sebastian L 1

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Continuing Education: Disciple Bible Study and Discipleship  
   *The Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Sr. Minister of Turner Memorial AMEC, Hyattsville, MD and Managing Director, Leadership Education at Duke University Divinity School*
   Sebastian J-K  
   
   Operation Multiplication: Evangelism Workshop  
   Suwannee 11-12  
   Clergy attending this workshop series will receive a CE Certificate  
   Music Institute,  (*see page 16*)  
   Sebastian L 3

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Women’s Missionary Society Meeting ~ *Harriet Brown Birk, Esq.*  
   Sebastian I 2-3  
   Dorothy Adams Peck Leadership Institute (Emerging Leaders Only)  
   *Dr. Brenda Simmons, Ph.D*
   Suwannee 13

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Seminar I  (*see pages 13-16*)  

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Krunk Prayer Service  
   Sebastian J-K

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Continuing Education: Disciple Bible Study and Discipleship  
   *The Rev. William H. Lamar IV*  
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2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  YPD Officers and Directors  
   Sebastian I 2-3

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Seminar II,  (*see pages 13-16*)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Youth Choir Rehearsal  
   Sebastian J-K

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Presiding Elders meet with the Bishop  
   Wekiwa 2

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Youth Usher Rehearsal ~ *Rev. Arnold Porter*  
   *Uniform: black bottoms/white tops*  
   Sebastian J-K
Wednesday, July 25, 2012

6:30 a.m. Fun Run/Walk Courtyard
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration:
~ General Sebastian Registration Desk
~ District Office Sebastian I 1
~ CED Director’s Office Sebastian L 1
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. SOA Youth Tournament Time Courts
Basketball
Volley Ball
Tennis
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Music Institute (see page 16) Sebastian L 3
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presiding Elders meet with the Bishop Wekiwa 2
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. World Café
Music and Arts Bro. James Robbins Sebastian L3
SOA The Rev. Kenneth F. Irby Sebastian L 2
FCE The Rev. Keturah Pittman Sebastian L 4
Writers Guild The Rev. Dr. Marsha Owens Wekiwa 3-4
Scouts Bro. Art Williams Sebastian I 2
YA Ministries The Rev. Odell Watson Wekiwa 7-8
DMC Sis. Sharon Sheffield Wekiwa 9-10
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Organization /Component Meeting
WMS Executive Board Meeting Suwannee 11
Board of Examiners Suwannee 12
Evangelism Suwannee 13
Women In Ministry Suwannee 14
Lay Organization Suwannee 15
Conference Trustees
Florida Wekiwa 1 West Coast Wekiwa 5
Central Wekiwa 3 East Wekiwa 6
South Wekiwa 4 Bahamas Wekiwa 7

Thursday, July 26, 2012

10:00 a.m. Closing Prayer and Commitment Service Sebastian J-K
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.
Presiding Prelate, Florida and The Commonwealth of the Bahamas
Youth Seminars I and II  
Tuesday, 9:30 am – 11:00 am and 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Only  
Age guidelines: 13-18

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Instructors:

The Rev. Kennetta Carter & the Rev. Wendell Webster, Wekiwa 4  
The Rev. Freddie Tellis & the Rev. Phyllis Brown, Wekiwa 8  
The Rev. Michael Clark & the Rev. Haywood Davidson, Wekiwa 9  
The Rev. Michael Price & the Rev. Veronica Brown, Wekiwa 10

Young Adult Seminars  Sebastian I4
Age guidelines: 18 year old high school graduates – 26 years of age

Tuesday Morning Only 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Young Adult Initiatives as Discipleship  
This workshop will focus on how Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC)/Allen Christian Fellowship (ACF) and other young adult initiatives may be revitalized, refocused, and reinvented in the 11th Episcopal District to disciple young adults.

