

Eleventh Episcopal District **LAY ORGANIZATION** Executive Board Meeting

GOD is Gr8! **And Greatly To Be Praised!**



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President #8

January 5-6, 2024

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Mrs. Marlaa Hall Reid - Episcopal Supervisor

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You are invited...

January 5-6, 2024

Eleventh Episcopal District Executive Board Meeting

FRIDAY - JANUARY 5, 2024

7:00 P.M. EST

Worship Experience

Join us Virtually on Friday 6:45

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89426408469?pwd=bFJCcEVFUmFzWWdTMS8xU0QzMGCvQT09>

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SATURDAY - JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00 A.M. EST - 12:30 P.M. EST

SAME ZOOM LINK

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Business of the Lay Organization

Officer Reports

Teaching and Learning

Eleventh Episcopal District Executive Board Worship Experience

Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Patricia Wallace

Presiding Elder - Tampa District

CALL FOR THE ELDERS

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

THE DOXOLOGY..... 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 CALL TO WORSHIP.....Presiding Elder Rev. Henry Postell
North Orlando District

We are gathered to hear of God's goodness

May our mouths speak of God's love,

We come to lift God's voice.

May our ears hear God's truth.

We come to praise God's works.

May our hands celebrate God's power.

We are here to hear of God's goodness, we are gathered.

(Taken from The Anvil 2019-2020 Resource Guide)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....Bro. Garian Cason
East Conference

THE LAYMEN'S SONG

(Tune, Zion: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah)

(1)

Laymen now have thus assembled in Thy Blessed name, O God,

Guide us in Thy true endeavor, light the pathway that we trod.

Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause,

Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.

(2)

We are banded one in union, to fulfill Thy just command

May we be Thy true disciples, holding to Thy mighty hand;

Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love,

Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.

(3)

As we walk this Christian journey, Let us keep our armour bright.

Let our works be pure and holy that we stand within Thy sight;

Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love,

Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.

(4)

May we stand before Thine Altar, pledging Lord to work for Thee.

In the vineyard, in the pastures, Let us, Lord, Thy Pilgrims be.

Let us lift the cross forever to the skies,

Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.

THE INVOCATION.....Presiding Elder Rev. Willie J. Cook, Jr.
North District

THE MUSICAL SELECTION.....James Gear & Co. w/ Maurette Brown Clark
"I Wanna Say Thank You"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Presiding Elder Ranford Patterson
James 5: 13-16 Freeport/Eleuthera

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING.....Finance Team and Virtual Giving Platforms

THE PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGERS.....Conference Presidents: Russell, Causey, Brown

THE MUSICAL SELECTION.....CeCe Winans
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

THE SPOKEN WORDS

Presiding Elder Valarie Walker - Quincy/Monticello District
Presiding Elder Tony M. Hansberry - Alachua-Central District
Presiding Elder James O. Williams - St. Petersburg District

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....Presiding Elder Vincent Mitchell
South District

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE REMARKS.....President Patricia Wright
Bishop Frank Madison Reid III

THE DOXOLOGY.....

THE LAY BENEDICTION

*May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together not as
man over man but as Lay persons working with God. Amen.*



EEDLO EXECUTIVE BOARD

SATURDAY - JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00 A.M.– 12:30 P.M.

I. Devotion

Chaplain Langston

II. Roll Call

Asst. Secretary Odom

III. Adoption of Agenda (by consent)

LAY ORGANIZATION AT WORK

IV. GREETINGS — President's Review and Overview

Retreat Overview

Teresa White

V. Episcopal VP reports (1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP) (5 minutes each)

VI. Midyear Conference President Reports (B, S, E, WC, FL, C) (5 minutes each)

VII. Convention Budget report Finance Team (10 minutes)

VIII. Officer reports (DOPR, Historiographer, YAR) (3-5 minutes)

IX. Nominating Committee Report

X. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Program and Activities - Coppock/Brown (up to 10 minutes)

Update on Scholarship and Awards process

B. Organization and Structure - Russell /Berry (up to 10 minutes)

C. Personnel & Procedures - McBride/Graham (up to 10 minutes)

Guidelines for Benevolence

WELLNESS BREAK 15 MINUTES

XI. Teaching and Learning Opportunity

DOLA White

MASTER CLASS

"SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK"

Presenter Rev. Kevin Taylor

XII. Open - Announcements - Reminders

XIII. Adjournment

THE LAY BENEDICTION

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IMPORTANT Election Information

The Election Process includes three committees: Nominating, Election and Credentials. The Nominating Committee works to identify, recruit, solicit, invite, and encourage candidates to present themselves for office and then vets the candidates using the information they have submitted and the constitution and bylaws. The elections committee works to devise a process for the election to occur, and the credentials committee works to ensure that qualified/certified persons participate in the voting process as candidates and voters.

