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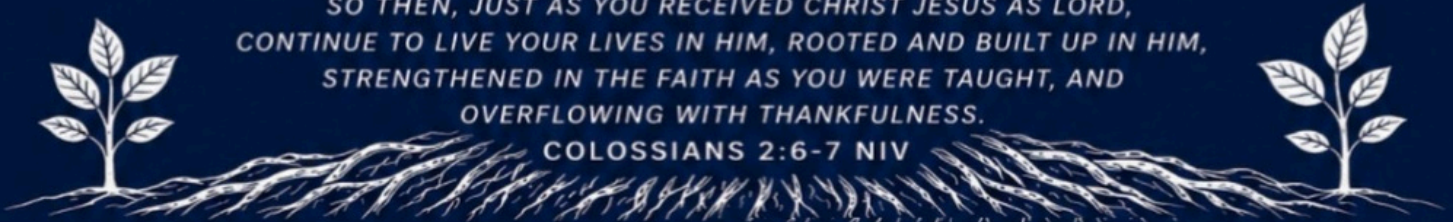
82ND ANNUAL LAY CONVENTION



ROOTED IN FAITH. SHAPED BY CULTURE. ACTIVATED FOR SERVICE.

SO THEN, JUST AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS AS LORD,
CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM,
STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, AND
OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS.

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YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

- MORNING BUSINESS SESSION
- LEARNING LABS
- YOUNG ADULT HOUR OF POWER
- YOUNG ADULT LUNCHEON
- LAY BENEVOLENCE EVENT

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

- LEARNING LABS AND THINK TANKS
- AWARDS BANQUET

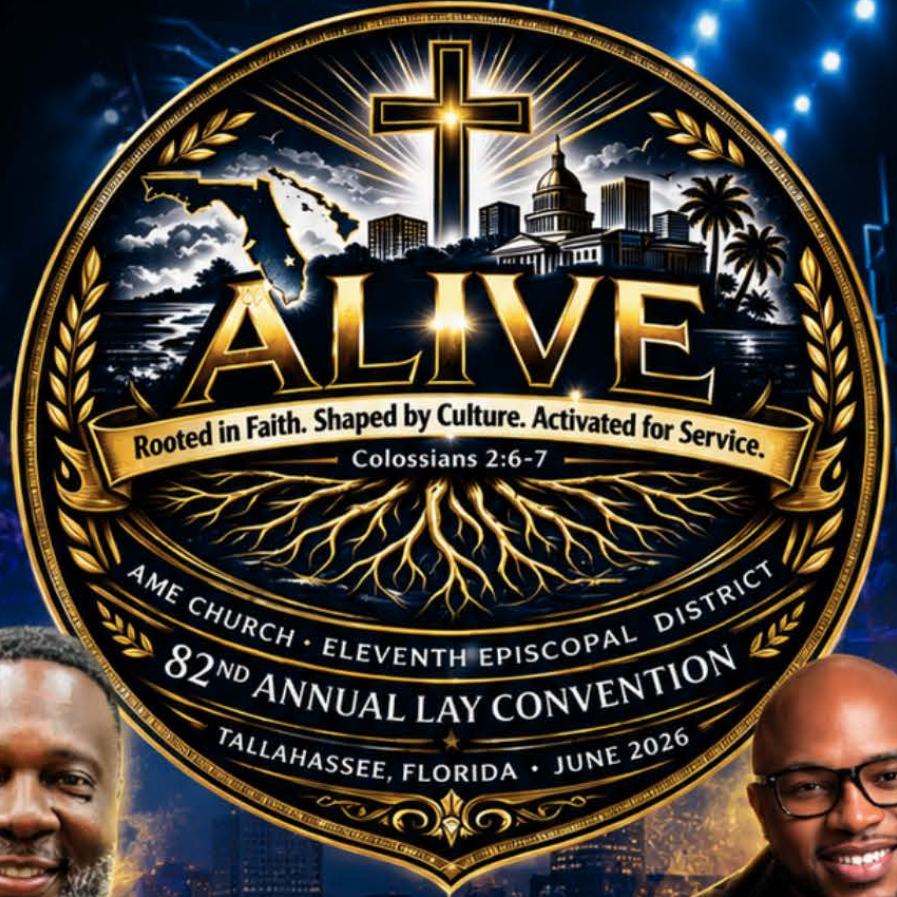
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

- CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION
- CONVENTION WRAP UP
- MEMORIAL SERVICE
- EVALUATIONS

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YOUNG ADULT HOUR OF POWER WORSHIP SERVICE

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REV. OCTAVIUS L. SMITH
MESSENGER



YOUNG ADULT LUNCHEON

JUNE 10, 2026 | 12:35PM
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THE-HOUR OF POWER



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THIS IS OUR TIME.



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SAVE THE DATE

11TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL TOUR!



Calling ALL Singers from the 11th Episcopal District! Please join us at a rehearsal near you and plan to participate with us in the Bishop's Council Opening Service and Investiture of our Presiding Prelate, Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II

23
MAY



FLORIDA CONFERENCE REHEARSAL

VENUE: BETHEL AME CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE
11:00 AM

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MAY



EAST CONFERENCE REHEARSAL

VENUE: ST. PAUL AME CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE
1:00 P.M.

06
JUN



SOUTH CONFERENCE REHEARSAL

VENUE: WEST PALM BEACH/BROWARD COUNTY
AREA (TBD)

13
JUN



WEST COAST CONFERENCE (BAHAMAS CONFERENCE REHEARSAL - VIRTUAL)

VENUE: NEW BETHEL AME CHURCH, LAKELAND
12:00 P.M.

20
JUN



CENTRAL & WEST COAST CONFERENCE REHEARSAL

VENUE: ST. MARK AME CHURCH, ORLANDO
12:00 P.M.

Rehearsal Locations will be announced via email, social media, and the 11th Episcopal District Band App.