Instructor: The Rev. Odell Watson

Tuesday Afternoon Only 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

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Instructor: The Rev. Lateria Watson
Adult Schedule

Operation Multiplication  Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 2:00pm – 4:00pm  Suwannee 11-12
This seminar is designed to teach individuals and teams to Disciple individuals who have responded to a move of God and entered into a personal relationship with him. This seminar will share information about helping individuals navigate through a call to joy, a call to growth while developing daily quite time with God. This seminar will also share information as to how individuals can learn to share their faith while they are developing a stronger relationship with Christ and connection and involvement with their ministry.
Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Mark Crutcher

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Only

Music and Christian Arts Ministry (MCAM) as Discipleship  Sebastian L 4
This workshop will explore traditional and innovative ways to employ the MCAM in the process of discipleship.

The mission of MCAM is “to educate, elevate and expand the understanding and use of the arts in worship. Through workshops, teaching, training and example it is our goal to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry through music and the arts!”
Instructor: The Rev. Anthony B. Vinson, Connectional Director of MCAM
Convener: The Rev. Kevin Desire

Fellowship of Church Educators  Panzacola H 1
This workshop will explore ways in which members of the Fellowship of Church Educators can assist in the development of Christian disciples.

Persons are called, converted and committed to the educational ministry of the church under the mandate given by Jesus when he commanded His disciples, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." To achieve this end, educators who are involved in missions education, discipleship training, Bible teaching, and other instructional programs join together to share ideas, insights, and information, develop appropriate resources, and learn new strategies. In doing this, the vision of our Founders is embraced by reclaiming the importance of the teaching ministry and by encouraging congregations to become centers of learning. The Fellowship of Church Educators will: provide a forum for presenting ideas explore church education trends improve curriculum support Connectional Christian Education projects and programs
Instructor: The Rev. Samuel Baker, Connectional Vice-Chair of the FCE
Convener: The Rev. Keturah Pittman

Association of African Methodist Episcopal Boy Scouts as Discipleship  Sebastian L 2
This workshop will fill in the gaps about scouting in the AME Church while also offer ideas on how scouting may be used as a tool for discipleship. In this workshop you will hear testimonial of scouting leaders and share insights about successful scouting endeavors. Come and learn how to impact your local church and community through the tried and true principles of scouting and it's African roots.

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Instructor: Art Williams SOA Boy Scout Coordinator
Herman Floyd, Boy Scout Troup Leader
Adult Schedule
Tuesday Seminar, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Association of African Methodist Episcopal Girl Scouts as Discipleship
Sebastian L 2
This workshop will fill in the gaps about scouting in the AME Church while also offer ideas on how scouting may be used as a tool for discipleship. In this workshop you will hear testimonial of scouting leaders and share insights about successful scouting endeavors. Come and learn how to impact your local church and community through the tried and true principles of scouting.

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Instructor: Mrs. Hattie Saulsberry Connectional Director of Girl Scouting
Convener: The Rev. Bettye Watson

Sons of Allen as Discipleship
Sebastian L 4
Come to this workshop to see how to become involved in discipling men through activating a Sons of Allen Chapter in your local church, or becoming involved on the District, Episcopal District and Connectional levels. Look around and see the men in burgundy and gray. They are visible at CELC because they volunteer to serve as security to keep us safe. However, they do sooooo much more!

The Sons of Allen Ministry, the official Men's Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church fosters an atmosphere where men are inspired through worship, study and prayer to have fellowship and relationship with God and their fellowmen. The Sons of Allen will build men as providers, protectors, producers, and priests for their families and the community of the faithful.

The Sons of Allen Ministry seeks to galvanize the latent power of men for the worship of God and service to God's people equipping them through the vital, vibrant, spiritual, and social message of God and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Instructor: The Rev. Kenneth Irby, Episcopal SOA President

Christian Debutante-Masters Commission (CDMC) as Discipleship
Panzacola H 1
This workshop will explore traditional and innovative ways the CDMC process can develop strong Christian disciples.

The Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Commission (CDMC) introduces young people to Christian society and celebrates their transition to adulthood. Through its adult advisors, the CDMC reinforces the work of Christian education by providing guidance and information for relevant study and fieldwork activities. Young people participating in the CDMC have an opportunity to receive regular and special study programs for personal Christian development and creative leadership in the A.M.E. Church.

