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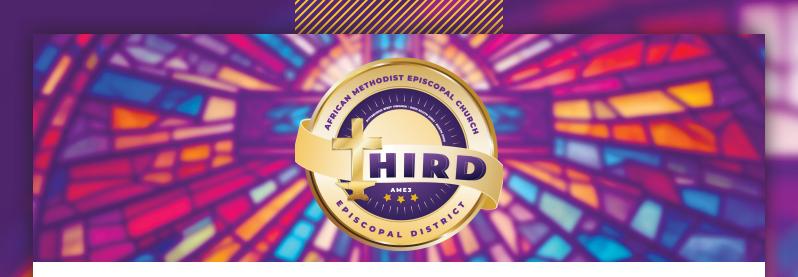
SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2025

BISHOP STAFFORD J.N. WICKER, PRESIDING PRELATE REV. DR. CONSTANCE BELIN WICKER, SUPERVISOR OF MISSIONS

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Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Closing Worship Preacher The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, WIM Preacher

Bishop's Bio

Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker holds an esteemed position in the African Methodist Episcopal Church as the 137th elected and consecrated Bishop. His leadership, and ministerial impact alongside Supervisor Constance Belin Wicker, is distinguished by his strong advocacy for social justice, economic empowerment, and commitment to professional development.

Bishop Wicker's journey in the ministry began with an education rooted in faith and service. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Wilberforce University, followed by a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity from Turner Theological Seminary. His doctoral research was focused on engaging local A.M.E. Church congregations with HIV/AIDS education and prevention, illustrating his dedication to community service and health awareness.

Upon his graduation in 1982, Bishop Wicker received his first pastoral appointment at Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church in Roseland, LA, from Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming. His leadership was marked by growth and development, with a new church being constructed under his guidance. In 1985, Bishop Wicker married the love of his life, Constance Belin of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. From there, their ministerial journey included assignments in Georgia, where he led the congregations of the Toomsboro Circuit, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Mansfield, and Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church in Atlanta. At each stop, then Pastor Wicker demonstrated a commitment to financial stewardship and congregational growth, helping to eliminate debt, increase membership, and enhance facilities.

Bishop Wicker's tenure at Antioch A.M.E. Church in Decatur, GA, marked a significant turning point in his career. Under his leadership, the church congregation expanded significantly, and the church campus in Stone Mountain became

the largest A.M.E. church acquisition at the time.

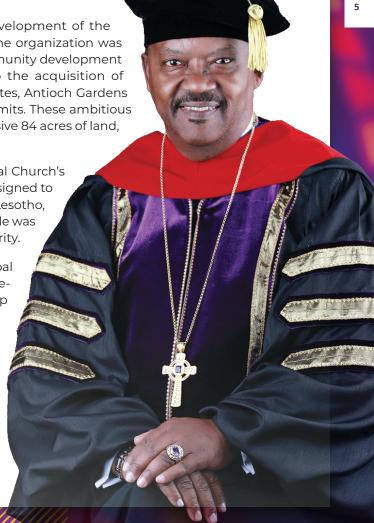
Bishop's vision for community upliftment led to the development of the Antioch Community Development Corporation in 1998. The organization was formed with the objective of fostering economic and community development in Georgia. Bishop Wicker's strategic leadership led to the acquisition of additional lands, the establishment of Antioch Manor Estates, Antioch Gardens and Villas, and plans for the development of Antioch Summits. These ambitious projects have increased the church's portfolio to an impressive 84 acres of land, valued at \$48 million.

During the 50th Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church's General Conference, Bishop and Supervisor Wicker were assigned to lead the 18th Episcopal District, which included Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, and Swaziland. Their five-year tenure in this role was characterized by extraordinary energy, empathy, and integrity.

In 2021, the Wicker team went on to serve the 8th Episcopal District comprising of Louisiana and Mississippi. In their threeyear tenure, the district became debt-free under Bishop Wicker's 8Cs Model Ministry.

On August 28th, 2024, during the 52nd Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church's General Conference, Bishop and Supervisor Wicker were assigned to the 3rd Episcopal District. Bishop now serves as Chancellor of Wilberforce University and Chair of the Board of Trustees for Payne Theological Seminary.

Together, they are the proud parents of two daughters, Valencia M. Wicker and Lauren M. Wicker.





The Greeting from the President of the President Elders' Council

Rev. Dr. James H. Harris, Sr.

