

Celebrating the Bicentennial

**50th
Quadrennial
Session**



**GENERAL CONFERENCE
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

OFFICIAL AGENDA

JULY 6 – 13, 2016

**PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER
1101 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107**

**BISHOP JOHN R. BRYANT
SENIOR BISHOP**

**BISHOP JOHN F. WHITE, SR.
PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF BISHOPS**

**BISHOP GREGORY G.M. INGRAM
HOST BISHOP**

**BISHOP SAMUEL L. GREEN, SR.
CHAIRPERSON, GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION**

**BISHOP MCKINLEY YOUNG
CHAIRPERSON, PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

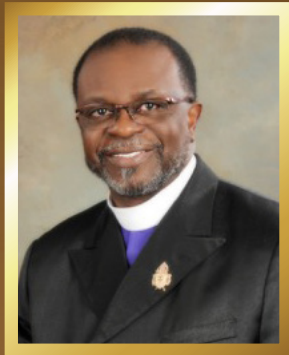
**DR. RICHARD ALLEN LEWIS
TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**DR. JEFFERY B. COOPER
GENERAL SECRETARY AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

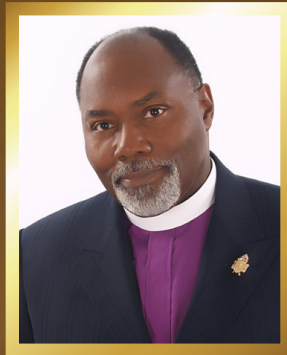
An Extraordinary History ~ An Incredible Future

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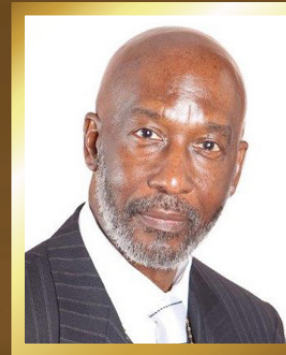




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Council of Bishops, President



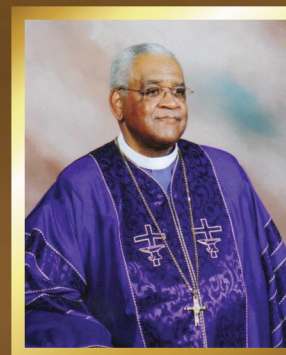
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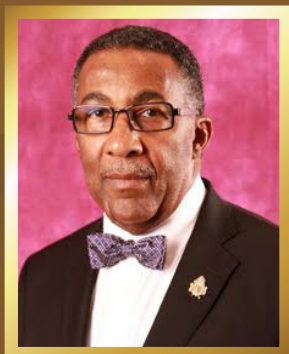
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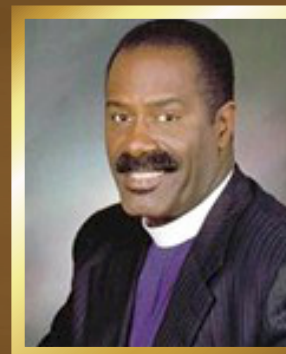
BISHOP PHILIP R. COUSIN
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BISHOP CLEMENT W. FUGH
General Conference Commission
Finance Chair



BISHOP VASHTI M. MCKENZIE
General Conference Commission
Public Relations Chair



BISHOP GREGORY G. M. INGRAM
Host Bishop



DR. RICHARD LEWIS
CFO/Treasurer, AMEC



DR. JEFFERY COOPER
CIO/Secretary, AMEC

PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE
ACTIVITIES





June 30, 2016

REVISIONS COMMITTEE

July 3 – 8, 2016

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CAMPOREE
MUSSEY SCOUT RESERVATION, PENNSBURG, PA

July 4, 2016

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
RULES COMMITTEE
HEALTH COMMISSION TRAINING

July 5, 2016

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION (11:00 am)
HEALTH COMMISSION TRAINING
ORIENTATION FOR DELEGATES (1:00 - 3:00 pm)

GENERAL CONFERENCE
SPECIAL EVENTS



BICENTENNIAL TORCH RUN

FROM DOVER, DE
TO
PHILADELPHIA, PA (MOTHER BETHEL)