Instructor: Mrs. Gloria Massey Ward, Connectional DMC Administrator
Convener: Mrs. Sharon Sheffield
Music Institute 2012
Building a Stronger Musical Tomorrow

Tuesday, July 24, 2012
9:00-11:00am Dr. Abbington – Musical Heritage
2:00-4:00pm MCAM Highlights with the Rev. Anthony Vinson

Wednesday, July 25, 2012
9:00-11:00 am Youth Emphasis MCAM

Continuing Education
Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Session I  9:00 am – 11:00am
Session II  2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Cost of Discipleship
The purpose of this seminar is to analyze the Cost of Discipleship in the Lives of Bishop Richard Allen, the Reverend Jerena Lee, Bishop H. McNeil Turner, Bishop Morris Brown, Deaconess Rosa Parks, in view of Dietrich Bonheoffer’s seminal text, The Cost of Discipleship. How did these persons risk their faith in God in the light of the cultural crisis of their generation? How are we to confront cultural situations in conflict with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our own existential situation? What does it mean to be a Disciple in the African Methodist Episcopal Church as we approach the 200th Anniversary of the conception of our Denomination in America?

Instructor: The Reverend William H. Lamar, IV
Convener: The Rev. Waymon Dixon
The Opening Worship Experience  
Monday, July 23, 2012– 6:30 P.M.  
The Reverend John L. Bodison, Worship Leader

The Organ Prelude

*The Great Procession

God of Grace and God of Glory AMEC Hymn No. 62
God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power.  
Crown Thine ancient church’s story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil ’round us, Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children’s warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, Gird our lives that they may be,  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, In the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee,  
That we fail not man nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation, To the evils we deplore.  
Let the search for Thy salvation, Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee Whom we adore,  
Serving Thee Whom we adore.

*The Doxology

Tune Old Hundredth AMEC Hymn No. 647
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

Leader: We are called to respond to the Shepherd’s voice, to go out into the world, to find the scattered sheep.  
People: Bring them in.

Leader: We are called to go into the deserts, dark and drear, to find those who may be lost, or who have gone astray.  
People: Bring them in.

Leader: We are called to the highest mountain, to the lowest valley, to the uttermost parts of the earth, to find those who are seeking something, but do not know that they are seeking you;  
People: Bring them in.
Leader: We are called to go beyond the four walls of our respective sanctuaries, outside our comfort zones into rough and uncomfortable places to find the scattered sheep; sheep who may not be like us;

People: Bring them in.

Leader: We are called as disciples to make new disciples, teaching them what the shepherd has taught us.

ALL: Bring them in because the Shepherd is with us, always, even to the end of the earth.

(Written by Rev. Dr. A. Nevell Owens)

*The Opening Hymn

**The Reverend James O. Williams, Sr.**

Hark! Tis the Shepherd’s Voice I Hear AMEC Hymn # 236

Hark! ’tis the Shepherd’s voice I hear, Out in the desert dark and drear,
Calling the sheep who’ve gone astray Far from the Shepherd’s fold away.

Who’ll go and help this Shepherd kind, Help Him the wand’ring ones to find?
Who’ll bring the lost ones to the fold, Where they’ll be sheltered from the cold?

Out in the desert hear their cry, Out on the mountains wild and high;
Hark! ’tis the Master speaks to thee, “Go find My sheep where’er they be.”

Refrain

Bring them in, bring them in, Bring them in from the fields of sin;
Bring them in, bring them in, Bring the wand’ring ones to Jesus.

The Collect

**The Reverend Joy L. Gallmon**

Gracious God, through your Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, you are calling us to a new beginning, to embrace the goal of discipleship. You are asking us to bring in the lost sheep. Because You have assured us that you are with us, even to the end of ages, we can go out, spread the good news, and make disciples of others. You claimed us as Your children when we were baptized, and we affirm our acceptance of you by striving to lovingly lift you up to the world. And you, when you are lifted up, will draw all people unto you. We surrender our wills, our desires, and our very lives to You, the Good Shepherd. We commit ourselves to finding the lost sheep, to look for those who have gone astray. We commit ourselves to the goal of discipleship: to pray, to study, to worship, to serve, and to invite others to a life with the Good Shepherd. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. And together, we say Amen.