To our Presiding Bishop, Stafford J. N. Wicker and Supervisor Rev. Dr. Constance Belin Wicker, and to all of the Pastors, Clergy, Delegates and friends, as we look forward to the "Shift" God has in his plans for us.

On behalf of the Presiding Elders' Council of the Third Episcopal District, we celebrate God's love and Joy. Our Bishop has a great vision of ministry within the Third Episcopal District. I urge each and every one of you to accept this new vision for our beloved AME3.

"For it does not yet appear what we shall be."

Enjoy these moments of celebration at each of our Annual Conferences. If each of us prays for a successful and joyous Annual Conference, just watch how the Lord will bless all that we accomplish in His Name.

Again, God bless us all as we endeavor to do the Lord's will in Christian Ministry. To God be the glory. Let the Church say, "Amen!"

"CELEBRATE THE SHIFT"

Greetings from the Historic St. Paul AMEC

Grace and Peace.

On behalf of the officers, members, and friends of the Historic St. Paul AME Church, it is my distinct honor and joy to welcome you to the 195th Session of the Ohio South Ohio Annual Conference.

We count it a blessing that the Lord has allowed us to gather once more in holy fellowship, in sacred work, and in kingdom building. To our Presiding Bishop, Rt. Rev. Stafford J.N. Wicker, Episcopal Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Constance Belin Wicker, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Delegates, Members, and Guests welcome to our church and to our city.

St. Paul AME Church, now in her 202nd year of faithful witness, stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of downtown Columbus. We are proud to open our doors to you and pray that you feel the warmth of our hospitality, the richness of our history, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in this place.



And to those visiting Columbus, welcome to the capital city of Ohio! A vibrant, diverse, and growing city, Columbus is known for its hospitality, its innovation, and its spirit of community. As you gather here for this Annual Conference, may you also experience the beauty, culture, and energy that our city has to offer.

It is my prayer that during this Conference, we are renewed in spirit, re-committed to the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and ready to go forth and serve with power.

On behalf of St. Paul and the city of Columbus, welcome, welcome!

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer

Host Pastor

Historic St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Columbus, OH



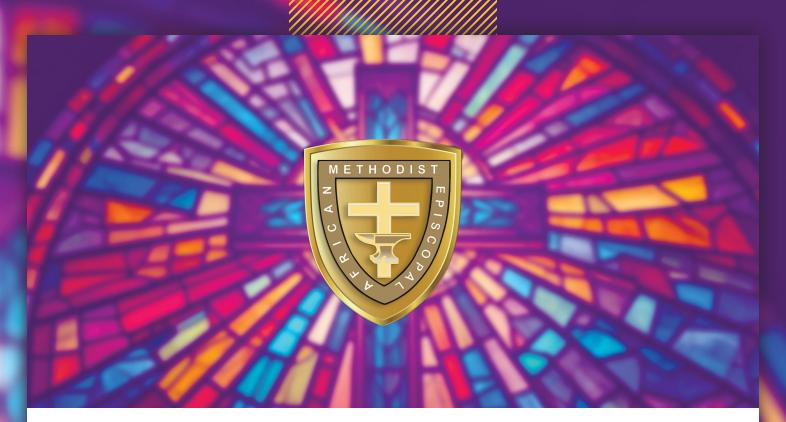
OF THE AME CHURCH

BISHOP	ASSIGNMENT	RETIREMENT YEAR
Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah	19th Episcopal District	2028
Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe	14th Episcopal District	2036
Bishop James L. Davis	7th Episcopal District	2028
Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.	Ecumenical Officer/Endorsing Agent	2032
Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.	1st Episcopal District	2036
Bishop Jeffery N. Leath, Sr.	16th Episcopal District	2032
Bishop Reginald T. Jackson	2nd Episcopal District	2028
Bishop Harry L. Seawright	13th Episcopal District	2032
Bishop Michael L. Mitchell	6th Episcopal District	2036
Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford	10th Episcopal District	2032
Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker	3rd Episcopal District	2036
Bishop Silvester S. Beaman	12th Episcopal District	2036
Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II	11th Episcopal District	2040
Bishop Francine A. Brookins	5th Episcopal District	2048
Bishop Frederick A. Wright	4th Episcopal District	2032
Bishop Erika D. Crawford	8th Episcopal District	2048
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.	9th Episcopal District	2044
Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, Jr.	17th Episcopal District	2032
Bishop Henry A. Belin III	15th Episcopal District	2040
Bishop Jeffrey B. Cooper II	18th Episcopal District	2032
Bishop Gregory V. Eason	20th Episcopal District	2036
Bishop E. Earl Mccloud, Jr.	Located	2028



*Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings (95th)
Bishop Philip Robert Cousin, Sr. (96th)
Bishop John Richard Bryant (106th)
*Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster (110th)
Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland (114th)
Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr. (115th)
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie (117th)
Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram (118th)

Bishop Preston Warren Williams II (119th)
*Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry (122nd)
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr. (129th)
Bishop John Franklin White (130th)
Bishop Clement W. Fugh (131st)
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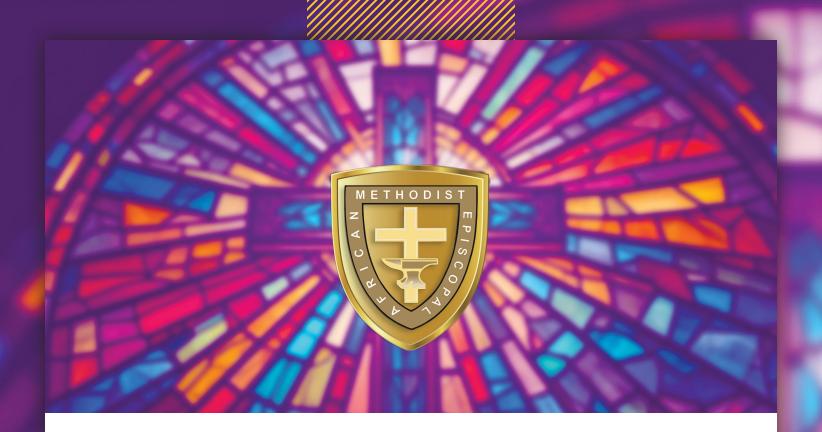
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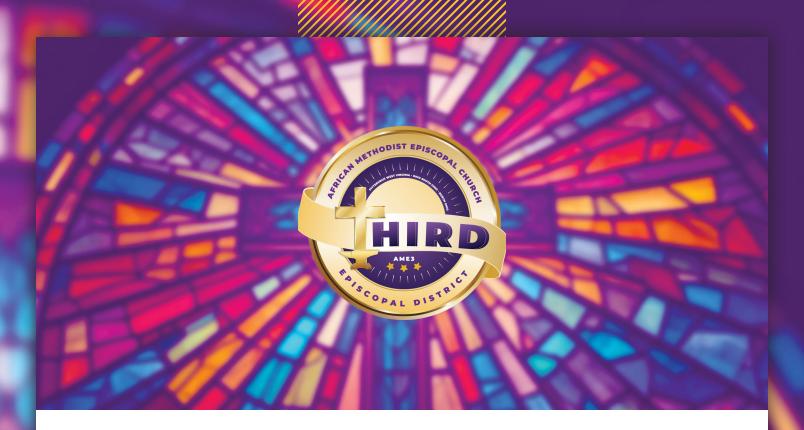
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Presiding Bishop

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OHIO SOUTH OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA HISTORIC ST. PAUL AME CHURCH

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

WEDNESI	AY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025	j
9:00AM	Devotion	

9:45AM Women's Missionary Society

Business Session I

11:30AM Service Project-YWCA

1:00PM Men of Valor Luncheon

(ticket required)

6:45PM Night in White

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

8:00AM Devotion Board of Examiners

8:15AM Bishop & Host Presiding Elder

Greeting

Business Session I

8:20AM Calling of Annual Conference

into Session & Reading of the

Agenda

8:25AM Roll Call – Secretaries of the

Conference

9:50AM The Gathering in Multipurpose

Area (All Clergy)

10:00AM OPENING WORSHIP &

HOLY COMMUNION

12:00PM LUNCH BREAK

1:30PM-5:30PM

Business Session II Administrative Reports

• Board of Examiners (BOE)