JULY 3, 2016

**THE UNVEILING OF
THE BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN STATUE**
JULY 3, 2016

**THE DEDICATION OF
THE BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN MURAL**
JULY 4, 2016

FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Banquet

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Host Bishop
The Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, Host Supervisor



GENERAL CONFERENCE
AGENDA



01 FIRST DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

6:00 -7:00 am

First Things First

(Prayers for the General Conference)
Dr. James C. Wade, Prayer Leader

7:00 AM

**Kick off to the Health Commission
General Conference Morning Walk**

10:00 am

Opening Worship Service

Bishop John R. Bryant, Worship Leader
Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland, Preacher

1:00 pm

Lunch

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Business Session I

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Bishop John R. Bryant, Presiding
Roll Call

Credentials Committee Report
Rules Committee Report

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Bishop McKinley Young, Presiding
General Conference Commission
Election of the Episcopal Committee Chairperson
Sponsor Moment
Announcements
Adjournment

6:00 pm

Dinner

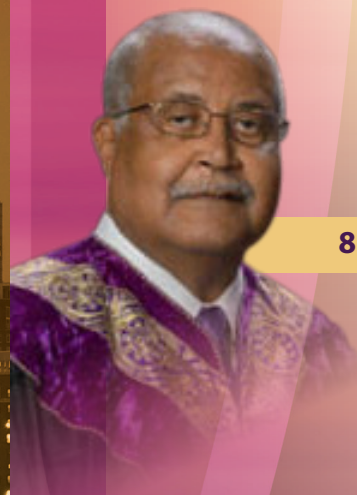
8:00 - 9:45 pm

Business Session II

Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland, Presiding
Call to Order
Episcopal Address, Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Sr.
Announcements
Adjournment

10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings



02 SECOND DAY

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

6:00 - 7:00 am

Early Morning Call to Prayer

Dr. James C. Wade, Prayer Leader

7:00 am

Women's Missionary Society Prayer Breakfast
Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 - 8:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 am

Bicentennial Moment (An Extraordinary History)
(Bicentennial Committee)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Business Session III

9:00 - 10:30 am

Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Sr., Presiding
Call to Order
Minutes
Reports:

Treasurer
General Secretary
Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Presiding
Reports:

Episcopal Committee (First)
Revisions Committee (First)
Judicial Council
Global Development Council (GDC)
Sunday School Union

Sponsor Moment
Announcements
Adjournment

12:00 pm

Lunch

RAYAC Business Lunch
Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission
Chaplains Association Luncheon

An Incredible Future

2:00 - 6 :00 pm

Business Session IV

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Bishop Richard F. Norris, Sr., Presiding
Call to Order

Reports:

Revisions Committee (Second)
Election Commission
Department of Global Witness and Ministry
Department of Christian Education

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Presiding

Reports:

Department of Research and Scholarship
The Christian Recorder
Department of Church Growth & Development
Lay Organization
Sponsor Moment

Announcements

Adjournment

6:00 pm

Dinner

Young Adult Candidates' Forum

8:00 - 9:45 pm

Business Session V

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding
Call to Order

Reports:

SADA
Women's Missionary Society
Revisions Committee (Third)
Debutante Master's Commission
Theological Institutions
Episcopal District Projects
Episcopal Committee (Second)
Overseas Development (including AME India)
Social Action

Announcements

Adjournment

10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings



History

03 THIRD DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016



6:00 - 7:00 am

Getting in God's Presence

Dr. James C. Wade, Prayer Leader

7:00 am

The Jarena Lee AME-Women in Ministry Breakfast
Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 - 8:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 am

Worship and Word

The Reverend Vernon R. Byrd, Preacher
Pastor, Grant Chapel AMEC, Trenton, New Jersey

9:00 - 9:30 am

Bicentennial Reflection

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Business Session VI

9:30 - 11:00 am

Bishop Preston W. Williams, II, Presiding

Call to Order

Minutes

Reports:

Commission on Stewardship & Finance

Revisions Committee (Fourth)