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JULY 12, 2026

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CEYLC REGISTRATION



HOTEL REGISTRATION



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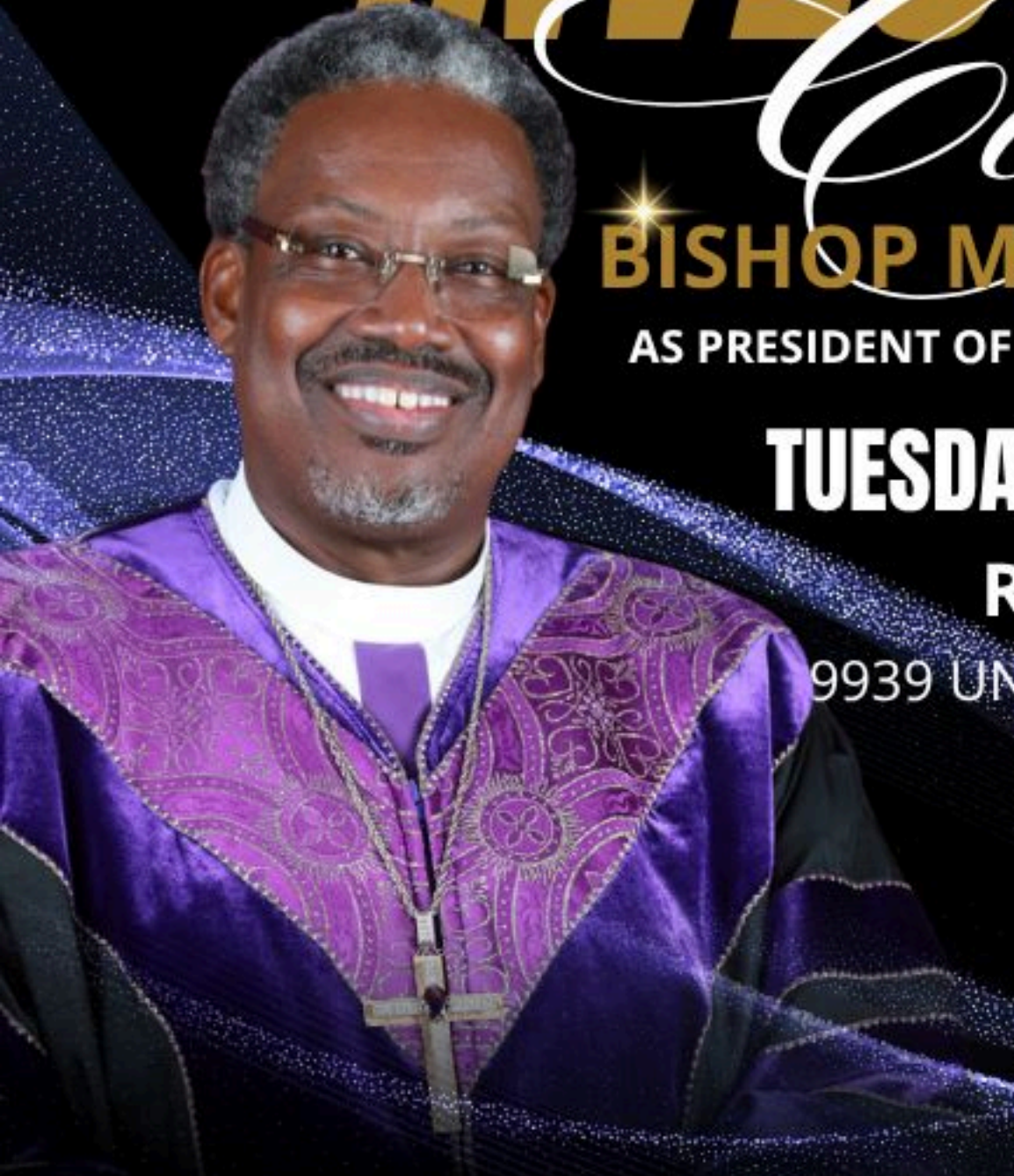
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TUESDAY, JUNE 23 2026 AT 7:00PM

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ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK HOTEL
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AND HYBRID HOPE LAB



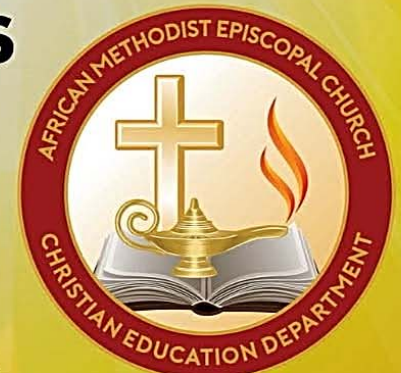
HOPE & A Future

JUNE 24 - 27, 2026

30TH QUADRENNIAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH CONGRESS

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." JEREMIAH 29:11

REV. GARLAND F. PIERCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT PENTECOST

Season after Pentecost Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Day of Pentecost May 24, 2026	*Acts 2:1-21 or <i>Numbers 11:24-30</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or <i>John 7:37-39</i>
Trinity Sunday / First Sunday after Pentecost May 31, 2026	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8	In a very few instances, no Psalm reading is offered for reasons relating to the thematic nature of the Day.	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Second Sunday after Pentecost June 07, 2026	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18 -26
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2026	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2026	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2026	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 05, 2026	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or <i>Song of Solomon 2:8-13</i>	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2026	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18 -23
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 19, 2026	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	<i>Isaiah 44:6-8</i> Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2026	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or <i>Psalm 128</i>	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 02, 2026	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 09, 2026	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2026	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20),21-28

Italicized readings, complementary to the standard reading, may be used with, or in place of it.