A review of the Constitution and bylaws can provide more information. Of particular note, is the information found in **Article FIVE** – Officers, Duties and Responsibilities, **Article SIX** – Nomination and Election Procedures, **Article SEVEN** – Election of Officers and **Article EIGHT** – Qualifications

The Nominations Committee Members are: Evelyn Graham - West Coast, Mary Smith – South, Franklin Starks – Central, Dessie Mathews – East, Mary Culmer – Bahamas, La'Tasha Jones - Florida

2024 is an election year and All elected offices are open to submit an application.

The way to apply is via a Letter of Intent.

The Letter of Intent can be found on our website at EEDLO.org Under the photos, on the navigation bar and click on 'docs/links.' This will take you to a page with green tabs. Look on right side of page, and go to tab that reads **'Letter of Intent/All EEDLO levels.'** Click it and you will see and be able to download letter of intent.

Complete the form and **make sure to get signatures at every level.** The form must be US postmarked on or before February 8 and mailed to: Evelyn W. Graham 2910 4th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure his/her Letter of Intent makes it in on time....
Be Vigilant!

ACTION	DATE OF ACTION	NOTES
NOMINATION Committee		
Letter of Intent due	2/08/24	Signed and delivered
Nom Committee vets applicants	2/8-2/20/2024	Vetting applicants
Nom Com. Present 4/Eboard approval	2/21/2024	
Committee notifies candidates of approval and eligibility to campaign	2/22/2024	No campaigning before this time
Election	June 21, 2024	
ELECTIONS Committee	Jan - Feb	Work with Sup of elec off
Election Committee	May -June	Organize the flow of election
CREDENTIALS Committee	Feb - June	
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MARCH 1-2, 2024

ANNUAL LEARNING RETREAT

Dynamic Learning Labs that will engage and challenge

REGISTRATION \$40.00 Must be received by February 15, 2024

Go to EEDLO.org for registration link; follow prompts

Hotel is Sheraton Tampa Brandon

10221 Princess Palm Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33610

Room rate \$219 + tax Make Reservation via link on or before February 1, 2024

(An Information Flyer will be sent at the end of EBoard)

80th EEDLO Annual Lay Convention

JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL

Hotel Reservations may be made **NOW**.

(An Information Flyer will be sent at the end of EBoard.)

NOTE: when booking your room 1 night stay will be held on the card.

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REGISTRATION

\$125 for Adult Laity and Clergy

Registration Includes:

Registration Kit to include Delegation Badge and Voting Privileges

Lay Development Training Seminars and Relevant Materials

Banquet Ticket (for one)

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Registration Opens on March 1, 2024 and closes midnight May 30, 2024



Bishop MOVES...

The itinerancy is a traveling ministry. It is the portal through which the clergy moves. In the AME Church one thing that is certain is that movement will occur within the leadership of our Zion. Nothing makes that point more clearly than a review of what will and may occur in 2024 with mandated movement for over 55% of the Bishops in AME Church.

Indicated with **GREEN shaded box** below are moves that must occur in 2024. A **RED shaded box** indicates no move is mandated but one can still occur. The Ecumenical and Located Bishop may also impact the assignment rotation. 2024 will be a time of Episcopal Moves. Stay Tuned!!!

Mandated Movement				
YES	NO	DISTRICT	Bishop	NOTE
		1	Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr.	Retirement Date 2024
		2	Bishop James Levert Davis	8 Year Law
		3	Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr.	Assigned - GC 2021
		4	Bishop John Franklin White	Retirement Date 2024
		5	Bishop Clement W. Fugh	Retirement Date 2024
		6	Bishop Reginald T. Jackson	8 Year Law
		7	Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr.	8 Year Law
		8	Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker	Assigned - GC 2021
		9	Bishop Harry Lee Seawright	8 Year Law
		10	Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.	Retirement Date 2024
		11	Bishop Frank Madison Reid III	Retirement Date 2024
		12	Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell	8 Year Law
		13	Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield	Retirement Date 2024
		14	Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe	Assigned - GC 2021
		15	Bishop Silvester S. Beaman	Assigned - GC 2021
		16	Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II	Assigned - GC 2021
		17	Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels	Assigned - GC 2021
		18	Bishop Francine A. Brookins	Assigned - GC 2021
		19	Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.	Assigned - GC 2021
		20	Bishop Frederick Allen Wright	Assigned - GC 2021
		Ecumenical	Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath	Assigned - GC 2021
		Located	Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah	Assigned - GC 2021