Music & Christian Arts Ministry

State of the Church

Sponsor Moment

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Presiding

Reports:

Educational Institutions

Annual Conference Boundaries

Health Commission

Economic Development

Public Relations

Announcements

Adjournment

An Incredible Future

12:00 pm

Lunch

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

2:00 - 6:00 pm

Business Session VII

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Presiding

Call to Order

Reports:

CONVO

Sons of Allen

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Bishop Paul J. Kawimbe, Presiding

Reports:

Revisions Committee (Fifth)

Episcopal Committee (Third)

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding

Report:

Strategic Planning

Sponsor Moment

Announcements

Adjournment

6:00 pm

Dinner

8:00 - 9:45 pm

Ecumenical Service

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding

Dr. J. Louis Felton, Preacher

Senior Pastor, Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

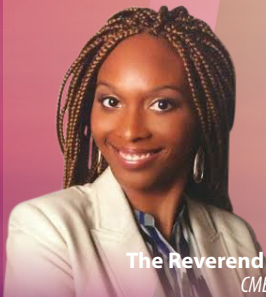
Reception of Fraternal Delegates

10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

10:00 pm

RAYAC Review



The Reverend Ericka S. Dunbar
CME Church
 Ph.D. Student, Biblical Studies and Early Christianity
 Drew University, Graduate Division of Religion



The Reverend Dr. Maurice Alexander Harden
Senior Pastor
 New Mt. Olivet A.M.E. Zion Church
 Rock Hill, South Carolina



The Reverend Conitras M. Houston
Senior Pastor
 Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church
 Columbus, Georgia



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04 FOURTH DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016



6:00 - 7:00 am

An Extraordinary Hour of Prayer

7:00 am

CONN-M-SWAWO Breakfast

Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 - 8:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 am

Worship and Word

The Reverend Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller, Preacher
Pastor, Mt. Calvary AMEC, Towson, Maryland

9:00 - 9:30 am

Bicentennial Moment

"They Prayed" - A.M.E. 2016 Bicentennial
A.M.E. Bicentennial Commemorative Poem written by CeLillianne Green
Lawyer, Poet, Teacher, Playwright, Speaker

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Business Session VIII

9:30 - 10:00 am

Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding

Call to Order

Minutes

Reports:

Revisions Committee (Sixth)

Women In Ministry (WIM)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop David R. Daniels, Presiding

Report:

Budget & Finance Committee

Announcements

Adjournment

An Incredible Future

12:00 pm

Lunch

Young Adult Planning Session

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

2:00 - 6:00 pm

Business Session IX

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding

Call to Order

Report: Budget and Finance Committee (Last)

3:30 - 5 :00 pm

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding

Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh—last opportunity to present new legislation)

5:00 pm

Memorial Service (Memoirs)

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding

Announcements

Adjournment

6:00 pm

Dinner

The CDMC Banquet

8:00 - 9:45 pm

Retirement Celebration for General Officers and Members of the Judicial Council

Retirement Celebration for Bishops

Bishop McKinley Young, Presiding

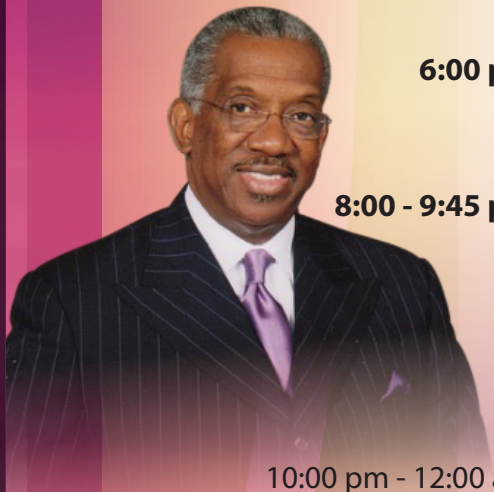
Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Preaching

10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

10:00 pm

RAYAC Revival



The Reverend Stephen A. Green
National Director NAACP
Youth and College Division



The Reverend Paul Thomas
Senior Pastor
Union AME Church Philadelphia, Pa



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FIFTH DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016