The Season After Pentecost | *Ordinary Time*

Season after Pentecost / Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alt* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> August 23, 2026	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> August 30, 2026	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 06, 2026	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 13, 2026	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 or <i>Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21</i>	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 20, 2026	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> September 27, 2026	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 04, 2026	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 11, 2026	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
<i>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 18, 2026	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
<i>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 25, 2026	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
<i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 01, 2026	<i>Revelation 7:9-17</i> <i>Psalm 34:1-10, 22</i> Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43	<i>1 John 3:1-3</i> 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i> Matthew 23:1-12
<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 08, 2026	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 15, 2026	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
<i>Christ the King Sunday</i> <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 22, 2026	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> November 26, 2026	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65		2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19

THE 2026 LITURGICAL COLOR CALENDAR for The African Methodist Episcopal Church

2026

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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COLORS FOR THE AME CHRISTIAN YEAR

In the Christian year of our church, we recognize two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. Between each cycle follows an ordinary time of growth symbolized by the color green in the Seasons After the Epiphany and After Pentecost. Therefore, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year.

PURPLE is a color of both penitence and royalty used during the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. Alternative colors of royal blue or violet may also be used during Advent.

WHITE and **GOLD** are joyous and festive colors used during the Christmas and Easter seasons (except on the Day of Pentecost) and in other seasons on festive days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints, and Christ the King. White may also be used at weddings. At services of Holy Communion white linens on top of the Lord's Table are the tradition of the AME Church, and are used on the first Sunday, regardless of the Holy Season that is celebrated. Therefore, even if the first Sunday of the month is the first Sunday of Advent, the color used in the pulpit remains white.

GREEN is a color of growth used in the Seasons After the Epiphany and After Pentecost, except when special days call for white or red.

RED is a color of fire, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. It is used on the Day of Pentecost and at other times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. Red is also the color of blood - the blood of Christ and the blood of martyrs. Because of its intensity, red is most effective when used occasionally rather than continuously for a whole season. It is appropriate for evangelistic services, for ordinations and consecration, for church anniversaries and homecomings, Founder's Day, and for civil observances such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. It may be used during Holy Week, beginning with Passion/Palm Sunday, to symbolize the blood of Christ.

BLACK is a color of death used on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and for funerals. Gray is its alternative.

Although the use of these colors is based on broad ecumenical tradition, other colors have been and are being used in Christian churches. Creativity and use of alternates with colors bring new meaning to the worship experience. Examples include African prints or variations, pink during the third week of Advent and black on Good Friday.

It is always a good policy when in doubt, to seek guidance from a presiding elder, senior pastor, Christian education director, or other person designated by the pastor. These persons will be helpful in providing information on appropriate colors for preparing the sanctuary.

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ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CALENDAR

Mar 2026				
	1st		World Day of Prayer	
	4th-7th		11th Episcopal District Mid-Year Convocation	Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida
	8th		Daylight Savings Time Begins	
	27th		Bishop Zanders preaching	Ordination Service New Jersey Annual Conference
	29th		Palm Sunday	
Apr 2026				
	TBD		11th Episcopal District WIM Retreat	Venue - TBD
	2nd		Maundy Thursday	
	3rd		Good Friday	
	5th		Easter Sunday	
May 2026				
	10th		Mother's Day	
	14th		Ascension Day	
	25th		Memorial Day	
Jun 2026				
	8th-10th		11th Episcopal District Lay Convention	Tallahassee, Florida
	17th		Remembering the Emanuel 9 (2015)	



ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CALENDAR

	19th		Juneteenth	
	22nd-24th		AME Bishop's Council and General Board - Bishop Zanders' Investiture	Orlando, Florida
	24th-27th		Connectional Christian Education Meeting	Orlando, Florida
	21st		Father's Day	

Jul 2026

	12th		11th Episcopal District Debutante and Masters Ceremony	
	13th-16th		11th Episcopal District Christian Education & Youth Leadership Congress	
	20th-23rd		AMEWIM Quadrennial	Charlotte, North Carolina

Aug 2026

	22nd		Florida Annual Conference YPD Convention	Gregg Chapel AMEC - Ft. Walton Beach (Host church) Rev. Cecil Williams - Pastor
	24th		Florida Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
	25th		Florida Annual Conference WMS Convention	
	26th-28th		161st Session of the Florida Annual Conference	

