

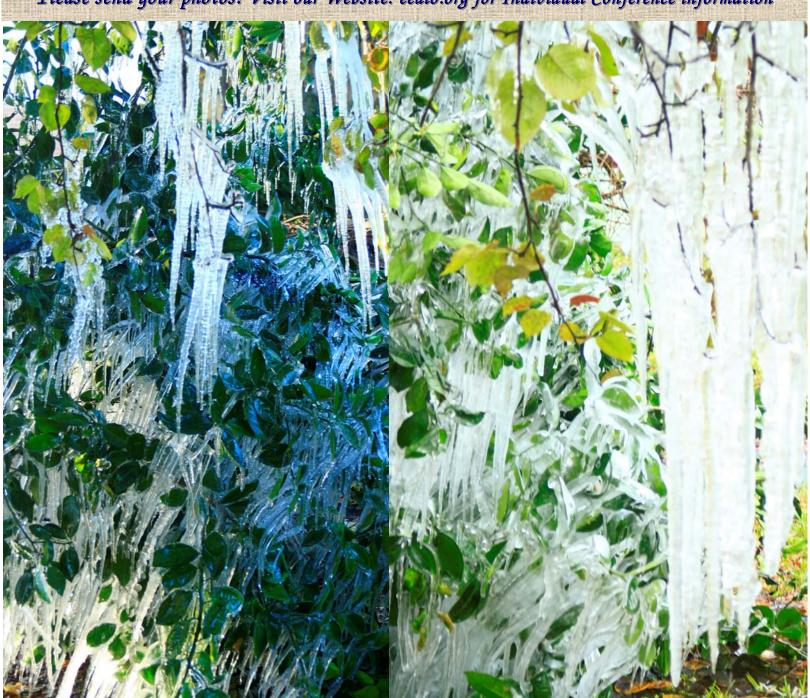
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African Methodist Episcopal Church
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The Revised Common Lectionary ~ a service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library ~ Year A

Epiphany ~ Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2017 ART PRAYER	<u>Isaiah 60:1-6</u>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10 -14	Ephesians 3:1- 12	Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2017 First Sunday after the Epiphany ART PRAYER	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13- 17
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2017 ART PRAYER	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2017 ART PRAYER	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12- 23
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2017 ART PRAYER	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2017 ART PRAYER	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10	Hebrews 2:14- 18	Luke 2:22-40
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2017 ART PRAYER	<u>Isaiah 58:1-9a</u> (9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9 (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	<u>Matthew 5:13-</u> <u>20</u>
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 12, 2017 ART PRAYER	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	<u>Matthew 5:21-</u> <u>37</u>
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 19, 2017 ART PRAYER	<u>Leviticus 19:1-2,</u> <u>9-18</u>	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38- 48
Transfiguration Sunday February 26, 2017 (Last Sunday before Lent) ART PRAYER	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

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Lent ~ Year A	First reading	Psalm	2nd reading	Gospel
Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017 ART PRAYER	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent March 5, 2017 ART PRAYER	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Second Sunday in Lent March 12, 2017 ART PRAYER	Genesis 12:1-4a	<u>Psalm 121</u>	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Third Sunday in Lent March 19, 2017 ART PRAYER	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2017 ART PRAYER	Isaiah 7:10-14	Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10	Hebrews 10:4- 10	Luke 1:26-38
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2017 ART PRAYER	1 Samuel 16:1- 13	Psalm 23	<u>Ephesians 5:8-</u> <u>14</u>	John 9:1-41
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 2, 2017 ART PRAYER	Ezekiel 37:1-14	<u>Psalm 130</u>	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Liturgy of the Palms April 9, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Lent ART PRAYER		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1- 11	
Liturgy of the Passion April 9, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Lent ART PRAYER	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5- 11	Matthew 26:14- 27:66 or Matthew 27:11- 54

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION RETREAT SCHEDULE

St. Paul AME Church - 718 NW 7th St, Ocala, FL

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Worship Experience: 2017 Hymn-A-Rama "Lifting Our Voices in Praise" Hymns sung by our pastors and preachers; hymn history shared by lay persons.