(Written by Rev. Dr. Marcia Allen Owens)

The Evening Prayer

**The Reverend Henry E. Green, Jr.**

The Choral Response

**Choir and Congregation**

I Can Hear My Savior Calling AMEC Hymn No. 235

Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way. Amen.

The Anthem /Spiritual

**The Eleventh District Congress Choir**

The Holy Scripture Lessons

**Old Testament** Isaiah 61:1-7

**Epistle** Ephesians 4:1-11

***Gospel** St. Matthew 28:18-20

All scriptures from NRSV

**The Reverend Jimmie B. Keel**

**The Reverend James H. Davis**

**The Reverend Vincent F. Mitchell**
*The Preface Hymn to the Decalogue

From All That Dwell AMEC Hymn No. 69

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land and every tongue.

*The Decalogue and Summary

Leader: Hear the Commandments of GOD to GOD’s people: I am the LORD your GOD, who brought you out of bondage; you shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any idol. You shall not invoke with malice the name of the LORD your GOD. Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Honor your father and mother. You shall not commit murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not be a false witness. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: LORD, have mercy upon us, and write these Laws upon our hearts.

Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee! E’en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee; nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Leader: Hear what Christ our Savior says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it; you shall love your neighbor as you love yourself. On these two Commandments depends all the Law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri AMEC Hymn No #626

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

(Henry W. Greatorex)

The Offering for Missions

The Finance Committee

*The Offertory Response AMEC Hymn No 646 Choir and Congregation

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone A Trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

The Ministry of Music

The Eleventh District Congress Choir

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Reverend F. Bernard Lemon

The Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.

*The Sermonic Hymn

Amazing Grace AMEC Hymn No # 226

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below, Will be forever mine.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

The Sermon

Bishop Clement W. Fugh
14th Episcopal District
Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin
African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Invitation to Receive Christ

The Reverend Dr. Ranford Patterson

Since Jesus came Into My Heart AAHH #499
What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain
Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.
I have ceased from my wandering and going astray, since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away, since Jesus came into my heart!

I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know, since Jesus came into my heart!
And I’m happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart.

The Offering

The Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
The Finance Committee

*The Offertory

Choir and Congregation

Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One with another,
So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

Then will Your blessing Reach every people,
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where all obey You, No one will hunger;
In Your love’s sway You Nourish the land.

The Announcements

The Reverend Dr. Cedric Cuthbert
The Communion Hymn

**Down at the Cross AMEC Hymn No. 243**

The Reverend Mary W. Robinson

Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior’s feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His Name!

Refrain

Glory to His Name, glory to His Name:
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

The Solicitation

The Reverend Howard Williamson

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor,
and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth
in God’s holy ways, draw near with faith and take the holy sacrament to your comfort, and make
your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly bowing or kneeling (as able).

The General Confession

The Reverend Henry Postell, II

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we
acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most
grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty, provoking
most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry
for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ's Sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you
in nowness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Collect

The Reverend John L. Bodison

The Second Collect

The Reverend Tony D. Hansberry

The Prayer of Adoration

The Reverend Jerome L. Denmark

The Prayer of Humiliation

The Reverend Terence R. Gray, I

The Prayer of Consecration

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.

The Sharing of the Elements

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, keep you unto everlasting life.
The blood of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, keep you unto everlasting life.

The LORD’s Prayer
The Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Reverend Dr. Mark Crutcher  

God of grace, we give You praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn of Fellowship  
The Reverend John D. Williams  

*What A fellowship, What A joy Divine AMEC Hymn No. 525* 

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.  

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms!  

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.  

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*The Doxology*  
Choir and Congregation  

*Tune: Contemporary*  

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*  
Bishop Clement W. Fugh  

*The Recessional*  
Choir and Congregation  

*Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart AMEC Hymn No. 8*  

Rejoice ye pure in heart; Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  

Bright youth and snow crowned age, Strong men and maidens meek,  
Raise high your free, exulting song, God’s wondrous praises speak.  

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints of earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.  

Yes, on through life’s long path, Still Chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.  

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their Father’s house, Jerusalem the blest.  

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  

Refrain  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice, Give thanks and sing.