Sep 2026

	7th		Labor Day	
	12th		Central Annual Conference YPD Convention	Mt. Olive AMEC - Orlando Rev. Dr. Marcus Green - Pastor
	14th		Central Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
	15th		Central Annual Conference WMS Convention	



ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CALENDAR

	16th-18th		127th Session of the Central Annual Conference	Mt. Olive AMEC - Orlando Rev. Dr. Marcus Green - Pastor
	26th		South Annual Conference YPD Convention	Mt. Hermon AMEC - Ft. Lauderdale Rev. Henry Green, III - Pastor
	28th		South Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
	29th		South Annual Conference WMS Convention	
	30th-2nd		136th Session of the South Annual Conference	

Oct 2026

	10th		West Coast Annual Conference YPD Convention	Hurst Chapel AMEC - Winter Haven Rev. Dr. Ronnie Clark - Pastor
	12th		West Coast Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
	13th		West Coast Annual Conference WMS Convention	
	14th-16th		86th Session of the West Coast Annual Conference	Hurst Chapel AMEC - Winter Haven Rev. Dr. Ronnie Clark - Pastor
	24th		East Annual Conference YPD Convention	Hurst Chapel AMEC - Winter Haven Rev. Dr. Ronnie Clark - Pastor
	26th		East Annual Conference M-SWAWO plus PKs Fellowship	
	21st		East Annual Conference WMS Convention	
	28th-30th		151st Session of the East Annual Conference	

Nov 2026

	1st		Daylight Savings Time Ends	
	3rd		Election Day	



2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND VENUES

Florida Conference	161st Session
Date	August 26 – 28 [Wed – Fri]
Host Church	Gregg Chapel, Ft. Walton Beach
Host Pastor	The Rev. Cecil Williams
Host Presiding Elder	The Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr.
Central Conference	127th Session
Date	September 16-18 [Wed – Fri]
Host Church	Mt. Olive, Orlando
Host Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Marcus R Green
Host Presiding Elder	The Rev. Milton Broomfield
South Conference	136th Session
Date	September 30 – October 2 [Wed – Fri]
Host Church	Mt. Hermon, Ft. Lauderdale
Host Pastor	The Rev. Henry Green, III
Host Presiding Elder	The Rev. Dr. Henry Green, Jr.
West Coast Conference	86th Session
Date	October 14 – 16 [Wed – Fri]
Host Church	Hurst Chapel, Winter Haven
Host Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Ronnie L. Clark
Host Presiding Elder	The Rev. Jimmy Thompson
East Conference	151st Session
Date	October 28 - 30 [Wed – Fri]
Host Church	Historic Mt. Zion, Jacksonville
Host Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Victor Cole
Host Presiding Elder	The Rev. Elizabeth Yates
Bahamas Conference	87th Session
Date	November 4 - 6 [Wed – Fri]
Host Church	Cummings-Young, Freeport
Host Pastor	The Rev. Hudson Williamson
Host Presiding Elder	The Rev. Dr. Ranford Patterson
11th Episcopal District Planning Meeting	November 18-20 [Wed – Fri] TBD

YPD and WMS ANNUAL DAYS

Florida Conference	YPD Annual Day, Saturday, August 22 [Sat] WMS Annual Day, August 25 [Tues]
Central Conference	YPD Annual Day, September 12 [Sat] WMS Annual Day, September 15 [Tues]
South Conference	YPD Annual Day, September 26 [Sat] WMS Annual Day, September 29 [Tues]
West Coast Conference	YPD Annual Day, October 10 [Sat] WMS Annual Day, October 13 [Tues]
East Conference	YPD Annual Day, October 24 [Sat] WMS Annual Day, October 27 [Tues]
Bahamas Conference	WMS Annual Day, November 5 [Thurs] YPD Annual Day, November 7 [Sat]



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

2025 PLANNING CONVOCATION

“Resourcing The Vision”

