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# ~ The Eleventh Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church ~ The 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference



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Episcopal Supervisor of Missions





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# **Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization**

**Virtual - Winter Executive Board Meeting** 



## **January 7-8, 2022**



Friday Night Worship Experience featuring the Seven "I AM Statements" of Jesus

Rev. Dr. Michael Bouie

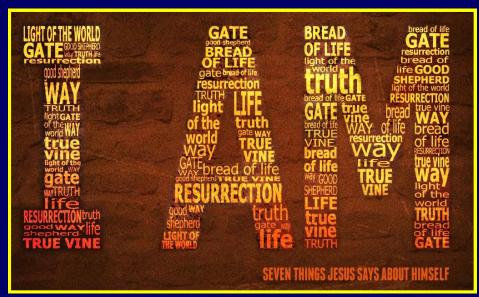


I AM the Bread of Life

Rev. Nathan Mugala



I AM the Light of the World



Rev. Dr. Cynthia J. W. Bailey



I AM the Door of the Sheep

Rev. Dr. Julius McAllister



I AM the Good Shepherd

Rev. Ronnie Clark



I AM the Resurrection and the Life

Rev. Dr. Anton Elwood



I AM the True Vine

Rev. Thelma Williamson



I AM the Way the Truth and the Life

**Friday - January 7, 2022 2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.** EST District Goals, Officers' Reports, Learning Lab **6:45 P.M. EST** Worship Experience - Jesus' Seven **I AM** Statements

Saturday - January 8, 2022 8:30 A.M. - Noon EST Conference & Commission Reports, Learning Lab

#### Join both days using this ZOOM Meeting log on:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82112309871?pwd=NGdkUHFxbWJZMUpiWkZqdHlnRGl4UT09

Meeting ID: 821 1230 9871 Passcode: 394634

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# Eleventh Episcopal District LAY ORGANIZATION

**CONGRATULATES** 

# New Bethel A.M.E. Church

Pastor Eddie and Dr. Paula Lake

URSDAY NIGHT

EACHING

DECEMBER 9 - TNT
ATTENDANCE BANNER

33 Members
PRESENT

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On December 9, 2021, our Episcopal
District Lay Organization held its third TNT—
Thursday Night Teaching, and it was a blast!
With over 400 in attendance, I declare that
we left the session better informed and highly
charged to keep on keeping on as we grow our Zion.
True to his word and challenge, REVEREND EDDIE
LAKE and New Bethel AME Church, Lakeland, had
Explosive Participation for TNT with 33 persons
charted in attendance. That is 'da bomb!!!
THANK YOU PASTOR LAKE and New Bethel Family!!

**A Word of Thanks from the President** 



# Just Say Yes

To The

## Lay Organization



West Coast Conference Lay Organization "Leading the Way to Greater" ~John 14:12~

# Save the Dates

Engagement Party
Sharing Accomplishments in
the Area of Retention
Thursday, December 2, 2021
7-8:00 p.m.

Launch Party
Preparing to Recruit
Thursday, December 16, 2021
7-8:00 p.m.

Pep Rally
Keeping the Momentum
Thursday, January 13, 2022
7-8:00 p.m.

Awards Program

Celebrating Success
Thursday, February 24, 2022
7-8:00 p.m.



**VICTORY STARTS** HERE!!!



**EVERY** 







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## Monthly Child Tax Credit Payments are available NOW for families with children!



Monthly payments from now to December 2021

Children Under Age 6: \$300 / month

Children Ages 6 to 17: \$250 / month

### It's not too late! Families with children can start receiving monthly payments now!



If you sign up after July, your monthly payments will be larger to make up for missed months

#### Use this tool if you haven't filed your taxes but want the Child Tax Credit:

Child Tax Credit Sign-Up Tool



visit:

https://www.getctc.org/ en

You <u>can</u> receive monthly payments even if you do not usually file taxes

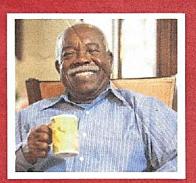




Benefits like unemployment insurance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, HUD-Assisted Housing, or WIC will <u>not</u> be affected by the Child Tax Credit