The Postlude  
Choir and Congregation  

*Please stand as able*
A Service of Episcopal Investiture
Tuesday, July 24, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
The Reverend Henry E. Green, Jr., Presiding

The Doxology
Choir and Congregation

The Greetings and Opening Prayer
The Reverend Dr. Marcia Allen Owens

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal God, by Your grace You have set us together in Your Church, Whose foundation is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant Your continuing grace, we pray, to all who exercise leadership in Your Church, that they may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill their various ministries; and grant that we, Your people, may follow them where You lead and minister faithfully in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn
The Reverend Nathan Mugala

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name AMECH #5
All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall;
Go spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

The Prayer of Intercession
The Reverend Howard Williamson

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of the faithful, look with favor on Your servant, Bishop Richardson, whom Your church has elected and appointed bishop and chief pastor of the Eleventh Episcopal District. Grant that by word and example, he may assist those among whom he is placed, so that he and the people entrusted to his care may fulfill the promises that they have made this day; grow together in unity, love, and service; and at last attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson from the Sacred Scriptures
All scriptures from NRSV

Hebrew Scriptures
Ezekiel 34:11-16
The Reverend Tony D. Hansberry

The Epistle
Titus 1:7-9
Ms. Janis A. Luke

The Gospel
John 21:15-17
The Reverend Terence R. Gray

The Selection
The Eleventh District Congress Choir

The Curriculum Vitae of the Bishop
The Presentation of the Presiding Bishop

The Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., you have been consecrated to be a shepherd and servant, and you have now been assigned as Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

I, Marvin C. Zanders, II, delegate of the East Annual Conference and a member of the Episcopal Committee, do certify that Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson was officially assigned by the Episcopal Committee and the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the Eleventh District which comprises Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

I, therefore, present to this congregation Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. to be welcomed to the Eleventh Episcopal District to which he has been assigned.

The Special Presentations to Bishop and Mrs. Richardson

The Covenant Service

Presiding Elder Dr. James L. Byrd (Ret)
The church is the community of those called by God, justified by grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We who are baptized into Christ’s death and raised with Christ in the Resurrection and are living members of the body of Christ who return thanksgiving to God in ministries of worship, nurture, witness, and service.

Presiding Elder Elizabeth E. Yates
A bishop has been consecrated to the ministry of Word and Sacrament; and to represent Christ’s servant-hood and consecrated in a special ministry of oversight.

Presiding Elder Dr. James M. Proctor (Ret)
A bishop is called to guard the faith, to seek the unity, and to exercise the discipline of the whole Church; and to supervise and support the Church’s life, work, and mission throughout the world.

Dr. Dorothy Adams Peck
As a servant of the whole Church, the bishop is called to preach and teach the truth of the gospel to all God’s people; to lead the people in worship, in the celebration of the Sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world, and so participate in the gospel command to make disciples of all nations.

The Rev. Dr. Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
The bishop is to lead and guide all persons entrusted to his supervision, join in the consecration of bishops, ordain deacons and elders, and commission other ministers for service to the Church and to the world.

The Reverend Kenneth F. Irby
The Bishop is to provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the congregations committed to his care and exercise ministries of liberation and justice in the spirit of Richard Allen, our revered founder. Let the shepherd who has been called now affirm these ministries in our midst.

Bishop: With God’s help,
I promise faithfully to hear and to proclaim God’s Word, and rightly administer the Sacraments, as your pastor and servant.

People: With God’s help,
We promise to join with you in the life of praise and thanksgiving, and in the faithful use of the means of grace that God has given us.
Bishop: By the grace of Christ,
   I promise to be among you as a teacher of the faith, a pastor of souls, and a means to the unity of the
   Body of Christ.

People: By the grace of Christ,
   We join with you in the life of learning, in the nurturing of God’s people, and in seeking of that
   oneness in Christ which is Christ’s gift to us.

Bishop: In the power of the Holy Spirit,
   I promise to be for you a means of reconciliation and healing, that all those who are burdened or
   oppressed may be made whole and able to rejoice in the new life in Jesus Christ.