 Presiding Eider's Summary Report

• Finance Committee Report

• The Committee on Presiding

Elder Support

2:15PM Reading Minutes from

Business Session I

2:30PM Business Session II

Reading of Pastor Reports

5:30PM Dinner Break

7:00PM Wilberforce University Choir

& Lay Night

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

8:00AM Devotion Board of Examiners

8:15AM Reading Minutes from

Business Session II

8:30AM Business Session III

Component Reports

• The Richard Allen (Brotherhood) Fellowship Finance Report

• Ministers' Spouses, Widows and

Widowers Plus P.K.'s

Administrative Reports

Ministerial EfficiencyConference Board of Trustees

Reading of Pastor Reports

11:45AM Break

12:00PM Hour of Power

(WOMEN IN MINISTRY)

1:00PM Lunch

9:15AM

2:15PM Reading of Minutes

from Business III

2:30 PM Business Session IV

Reading of Pastor Reports

5:30PM Dinner

7:00PM Evening Worship

(SONS OF ALLEN)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

8:00AM Devotion Board of Examiners

8:15AM · Reading Minutes from

Business Session IV

1:30PM-5:30PM

Business Session V

Reading of Pastors Reports

Statistical Data Report

Committee Resolution

10:30AM Memorial Service

(Committee on Memorials)

11:30AM Break

12:00PM Closing Worship

1:30PM Finance Committee Report

1:45PM Closing Commission Service

and Reading of

Appointments for New

Conference Year



- 1. Presiding Elder Recommendation forms are due two weeks before the Annual Conference opens. Please email all forms to the office of the Bishop at **thirddistrictofficeamechurch@gmail.com**.
- 2. The due date for submission of all Annual Conference Reports is two weeks prior to the conference opening. Please email all reports to the office of the Bishop at **thirddistrictofficeamechurch@gmail.com**.
- The Bishop will meet with the Presiding Elders, the Accountant, the Treasurer, and the Administrator at 10:00 AM on the day before the opening of the Annual Conference.
- 4. The Bishop will meet with the Chair and Secretary of the Committee on Memorials and the Presiding Elders at 11:30 am on the day before the opening of the Annual Conference.
- 5. The Bishop will meet with the Board of Examiners and Presiding Elders at 1:00 pm the day before the opening of the Annual Conference.
- 6. The Bishop will meet with the Ministerial Efficiency Chair at 5:00 pm on the day before the opening of the Annual Conference.
- 7. Opening and Closing offerings will be received at the Annual Conference by the Bishop.
- 8. Mass Ordination Worship will be conducted at the Planning Meeting for persons approved for Ordination in the 2025 series of Annual Conferences.
- 9. Ordination Worship: Clergy not directly involved in or not participating in the worship service for ordination will not robe. Persons to be robed during ordination should bring their plain black robes but not WEAR them until placed on them during the ordination worship.
- 10. For other worship experiences, only the Preacher will wear a robe.
- 11. The Board of Examiners is responsible for all devotions a song; the prayer; the scripture before all sessions.
- 12. Any excuses by a pastor must be approved by the Bishop.
- 13. Any Lay Delegate excuses are to be submitted by the pastor to the Presiding Elder for approval.

195TH SESSION OHIO SOUTH OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Board of Examiners: The Reverends: Dr. Norma Lynn Felts, Dr. Elmer Martin, Gerald A. Cooper, Vanessa Cummings, Dr. Jermaine D. Covington, Kevin J. Cooper, Sr., Michele Godhigh, Timothy Liggins, Dr. Ruth McCants Locke, Emma Barnes, Acie Collins, Dr. Renita Green, William Roberts, II, Dr. Karen Schaeffer

Ministerial Efficiency: The Reverends: Dr. Alphonse Allen, Jr., Dr. Elmer Martin, Michele Godhigh, DeBora Duckett, Dr. Veronica Watkins, Dr. Morné Meyer

Judiciary Committee: (to be elected every two (2) years); **The Reverends:** Clifton Kilpatrick, Dr. Renita Green, Dr. Morne' Meyer, Gerald A. Cooper, Dr. Karen Schaeffer

Presiding Elder's Support: The Reverends: Gerald Cooper, Dr. Morne Meyer, Dr. Ruth McCants Locke, Dr. Norma Lynn Felts, Rev. Kevin J. Cooper, Sr., Dr. Jermaine Covington, Dr. Elmer Martin, Dr. Alphonse Allen, Rev. Gertrude Komani; Delegates: Cheryl Marcus, Melva Williams, Michael Goss, LaTonya McFarland

The Board of Trustees/Deeds & Property: The Reverends:

Vice Chair, Dr. Jermaine Covington, Gerald A. Cooper, Dr. Alphonse Allen, Kevin J. Cooper, Sr., Dr. Ruth McCants Locke, Rev. Michele Godhigh; Melody Essex, Conference Secretary, Dr. Norma L. Felts, Conference Treasurer; **Laypersons:** Arthur W. Harmon, Attorney Ms. Debra Tyus, Secretary, Mr. Marvin Harris, Mrs. Ruby Kilpatrick

State of the Church: The Reverends: Erwin McIntosh Jr., Jacqueline Randolph, Dr. Veronica Watkins; **Delegates:** Yvonne Wilson, Rosie Harris, Cleo Saddler, Roxanne Davis

State of the Country: The Reverends: Dr. Candy Hardy, Eugene Mitchell, Deborah Chapman, Dr. Steven Reeve; Delegates: Leslie Smith, Marsha Pate, Yvonne Henry

State of the State (OH): The Reverends: Victor Davis, Dr. Kary Williams, Melvyn Hughley, Kathryn Davis; **Delegates:** Virginia Collins, Melody Levine

Christian Education: The Reverends: DeBora Duckett, Dr. Karen R. Schaeffer, Lesia Williams, Dr. Steven Reeves, Tracy Cross; **Delegates:** Adrienne Morris, Norma Dunson, Alice Berryman, Jessica Brigham, Annie Whitaker

Evangelism; Church Growth and Development: The Reverends: Daune Davis, Dr. Ruth McCants Locke, Timothy Liggins; Nigel Felder, William Tilliam; **Delegates:** Millie Jackson, Liz Aspinwall

Stewardship: The Reverends: Gertrude Komani, William Roberts, Trina Mc Broom, Acie Collins, Dr. Elmer Martin; **Delegates:** Josephine Anderson, Verna Gaskin, Jill Reid

Social Action & Community Development: The Reverends: Vanessa R. Cummings, Jacquline Randolph, Gerald A. Cooper,

Dr. Steven Reeves, Victor L. Davis; **Delegates:** Tina Hudson, Ora Tipton, David Jernigan, AdaObinna Moore

Sons of Allen: The Reverends: Tracy Cross, William C. Roberts, Bruce Wynn, Nigal Felder, Eugene Mitchell, Duane L. Davis, Erwin McIntosh, Jr., Dr. Alphonse Allen; **Delegates:** John Johnson, Michael Mitchell

Classification of Churches/Missions, Circuits and Stations: The Reverends: Michele Godhigh, Kevin Cooper, Sr., Dr. Jermaine Covington, Margaret Brown, Clifton Kilpatrick: Presiding Elders Betty Holley, LaCreta Clark, Aimee H. Anderson

Committee on Resolutions: The Reverends: Dr. Karen Schaeffer, Melody Essex, Emma Drummer Barnes, Melvyn Hugely; **Delegates:** Bertha Thomas, Lugene Bailey, Sylvia Norris

WIM (Women in Ministry): The Reverends: Emma Drummer Barnes, D'Eborah Chapman, Kathryn Davis, Lesia Williams, Gertrude Komani, Trina McBroom, Margret Brown, Shawn Blake; **Presiding Elders:** Drs, Betty Whittey Holley, LaCreta Rutledge Clark, Aimee Hurst Anderson

Social Action: Prison Ministry/Juvenile Justice: The Reverends: William Tillman, Anthony Moore, Sr., Terrance Cato, Patricia Angel, Dr. Alphonse Allen; Delegates: Patricia Moore, Jacky Johnson, Jessica Brigham

Living Well-Life in Balance: The Reverends: Kathryn Davis, Trina McBroom, Melvyn Huguely, De'Borah Chapman, Brenda Freeman; **Delegates:** Natalie Graves, Jay Mills, Karen Coleman

Faith and Technology in the 21st Century Church: The Reverends: Michael Menefield, Clifton Kilpatrick, DeBora Duckett, Dr. Lynn Felts; Delegates: Bonnie Short, Joey Kimbrough, Vorley Taylor

Memorials: The Reverends: Emma Drummer Barnes, Dr. Veronica Watkins, Timothy Liggins, Margaret E. Brown, Trina McBroom; **Delegates:** Casey Jones, Juanita Bragg, Rebecca Palmer

Committee on Rearrangement of the Work: The Reverends: Eugene Mitchell, Benita Parker, Duane Davis, Elmer S. Martin, Gertrude Komani; Delegates: Denise Reid, Greg Moxley, Stella Browder, Lorna White

Ministries to Children & Youth & Young Adult – District YPD: Director; Shelia Floyd, Amber Tillman, Robin Scott, Crystal E. Harris; Consultant, Adrienne A. Morris

WMS: Ruby Kilpatrick

MSWAWO: Francetta Allen

Finance Committee to be elected.



