

# THE 4TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE GUIDEBOOK

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Sr.".

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Sr.

## 2025 Annual Conferences and Venues

### **August 7 – 9**

142<sup>nd</sup> 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**

139<sup>th</sup> 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**

154<sup>th</sup> 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**

187<sup>th</sup> 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**

142<sup>nd</sup> 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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FIRST DISTRICT		TWELFTH DISTRICT	
<b>Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>Silvester S. Beaman</b>	<b>139</b>
SECOND DISTRICT		THIRTEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>Reginald T. Jackson</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>Harry Lee Seawright</b>	<b>133</b>
THIRD DISTRICT		FOURTEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>Stafford J. N. Wicker</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>Paul J. M. Kawimbe</b>	<b>121</b>
FOURTH DISTRICT		FIFTEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>Frederick Alan Wright, Sr.</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>Henry Allen Belin, III</b>	<b>146</b>
FIFTH DISTRICT		SIXTEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>Francine A. Brookins</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath</b>	<b>128</b>
SIXTH DISTRICT		SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>Michael Leon Mitchell</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Vernon R. Byrd, Jr.</b>	<b>145</b>
SEVENTH DISTRICT		EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>James Levert Davis</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.</b>	<b>147</b>
EIGHTH DISTRICT		NINETEENTH DISTRICT	
<b>Ericka D. Crawford</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>Wilfred Jacobus Messiah</b>	<b>120</b>
NINTH DISTRICT		TWENTIETH DISTRICT	
<b>Julius H. McAllister, Jr.</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>Gregory V. Eason</b>	<b>148</b>
TENTH DISTRICT		ECUMENICAL	
<b>Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr.</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.</b>	<b>124</b>
ELEVENTH DISTRICT		LOCATED	
<b>Marvin Clyde Zanders, II</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>Errenous E. McCloud, Jr.</b>	<b>127</b>

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Bishop Philip Robert Cousin, Sr. | 96

Bishop John Richard Bryant | 106

Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster | 110 (Deceased 2024)

Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland | 114

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr. | 115

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie | 117

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram | 118

Bishop Preston Warren Williams, II | 119

Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry | 122 (Deceased 2025)

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr. | 129

Bishop John Franklin White | 130

Bishop Clement W. Fugh | 131

Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield | 135 (Deceased 2024)

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III | 138

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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

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Windsor, ON N9A 7C5, Canada

Hosted by:

**TANNER-PRICE AME CHURCH**

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



**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

**CANADIAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE – AUGUST 7-9, 2025**

**The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Host  
The Rev. Stacey L. Smith, Host Presiding Elder  
Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor  
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*

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*Lay Delegates: Lorna Kay Cooper*

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The Reverends: Wayne Lewis, Denise Johnson  
*Lay Delegates: Christopher Hobbs*

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*Lay Delegates:*

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The Reverend, Chairperson

The Reverends:

*Lay Delegates:*

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The Reverend Tracey Thomas, Chairperson

The Reverend: Denise Johnson

*Lay Delegates: Ida Bucumi*

139TH SESSION OF THE  
MICHIGAN  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23*

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

19801 Cherrylawn, Detroit, MI

and

Wayne County Community College District – Northwest Campus

8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI

The Rev. Cindy Rudolph, Host Pastor

The Rev. Dr. H. Michael Lemmons, Host Presiding Elder

The Rev. Larry. J. Bell, Presiding Elder

Mrs. Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor

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

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

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

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

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

<b>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of the Annual Conference</b> Roll Call (Electronic) Organization of Annual Conference Election of Conference Officers Approval of the Agenda Transfers
<b>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	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 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 Clemmons, Delphia Ann Coleman*

### **STEWARDSHIP:**

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 Clarrington*

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**

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

**Thursday August 28, 2025**

<b>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of the Annual Conference</b> Roll Call (Electronic) Organization of Annual Conference Election of Conference Officers Approval of the Agenda Transfers
<b>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	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*

## **STEWARDSHIP**

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*



187<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

<b>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of the Annual Conference</b> Roll Call (Electronic) Organization of Annual Conference Election of Conference Officers Approval of the Agenda Transfers
<b>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	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 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

**TRIEERS 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 Clay Jones, 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*

143<sup>RD</sup> 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**

The Rev. Stacey L. Smith, *Host Presiding Elder*  
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**

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

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

<b>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of the Annual Conference</b> Roll Call (Electronic) Organization of Annual Conference Election of Conference Officers Approval of the Agenda Transfers
<b>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	The Opening Worship Service – Annual Sermon
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	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, 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.**

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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

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SESSION OF THE  
AME-INDIA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*"Think Possible" – Mark 9:23*

October 9 – 10, 2025

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 51<sup>st</sup> (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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