People: In the power of the Holy Spirit,
   We promise to be, with you, faithful witnesses, serving justice, showing mercy, and in all things
   proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord.

People: Amen and amen!

Presentation of Signs of Episcopal Ministry
(Representatives of the people of God present signs of the Episcopal office to the bishop.
As each is received, the bishop responds, “Amen,” and places it on a table)

The Reverend Mark L. Griffin
Bishop Richardson, receive this PASTORAL STAFF, and be upheld and sustained by Christ, the Good
Shepherd, as you exercise the ministry of a shepherd among us, in Christ’s name.

The Reverend Bettye J. Watson
Bishop Richardson, receive this BIBLE, and fearlessly proclaim the prophetic Word in the cause of justice
and peace for all people.

Mr. Tyrone Presley
Bishop Richardson, receive this WATER, and be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours.

Ms. Sanjena Clay and Mr. Jamarien Moore
Bishop Richardson, receive this TOWEL and BASIN, and be among us as one who serves.

Mrs. Harriet Brown Birk
Bishop Richardson, receive this STOLE with the emblem of the cross and the anvil, and be our pastor,
preacher, and teacher; encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, and pray for
them without ceasing.

Mr. Charlie Nichols
Bishop Richardson, receive this BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, guard our faith, seek the unity, exercise the
discipline of the whole Church, and supervise the Church’s life, work, and mission throughout the world.

Presiding Elder John L. Bodison
Bishop Richardson, receive this GAVEL, and preside in our Annual Conferences. Appoint elders and
deacons and assign ministers to their ministries, and guide us in our common mission of love and justice,
witness and service.
Presiding Elder Ralph L. Wilson (Ret)
Bishop Richardson, these are the signs of your ministry among the people of the Eleventh District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory.

Bishop: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I gladly assume, with you and among you, this ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order, of pastoral supervision, government, and service, strengthened by the love of God and the remembrance of my consecration to the Episcopacy, I am resolved to serve faithfully and well the congregation and the people of the Eleventh Episcopal District as bishop, pastor, and friend.

People: On behalf of our congregations and people, we receive you, Bishop Richardson, with joy and thanksgiving, as our bishop and pastor. We pledge to you our prayers, our loyalty, and our support as you lead us in the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us all.

The Introduction of the Preacher
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.

*The Hymn of Preparation
Presiding Elder LeRoy Kennon (Ret)

Jesus, Great Shepherd of the Sheep AMECH #312 Tune: Arlington
Jesus, great Shepherd of the sheep, To Thee for help we fly;
Thy little flock in safety keep, For O, the wolf is nigh!
He comes, of hellish malice full, to scatter, tear, and slay;
He seizes every struggling soul as his own lawful prey.
Us into Thy protection take, and gather with Thine arm;
Unless the fold we first forsake, the wolf can never harm.
We laugh to scorn his cruel power while by our Shepherd’s side;
The sheep he never can devour unless he first divide.
O do not suffer him to part the souls that here agree;
But make us of one mind and heart, and keep us one in Thee.
Together let us sweetly live, together let us die,
And each a starry crown receive, And reign above the sky. Amen.

The Sermon
Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson
20th Episcopal District and Ecumenical Officer
Malawi and Zimbabwe
African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Invitation to Discipleship
The Reverend Odell Watson

We Offer Christ To You AAHH #355
We offer Christ to you, oh, my brother (sister). We offer Christ to you, oh, my sister.
He will give you brand new life, through life abundantly;
Oh come, come on to Christ. (Joel Britton)
The Offering
Episcopal District Finance Committee
All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

The Remarks
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.
Dr. Connie Speights Richardson

The Doxology
Tune: Contemporary
Choir and Congregation
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 Sending Forth
Bishop Reginald T. Jackson
Go into the world in peace, have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor and respect everyone;
love and serve God by serving others, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Closing Commitment Service
Thursday, July 26, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. A. Nevell Owens
Christian Education Department Dean of Ministries
The Organ Prelude

The Doxology

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 James Givins
South Conference Director of Christian Education

Leader: We are a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. We have Holy Ghost Power. The die has been cast; We have stepped over the line. The decision has been made: we are disciples of Jesus Christ! We won’t look back, let up, slowdown, back up or be still!