9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

DEVOTIONS

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY:

Supervisor Rev. Dr. Constance Belin Wicker

9:45 AM - 11:30 AM

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY BUSINESS SESSION

11:30 PM - 2:30PM

SERVICE PROJECT - YWCA

1:00 PM - 2:30PM

MEN OF VALOR LUNCHEON (TICKETS \$25)

Lincoln Theatre Banquet Hall · 769 E Long St, Columbus, OH

2:30 PM - 6:30PM

RELAX AND REFRESH

6:45PM - 8:30PM

NIGHT IN WHITE WORSHIP REPAIRERS OF BROKEN WALLS

RECOMMENDED ATTIRE:

Business Session, Casual White Night In White, Dressy White

Mrs. Ruby Kilpatrick, Conference President
Mrs. LaDonna Moore Liggins, Episcopal District President
Rev. Dr. Constance Belin Wicker, Episcopal Supervisor
Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker, Presiding Bishop

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

WOMEN IN MINISTRY HOUR OF POWER

Rev. Eboni Walker, Worship Leader

THE DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #647

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship Rev. Trina McBroom

The Invocation Rev. Shawn Blake

The Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Lic. Carmen Dyer

New Testament Rev. Margret Brown

The Benevolent Offering Rev. Michele Godhigh

The Introduction of the Preacher Rev. Gertrude Komani

The Preacher Rev. Emma Barnes

The Invitation to Discipleship Kathryn Davis

The Offering Rev. Lynn Felts

The Announcements D'Eborah Chapman, Coordinator

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LAY NIGHT

Virginia L. Collins Worship Leader
Director of Lay Activities • Ohio South Ohio (OSO) Conference

Opening Hymn Layman's Hymn # 582

Invocation Brother John Flinn

OSO Conference Lay Organization Chaplin

The Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Brother Michael Goss

First Vice President, OSO Conference Lay Organization

New Testament Brother Michael Mitchell

Third Vice President, Ohio South Ohio Conference Lay Organization

Introduction of the Wilberforce Choir Verna Gaskin

OSO Lay President

Muscical Concert Program on page 19

Offering Philippa Houston

Ohio South Ohio Lay Conference Treasurer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Dr. Morne' E. Meyer

Senior Pastor, St. Paul AME Church

OSO Lay Organization Annual Report President Verna Gaskins

OSO Lay Organization

Third Episcopal District Lay Organization Remarks

Marvin Harris – President, AME3 Lay Organization Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker - Presiding Prelate

Lay Benediction

May God Bless Us With the True Spirit of Christianity, That We May Live Together, Not As Man Over Man, But as Lay Persons Working With God. Amen

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OHIO SOUTH OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE HISTORIC ST. PAUL AME CHURCH

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

CHORUS PROGRAM

Lift Every Voice and Sing	arr. by Alvin Trotmar
Hallelujah from Christ on the Mount of Olives	Ludwig Von Beethover
Sanctus from Requiem	Gabriel Faure
The Word Was God	Rosephyne Powel
In Bright Mansions	arr. By Roland Carte
Non Nobis Domine	Rosephyne Powel
Soon Ah Will Be Done	arr. By William Dawsor
I've Been Buked	arr. By Hall Johnsor
Elijah Rock	arr. By Moses Hogar
Jesus is a Rock	arr. By Glenn Burleigh
Keep on Singing His Praise	by Robert Mayes
Take it to the Lord In Prayer	by Patrick Lundy
Total Praise	by Richard Smallwood

The Postlude

The Wilberforce University Alma Mater

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

OPENING WORSHIP

Presiding Elder Betty W. Holley, Ph.D., Worship Leader

THE PROCESSIONAL

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"
Hymn #520

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons Blessed Trinity

THE DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Morné Meyer

THE OPENING HYMN

"And Are We Yet Alive"

Hymn #304

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?

Glory and praise to Jesus give for His redeeming grace.