St. Paul will be selling chicken and pork chop sandwiches after the Worship Experience

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2017

7:45 A.M. REGISTRATION/ Continental Breakfast (only coffee/Danish, for 30 minutes)

8:15 A.M. Devotion in Sanctuary - EEDLO Chaplain Deborah Langston

8:45 A.M. Centering and Logistic Information - Teresa White

TRAINING SESSIONS - MATTERS OF THE HEART, MIND AND SOUL

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Laying A Foundation: Developing A Health Ministry - RED GROUP (Family Life Center)

Presenter: Rene Flowers - Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services

Matters of the Heart: Doctor's Orders - BLUE GROUP (SANCTUARY)

Presenter -- Dr. Edward Santoian - Munroe Hospital

10:05 - 11:05 A.M.

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9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. SPECIAL SESSION
**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

1st, 2nd, 3rd Episcopal Vice-Presidents, Conference Presidents, Conference Parliamentarians

Presenter Jesse Burns - EEDLO Parliamentarian Location: Second Floor Classroom

11:05 - 11:20 A.M.

BREAK (Snacks Provided)

11:20 - 12:20 P.M.

"The Soul of a Church Member"

Presenter - The Rev. Dr. Paula Lake - New Bethel AME Lakeland (EVERYONE IN SANCTUARY)

12:20 P.M. WRAP UP - SUMMARIZATION OF THE DAY'S LEARNING - Rhoshonda Herring

12:30 P.M. RECOGNITION - CELEBRATION - ADJOURNMENT T. White - P. Wright

1:00 P.M. BOXED LUNCH/ SAFE TRAVELS





The African Methodist Episcopal Church

Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization TRAINING RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM



February 24 - February 25, 2017

Host Church: St. Paul AME Church

718 NW 7th St, Ocala, FL 34475 (352) 622-8921

Pastor: The Reverend Patrick Joseph Reddick Sasnett

Date:		Conference:	
Name: Last	Fi	rst	
Address:			
City/State			
Phone:			
Email:			
Number of Persons:			
Amount \$	(\$40.00 per p	person)	
Make check Pava	hle To: The 11	th Enisconal District Lay Organ	ization

Make check Payable To: The 11th Episcopal District Lay Organization

Mail To: Priscilla Salter

953 Crawfordville Trace, Tallahassee, FL 32305 Registration Deadline Date: February 1, 2017

SPECIAL RECOGNITION GIVEN TO CONFERENCE WITH MOST REGISTRANTS OVER 50!

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS

QUALITY INN RATE: \$75.00

3434 SOUTHWEST COLLEGE ROAD - OCALA, FL

Reservations will be made by individuals calling the Hotel directly at (352) 854-3200. Individuals must identify themselves as being with the group, 11th Episcopal District Lay (St. Paul AME), at the time the reservation is made in order to receive the special group rate.

Must book Room by February 1, 2017.

West Coast Conference Lay Organization Annual Lay Witness Service

By Brother Hugh Yancy, President (West Coast Conference)

The West Coast Conference Lay Organization held its Annual Lay Witness Service at the Seventy-Sixth Session of the West Coast Annual Conference at the Double-Tree Hotel Tampa, Florida, hosted by New Bethel, Lakeland Florida on Thursday, October 13, 2016. The service featured "A Salute to Senator Arthenia L. Joyner."

The anointed service was special as it featured all male participants with one exception. The melodious singing from the three male choirs from Greater Mt. Zion AME, St. Petersburg, St. Luke AME, Tampa and St. James AME, Bartow set the atmosphere. The messenger of the evening, The Reverend Laura White, pastor of Greater Mt. Zion, Sebring preached a powerful word from Ezekiel 37, proclaiming "It Ain't Over until It's Over."

During the service a "Tribute and Recognition of the Honorable Arthenia Joyner, was presented by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. What a special evening to recognize "An Extraordinary Woman Doing An Extraordinary Work."

Other presentations included The President's Awards. President Hugh Yancy, West Coast Conference Lay Organization presented the Lay Person and Pastor of the Year. The recipients respectively were Sis. Teresa White and The Reverend Clarence Honor.

A reception honoring Senator Arthenia Joyner was held at the close of the service.