# A Program Conducted by Pastors to Promote the Mental Health of Seniors



#### Participants will:

- Participate in mental health support groups led by pastors
- Learn skills to reduce stress, depression, grief, and anger
- Learn to use smart-phones and computers to get answers to health questions and talk with doctors without leaving home

#### Eligible **seniors** must:

- Be at least 65 years of age
- Live, work, or worship in zip codes 32207, 32205, 32210, or 32216 in Jacksonville, Florida
- Bring one family member or friend support person to a one-session smart-phone and computer training

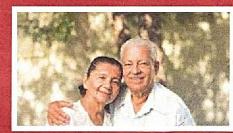
#### Interested in participating?

Please call 904-650-2520 and leave your first and last name and contact information.

#### SENIORS WHO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM CAN RECEIVE UP TO \$120 IN GIFT CARDS! SUPPORT PERSONS WILL EARN \$30!











# AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SIXTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II, Presiding Prelate Mrs. Winifred H. Zanders, Episcopal Supervisor

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1(NIV)

August 18, 2021

Dear Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church,

The Haiti Annual Conference is overwhelmed with gratitude for the caring response and the loving request to assist the country of Haiti, which was devastated by a 7.2 earthquake on August 14, 2021. The Presiding Elder and Pastors are keeping me informed and the people encouraged as a strategy is developed to get aid to the affected areas in the midst of challenging circumstances.

Pastor Bernard has reported 13 families who are without shelter, and spent three days under the rain from the topical storms. Many are hospitalized, have lost crops, and cattle therefore the road to recovery will be ongoing as new discovery is revealed.

Several churches were damaged. Among them are Eben Ezer which is completely destroyed along with the parsonage, Union des Freres, and Porte Etioite AMEC, Lazil. Please continue to pray to God for healing and hope for these congregations. I will make known other congregations as they are reported.

Seeing the need and hearing the need, I am asking you to partner with the Sixteenth Episcopal District by contributing FUNDS to buy items in Haiti, that will be disbursed to the populations in need to address the immediate needs of water, food, shelter, care of pastors, laity, and families who are crying for help in this time. If giving via CashApp search for \$16thDAMEC. If you are giving via Givelify search for 16th Episcopal District. If giving via Zelle search amechurch162021@gmail.com. Your checks can be made payable to the 16th Episcopal District AMEC with Haiti Response on the memo line and mailed to the 16th Episcopal District AMEC P.O. Box 65699 Orange Park, Florida 32065.

We have a long journey ahead and I want to thank you in advance for your partnership with us, as we meet the needs of our sisters and brothers. I know that, With God and Us Together, Healing, Help, and Hope will come to Haiti. Right now, join me and Supervisor Zanders in praying a Jeremiah 33:3 blessing on the country of Haiti.

Courage Wisdom, and Strength,

The Rt. Rev. Marvin C. Zanders II

Presiding Bishop - 16th Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church







AME church's damaged or destroyed.

Families currently homeless as a result of the earthquake.

**Buildings** that have collasped across the nation.

Were injured, and an unknown number are still missing.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church Sixteenth Episcopal District

Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II, Presiding Prelate Mrs. Winifred H. Zanders, Episocpal Supervisor









# HEALING FOR HAITI DISASTER RELIEF FUND



Our CashApp tag is \$16thDAMEC



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Zelle

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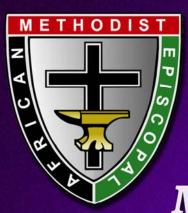


Check may be made payable to the Sixteenth Episcopal District AMEC and mailed to PO Box 65699, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