Preserved by power divine To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join, And in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed,
Fightings without and gears within, since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain

And gladly recon all things lost, so we my Jesus gain.

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

OPENING WORSHIP

Presiding Elder Betty W. Holley, Ph.D., Worship Leader

THE OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Alphonse Allen, Jr.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Hymn #307

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Jeremiah 29:10-14	The Rev. Eugene Mitchell
THE EPISTLE LESSON	1 Peter 2:3-10	The Rev. Gertrude Komani
THE GOSPEL LESSON	St. Matthew 16:13-19	

THE BENEVOLENT OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Elmer Martin

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THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

Presiding Elder Aimee H. Anderson

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

The Right Rev. Stafford J.N. Wicker

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Annual Conference Choir

THE PREACHED WORD

The Rev. Terrance Cato



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THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Michele Godhigh

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

Hymn #272

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy, Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief.

Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, Save me by Thy grace.

Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me; Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven but Thee?

(Refrain)

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

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THE PROCESSIONAL

THE DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Gerald Cooper

THE LEADER: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the

house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within

your gates, O Jerusalem!

THE PEOPLE: For a day in Your court is better than a thousand

elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of

wickedness.

THE LEADER: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek

your good.

THE PEOPLE: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they

flourish in the courts of our God.

THE LEADER: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place

where Your glory dwells.

THE PEOPLE: But the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth

keep silence before Him.

THE LEADER: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my

heart be acceptable in your sight. Oh Lord, my Rock and

my Redeemer.

TOGETHER: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done

marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all

the earth, sing praises!



CLOSING WORSHIP

Presiding Elder LaCreta Clark, Ph.D., Worship Leader

THE OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Hymn #5

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall,

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him Lord of all.

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

3 Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, The wormwood and the gall, Go spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

4 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all.

5 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all.

THE OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Norma Lynn Felts

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Anointing Fall on Me"
Anointing fall on me
Anointing fall on me
Let the power
Of the Holy Ghost
Fall on me
Anointing fall on me

Reverend Dr. Morné E. Meyer, Host Pastor

CLOSING WORSHIP

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THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	. Ezekiel 37:1-6	The Rev. Candy Hardy
THE EPISTLE LESSON	1 Corinthians 13: 1-8a	The Rev. Clifton Kilpatrick
THE GOSPEL LESSON	John 21:15-17	The Rev. Duane Davis

THE INTROIT TO THE DECALOGUE

"From All That Dwells Below the Skies"

Hymn #69

The Rev. Margaret Brown

From all that dwell below the skies, let the creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

And he said to him, You should love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the great and first Commandment.
And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI

(Softly, with heads bowed)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

The Rev. DeBora Duckett

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP/PREACHER

Presiding Elder LaCreta Clark, Ph.D.



CLOSING WORSHIP

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THE PREACHED WORD

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THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Rev. Dr. Jermaine Covington

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Hvmn #321

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain,

(Refrain)

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

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THE COMMISSIONING

Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker

COMMISSIONING HYMN

"Go Preach My Gospel Says The Lord"
Hymn #220

"Go preach My Gospel," saith the Lord, "Bid the whole earth My grace receive; He shall be saved that trusts My word, He shall be damned that won't believe.

"I'll make your great commission known, And ye shall prove My Gospel true, By all the works that I have done, By all the wonders ye shall do. "Go heal the sick, go raise the dead, Go cast out devils in My Name;

Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks reproach, and Jews blaspheme.

"While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till the world shall end; All power is trusted in My hands, I can destroy, and can defend."

He spake, and light shone round His head, on a bright cloud to heaven He rode; They to the farthest nation spread the grace of their ascended God.

THE PRAYER

Presiding Elder Earl Harris

THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:1-14.....Presiding Elder Melonie Valentine

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker

THE DOXOLOGY & THE BENEDICTION

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Bishop Stafford Wicker

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS BY THE BISHOP WITH ANSWERS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 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 exercise the Episcopal Office and 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 to *The A.M.E. Church 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. Lay Organization:
 - a. Does each station, circuit or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization?
 - b. If not, which stations, circuits or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
- 17. Women's Missionary Society
 - a. Does each station, circuit or mission in this Annual Conference have a Women's Missionary Society?
 - b. If not, which stations, circuits or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
- 18. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
- 19. Where shall your next Annual Conference be held?
- 20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

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