



The 50TH QUADRENNIAL SESSION
of the GENERAL CONFERENCE
for the
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OFFICIAL AGENDA

“An Extraordinary History ~ An Incredible Future”

Jeremiah 29:11



PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER

1101 Arch Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

July 6-13, 2016

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.

General Conference Commission Chairperson

Bishop McKinley Young

Program Committee Chairperson

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram

Host Bishop

Bishop John Richard Bryant

Senior Bishop

Bishop John F. White, Sr.

Council of Bishops President



A. PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

June 30, 2016	Revisions Committee
July 3 - 8, 2016	Bicentennial Celebration Camporee Musser Scout Reservation, Pennsburg, PA
July 4, 2016	Credentials Committee Rules Committee Health Commission Training
July 5, 2016	General Conference Commission (11:00 a.m.) Health Commission Training Orientation for Delegates (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

B. SPECIAL EVENTS

July 3, 2016	Bicentennial Torch Run From Dover, Delaware to Philadelphia, PA (Mother Bethel)
July 3, 2016	The Unveiling of the Bishop Richard Allen Statue
July 4, 2016	The Dedication of the Bishop Richard Allen Mural
July 5, 2016	The First Episcopal District Banquet Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, <i>Host Bishop</i> Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, <i>Host Supervisor</i>

C. GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016	FIRST DAY
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	First Things First (Prayers for the General Conference) Dr. James C. Wade, <i>Prayer Leader</i>
7:00 a.m.	Kick-off to the Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk
10:00 a.m.	Opening Worship Service Bishop John R. Bryant, <i>Worship Leader</i> Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland, <i>Preacher</i>
1:00 p.m.	Lunch Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Business Session I

Bishop John R. Bryant, *Presiding*

Roll Call

Credentials Committee Report

Rules Committee Report

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bishop McKinley Young, *Presiding*

General Conference Commission

Election of Episcopal Committee Chairperson

Sponsor Moment

Announcements

Adjournment

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

Business Session II

Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland, *Presiding*

Call to Order

Episcopal Address, Bishop William P. DeVeaux Sr.

Announcements

Adjournment

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

SECOND DAY

6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Early Morning Call to Prayer

Dr. James C. Wade, *Prayer Leader*

7:00 a.m.

Women's Missionary Society Prayer Breakfast

Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Bicentennial Moment (An Extraordinary History)

Bicentennial Committee

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Session III

Bishop William P. DeVeaux Sr., *Presiding*

Call to Order

Minutes

Reports: Treasurer

General Secretary

Department of Annuity Investments &

Insurance

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

Lunch
 Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

RAYAC Business Lunch

Chaplains Association Luncheon

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Business Session IV
 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 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

Dinner

Young Adult Candidates' Forum

8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

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 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

THIRD DAY

6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Getting in God's Presence

Dr. James C. Wade, *Prayer Leader*

7:00 a.m.

The Jarena Lee AME – Women In Ministry Breakfast

Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Worship and Word

Rev. Vernon R. Byrd, *Preacher*

Pastor, Grant Chapel AME Church, Trenton, New Jersey

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Bicentennial Reflection

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Session VI

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, *Presiding*

Reports: Educational Institutions

Annual Conference Boundaries

Health Commission

Economic Development

Public Relations

Announcements

Adjournment

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

Lunch and Learns sponsored by Health Commission

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Business Session VII

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, *Presiding*

Call to Order

Reports: CONVO

Sons of Allen

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Paul J. Kawimbe, *Presiding*
 Reports: Revisions Committee (Fifth)
 Episcopal Committee (Third)

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bishop James L. Davis, *Presiding*
 Reports: Strategic Planning
 Sponsor Moment
 Announcements
 Adjournment

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

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 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

10:00 p.m.

RAYAC Revival

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

Rev. Dr. Alexander Maurice Harden, *Senior Pastor*
New Mt. Olivet AME Zion Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Rev. Conitras Houston Moore, *Senior Pastor*
Greater Ward AME Church, Columbus, Georgia

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016**FOURTH DAY**

6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

An Extraordinary Hour of Prayer

7:00 a.m.

