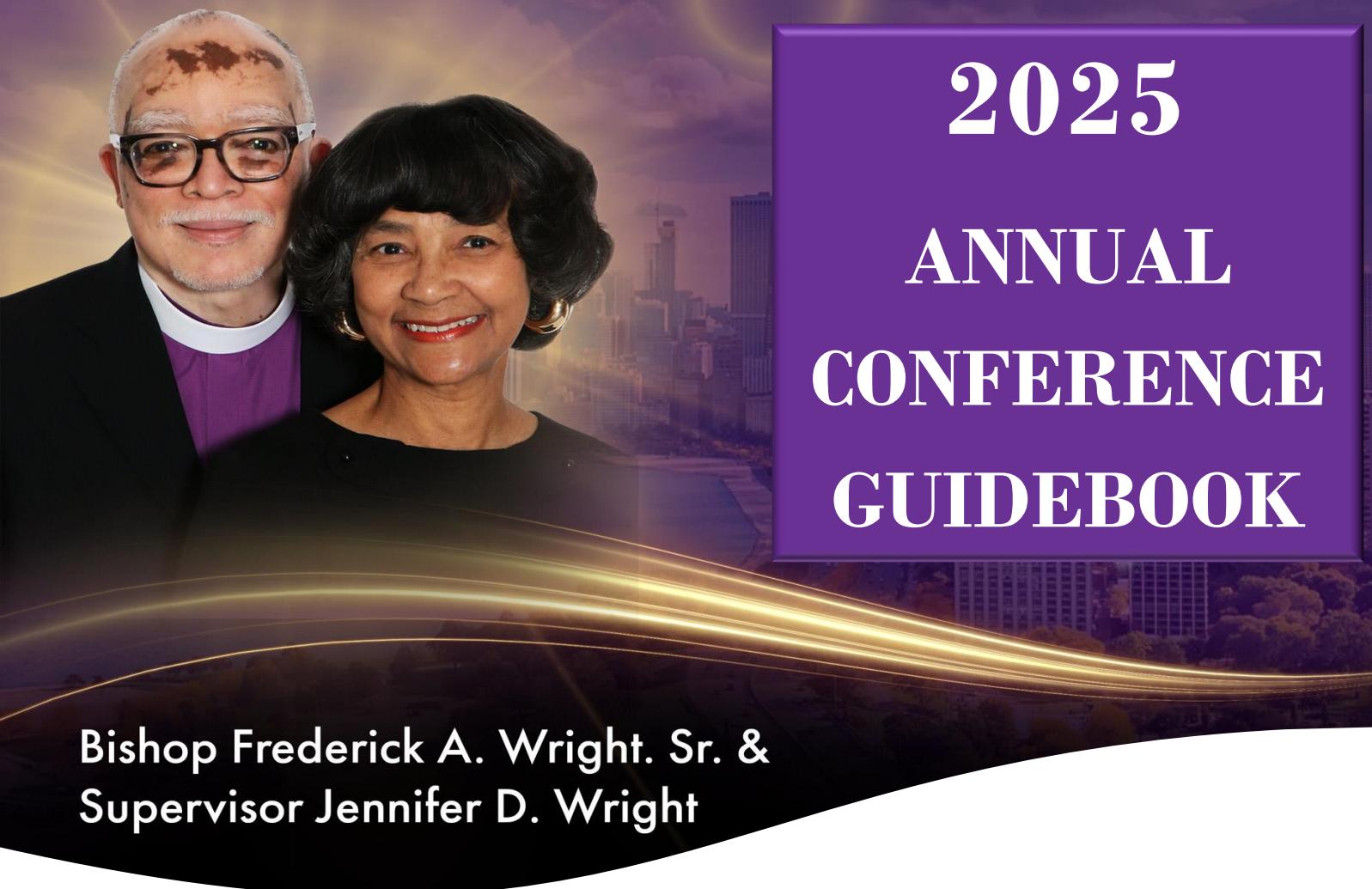


THE 4TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CANADIAN | MICHIGAN | ILLINOIS | INDIANA | CHICAGO | INDIA



**Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. &
Supervisor Jennifer D. Wright**

THINK POSSIBLE

MARK 9:23

And Jesus said to him,
“If you can? All things are
possible for one who
believes”



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The Bishop's Greetings



To the Fabulous Fourth Episcopal District, I bring you greetings from the Episcopal Team of Supervisor Jennifer Dixon Wright and Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr. With great anticipation, we are delighted to begin another series of Annual Conferences throughout the 4th Episcopal District.

I also greet you with a message that resonates deeply within the hallowed halls of faith, a message woven into the very fabric of our history: **Think Possible!** For generations, our pulpits have been more than just a place of worship; they have been beacons of hope, fortresses of resilience and incubators of dreams. When the world told us “no,” our preachers, our spiritual ancestors, stood tall and declared, **“Yes, through Christ, all things are possible!”**

Look at our legacy! From the brush harbors to magnificent cathedrals, from the whispered prayers in secret to the thundering pronouncements from the mountaintop, our journey has been a testament in the audacious belief in the impossible.