People: Our past is redeemed. Our present makes sense. Our future is secure. We are finished and done with low-living, sight-walking, small-planning, colorless-dreaming, mundane-talking, cheap living, cloudy visions and dwarfed goals!

Leader: We no longer need preeminence, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. We do not have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. We now live by faith, lean on the Lord, run with patience, lifted by prayer and labor by Holy Ghost power!

People: Our faces are set. Our focus is fixed. Our goal is heaven. Our road is narrow. Our way is rough. Our guide is reliable, Our mission is clear. We cannot be bought, lured, tempted, ignored, detoured, deluded or delayed.

Leader: We will not flinch in the ace of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity!

People: We won’t give up. Shut up or let up until we have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up and worked up for the cause of Christ! We are disciples of Jesus Christ. We must go till He comes, teach till all know and work till the end. And when Jesus comes, He will have no problem recognizing us, because He will remember that we were the ones He empowered to make a difference!

*Please stand as able
**The Hymn of Praise**  
*The Reverend Dr. James R. Gibbs, Jr.*  
*Florida Conference Director of Christian Education*

*A Charge To Keep I Have  A.M.E. Hymn 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 jealous care, As in Thy sight to live;  
And O 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 for ever die.

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**The Prayer**  
*The Reverend Dr. Ranford Patterson*  
*Bahamas Conference Director of Christian Education*

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**The Choral Response**  
*The Eleventh District Congress Choir*

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**The Scripture Lesson**  
*Mathew 28:18-20*  
*The Reverend Michael Price*  
*West Coast Conference Director of Christian Education*

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**The Presentation of the Bishop**  
*The Reverend Kennetta Carter*  
*East Conference Director of Christian Education*

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**The Sermonic Selection**  
*The Eleventh District Congress Choir*

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**The Sermon**  
*Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.*

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**The Invitation to Discipleship**  
*The Reverend Nathan Mugala*  
*Central Conference Director of Christian Education*

*Lord I Want to Be A Christian AMEC Hymn No. 282*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
The Offering  
The Reverend Marvin C. Zanders
and the Episcopal District Finance Committee

The Remarks/Acknowledgments  
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.

The Doxology  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Hymn No. 647

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
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*The Benediction*  
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.
2012 Annual Conference Calendar

147th Session of the Florida Annual Conference
August 11-17, 2012
Mt. Zion AME Church – Havana (Host Church)
223 Mt. Zion Church Rd.
Havana, FL 32333
(850) 539-5509
The Rev. Freddie Tellis, Host Pastor
The Rev. Mary Robinson, Host Presiding Elder
Rev. Dr. Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
(Host-Site Pastor)

72nd Session of the West Coast Annual Conference
October 6-12, 2012
Greater Mt. Zion AME Church
1045 16th Street
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 894-1393
The Rev. Clarence Williams– Host Pastor
The Rev. Jerome L. Denmark –
Host Presiding Elder

113th Session of the Central Annual Conference
September 8-14, 2012
Allen Chapel AME Church
580 George W. Ingram Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(386) 255 - 1195
The Rev. Nathan Mugala, Host Pastor
The Rev. James O. Williams –
Host Presiding Elder

137th Session of the East Annual Conference
October 20-26, 2012
Wayman AME Church
(Spirit of Life Worship Center)
1176 LaBelle St.
Jacksonville, FL 32205
(904) 693 – 1503
The Rev. Mark L. Griffin, Host Pastor
The Rev. Jimmie B. Keel, Host Presiding Elder

122nd Session of the South Annual Conference
September 22-28, 2012
Greater Bethel AME Church
405 NW Esther Rolle Ave.
Pompano Beach, FL 33061
(954) 943 6220
The Rev. Eddy Moise – Host Pastor
Rev. John L. Bodison – Host Presiding Elder

73rd Session of the Bahamas Annual Conference
October 30-November 4, 2012
Robinson-Morris AME Church
Nassau, Bahamas
The Rev. Howard Williamson, Host Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Ranford Patterson,
Host Presiding Elder

Post Conference Planning Mtg.
November 15-17, 2012
TBA