

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION

ANNUAL LAY RETREAT ROOTED IN CHRIST MOBILIZED FOR CHANGE



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FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SPEAKER



RETREAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

7:00PM – WORSHIP SERVICE

REV. JEFFREY J. DOVE, PREACHER

FEATURING ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

8:15AM VIRTUAL DOORS OPEN

8:30AM DEVOTION & GREETINGS

9:00AM LEARNING LAB I:

FAITH, POWER, AND THE BALLOT: WHAT'S AT STAKE IN 2026

THE HON. VALDEZ V. DEMINGS, PRESENTER

10:00AM BREAK

10:15AM LEARNING LAB II:

STILL RISING: THE AME CHURCH AND THE SACRED WORK OF JUSTICE

REV. WILLIAM H. LAMAR, IV, PRESENTER
PASTOR OF METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH
WASHINGTON, DC

11:30AM BREAK

11:45AM

VOTERS REGISTRATION AND MOBILIZATION
SISTER SHARON RUSSELL, PRESENTER

12:15AM **SPECIAL REMARKS:**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE RASHON YOUNG
FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 40

12:45PM WRAP UP AND CLOSING REMARKS

SATURDAY PRESENTERS AND SPEAKERS



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MR. DANTE' BUCKSON
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Rhoshonda Herring is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Lay Retreat Opening Worship - Friday's Link

Time: Feb 27, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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BRO. DANTE' D. BUCKSON, WORSHIP LEADER

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE

THE DOXOLOGY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP SIS. VONTELL MILLS
South Conference Director of Lay Activities
BRO. ALLEN OWENS
Florida Conference Lay Organization

SISTER MILLS: IN THE MIDST OF A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE HUNGER AND THIRST . . .
COME WORSHIP A GOD WHO FEEDS THE HUNGRY.

BROTHER OWENS: IN THE MIDST OF A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE ABUSED AND OPPRESSED . . .
COME WORSHIP A GOD WHO CALLS FOR COMPASSION AND JUSTICE.

SISTER MILLS: IN THE MIDST OF A WORLD FILLED WITH WARS AND RUMOR OF WAR . . .
COME WORSHIP A GOD WHO DESIRES NOTHING LESS THAN PEACE FOR THE WORLD.

BROTHER OWENS: IN THE MIDST OF A WORLD OF SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS . . .
COME WORSHIP A GOD WHO GIVES LIFE MEANING.

TOGETHER: COME WORSHIP A GOD WHOSE GRACE AND LOVE KNOW NO END.

THE LAYMEN'S SONG

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION SIS. ALICIA DIXON
Tampa District Director of Lay Activities

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

MICAH 6:8 AND PSALM 33:4-5 SIS. DELPHINE JACKSON
East Conference Director of Lay Activities

HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD; AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU. BUT TO DO JUSTLY, TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?

FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RIGHT, AND ALL HIS WORK IS DONE IN TRUTH. HE LOVES RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE; THE EARTH IS FULL OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.

JAMES 2:14,17 AND MATTHEW 25:44-45 SIS. CAROLYN Y. FLOYD
Suwannee North District Director of Lay Activities

WHAT DOES IT PROFIT, MY BRETHREN, IF SOMEONE SAYS HE HAS FAITH BUT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS? CAN FAITH SAVE HIM? THUS, ALSO FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD.

“THEN THEY ALSO WILL ANSWER HIM, SAYING, ‘LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY OR THIRSTY OR A STRANGER OR NAKED OR SICK OR IN PRISON, AND DID NOT MINISTER TO YOU?’ THEN HE WILL ANSWER THEM, SAYING, ‘ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ME.’

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC SIS. CATHERINE CASON
Ebenezer AMEC, Live Oak, Local Lay President

RECOGNITION OF THE 11TH DISTRICTS AME ELECTED OFFICIALS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING SIS. SHARON CAUSEY
EEDLO Treasurer
SIS. ANNIE G. MCELVY
EEDLO Financial Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER SIS. RHOSHONDA L. HERRING
EEDLO Director of Lay Activities

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC SIS. KIARA DAVIS
Ebenezer AMEC, Live Oak ,Lay Organization

THE PREACHED WORD **THE REVEREND JEFFREY DOVE**
PASTOR, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP **THE REVEREND TERRELL L. BLAIR, SR.**
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church, Houston, Florida

REMARKS..... **BRO. JOHN W. LOVE**
EEDLO President
BISHOP MARVIN C. ZANDERS, II
Eleventh Episcopal District Presiding Prelate

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OPENING
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THE REGISTRATION
FEE IS: \$40.00



SATURDAY

8:30AM EST
RETREAT BEGINS

- MORNING GLORY
- KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
- LEARNING LABS
- VOTERS EMPOWERMENT ROUNDTBLE

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