But the work, Beloved, is far from over. We stand at a critical juncture, facing new challenges that demand we once again tap into that wellspring of *“Think Possible.”* Remember the words of Philippians 4:13: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* In other words, there are no limits to what we can achieve, no ceiling to the “good” we can bring forth.

So, as we lead our churches and communities, I urge us to rekindle the flame of **“Think Possible.”** Let it ignite our sermons, inspire our outreach, and transform our vision. Let us once again be the vanguards of possibility, leading our people into a future overflowing with God’s grace, promise and boundless potential.

May God continue to bless you and your sacred work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frederick A. Wright".

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

2025 Annual Conferences and Venues

August 7 – 9

142nd Session of the Canadian Annual Conference

WMS Convention – 8.7

Annual Conference – 8.8, 8.9

Host – Tanner-Price AME Church

Conference Site – All Saints' Anglican Church

330 City Hall Square W, Windsor, Canada

Hotel Accommodations - Doubletree Windsor - 333 Riverside Dr W, Windsor, ON N9A 7C5, Canada

Host Pastor – The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath

Host Presiding Elder – The Rev. Stacey Smith

August 13 – 16

139th Session of the Michigan Annual Conference

WMS Convention – 8.13

Annual Conference – 8.14, 8.15, 8.16

Conference Site – (8.13) Oak Grove AME Church

19801 Cherrylawn, Detroit, MI 48221

(8.14-8.16) Wayne County Community College District – Northwest Campus, 8200 West. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48219

Hotel Accommodations - Motor City Hotel and Casino, Doubletree Suites by Hilton

August 27 – 30

154th Session of the Illinois Annual Conference

WMS Convention – 8.27

Annual Conference – 8.28, 8.29, 8.30

Conference Site – Ward Chapel AME Church

511 North Richard Allen Drive, Peoria, IL 61605

Hotel Accommodations – Courtyard Marriott

533 Main Street, Peoria, IL 61602

September 10 – 13

187th Session of the Indiana Annual Conference

WMS Convention – 9.10

Annual Conference – 9.11, 9.12, 9.13

Conference Site – Bethel AME Church

17777 Little Chicago Rd., Noblesville, IN

Hotel Accommodations – Bethel/Windham Hotel & Suites

18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN 46074

September 24 – 27

142nd Session of the Chicago Annual Conference

WMS Convention – 9.24

Annual Conference – 9.24, 9.26, 9.27

Conference Site – Cathedral of Grace-St. John AME Church

2950 Bilter Rd., Aurora, IL 60502-8938

Hotel Accommodations – Chicago Marriott Naperville

Naperville, IL

October 9 – 10

AME-India Annual Conference

WMS Convention – 10.9

Annual Conference – 10.10

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142ND SESSION OF THE
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"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23

August 7 – 9, 2025

August 7, 2025

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Women In Ministry Meeting

Lay Organization Meeting

August 8, 2025

Opening & Roll Call

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath

Conference Site – All Saints' Anglican Church
330 City Hall Square W, Windsor, Canada

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - ONLY

Doubletree Windsor

333 Riverside Dr W.
Windsor, ON N9A 7C5, Canada

Hosted by:
TANNER-PRICE AME CHURCH

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**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

CANADIAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE – AUGUST 7-9, 2025

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Host

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Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding Prelate

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Supervisor, Presiding

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Bishop and Presiding Elder

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Women In Ministry Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Bishop Meets with The Board of Examiners

(Candidates for Admissions and Deacon and Elder Orders)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Conference Lay Organization

3:00 p.m.

Bishop Meets with the Conference Trustees

Conference Lay Branch President, Presiding

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WMS "Night in White"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Roll Call, Conf. Secretary (Electronic)

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Organization of Annual Conference

Election of Conference Officers
Approval of the Agenda
Transfers

10:00 a.m.

The Annual Sermon

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Report of the Board of Examiners

11:30 a.m.

Presiding Elder Summary Reports
Pastors' Reports

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Committee Reports
Superannuation Service
Memorial Service
Ordination Service

5:00 p.m.

Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Statistical Report
Resolution
Disciplinary Questions
Commissioning Service
Reading of Appointments
Adjournment

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Young People's Division (YPD) Activity

CANADIAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To Be Elected

JUDICIARY: To Be Elected

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE: To Be Appointed

CANADIAN CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To Be Elected

MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY: To Be Elected

TRIERS OF APPEAL: To Be Elected

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

The Rev. Kenesha Blake-Newell, Chairperson

The Reverends: Jennifer Leath, Randolph Phillips

Lay Delegates: Christopher Hobbs

ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FELLOWSHIP:

The Rev. Jennifer Leath, Chairperson

The Reverend: Denise Johnson

Lay Delegates: Lindiwe Sithole

ANNUITY INVESTMENTS AND INSURANCE:

The Rev. Kenesha Blake-Newell, Chairperson

The Reverend: Tracey Thomas

Lay Delegates: Christopher Hobbs

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Presiding Elders: Stacey L. Smith