Photographs by: Sis. Marian Delores Allen Redding

Florida Conference Lay Organization ~ Lifetime Achievers Award Banquet

By Sister Mary Silva, Episcopal Lay Director of Public Relations (Florida Conference)

The Lifetime Achievers Award Banquet was the brain child of the late "Sister Eileen S. Warner." The 2016 banquet marks the fifth year that the Florida Conference has continued this Annual event. Sister Warner instituted this activity to serve a four-fold purpose: 1) recognition of members of the laity who have worked tirelessly down through the years within the Florida Conference; 2) a Dressy formal or semi-formal affair as we prepare and await the Christ-child's birth; 3) a means of fellowship with friends across the vast Florida Conference which encompasses 260 miles over 16-17 counties and four Presiding Elder Districts; and 4) as a fundraiser to replenish the Florida Conference treasury.

This year's event was as spectacular as the first year as the Awards were presented to four outstanding persons, three gentlemen and one gentlewoman. The new DOLA, Sister Judith Hollinhead added new flavor in the person of Brother Donald Russell, the speaker. Brother Russell sang, talked and taught from the scripture John 3:16, "The things we do for love." It was uniquely presented as he began with singing Yes, Jesus Loves Me.

We were all blessed by the experience. Until next year....

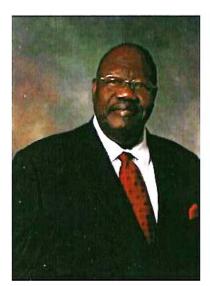
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Tallahassee District	Mrs. Beulah Gregory

The Honorees' information pages from the Banquet Programme follow...

Jesse Hughes

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT



Brother Jesse Hughes has been actively engaged in the African Methodist Episcopal Church's Lay Organization on the various levels (Local, District, Conference, Episcopal and Connectional) since the 1980s. He has been committed to the organization by sharing his time, talents and treasures to promote the vision and goals. Additionally, he has attended the A.M.E. General Conference, Connectional Lay Organization's Biennial Conventions, Episcopal District Lay Organization Conventions, and Florida Conference Lay Organization Annual Convention.

Brother Hughes is the Immediate Past First Vice President (1980-2013) for the Tallahassee District Lay Organization serving under the leadership of four Presidents (Alice Mitchell, Donald Russell, the late Eileen S. Warner and Mary B. Silva). He has served as chairman of the Budget and Finance and Annual Lay Day committees.

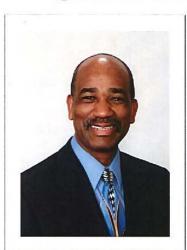
Brother Hughes is the President of the Local Lay Organization at Saint Phillips A.M.E. Church (Monticello, Florida) and has provided leadership for the organization at this level from 1980- until present. Currently, he is the Superintendent for the Tallahassee District Church School Convention and has provided leadership in this capacity for thirty years.

He has a great love and compassion for his God, Family and Community. He is the Secretary of the Board of Directors Jefferson County Water System. He is always willing to serve and consistently makes himself available to help others. He is the loving husband of Rosa Mae, and the proud father of four children and grandfather of five.

The Tallahassee District Lay Organization proudly presents this God fearing man as our Life Time Achievement Award winner.

John W. Love

QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT



"Commitment Through Ministry and Service"

A proven Lay Leader • A servant of God A servant of the church and community

Service to the Lay Organization of the A.M.E. Church

First Vice President - Episcopal District Lay Organization

Treasurer - Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization

Past Financial Secretary - Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization

Past President - Florida Conference Lay Organization

Past Third Vice President - Florida Conference Lay Organization
Past Director of Lay Activities - Florida Conference Lay Organization
Past District President - Gadsden County District Lay Organization (Quincy District

Past First Vice President - Quincy District Lay Organization
Past Director of Lay Activities - Steward Temple AME Church, Quincy
Past Local Lay President - Steward Temple AME Church, Quincy

Service to the Florida Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Third Vice President – Florida Conference Trustees
Delegate to the General Conference
Past Secretary - Florida Conference Trustees

Service to his local church Steward Temple AME Church, Quincy, FL

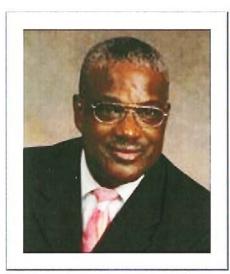
- Member of the Steward Board (Chair Pro-Tempore)
- Member of the Male Choir
- Church Financial Secretary
- Member Lay Organization
- Member Sons of Allen
- Church Treasurer (1986 1989)
- Church Secretary (1989 1999)