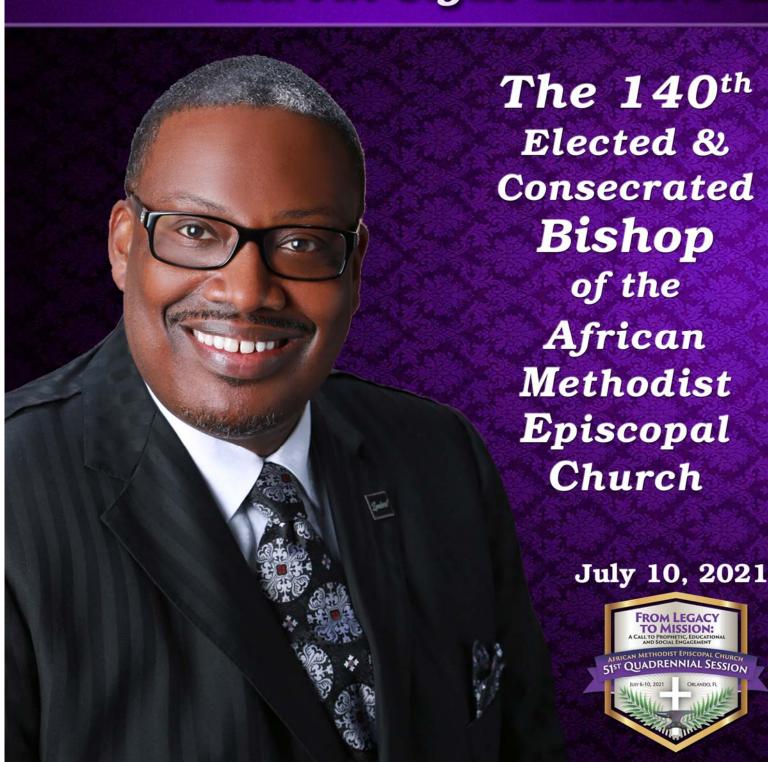
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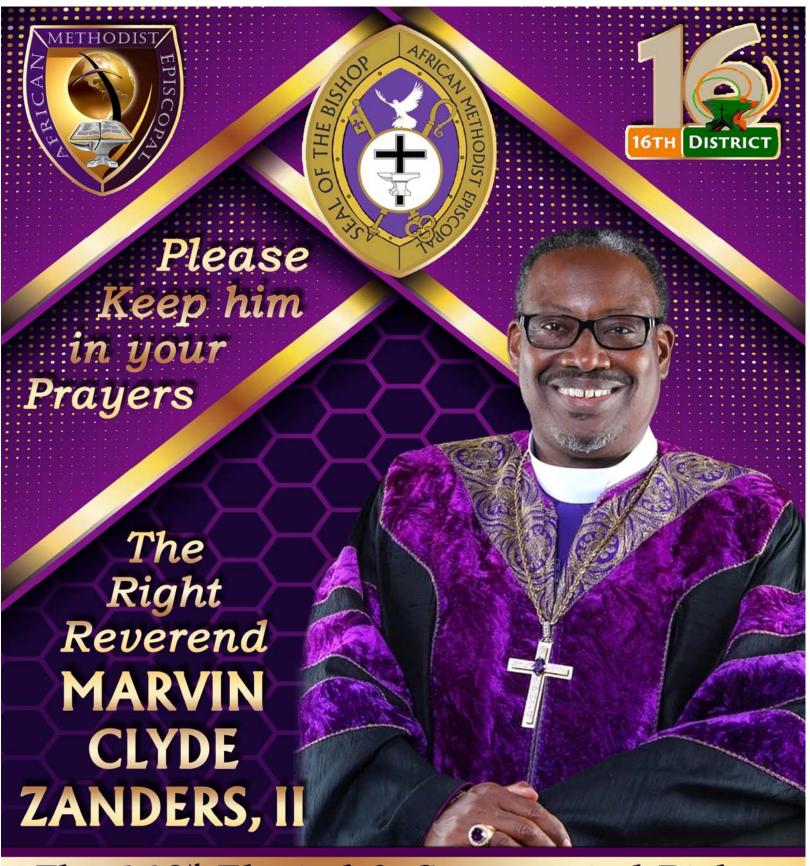
Thank you so much for your support. Your Generosity Is Appreciated.