The Reverends: Kenesha Blake-Newell, Tracey Thomas

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The Reverends: Dr. Jennifer Leath, Kenesha Blake-Newell

Lay Delegates: Christopher Hobbs

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The Reverend Elie-Placide Irahoza, Chairperson

The Reverends: Denise Johnson, Randolph Phillips, Wayne Lewis

Lay Delegates: Nigel Sitashi

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The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Leath, Chairman

The Reverends: Denise Johnson

Lay Delegates: Christopher Hobbs

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The Reverends: Randolph Phillips, Wayne Lewis

Lay Delegates: Lorna Kay Cooper

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The Reverends:
Lay Delegates:

PUBLICATIONS:

The Reverend, Chairperson
The Reverends:
Lay Delegates:

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139TH SESSION OF THE
MICHIGAN
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August 13 – 16, 2025

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Women In Ministry Day
Women's Missionary Society Convention
Lay Organization Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Opening & Roll Call
Annual Sermon: The Rev. Yolanda Whiten

Hosted By:
OAK GROVE
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Conference Sites - Oak Grove AME Church
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and

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**MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE DAILY SCHEDULE
(Eastern Standard Time)**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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| 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop’s Meeting with Presiding Elders |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Worship Service |
| 1:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with The Board of Examiners and Candidates |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Meeting |
| 3:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with the Conference Trustees |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | WMS “Night in White” Worship Service |

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening of the Annual Conference |
| | Roll Call (Electronic) |
| | Organization of Annual Conference |
| | Election of Conference Officers |
| | Approval of the Agenda |
| | Transfers |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Report of the Board of Examiners |

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| | Presiding Elder Summary Reports |
| | Pastoral Reports |
| | Conference Committee Reports |
| | (filed online with Conference Secretary) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Conference Lay Night |
| Friday, August 15, 2025 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Conference Committee Reports |
| | Superannuation Service |
| | Memorial Service |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. | Ordination Worship Service |
| | (Communion) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Statistical Report |
| | Disciplinary Questions |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Youth Night Service |
| Saturday, August 16, 2025 | |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Commissioning Service |
| | Resolution |
| | Reading of Appointments |
| | Adjournment |
| 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. | Young People's Department Business Session |

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To Be Elected

JUDICIARY: To Be Elected

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE: To Be Appointed

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To Be Elected

MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY: To Be Elected

TRIERS OF APPEAL: To Be Elected

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

Reverend Tammy Harris Banks, Chairperson

Reverends: Alfred Baylor, Anita McCants, Mickarl Thomas

Lay Delegates: Byron Mingo, Denise Purdue, Henry Carter, Shirley Christian

ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FELLOWSHIP:

Reverend Anita McCants, Chairperson

Reverends: Robert Blake, Versey Williams

Lay Delegates: Kambuza Mugala, Edwin Satterwhite, Jacari Cope

ANNUITY INVESTMENTS AND INSURANCE:

Reverend Donald Phillips, Chairperson

Reverends: Darryl Williams, Sharinese Jackson, Christina Dennis, Lila Martin, Dennis Laffoon

Lay Delegates: Shirley Tuggle, Delois Jones, Denise Taylor, Robin Rollins

BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

Reverend Mashod Evans, Dean

Secretary: Reverend Dr. Willie Gholston

Admissions Chair: Reverend Douglas Banks

First Year Studies Chair: Reverend Douglas Banks

Second Year Studies: Reverend Dr. Willie Gholston

Third Year Studies Reverend Dr. Dennis Laffoon

Fourth Year Studies: Reverend Cindy Rudolph

Local Orders: Deaconess Chair: Reverend Lila R. Martin

CAMP BABER TRUSTEES:

Presiding Elders: H. Michael Lemmons, Larry J. Bell

Reverends: Sharinese Jackson, Dennis Laffoon

Lay Delegates: Mother Beverly Thomas

CHAPLAINS:

Chaplains: Eric Tucker, Versey Williams
Lay Delegates: Kim Holt, Miriam Smith

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Jerry Givan, Chairperson
Reverends: Twylla Tarver, Kay Porter
Lay Delegates: Syreeta Cheatom, Valerie Mathis, Cedasha Munson (Y), Delphia Ann Coleman, Vivian Taylor, Akaiia Ridley(Y)

CHURCH EXPANSION:

Reverend Darryl Williams, Chairperson
Reverends: Willie A. Gholston, Il, Kevin Crosby, Debra Thompson, Anita McCants
Lay Delegates: Elaine Allen, Leslie Solomon, Dorothy Clemons, Carolyn James, Darnetta Corbin Leak

CONFERENCE ADJUSTMENTS:

Presiding Elder H. Michael Lemmons Chairperson; Presiding Elder Larry J. Bell
Reverends: Dennis Laffoon, Cindy Rudolph, Twylla Tarver, Yolanda Whiten
Lay Delegates: Kim Crosby, Nate Ford, Celeste Davis, Jeffrey Baker, Jr. (Y)

EVANGELISM:

Reverend Robert Blake, Chairperson
Reverends: Deborah Satterwhite, Lynn Jackson, Cherida Gary, Milliard Southern, Gabrielle Avery,
Lay Delegates: Gwen McGarrity, Kim Richardson, Destiny Jimerson, Cedasha Munson (Y), Loretha Roberts, LaDon Barnes, Clinton Todd, Zeg Hill, Sidney Jones (Y)

MEMORIALS:

Reverend Jeffrey Baker, Chairperson
Reverends: Lynn Jackson, Sharrice Autry,
Lay Delegates: Augusta Lipsey, Patricia Flowers, Betty Tuggle, Denise Taylor, Dr. Jade Burns

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:

Presiding Elder Larry J. Bell
Reverends: Willie Gholston, Robert Blake, Cindy Rudolph, Christina Dennis, Kay Porter, Versey Williams,
Lay Delegates: Patricia Flowers, George Ann Tucker, LaDon Barnes, Cathy McGee, Darnetta Corbin Leak

PRESIDING ELDERS ASSESSMENT:

Reverend Mashod Evans, Chairperson
Reverends: Lila R. Martin, Yolanda Whiten, Willie A. Gholston Il, Doug Banks, Twylla Tarver, Sharinese Jackson, Tammy Harris Banks
Lay Delegates: Gwendolyn McGarrity, Gail Quann, Shannon Williams

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Reverend Christina Dennis, Chairperson
Reverends: Millard Southern, Ill, Eric Tucker, Donald Phillips
Lay Delegates: Byron Mingo, Adele Broaden, Brenda Giles

PUBLICATIONS:

Reverend Cindy Rudolph, Chairperson
Reverends: Lynn Jackson, Kay Porter, Versey Williams, Helen Criglar
Lay Delegates: Kim Holt, Cedasha Munson (Y) Henry Carter Jr., Cathy McGee

RESOLUTIONS:

Lila R. Martin, Chairperson
Reverends: Kevin Crosby, Doug Banks
Lay Delegates: Denise Purdue, Shannel Tyson, Miriam Smith, Thelma Earl

SELF-PERPETUATING TRUST FUND:

Reverend Yolanda Whiten, Chairperson
Reverends: Darryl Williams, Mickarl D. Thomas, Cherida Gary, Anita McCants
Lay Delegates: Nate Ford, Elaine Allen, Dr, Jade Burns, Barry Wynn

SOCIAL ACTION:

Reverend Dr. Willie Gholston, Il, Chairperson
Reverends: Sharrice Autry, Kevin Crosby, Mickarl Thomas, Donald Phillips
Lay Delegates: Denise Purdue, Destiny Jimerson, Dorothy Clemons, Delphia Ann Coleman

STEWARSHIP:

Reverend Douglas Banks, Chairperson
Reverends: Versey Williams, Millard Southern
Lay Delegates: Augusta, Betty Tuggle, Carolyn James, Shirley Christian

154TH SESSION OF THE ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23

August 27 – 30, 2025

Wednesday August 27, 2025

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Women In Ministry Meeting

Lay Organization Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Opening & Roll Call

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Vivian Clarington

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - ONLY

Courtyard Marriott

533 Main Street, Peoria, IL 61602

Hosted by:

WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH

511 North Richard Allen Drive

Peoria, IL 61605

The Rev. Cyrus Burns, *Host Pastor*

The Rev. Frederick Gaddy, *Host Presiding Elder*

The Rev. Adrian L. Johnson, Presiding Elder

Mrs. Jennifer D. Wright, Episcopal Supervisor

The Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, Presiding Prelate

**ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE DAILY SCHEDULE
(Central Standard Time)**

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop’s Meeting with Presiding Elders |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Worship Service |
| 1:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with The Board of Examiners and Candidates |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Meeting |
| 3:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with the Conference Trustees |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | WMS “Night in White” Worship Service |

Thursday August 28, 2025

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening of the Annual Conference |
| | Roll Call (Electronic) |
| | Organization of Annual Conference |
| | Election of Conference Officers |
| | Approval of the Agenda |
| | Transfers |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Report of the Board of Examiners |

Presiding Elder Summary Reports
Pastoral Reports
Conference Committee Reports
(filed online with Conference Secretary)

5:00 p.m. **Dinner Break (on your own)**

7:00 p.m. Conference Lay Night

Friday, August 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding

Conference Committee Reports

Superannuation Service

Memorial Service

12:00 p.m. **Lunch (provided)**

1:30 p.m. Ordination Worship Service

(Communion)

4:00 p.m. Statistical Report

Disciplinary Questions

5:00 p.m. **Dinner (on your own)**

7:00 p.m. Youth Night Service

9:00 p.m. Young People's Department Business Session

Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding

Commissioning Service

Resolution

Reading of Appointments

Adjournment

ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FINANCE: To Be Elected

MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY: To Be Elected

JUDICIARY: To Be Elected

TRIERS OF APPEALS: To Be Elected

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE: To Be Appointed

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To Be Elected

THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Rev. Patricia Herring, Dean