Service to the Community

- President of the Fellowship Mass Choir
- Gadsden County Schools Mentor Volunteer Program
- Gadsden County Senior Citizen Volunteer (Computer Orientation for Staff)

Charlie Nichols

PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT



Family Information

Spouse, Dr. Joyce C. Nichols, University of West Florida, Professor, Retired Children: Sharanda Anderson, Keisha Greenidge, C. Eli Nichols, Julius S. Nichols, Destiny Nichols, Kiara Nichols

Education

University of West Florida Master's Education Leadership June 1986

University of South Alabama B.A. Elementary Education June 1979

Pensacola Junior College A.A. Degree Elementary Education June 1976

Administrative Experiences

School Administrator for 23 years President of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization	2008-2016
General Conference Lay Leader	2012, 2016 2016 - Present
General Board Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church United States Army	1971-1974
United States Army Reserves	1974-1991

Community Involvement

Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc Life Member Member of the Escambia Education Association Bargaining Team	1975 -Present 1984-1986
Gubernatorial Appointment Health and Human Services Board Children Services Center, Board of Director Member Gubernatorial Appointment Judicial Nominating Commission	1994-1998 1998-2000 2000-2004
Northwest Florida Girl Scout Board of Directors Child Abuse, Death Review Team	2004-2006 2006-2008 2008-2012
Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Citizens Review Advisory Council Guardian Ad-Litem Big Brothers and Big Sisters City of Pensacola, Recreation Advisory Board	2011-2014 2012-2015 2013-2016
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Dorothy "Barbara" Patterson

MARIANNA DISTRICT



Mrs. Dorothy Barbara Patterson is a resident of Chattahoochee, Florida where she is an active member of Friendship African Methodist Episcopal Church where The Reverend Samuel E. McGlockton is Pastor.

Mrs. Patterson serves as the Adult Church School teacher, a Steward, church organist, president of the Lay Organization and member of the Women Missionary Society.

After graduating from high school in Gadsden County, she continued her education at Florida A&M University Tallahassee, Florida, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology/Social Work and a Minor in Public School Music; she also continued graduate studies at

Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia and the University of California, Berkley, California, received a Master of Science Degree from the University of Miami, is a retired educator of Dade County School Board, Miami, Florida, where she taught on the Elementary and High School levels in Washington, Bay and Gadsden Counties.

Mrs. Patterson is a national instructor in Disaster Preparedness Courses and "Serving the Diverse Community" (Cultural Diversity) of the American Red Cross. She has served as a volunteer of the Capital Area Chapter American Red Cross in Tallahassee, FL as an instructor and Family Case Worker; she is also a member of the DSHR (Disaster Service of Human Relation), the DAT (Disaster Action Team of Gadsden County and has traveled throughout the United States and abroad as a national instructor and Human Relation Liaison Specialist when the President of the United States and the Governor made a disaster declaration, and on the Eleventh Episcopal District she served as Coordinator as Disaster Relief Services, a representative of FLVOAD (Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) and also wrote the Disaster Plan for the Eleventh Episcopal District.

Mrs. Patterson also served as the Episcopal Coordinator and representative of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) for the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization and has been an active member on all levels of the Women Missionary Society and the Lay Organization, she has also served as a Conference Trustee. In 1998 she went to New York, City to work in the Department of Mission as an assistant to Dr. Fred Harrison, the Secretary of Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and was elected twice as an Alternate to the General Conference. Presently she is the Director of Lay Activities for the Marianna District Lay Organization.

Mrs. Patterson was married to the late Mr. Marcel Patterson of New Orleans, Louisiana. She has two beautiful daughters Reverend Dr. Patricia F. Patterson (M.D.) of Eastman, GA and Angela Russ of Chattahoochee, Florida. Three grandsons, Brandon, Montez and Adrian and a beautiful great granddaughter, whose name is Apple.

The Florida Conference Lay Organization Banquet
Reflections through pictures... "One picture is worth a thousand words..."
Photographs submitted by Brother Robert Jackson



The Florida Conference Lay Organization Banquet Photographs submitted by Brother Robert Jackson



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Mothers of the Movement Visit St. Paul AME Church, Jacksonville with a Charge to Vote By Bro. Sherman Riley ~ East Conference/J. L. Williams, Sr. Lay Organization (St. Paul AMEC)



Mothers of the Movement Gwen Carr (mother of Eric Garner) and Lucy McBath (mother of Jordan Davis) visited St. Paul AME Church in Jacksonville, Florida, on September 25, 2016 to encourage the congregation and community to get out and early vote in the presidential election. The mothers shared the death stories of their sons and charged the members of the congregation to use their voices to make a difference. The Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders II led the congregation in prayer, along with the Mothers of the Movement, as we headed into the United States General Election on November 8.