- 7:00 am** **CLO Breakfast**
Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

- 8:00 am Church School
Dr. Daryl B. Ingram, Executive Director
Department of Christian Education

- 10:00 am** **Worship Service & Holy Communion**
Bishop John R. Bryant, Presiding
Bishop Richard F. Norris, Sr., Preaching

- 2:00 pm Young Adult Sunday Brunch

- 2:30 pm AME-Women in Ministry Meeting (Elections)

- 3:00 pm The Christian Debutante-Masters Dedication
Bishop John F. White, Sr., Presiding

- 4:00 pm Election Commission Candidates' Forum

- 6:00 - 9:00 pm Special Event

- 10:00 pm RAYAC Event

06 SIXTH DAY

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

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6:00 - 7:00 am

An Incredible Hour of Prayer

Dr. James C. Wade, Prayer Leader

7:00 am

Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 - 8:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 am

Worship and Word

The Reverend Dr. William D. Watley, Preacher
Pastor, St. Philip AMEC, Decatur, Georgia

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Business Session X

9:00 - 11:00 am

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Presiding
Call to Order
Minutes
Revisions Committee (Eighth)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop John F. White, Sr., Presiding
Revisions Committee (Continued)
Announcements
Adjournment

12:00 pm

Lunch

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

2:00 - 6:00 pm

Business Session XI

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Bishop John F. White, Sr., Presiding
Revisions Committee (Continued)

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding
Election of Bishops, General Officers, & Judicial Council
Announcements
Adjournment

6:00 pm

Dinner

8:45 pm

The Adams-Coleman Williams Distinguished AME Scholars Guild
Transformative Voices for the Church, Community and Academy

8:45 - 9:45 pm

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and Social Action Position Papers

10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings



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SEVENTH DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016



6:00 - 7:00 am

Unleashing the Power of Prayer

Dr. James C. Wade, Prayer Leader

7:00 am

Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 - 8:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 - 9:00 am

Worship and Word

The Reverend Tarkolo A. Miller, Preacher

Pastor, Mt. Ashton AMEC, Harper City, Liberia

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Business Session XII

9:00 - 11:00 am

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding

Call to Order

Council of Bishops & Episcopal District Nominations

11:00 am

Installations of General Officers & Judicial Council

Minutes

Resolutions

Revisions Committee (Final Report)

Announcements

Adjournment

12:00 pm

Lunch

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

2:00 - 5:30 pm

Business Session XIII

2:00 - 5:30 pm

Bishop John R. Bryant, Presiding

Unfinished Business

Incredible Future (Projecting the Vision for 2016-2020)

Preview of the 51st Quadrennial Session

of the General Conference

6:00 pm

Dinner

8:00 - 9:45 pm

Music & Christian Arts Presentation

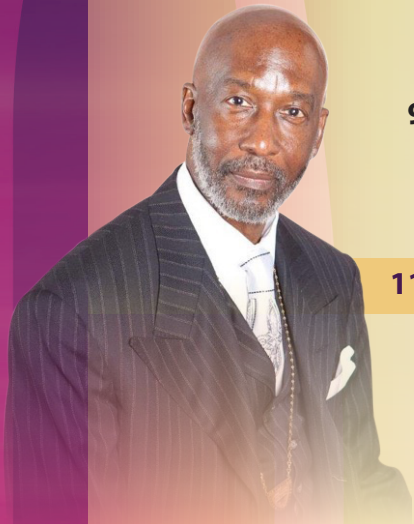
10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

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EIGHTH DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016



7:00 am Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

9:00 am Consecration Service
Bishop John F. White, Sr., Worship Leader
Bishop John R. Bryant, Senior Bishop, Preaching

11:30 am Business Session XIV
Bishop John F. White, Sr., Council President, Presiding
Call to Order
Assignment of Bishops
Adjournment

