2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES *Guide*

13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

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A Place of Divine Possibilities

13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE A.M.E. CHURCH

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Presiding Prelate

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Episcopal Supervisor

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Bishop's Greeting

Greetings in the name that is above every name, the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

What a beautiful time it is to gather once more in the beauty of holiness! There is so much joy that fills the sanctuary when the people of God come together, to conduct the business of the Church, and lift our hearts, our voices, and our very lives in worship of the One who has allowed us to say, "*AND ARE WE YET ALIVE*!". As we convene for this Annual Conference Series of the 13th Episcopal District, I am reminded that every gathering of the saints is a time of renewal. Every session, every hymn, every prayer offered in these days is an act of worship unto our God.

The theme the Lord has placed upon my heart for this conference series continues in our 13th District theme: "A Place of Divine Possibilities" I dare you to throw your nets to the other side! Drawn from the account in John's Gospel where the disciple, were instructed by the Risen Christ to cast their nets on the other side of the boat, our theme reminds us to try again. What seemed at first an unusual, even impractical, request became the very instruction that led to an overflowing catch. Beloved, there are seasons when what we need is not more effort in the same direction, but the faith to try a new side, a new posture, a new obedience to the voice of Christ. This annual conference series stands before us as such, a season of divine possibility.

Across Kentucky, East Tennessee, Tennessee, and West Tennessee, our congregations have labored faithfully through another year. Thus far, I have witnessed firsthand the resilience, creativity, and deep love for Christ that continues to animate this District. It is a beautiful thing to behold a people who, in the face of change and challenge, still choose to worship in spirit and in truth. As we come together for these Annual Conference proceedings, let us do so with hearts postured for worship, minds open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and a willingness to throw our nets to whatever "other side" God may be calling us toward in this new season.

On Behalf of the Supervisor and I, our prayer is that these days will be filled with exceptional reports, resolutions and genuine encounters with the living God. Thank you for your faithfulness, your service, and your continued partnership in the Gospel. May God bless you richly.

God's name be praised, Hallelujah!

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Bishop Michael L. Mitchell	6th	134
Bishop James L. Davis	7th	123
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Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr.	10th	136
Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II	11th	140
Bishop Silvester S. Beaman	12th	139
Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.	13th	147
Bishop Paul J.M. Kawimbe	14th	121
Bishop Henry A. Belin, III	15th	146
Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath	16th	128
Bishop Vernon R. Byrd, Jr.	17th	145
Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.	18th	147
Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah	19th	120
Bishop Gregory V. Eason	20th	148
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2026 Annual Conference Schedule

126th Session of the East Tennessee Annual Conference (ETC)

September 9-13, 2026

Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
September 9, 2026

WMS Annual Convention
September 9, 2026

East Tennessee Annual Conference
September 9-13, 2026

YPD Meeting
September 12, 2026

Host Church
St. Paul AME Church
2514 Williams St.
Chattanooga, TN 37408
Rev. Dr. Pedro Basden, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kenneth D. Love, Host Presiding Elder

Conference Site
Warren Chapel AME Church
503 N Market St.
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Preachers/Presenters

Opening Worship (Thursday Morning)	Rev. Jermaine Wilson
Lay Witness Night (Thursday Evening)	TBD
Sons of Allen Witness (Friday Morning)	TBD
WIM Witness (Friday Midday)	*"When Women Encounter Jesus"*
YPD Witness (Saturday Morning)	Mr. Samuel Wilson
RAYAC Witness (Saturday Midday)	Lic. Angel Wilson
Closing Worship (Sunday Morning)	Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.

The 158th Session of the Kentucky Annual Conference (KYC)

September 23-27, 2026

Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
September 23, 2026

WMS Convention
September 23, 2026

Kentucky Annual Conference
September 23-27, 2026

YPD Meeting
September 26, 2026

Host Church
Taylor Chapel AME Church
503 Clay St
Bowling Green, KY 42103
Rev. Philip Johnson, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth J. Golphin, Host Presiding Elder

Conference Site
State Street Baptist Church
340 State St.
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Closing Worship Site
Holiday Inn University Plaza – Bowling Green

Preachers/Presenters

Opening Worship (Thursday Morning)	Rev. Walter W. Reid, Jr.
Lay Witness Night (Thursday Evening)	Rev. Dr. Walter Henry
SOA Witness (Friday Morning)	TBD
WIM Witness (Friday Midday)	TBD
YPD Witness (Saturday Morning)	Rev. Nachia Tellis
RAYAC Witness (Saturday Midday)	*RAYAC Social Hour*
Closing Worship (Sunday Morning)	Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.