Ms. Gwen Carr (left), Ms. Lucy McBath (right), both pictured with Senator Audrey Gibson (center)

Tuskegee Airman: Master Sergeant Willie N. Rogers was a member of Bethel AME Church, St. Petersburg, Florida



His funeral was November 26 at Noon Please read his obituary for more information



Willie N. Rogers, the oldest surviving member of the original Tuskegee Airmen who became legendary for their service in World War II, died Nov. 18, 2016, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was 101 years old.

A longtime resident of St. Petersburg, Rogers died of stroke complications, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

The brave military men known as the Tuskegee Airmen became legendary for their service in World War II. The first African-American aviators in the U.S. armed forces, they fought valiantly for their country at a time when segregation still limited their lives and their rights.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton established the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama, to commemorate the airmen's heroism. All African-American military pilots who trained in the United States did so at Moton Field, the Tuskegee Army Air Field. The aviators were educated at Tuskegee University.

Rogers, who was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, was a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron.

He received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush in 2007.

Information above is from his Obituary at Legacy.com ~ Visit the link below for more information: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sptimes/obituary.aspx?n=willie-n-rogers&pid=182638054#sthash.4DnLUnaF.dpuf

More available in this article:

http://www.tampabay.com/news/oldest-remaining-tuskegee-airman-a-st-petersburg-man-dies-at-101/2303534

Honored in 2015: http://www.orlandoadvocate.com/local-tuskegee-airman-honored-in-st-pete/

Information submitted by Mrs. Patricia H. Wright Eleventh District Lay Organization ~ President

Hurst Chapel Winter Haven Lay Organization Provides a Diabetic Course to the Community

The Hurst Chapel Winter Haven Lay Organization provided a Diabetic course, which was a six weeks program to our members, and other congregations. It was great. The instructors were very informative. We were taught about medicine we take which was attributed as a result of diabetes, as well as diabetic medication by a licensed Pharmacist. Some of the students weren't necessarily diabetic, but had someone in their family with the disease.

Article submitted by Mrs. Shirley Thomas Hurst Chapel AME Church - Winter Haven, Florida HCWH Lay Organization ~ 1st Vice President











DIABETES EMPOWERMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM - SIX WEEKS

THE HOUSE OF GOD CALLED: HURST CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE REVEREND RONNIE L. CLARK, SR. HURST LAY ORGANIZATION PRESENTS THE "DEEP" GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016



INSTRUCTORS FOR THE CLASS WERE:

MS. SHARON AYERS, HSAG — FL DEEP SENIOR TRAINER

DR. FULSE — PHARMACIST

Hurst Chapel AMEC Lay Organization Officers



Jacqueline Grant — President

Shirley Thomas — 1st Vice President

Julie McGriff- Financial Secretary

Douglas Thomas — Director of Lay Activities

Eddie Smith — Treasurer

Kay Walker — Chaplain

Dollie Moses — Secretary

Florine Sanders - Parliamentarian





TURNER Theological Seminary



February 6,2017 6:30PM



A.M.F.Church

220 Auburn Avenue Atlanta Georgia 30303 Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. Senior Pastor



































Dr. Cecil Cone, Recipient of President's Lifetime Achievement Award;

(I-r) Rev. Dr. Charles Bennett, Rev. Spencer Booker, Dr. Marsha Foster-Boyd, Rev. Dr. James Cooper, Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Eason, Rev. Terence R. Gray, I, Rev. Dr. David Green, Rev. Jai Haithco, Sr., Rev. Augusta H. Hall, Jr., Rev. Dr. Julius McAllister, Jr., Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens, Rev. Dr. David B. Rhone, Jr., Rev. Dr. Moses Simms, Rev. Dr. Ronald Slaughter, Rev. Dr. Eyvonne Whitman,

Rev. Dr. Frederick Wright, Rev. Dr. Marvin Zanders, Jr.