# The LORD's Richest Blessings to The Right Reverend Marvin Clyde Zanders II





The 140<sup>th</sup> Elected & Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Serving Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guyana-Suriname, The Windward Islands (Trinidad/Tobago, Barbados), The Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Cuba & Europe

The Revised Common Lectionary ~ a Service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library ~ Year B

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Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alt* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021 First Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29	In a very few instances, no Psalm reading is offered for reasons relating to the thematic nature of the Day.	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth May 31, 2021	1 Samuel 2:1-10 Psalm 113		Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57
Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6, 2021	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) Psalm 138	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 13, 2021	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Psalm 20	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 20, 2021	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57- 18:5, 18:10-16 Psalm 133	Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27, 2021	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43



Pentecost: Proclaim Jubilee!

BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### The Revised Common Lectionary ~ a Service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library ~ Year B

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Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alt* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 4, 2021	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 1, 2021	2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a Psalm 51:1-12	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 8, 2021	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25 -5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10- 11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



"First" OT readings, read semi-continuously, follow major stories / themes, beginning in Year A with Genesis and ending in Year C with the later prophets. "Alternate First" OT readings follow the complementary historical tradition of thematically pairing the OT reading with the Gospel reading. Visit site to interact: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=B&season=Season%20after%20Pentecost

#### The Revised Common Lectionary $\sim$ a Service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library $\sim$ Year B

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading & Psalm	Alt* First reading & Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 2021	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 12, 2021	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Holy Cross September 14, 2021	Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-5 or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38		1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 3:13-17
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 2021	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16 -2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54	James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 11, 2021	Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126		1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 31, 2021 (If All Saints not observed on this day)	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34

#### The Revised Common Lectionary ~ a Service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library ~ Year B/C

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alt* First read- ing and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 1, 2021 (Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24		Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 7, 2021	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 2021	1 Samuel 1:4-20 or 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Reign of Christ Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 21, 2021	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b - 8	John 18:33-37
Thanksgiving Day, USA November 25, 2021	Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126		1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33



Advent Season / Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or <i>Psalm 80:1-7</i>	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)



Fourth Week of Advent: Trusting God's Love

#### CHRISTMAS SEASON

# 12 DAYS CHRISTIANS

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Christmas Season / Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Nativity of the Lord ~ I December 24 & 25, 2021 Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Nativity of the Lord ~ II December 24 & 25, 2021 Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
Nativity of the Lord ~ III December 24 & 25, 2021 Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas Day December 26, 2021	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
Holy Name of Jesus January 1, 2022 (Mary, Mother of God)	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7 or <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>	Luke 2:15-21
New Year's Day January 1, 2022	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Psalm 8	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46
Second Sunday after Christmas Day January 2, 2022	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Phriistmastide.

Christmastide is another name for the Christmas season, which is part of the liturgical calendar, the schedule of events or holidays that hold religious significance to Christians. Christmastide begins on Christmas Eve at sunset, which is the ending of Advent.

Christmastide lasts twelve days and ends on the 5th of January.

It is followed by the Epiphany season, or Epiphanytide.

























#### **If Jesus Came to Your House**

If Jesus came to your house To spend some time with you, If He came unexpected, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room To such an honored guest And all the food you'd give to Him Would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him You're glad to have Him there-That serving Him in your home Is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming, Would you meet Him at the door With arms outstretched in welcome To your heavenly visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes Before you let Him in Or hide some magazines And put the Bible where they'd been

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out? Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder - if the Saviour spent a day or two with you, Would you go right on doing, the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying, the things you always say? Or would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you go? Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends? Or would you hope they stay away, until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on? Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know, the things that you would do, If Jesus came in person, to spend some time with you.

Anonymous



#### Your Membership is Needed & Encouraged... The African Methodist Episcopal Church ~ Eleventh Episcopal District LAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Executive Boards of Each District's Lay Organization would add 30+ Members!

All Officers of Leadership at all levels of each Lay Organization within the 11th Episcopal District should have membership in the LEDP. Though it's Not a requirement, we strongly encourage ALL Officers to join, maintain membership, get involved & help us to help others. Make the LEDP a serious obligation ~ we need All Presidents, Executive Officers & Members. We offer a diagram below to demonstrate your value & how many more we can help/with God's help through additional membership, starting with all levels of Office. Please join us!

ALL 11th District Lay Organization Executive Boards together could produce 41 Definite & 330 "Strongly Encouraged to Join" LEDP Members: Total = 371!