The 152nd Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference (WTC)

October 7-11, 2026

Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
October 7, 2026

WMS Convention
October 7, 2026

West Tennessee Annual Conference
October 7-11, 2026

YPD Meeting
October 10, 2026

Host Church
All South Memphis District Churches

Conference Site
St. Andrew AME Church
867 S. Parkway E
Memphis, TN 38106
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Rev. Dr. Maxine Thomas, Co-Pastor

Rev. Colleen Gibson, Host Presiding Elder
Rev. Dr. Byron Moore, Associate Host Presiding Elder
Rev. Hilda Taylor, Associate Host Presiding Elder

Preachers/Presenters

Opening Worship (Thursday Morning)	Rev. Dr. Maxine L. Thomas
Lay Witness Night (Thursday Evening)	Rev. Dr. Dave Louis Adams
SOA Witness (Friday Morning)	Rev. Jerry Epperson
WIM Witness (Friday Midday)	Rev. Dr. D. Brietta Smith
YPD Witness (Saturday Morning)	TBD
RAYAC Witness (Saturday Midday)	TBD
Closing Worship (Sunday Morning)	Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.

The 159th Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference (TNC)

October 21-25, 2026

Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop
October 21, 2026

WMS Convention
October 21, 2026

Tennessee Annual Conference
October 21-25, 2026

YPD Meeting
October 21, 2025

Host Church
Payne Chapel AME Church
212 Neill Ave
Nashville, TN 37206
Rev. Dr. Stephanie Raglin, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Terence Mayes, Sr., Host Presiding Elder
Rev. Anica L. Howard, Associate Host Presiding Elder
Rev. Ralph Johnson, Associate Host Presiding Elder

Preachers/Presenters

Opening Worship (Thursday Morning)	Rev. Dr. Harold M. Love, Jr.
Lay Witness Night (Thursday Evening)	Sister Faye Walker
SOA Witness (Friday Morning)	TBD
WIM Witness (Friday Midday)	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Raglin
YPD Witness (Saturday Morning)	Min. Brandon Wilson
RAYAC Witness (Saturday Midday)	"Smooth Connections" Luncheon
Closing Worship (Sunday Morning)	Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper, Sr.

Annual Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am **WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION**
9:30 am Bishop's Meeting with the Presiding Elders
10:15 am Bishop's Meeting with BOE
11:00 am Bishop's Meeting with Finance Committee
11:30 pm Bishop's Meeting with Conference Trustees
12:00 pm *Lunch Break*
1:15 pm DEVOTION (BOE Candidates)
1:30 pm **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
Business Session
Expressions from Bishop
Roll Call
Presentation of Transfers
Organization of Conference
PE Summary Report
Board of Examiners Report
Conference Trustees Report

4:30 pm *Dinner Break*

THURSDAY

9:30 am **OPENING WORSHIP** (Annual Sermon/Holy Communion)
12:00 pm *Lunch Break*
1:30 pm **Business Session**
Pastor's Reports
Finance Report (Organization)

5:00 pm *Dinner Break*
6:00 pm **Lay Organization Witness**

FRIDAY

8:45 am DEVOTION (BOE Candidates)
9:00 am **Sons of Allen Witness**
10:00 am **Business Session**
Pastor's Reports
Ministerial Efficiency
12:00 pm **Women in Ministry Witness**

FRIDAY (continued)

1:00 pm *Lunch Break*
1:00 pm WIM Meeting
1:00 pm MSWAWO Meeting
2:30 pm **Business Session**
WMS/YPD
Lay
RAYAC
Sons of Allen
Memorial Service
Retirement Service
Disciplinary Questions
4:30 pm *Dinner Break*
6:30 pm **Christian Debutant & Masters Commission**

SATURDAY

9:00 am YPD Convention
11:00 am **Youth Explosion Worship Service**
1:00 pm **RAYAC Witness**

SUNDAY (ETC and KYC)

8:30 am Church School
9:30 am **Unfinished Business**
Minutes
Finance Report

10:00 am **SERVICE OF ORDINATION, CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE**
Resolution Committee Report
Pastoral Appointments

SUNDAY (WTC and TNC)

1:00 pm Church School
1:30 pm **Unfinished Business**
Minutes
Finance Report

2:00 pm **SERVICE OF ORDINATION, CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE**
Resolution Committee Report
Pastoral Appointments

East Tennessee Conference Leadership

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Chaplains & Pastoral Care	Rev. Marty Koontz
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Church School Superintendent	Sis. Vorketta Braston
Evangelism, Director	Rev. Dr. Andre Washington
Health and Wellness, Director	Dr. Anja Evans Patton
Lay Organization, President	Bro. Jarman Watts
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The Opening Worship

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN ***All Hail the Power*** *(Hymn #5)*

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,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him And crown Him Lord of all.