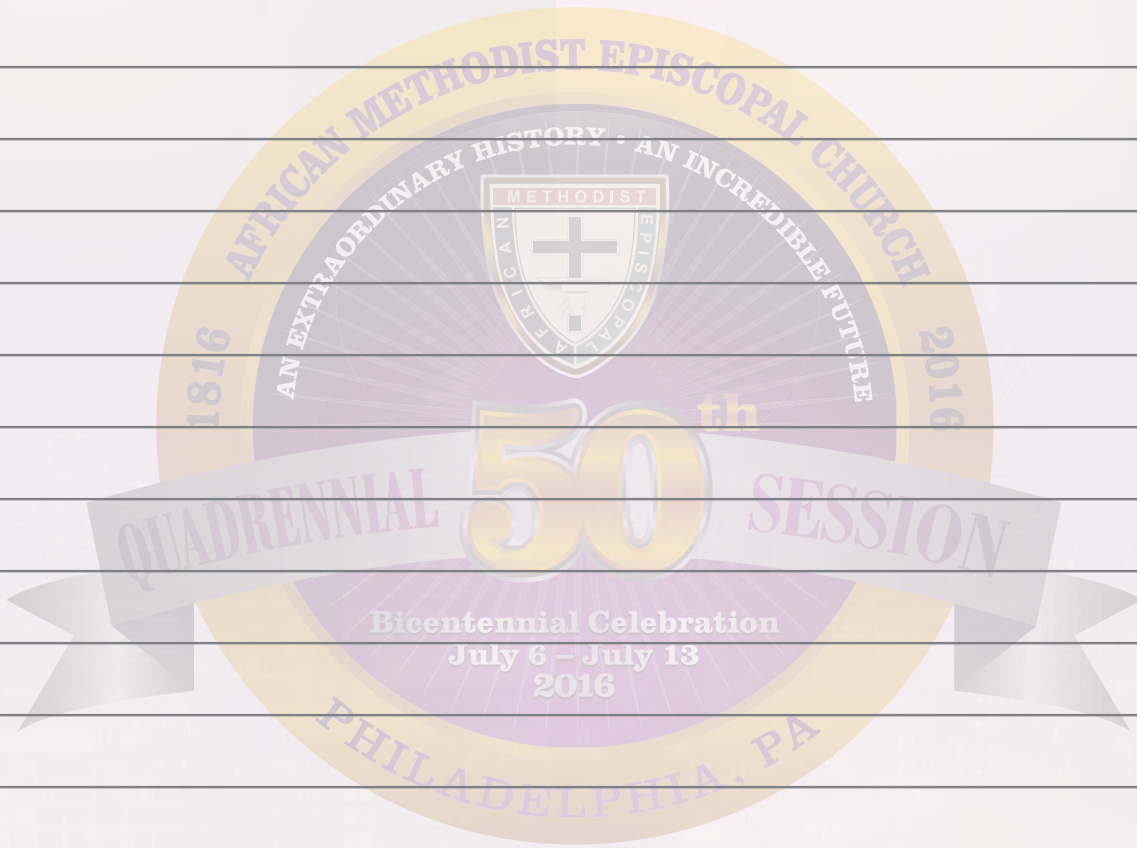
General Board Meeting

Bishop John F. White, Sr., President of the Council of Bishops, Organizer

4:00 pm General Board Organization

4:00 pm Episcopal Supervisors' Meeting and Installation

Notes



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Bishops
of the
African Methodist Episcopal Church

**John Richard Bryant
McKinley Young
William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr.
Theodore Larry Kirkland
Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.
Richard Franklin Norris, Sr.
Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Gregory Gerald McKinley Ingram
Preston Warren Williams, II
Wilfred Jacobus Messiah
Paul J.M. Kawimbe**

**James Levert Davis
David Rwhynica Daniels, Jr.
Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.
Sarah Frances Davis*
E. Earl McCloud**
Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath
Julius Harrison McAllister
John Franklin White
Clement W. Fugh
Reginald T. Jackson**

Retired

**John Hurst Adams
Frederick Hilborn Talbot
Vinton Randolph Anderson*
Frederick Calhoun James
Frank Curtis Cummings
Philip Robert Cousin, Sr.
Henry Allen Belin, Jr.
Robert Vaughn Webster
Zedekiah Lazett Grady
Cornal Garnett Henning
Carolyn Tyler Guidry**

* Deceased

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