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today”

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)



NOVEMBER 19-21, 2025

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II
Presiding Bishop

Mrs. Winifred Houston Zanders
Episcopal Supervisor

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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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**“IT'S A SEASON
OF VISION”**

*“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will
dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”*

-Joel 2:28

The Right Reverend Marvin C. Zanders, II

Presiding Bishop

Mrs. Winifred H. Zanders

Episcopal Supervisor

Connectional Lay Organization Theme

“Living a Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates”

The Scriptural Reference: Luke 4: 18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Living a Global Witness Ministry means that we intentionally, on purpose, in an unabashed way, in a public way, in a relational way, desire to bring witness that is different, daring, innovative, engaging and liberating.

We serve a church that spans 39 countries, 5 continents, speaks countless languages, is governed by democracy, aristocracy, monarchy amid a plethora of cultures and yet believes in **THE SAME GOD**. We are separated by miles, resources, agendas, political interests and for the past 18 months we can add pandemic to the mix of reasons that we are apart. We have been kept together through the innovation of technology, the willingness to transform to a different way of thinking and worshipping and witnessing. We have had to transcend the usual way of doing things so that all could be privileged to a liberating gospel. We as the Organized Lay Organization have had to step up and be demonstrative of the outcomes we are desirous of seeing. In other words, Living A Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates is where our mission rests.

Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transforms is real life ministry. Everybody seems to be using the word “transformation” to describe the impact of what they are doing. There is transformational leadership, transformational management, transformational development, transformational business, transformational care, transformational learning, transformational marketing!

Living A Global Witness Ministry that Transcends goes beyond borders and boundaries. It is the charge and chance for us to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zones to communicate and create avenues that will reach generations, open minds and activate people to engage in a unifying work.

Living A Global Witness Ministry that Liberates frees one to be liberal in praise, in service and witness. The gospel is a message of freedom and liberation — the ministry of Jesus was that of liberating captives. The gospel tells us that it is through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we can courageously leave our comfort zones to reach, teach, preach and serve others just like Christ did in the synagogues.

AS YOU PLAN YOUR LAY PROGRAM...

Use the Connectional Theme in your programs. The artistic rendering that supports the theme is included here. It is NOT the lay Logo, but a rendering. Feel free to use it, coupled with the theme, as you plan your lay programs.

In planning your lay programs and activities try to incorporate the theme or components thereof as a way to continuously keep persons aware of it.



This is the Lay Logo. It is the **ONLY** Lay Logo. It does not change.

Artistic rendering for the Current Connectional theme. It is **NOT** the Lay Logo!



Update in Progress
Awaiting the file...

The Bishop is on the MOVE...



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
Green		1	Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr.	Retirement Date 2024
Green		2	Bishop James Levert Davis	8 Year Law
	Red	3	Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr.	Assigned - GC 2021
Green		4	Bishop John Franklin White	Retirement Date 2024
Green		5	Bishop Clement W. Fugh	Retirement Date 2024
Green		6	Bishop Reginald T. Jackson	8 Year Law
Green		7	Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr.	8 Year Law
	Red	8	Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker	Assigned - GC 2021
Green		9	Bishop Harry Lee Seawright	8 Year Law
Green		10	Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr.	Retirement Date 2024
Green		11	Bishop Frank Madison Reid III	Retirement Date 2024
Green		12	Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell	8 Year Law
Green		13	Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield	Retirement Date 2024
	Red	14	Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe	Assigned - GC 2021
	Red	15	Bishop Silvester S. Beaman	Assigned - GC 2021
	Red	16	Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II	Assigned - GC 2021
	Red	17	Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels	Assigned - GC 2021
	Red	18	Bishop Francine A. Brookins	Assigned - GC 2021
	Red	19	Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.	Assigned - GC 2021
	Red	20	Bishop Frederick Allen Wright	Assigned - GC 2021
	Striped	Ecumenical	Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath	Assigned - GC 2021
	Checkered	Located	Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah	Assigned - GC 2021