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,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him And crown Him Lord of all.

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,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him And crown Him Lord of all.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

People: ***For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.***

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: ***Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.***

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in your house, Lord, I have loved your habitation, the place where your honor dwelleth.

People: ***For our God is in this holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before God.***

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart; be acceptable in your sight O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

People: ***O sing unto the Lord a new song for GOD has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.***

THE HYMN OF PRAISE ***And Are We Yet Alive*** *(Hymn #304)*

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for His redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
Again, in Jesus' praise we join, And in God's sight appear.

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

But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by God's love.
And still, he doth His help afford, And hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of God's 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 reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus' gain.

THE INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE ***Spirit of the Living God*** *(Hymn #619)*

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

THE WORSHIP IN MUSIC

THE SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament

The New Testament

The Epistle

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

From All That Dwell Below the Skies *(Hymn #69)*

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

THE TURNER'S DECALOGUE IN VERSE

Leader: Thou shalt have no gods but Me;
People: Before no idol bow thy knee;

Leader: Take not the name of God in vain;
People: Nor dare the Sabbath-day profane;

Leader: Give both thy parents honor due;
People: Take heed that thou no murder do.

Leader: Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
People: Nor steal tho' thou art poor mean;

Leader: Nor make a willful lie, nor love it;
People: What is thy neighbor's dare not covet.

Leader: With all thy soul, love God above,
People: And as thyself thy neighbor love.

THE GLORIA PATRI
THE OFFERING FOR MISSIONS AND PRAYER
THE WORSHIP IN DANCE or THE SELECTION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP
THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER
THE SONG OF PREPARATION
THE ANNUAL SERMON
THE INVITATION
THE OFFERING
THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***All Things Come of Thee*** *(Hymn #644)*

All things come of Thee, O Lord
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION MEDLEY

(Let Us Break Bread Together, Nothing But the Blood of Jesus and other appropriate hymns)

THE SOLICITATION

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: ***Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.***

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all of them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your holy spirit that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we shall always, and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying, "holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high." Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, Gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered; a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood: Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you. This, do in remembrance of Me." Likewise, after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me." Amen.

THE ELEMENTS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, your humble servants, desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and your whole church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice to you; humbly beseeching you that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we beseech you to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be to you, O Father, Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE DOXOLOGY
THE BENEDICTION

The Memorial Service

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live. Whoever believes in Me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Because I live, you also shall live."

People: O God of both the living and the dead, we praise Your Holy Name for all Your servants who have finished their course in faith. Encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we pray that we may share with them the inheritance of the saints.

THE OPENING HYMN ***O God our Help In Ages Past*** *(Hymn #61)*

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in Thy sight, Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home!

THE PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 15:55-58*

THE MEMORIAL

Leader: Today, we celebrate and remember those members of the annual conference and connectional leaders who have died since we last gathered together. *(List Names of Connectional Leadership)*

Bishop: We give thanks to You O God for this bishop and general officer of the church who this year has finished their labors… Absent from the Body.

People: Present with the Lord.

(List *Names of other Deceased Clergy & Other Members of the Annual Conference)*

Leader: We give thanks to You O God for our ordained clergy who this year have finished their labors… Absent from the Body.

People: Present with the Lord.

Bishop: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work… Absent from the Body.

People: Present with the Lord.

ALL: O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once again meet face to face. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *When We All Get To Heaven* *(Hymn #511)*

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.

Refrain

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.

While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when traveling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh.

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

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

THE BENEDICTION

The Retirement Service

Order for the Retirement of Preachers

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In the Name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, let us enter into this service of the retirement of preachers from active work in the ministry of the church. Let us pray.