CONN-M-SWAWO Breakfast**Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Worship and Word

Rev. Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller, *Preacher*
Pastor, Mt. Calvary AME Church, Towson, Maryland

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Bicentennial Moment

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

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Business Session VIII

Bishop James L. Davis, *Presiding*

Call to Order

Minutes

Reports: Revisions Committee (Sixth)
Women In Ministry (WIM)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bishop David R. Daniels Jr., *Presiding*

Report: Budget & Finance Committee

Announcements

Adjournment

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

Young Adult Planning Session

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Business Session IX

Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., *Presiding*

Call to Order

Report: Budget and Finance Committee (Last)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, *Presiding*

Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh / Last
opportunity to present new legislation)

5:00 p.m.

Service of Memorials (Memoirs)

Bishop Jeffery N. Leath, *Presiding*

Announcements

Adjournment

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

The CDMC Banquet

8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

**Retirement Service for General Officers and
Members of the Judicial Council Retirement**

Retirement Service for Bishops

Bishop McKinley Young, *Presiding*

Bishop Adam J. Richardson Jr., *Preaching*

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings

10:00 p.m.

RAYAC Revival

Rev. Stephen A. Green,

National Director NAACP, Youth and College Division

Rev. Paul Thomas, *Senior Pastor*

Union AME Church, Philadelphia, PA

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016**7:00 a.m.****7:00 a.m.****8:00 a.m.****10:00 a.m.****2:00 p.m.****2:30 p.m.****3:00 p.m.****4:00 p.m.****6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.****10:00 p.m.****MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016****6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.****7:00 a.m.****7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.****8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.****9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.****11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.****FIFTH DAY****CLO Breakfast****Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk****Church School**Dr. Daryl B. Ingram, *Executive Director*
*Department of Christian Education***Worship Service and Holy Communion**Bishop John R. Bryant, *Presiding*
Bishop Richard F. Norris Sr., *Preaching***Young Adult Sunday Brunch****AME-Women In Ministry Meeting (Elections)****The Christian Debutante-Masters Dedication**Bishop John F. White Sr., *Presiding***Election Commission Candidates' Forum****Special Event****RAYAC Event****SIXTH DAY****An Incredible Hour of Prayer**Dr. James C. Wade, *Prayer Leader***Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk****Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings****Word and Worship**Rev. Dr. William D. Watley, *Preacher*
*Pastor, St. Philip AME Church, Decatur, Georgia***Business Session X**Bishop Julius H. McAllister Sr., *Presiding*

Call to Order

Minutes

Report: Revisions Committee (Eighth)

Bishop John F. White Sr., *Presiding*

Report: Revisions Committee (Continued)

Announcements

Adjournment

12:00 p.m.	Lunch Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Business Session XI Bishop John F. White Sr., <i>Presiding</i> Report: Revisions Committee (Continued)
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Bishop Clement W. Fugh, <i>Presiding</i> Election of Bishops, General Officers, and Judicial Council Announcements Adjournment
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
8:45 p.m.	The Adams-Coleman Williams Distinguished AME Scholars Guild - Transformative Voices for the Church, Community and Academy
8:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.	Bishop Reginald T. Jackson and Social Action Position Papers
10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016	SEVENTH DAY
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Unleashing the Power of Prayer Dr. James C. Wade, <i>Prayer Leader</i>
7:00 a.m.	Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Worship and Word Rev. Tarkolo A. Miller, <i>Preacher</i> <i>Pastor, Mt. Ashton AME Church, Harper City, Liberia</i>
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Business Session XII Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, <i>Presiding</i> Call to Order Council of Bishops & Episcopal District Nominations
11:00 a.m.	Installation of General Officers & Judicial Council Minutes Resolutions Report: Revisions Committee (Final Report) Announcements Adjournments

12:00 p.m.**Lunch**

Lunch and Learns sponsored by the Health Commission

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Business Session XIIIBishop John R. Bryant, *Presiding*

Unfinished Business

Incredible Future (Projecting the Vision for 2016-2020)

Preview 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference**6:00 p.m.****Dinner****8:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.****Music & Christian Arts Presentations****10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.****Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings****WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016****EIGHTH DAY****7:00 a.m.****Health Commission General Conference Morning Walk****9:00 a.m.****Consecration Service**Bishop John F. White Sr., *Worship Leader*Bishop John R. Bryant, *Senior Bishop, Preaching***11:30 a.m.****Business Session XIV**Bishop John F. White Sr., *Council of Bishops 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 p.m.****General Board Organization****4:00 p.m.****Episcopal Supervisors' Meeting and Installation**

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