Rev. Jamie Jackson, Secretary

Rev. Cyrus Burns, Admissions & First Year

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Wright, Second Year

Rev. Vivian Clarington, Third Year

Rev. Jamie Jackson, Fourth Year

EVANGELISM

Revs. Damon Mitchell, Patricia Herring, Ellen Warren-Rice, Ronnie Woods,
James Hailey, Galda McCants

Lay: Tracy Harrelson, Debora Black, Eddie Brown

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Revs. Terrance Thomas, Dr. Kathleen Wright, Pierce Harper, Dr. Cyrus Burns, Kimberly Hayes,
Elexis Wilson Thomas

Lay: Dianna Penny, Garry Crumer. Youth: Trace Wade

CHURCH SCHOOL

Revs. Jamie Jackson, John Herring, Sr., Josephine Wolder, Pierce Harper, Lyn Morris

Lay: Delores Owens, Vera Branch

STEWARSHIP

Revs. Dr. Cyrus Burns, Pierce Harper, Kimberly Hayes, Margaret Chambers

Lay: Tyrone Barr, Cynthia Morgan

ABANDONED PROPERTY

Revs. Jamie Jackson, John Herring, Jarian Stith, Mason M. Parks

Lay: Darphy Harris, Tamarra Washington

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS

Revs. Ronald R. Chambers, Jamie Jackson, James Hailey, John Herring
Lay: Garry Crumer, Deborah Gant, Mary Haywood-Benson

SOCIAL ACTION

Revs. Carl Terry, III, Jamie Jackson, Ronnie Woods, John Herring, Sr., Ronald R. Chambers,
Kimberly Abram-Bryant
Lay: Debora Black, Dr. Victoria Nichols. Johnson

CONFERENCE ADJUSTMENTS (PRESIDING ELDERS' DISTRICT AND SUPPORT)

Revs. Dr. Cyrus Burns, Gloria Hayes, Patricia Herring, Jarian Stith, James Hailey, Orlando Dial
Lay: Yvonne Ousley, Youth: Jordan Smith

MEMORIALS

Revs. Dr. Kathleen Wright, Gordon Wolder, John Herring, Sr., Bernica Thompson
Lay: Belva Smith, Yvonne Evans, Cynthia Morgan

RESOLUTIONS

Revs. Galda McCants, Jamie Jackson
Lay: Pamela Patterson, Bonnie Ballard, Pam Jones King

SELF-PERPETUATING FUND

Revs. Jamie Jackson, Dr. Cyrus Burns, James Hailey, Pierce Harper, Ronald Chambers
Lay: Brenda Garry, Valerie Holmes

CAMP BABER TRUSTEES

Presiding Elders Frederick Gaddy, Adrian L. Johnson
Rev. Patricia Herring
Lay: Brenda Garry

ANNUITY INVESTMENT AND INSURANCE

Revs. Carl Terry, Pierce Harper, Dorothy Berry
Lay: Sharon Hopson, Mae Donaldson, Jackie Turner

MARSHALLS

Revs. Ronald Chambers, Ronnie Woods, Gordon Wolder
Lay: Jack Turner, Duane Palmer

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH AND THE NATION

Revs. Dr. Kathleen M. Wright, Co-Chair, Dr. Frederick K. Gaddy, Co-Chair
Revs. June Owens, Pierce Harper Mitchell
Lay: Lendia Walker, Sherri Peoples Jamison

187TH SESSION OF THE INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23

September 10 – 13, 2025

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Women In Ministry Meeting

Lay Organization Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Opening & Roll Call

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Bonita Hawkins

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - ONLY

Wyndham Hotel and Suites

18592 Carousel Lane,
Westfield, IN 46074

Hosted by:

BETHEL AME CHURCH

17777 Little Chicago Rd.

Noblesville, IN

The Rev. Mindy Mayes, *Host Pastor*

The Rev. Lenore Williams, *Host Presiding Elder*

The Rev. Jennifer Tinsley, *Presiding Elder*

Mrs. Jennifer D. Wright, *Episcopal Supervisor*

The Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, *Presiding Prelate*

**INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE DAILY SCHEDULE
(Eastern Standard Time)**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

| | |
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| 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop’s Meeting with Presiding Elders |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Worship Service |
| 1:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with The Board of Examiners and Candidates |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Meeting |
| 3:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with the Conference Trustees |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | WMS “Night in White” Worship Service |

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening of the Annual Conference |
| | Roll Call (Electronic) |
| | Organization of Annual Conference |
| | Election of Conference Officers |
| | Approval of the Agenda |
| | Transfers |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Report of the Board of Examiners |

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| | Presiding Elder Summary Reports |
| | Pastoral Reports |
| | Conference Committee Reports |
| | (filed online with Conference Secretary) |
| 5:00 pm. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Conference Lay Night |
| | Friday, September 12, 2025 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Conference Committee Reports |
| | Superannuation Service |
| | Memorial Service |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. | Ordination Worship Service |
| | (Communion) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Statistical Report |
| | Disciplinary Questions |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Youth Night Service |
| 9:00 p.m. | Young People's Department Business Session |
| | Saturday, September 13, 2025 |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Commissioning Service |
| | Resolution |
| | Reading of Appointments |
| | Adjournment |

INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To Be Elected

JUDICIARY: To Be Elected

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE: To Be Appointed

INDIANA CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To Be Elected

MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY: To Be Elected

TRIERS OF APPEAL: To Be Elected

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

The Rev. Kenneth Christmon, Chairperson

The Reverends: Carlos Perkins, Gwendolyn Sanders, Deborah Lightfoot Oates

Lay Delegates: Stephanie Moreland, Renee Baines, Valarie Grim, Dorothy Jones

ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FELLOWSHIP:

The Rev. Damen Morris, Chairperson

The Reverends: Delana Patterson, Allen McClendon, Stacey Dubose Dyson

ANNUITY INVESTMENTS AND INSURANCE:

The Reverends. Dr. Virgil Woods, Chairperson

The Reverend Dr. Carlos Perkins

BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

Secretary-The Rev. Bonita Hawkins

Admissions Chair-The Rev. Damen Morris

First Year Studies Chair-The Rev. Dr. Tonya Burris-Mallory

Second Year Studies Chair-The Rev. Dalrey Trotter

Third Year Studies Chair-The Rev. Dr. Charlesfontaine Macon

Fourth Year Studies Chair-The Rev. Mindy Mayes

Deaconess Chair/Specialized Ministries-The Rev. Gwendolyn Sanders

Advisor - The Rev. Dr. Carlos Perkins

CAMP BABER TRUSTEES:

Presiding Elders: Jennifer Tinsley and Lenore G. Williams

The Reverend: William Gary

Lay Delegate: Vickie McCullough

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Reverend Pamela Jones Horne, Director

North District: Rev. Dalrey Trotter, South District: Rev. Dr. Shonda N. Gladden
Committee Members: The Reverends Tess Brooks Stephens and Bonita Hawkins

Lay Delegates: Pamela ClayJones, Marva Davis

Young Adult Coordinator: Andrea Fontanez

Children's Coordinator: Kenyatta Mitchell

SONS OF ALLEN:

The Reverends Jerry Davis and William Gary

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

The Reverend Mindy Mayes

North District Superintendents: Reverends Damen and Rosalind Morris

South District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Tonya Burris-Mallory

CHURCH EXPANSION:

The Reverend Dr. Carlos Perkins, Chairperson

The Reverends: Pamela Jones Horne, Michael Jefferson, II, Dr. Virgil Woods

CONFERENCE ADJUSTMENTS:

The Reverend Mindy Mayes, Chairperson

Dr. Charlesfontaine Macon, Rosalind Morris, Deborah Lightfoot Oates

Lay Delegates: Rae Sharon Davis, Lenette Williams-King, Denise Anthony, Natissa Woodard

EVANGELISM:

The Reverend Allen McClendon, Conference Director

The Reverends: Deborah Lightfoot Oates, Rev. Dr. Virgil Woods

Lay Delegates: Natissa Woodard, Eulah Mitchell

MEMORIALS:

The Reverend Tanya N. Smith, Chairperson

The Reverends: Dr. Charlesfontaine Macon, Dalrey Trotter, Christopher Randolph

Lay Delegates: Richard Burden, Mary Daniel, Vicki McCullough, Martha Lambert, Dared Alcox

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:

The Reverends: Dalrey Trotter, Michael Jefferson, II, William Gary, Deborah Lightfoot Oates

Lay Delegates: Karen Furman, Dorothy Jones, Drew Mallory (YA), Kim Erby

PRESIDING ELDER'S ASSESSMENT:

The Reverend Mindy Mayes, Chairperson

Dr. Charlesfontaine Macon, Rosalind Morris, Deborah Lightfoot Oates

Lay Delegates: Rae Sharon Davis, Lenette Williams-King, Denise Anthony, Natissa Woodard

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The Reverend Kenneth Christman, Chairperson
The Reverends: Rosalind Morris, Stacy Dubose Dyson, David Swarn
Lay Delegates: Josephine King, Mary Daniel, Lenette Williams-King, Adrain Paynes

PUBLICATIONS:

The Reverend Stacy Dubose-Dyson, Chairperson
The Reverends: Rev. Marla Coulter-McDonald
Lay Delegates: Lillie Hall, Andrea Fontanez

RESOLUTIONS:

The Reverend Rosalind Morris, Chairperson
The Reverends: Dr. Tanya Burris-Mallory, Fredricka lynch-Lumpkin,
Marissa Kendrick-Jackson,
Lay Delegates: Mary Jo Flood, Stephanie Graf-Gillard, Renee Baines, Carlos Vasquez

SELF-PERPETUATING TRUST FUND:

The Reverend Dr. Tonya Burris Mallory, Chairperson
The Reverends: Dr. Marla Coulter-McDonald, Tess Brooks-Stephens, Bonita Hawkins
Lay Delegates: Lenette Williams-King, Misty Gause, Karen Furman, Eulah Mitchell

SOCIAL ACTION:

The Reverend Michael Jefferson, II, Chairperson
The Reverends: Gwendolyn Sanders, Dr. Tonya Burris-Mallory, William Gary
Lay Delegates: A. Fay Barber Dansby, Ernest Duff, Lillie Hall, Lenette Williams-King

STEWARDSHIP:

The Reverend Tess Brooks Stephens, Chairperson
The Reverends: Tanya N. Smith, Delana Patterson, Mindy Mayes
Lay Delegates: Eula Mitchell, Vickie McCullough, Richard Burden, Roxzann Weaver

CHAPIAINS:

The Reverends: Delana Patterson, LT USN Netitia Walker, Dr. Marla Coulter-McDonald
Dr. Michael Carson, Christopher Riley

STATE OF THE CHURCH:

The Reverends: Tess Brooks Stephens, David Swarn
Lay Delegates: Renee Baines, Pat Mitchell

143RD SESSION OF THE
CHICAGO
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23

September 24 – 27, 2025

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Women In Ministry Meeting

Lay Organization Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Opening & Roll Call

Annual Sermon: The Rev. Anthony Galloway

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - ONLY

CHICAGO MARRIOTT - NAPERVILLE

1801 N. NAPER BLVD

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

CONFERENCE SITE:

CATHEDRAL OF GRACE-ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

2950 BILTER ROAD

AURORA, IL

The Rev. Jesse D. Hawkins, Pastor

Hosted by:

ST. PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT - AME CHURCH

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The Rev. Dr. James Moody, *Presiding Elder*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Brumfield, *Presiding Elder*

The Rev. Dr. James F. Miller, *Presiding Elder*

Mrs. Jennifer D. Wright, *Episcopal Supervisor*

The Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, *Presiding Prelate*

**CHICAGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE DAILY SCHEDULE
(Central Standard Time)**

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

| | |
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| 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop’s Meeting with Presiding Elders |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Worship Service |
| 1:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with The Board of Examiners and Candidates |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women’s Missionary Society (WMS) Convention |
| 2:00 p.m. | Women In Ministry (WIM) Meeting |
| 3:00 p.m. | Bishop meets with the Conference Trustees |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | WMS “Night in White” Worship Service |

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening of the Annual Conference |
| | Roll Call (Electronic) |
| | Organization of Annual Conference |
| | Election of Conference Officers |
| | Approval of the Agenda |
| | Transfers |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Report of the Board of Examiners |

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| | Presiding Elder Summary Reports |
| | Pastoral Reports |
| | Conference Committee Reports |
| | (filed online with Conference Secretary) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner Break (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Conference Lay Night |
| | Friday, September 26, 2025 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Conference Committee Reports |
| | Superannuation Service |
| | Memorial Service |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch (provided) |
| 1:30 p.m. | Ordination Worship Service |
| | (Communion) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Statistical Report |
| | Disciplinary Questions |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner (on your own) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Youth Night Service |
| 9:00 p.m. | Young People's Department Business Session |
| | Saturday, September 27, 2025 |
| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding |
| | Commissioning Service |
| | Resolution |
| | Reading of Appointments |
| | Adjournment |

CHICAGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: To Be Elected

JUDICIARY: To Be Elected

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE: To Be Appointed

CHICAGO CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: To Be Elected

MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY: To Be Elected

TRIERS OF APPEAL: To Be Elected

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

The Rev. Dwayne Gary, Chairperson

The Reverends: Gregory Armstrong, Barbara Brown, Marland Brazier,
Akil Dickens, Leoma Leigh-Williams

Lay Delegates: Larry Burt, Brian Mitchell, Sharon Holbrook

ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FELLOWSHIP:

The Rev. Walter C. Harris, Sr., Chairperson

The Reverends: Norris Jackson, Jr., Alene Style-Glover, Angela Barnes

Lay Delegates: Rheanna Washington, Arlene Bell, Olivia Vanderberg, Annie Kirkwood

ANNUITY INVESTMENT & INSURANCE:

The Rev. Dr. Tracy Gibson, Chairperson

The Reverends: Geraldine Sheet-Howard, Troy Venning, Craig Robinson

Lay Delegates: Larry Burt, Dennis Daniels, Stacy Turner, Scott Terry

BOARD OF EXAMINERS:

The Reverend Jesse Hawkins, Dean

Secretary – The Reverend Alene Styles Glover

Admissions Chair — The Reverend Dwayne Gary

Co-Leader — The Reverend Dr. Tracey Gibson

First Year Studies Chair — The Reverend Deborah Y. Scott

Co-Leader – The Reverend Troy Venning

Second Year Studies Chair — The Reverend Dr. Joy Gallmon

Co-Leader — The Reverend Dr. James Bailey

Third Year Studies Chair — The Reverend Alene Styles Glover

Co-Leader – The Rev. Dr. Geneace Williams

Fourth Year Studies Chair — The Reverend Craig Robinson

Co-Leader – The Rev. Conitras Houston Dickens

Local Orders Chair – The Rev. Marlon Brazier

Co-Leader – The Rev. Dr. John Halbert

Consultant - Rev. Dr. William Smith

CAMP BABER TRUSTEES:

Presiding Elders: Stacey L Smith, Robert E. Brumfield,
James M. Moody, James F. Miller
The Reverend Deborah Scott
Lay Delegate: Leah Scott

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Reverend Georgetta Glover, Chairperson
Reverends: Akil Dickens, Geraldine Sheets-Howard, Erma Winbush,
Amondo Damole, Pamela Ngunjiri, Celona Hayes
Lay Delegates: Arlene Crigler, Carolyn Brown, Youth Delegates: YPD President, YAN President

CHURCH EXPANSION:

The Reverend Dr. Norris E. Jackson, Chairperson
The Reverends: Sheila Wilson Freelon, Anthony Galloway, David Wilson
Lay Delegates: Rheanna Washington, James Scott

CONFERENCE ADJUSTMENTS:

The Reverend Dr. Joy Gallmon, Chairperson
The Reverends: Rosalind K. Shorter Henderson, Garry Mitchell
Lay Delegates: Wes Scott, Julia Holman, Leah Scott

EVANGELISM:

The Reverend Garry Mitchell, Conference Director
The Reverends: Dr. Norris E. Jackson, Jr., Sheila Wilson Freelon, Thomas Poole,
Geneace Williams, Anthony Galloway, Clinton E. Ward, III
Lay Delegates: Rheanna Washington, Karen Baker, Wyatt Smith

MEMORIALS:

The Reverend Curtis Van Johnson, Chairperson
The Reverends: Chad Edwards, Erma Winbush, Walter Harris, David J. Wilson
Lay Delegates: Melisa Hitson, Leatrice Thompson

MISSIONS, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:

The Reverends: Walter Harris, Anese Adams Collier, Tracey Kenney,
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Lay Delegates: Gary Lee, Lellie Scott, Julia Holman

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"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23

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Thursday October 9, 2025

Women's Missionary Society Convention

Thursday, October 10, 2025

Opening & Roll Call

The Rev. Job Pariyar, *Host Presiding Elder*

Mrs. Jennifer D. Wright, *Episcopal Supervisor*

The Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, *Presiding Prelate*

Memorial Service

Hymn #448: "It is Well With My Soul"

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus

It is well, it is well, with my soul, with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul.

The Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are they who die in the Lord

People: They will rest from their labor

Leader: Blessed are they who die in the Lord

People: Their deeds will follow them

Leader: Let us remember the members of this church

People: They are precious in the sight of the Lord

All: The gift of God is eternal life, Hallelujah and Amen!

The Prayer (in unison)

Grant us O God, to pass this day in gladness and peace as we remember our loved one[s], who have transitioned from this life to life eternal. We thank you God for the time we shared and the memories we cherish. In the Name of Jesus. Amen

The Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 (NRSV)

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.

SPEAK THE NAMES: (Stewards will call names of the deceased)

Brief Tributes

Hymn # 511: "When We All Get to Heaven"

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus. Sing His mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.*

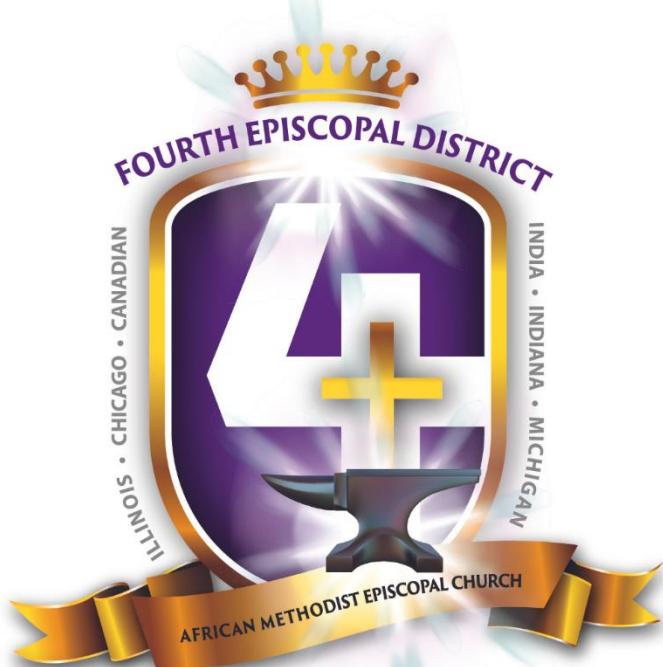
*When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.*

*Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory, Will the toils of life repay.*

*When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.*

*Adapted from 51st (2021) General Conference A.M.E. Church

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are admitted or readmitted to full Connection?
4. Who have been elected and ordained deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained elders?
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?
8. Who are the supernumerary preachers?
9. Who are the superannuated preachers?
10. Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference?
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to The Christian Recorder and also the AME Review, The Voice of Missions, The Journal of Christian Education, The Secret Chamber, or The Missionary Magazine?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments or the church publications?
16. Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization?
(b) if not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
17. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
18. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
19. Where are the preachers stationed this year?



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