THE INVOCATION

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our work, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER(S) *Annual Conference Secretary*

Bishop Cooper, the _____ Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this session the completion of the active service of _____ of its ministers. As secretary of the Annual Conference, I present to you these faithful minister(s) for this service of recognition and honor, in appreciation of their untiring labors in the Christian ministry and the African Methodist Episcopal Church. *(Names of Retirees)*

The Response:

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Psalm 126:6)

THE STATEMENT(S) OF ACHIEVEMENT

THE MESSAGE OF TRIBUTE *Bishop Cooper*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. (Hebrews 11:1, 2)

Rev(s) _____ the record of your active ministry is written in the record of God.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is deeply grateful for your ministry and for the care which you have exercised in faithfully fulfilling your vows of ordination and assignments. May the precious memories of your years of sacrificial service and fruitful labor be blessed and hallowed.

And now as you yield your official responsibilities in the active ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, be assured that the years that are yet to be, may be filled with good works and become the crown of all your ministry, bringing glory and honor to you and the Church. The Annual Conference will look to you for spiritual guidance and godly example. Your colleagues in the ministry will continue to seek and respect your leadership and counsel. They will annually listen for your answer to the "Roll Call" of the Conference. Rev(s) _____ job well done.

THE TRIBUTE
THE RESPONSE OF RETIREES
THE CLOSING REMARKS
THE BENEDICTION

The Closing Worship Service

THE PROCESSIONAL ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** *(Hymn #25)*

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!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: ***For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.***

Leader: We have gathered from every corner of the Annual Conference to praise God and witness the commissioning of our leaders.

People: ***We come to ask God's blessing on those who shall lead and those who will follow the call of Christian service.***

Leader: We prepare to preach a saving, healing, and liberating gospel. We seek to be more loving and faithful to Jesus as we cry for justice in His name.

People: ***We come to sing praise to the Almighty.***

All: ***Let us go from this place filled with the Holy Spirit and mature in love. God give us a holy fire for justice to take where we labor with mercy. Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!***

THE OPENING HYMN ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** *(Hymn #1)*

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His Grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinners' ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

INVOCATION

PRAYER RESPONSE ***"Let It Breathe On Me"***

Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me.
Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me;
Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.

THE CONSECRATION OF DEACONESS

THE WORSHIP IN MUSIC

THE SCRIPTURE

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING

THE WORSHIP IN MUSIC

THE PRESENTATION OF THE EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
Rev. Dr. Joanne E. Williams-Cooper
Supervisor, 13th Episcopal District

THE PRESENTATION OF BISHOP

THE PRESENTATION OF PREACHER

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

THE SERMON

THE INVITATION

THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES BY THE DEAN FOR ORDINATION AS DEACONS AND ELDERS

THE COLLECT FOR DEACONS

THE COLLECT FOR ELDERS

THE WORSHIP IN MUSIC

THE SCRIPTURES

The Deacons *The Epistle - 1 Timothy 3:8-13*

The Elders *The Epistle - Ephesians 4:7-13*
The Gospel - John 10:1-16

THE GLORIA PATRI

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.

THE WORSHIP IN MUSIC

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION MEDLEY

(Let Us Break Bread Together, Nothing But the Blood of Jesus and other appropriate hymns)

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THE FIRST COLLECT

THE SECOND COLLECT

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

THE COMMISSIONING

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord.
By the pow'r of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope.
And my will be lost in Thine.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord.
To the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me near nearer, nearer, blessed Lord
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

THE COMMISSIONING HYMN ***Go Preach My Gospel*** *(AME Hymn# 220)*

"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord.
"Bid the whole earth My grace receives.
Explain to them My sacred word;
Bid them believe, obey, and live.

"I'll make My great commission known,
And ye shall prove My gospel true
By all the works that I have done,
And 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 READING OF THE SCRIPTURE *Mark 15:18*

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, go, go, go.
Go ye therefore and teach all nations, go, go, go,
Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Go, Go, Go.

THE DOXOLOGY
THE BENEDICTION
THE POSTLUDE

The Disciplinary Questions

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?
2. Who remains 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 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 conversations?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to The Christian Recorder and the AME Church Review, The Voice of Missions, The Journal of Christian Education, The Secret Chamber, The Missionary Magazine, and The YPD Newsletter?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments of the church publications?
16. Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization? If not, what station, circuits, or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
17. Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Women's Missionary Society? If not, what station, circuits, or missions do not have a Women's Missionary Society?
18. When shall the Annual Conference next meet?
19. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

13th District
Upcoming Dates and Locations

October 29-30, 2026	**13th District Planning Meeting** Lee Chapel AME Church, Nashville, TN
December 13, 2026	**13th District Advent Service** AME Publishing House, Nashville, TN
March 11-13, 2027	**13th District Midyear Convocation** Bowling Green, KY

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