



THE **162ND** SESSION OF THE



NORTH CAROLINA

Annual Conference

NOVEMBER 20-23, 2025

The Quadrennial Theme for 2024 - 2028 is:

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church - Serving This Present Age:
Committing to Our Mission, Being Creative in Our Methods,
Concentrating on Our Ministries and Connecting Through Our Membership

Thursday & Friday Location: Piney Grove A.M.E. Zion Church - Host Church
1430 Temples Point Rd. - Havelock, NC 28532 (252) 447 - 1600

Saturday & Sunday Location:

Havelock High School 101 Webb Blvd Havelock, NC 28532

Presiding Elder Lester A. Jacobs, Jr. - Washington District
Presiding Elder Erlinda C. Dobson - New Bern District
Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr. - (Host) Beaufort District

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore - Missionary Supervisor
The Rt. Reverend W. Darin Moore - Presiding Prelate

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162ND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Thursday – November 20, 2025

1:00PM

OPENING OF THE 162ND SESSION ~ NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PRESIDING ELDER AVERY C. BROWN, SR.~ WORSHIP LEADER

DEVOTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

MUSIC MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

MUSIC MINISTRY

COMMUNION MEDITATION

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr.

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Reverend Ateara Best - Padgett

Reverend Lynne Godette

Reverend Thomas Fryar

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

North Carolina Conference Choir

Finance Committee

Presiding Elder Lester A. Jacobs, Jr.

Bishop W. Darin Moore

North Carolina Conference Choir

Reverend Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson

Presiding Elder ~ New Bern District

Finance Committee

HOLY COMMUNION

2:00PM

ROLL CALL

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

RULES COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE TREASURERS REPORT

Reverend Letisha Chapman

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr.

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr.

Presiding Elder Erlinda C. Dobson

PLACES AND DATES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

163rd Session ~ November 19 - 22, 2026 ~ York Memorial A. M. E. Zion – Greenville, NC

164th Session ~ November 18 – 21, 2027 ~ St. Augustus A. M. E. Zion – Kinston, NC

165th Session ~ November 16 – 19, 2028 ~ Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion – Havelock, NC

Places and Dates ~ 2026 Checkup Meetings

1st Checkup Meeting

March 7, 2026 ~ St. Stephen A. M. E. Zion – Morehead City, NC

2nd Checkup Meeting

May 9, 2026 ~ St. Peter A. M. E. Zion – New Bern, NC

3rd Checkup Meeting

(CYBER) July 11, 2026 ~ Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion – Washington, NC

4:00PM

THE LAY HOUR

Lay Presidents' Report ~ Mrs. Wanda Poole
Installation of Conference Lay Officers
Stole Ceremony of New Members

5:00PM

DINNER

7:00PM

EDUCATION NIGHT SERVICE

Mrs. Renate Lee ~ Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

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SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

Sister Tiffany Jones

Mrs. Traveler Johnson-Colbert

Reverend Ateara Best-Padgett

Mr. Bryant Adams

Reverend Alex Godette

Reverend Dr. M. Luther Hill

Report of the Conference Christian Education Director

CED STOLING CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

EDUCATION SERMON

MINISTRY OF GIVING

MUSIC MINISTRY

Bishop W. Darin Moore

Reverend Dr. Hanna R. Broome

Finance Committee

Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Choir

Friday ~ November 21, 2025

9:00am

Presiding Elder Lester A. Jacobs, Jr. ~ Worship Leader

DEVOTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

SELECTION

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Presiding Elder Lester A. Jacobs, Jr.

Reverend Monique Gaddy

Reverend Darnell Matthews

Reverend Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson

North Carolina Choir

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Response:

Clergy: Reverend Dr. William T. Snow

Lay: Mrs. Wand

THE GREAT OFFERING THE PRESIDING ELDERS REPORTS

Presiding Elder Lester A. Jacobs, Jr. ~ Washington District

Response: Reverend Darius R. Ballard

Presiding Elder Erlinda C. Dobson ~ New Bern District

Response: Reverend Aubrey D. Godette

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr. ~ Beaufort District

Response: Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

1:00pm

Missionary Luncheon

WHOMS Convocation

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore

Missionary Supervisor ~ Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

PRESENTER

Rev. Dr. Sabrina J. Miller

Topic

Leadership and Legacy

3:30PM

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Presenter

Reverend Eldren D. Morrison

**Pastor ~ Shaw Temple A. M. E. Zion
Smyrna, Geo**

Serving This Present Age: Being Creative in Our Methods

Business Session Continued

Conference Committee Reports

Necrology Report

Closing Comments and Prayer

Reverend Gregory E. Hargett, Jr.

Bishop W. Darin Moore

5:00pm

Dinner

7:00pm

Missionary Candlelight Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

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MISSIONARY STOLE CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

MUSIC MINISTRY

MISSIONARY SERMON

MINISTRY OF GIVING

MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore

Mrs. Debra Washington

Mrs. Janice Dixon

Mrs. Lydia Staton

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore

Bishop W. Darin Moore

New Bern District Choir

Reverend Eldren D. Morrison

Pastor – Shaw Temple A. M. E. Zion ~ Smyrna, GA

WHOMS District Presidents

Saturday ~ November 22, 2025

9:00am

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVOCATION

10:30am

Worship Service Destyni Sutton ~ Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP	Pheobe Wilson
SCRIPTURE	Josiah Jones
PRAYER	Kashawn Johnson
MUSIC MINISTRY	Youth / Young Adult Choir
INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER	Bishop W. Darin Moore
MUSIC MINISTRY	Youth / Young Adult Choir
MEDITATION	Reverend Darius R. Ballard Pastor ~ York Memorial A. M. E. Zion ~ Greenville, NC
MINISTRY OF GIVING	Finance Committee
INSTALLATION OF VICYC OFFICERS	
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	
UNFINISHED CONFERENCE BUSINESS	
BOARD OF EXAMINERS	Reverend Dr. Gwendolyn Parmley McCloud
ADMISSIONS	Reverend Dr. William T. Snow
HOLY ORDERS	Presiding Elder Erlinda C. Dobson
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS	Reverend Roger Raynor
PASSING OF CHARACTER	

6:00pm

Home Missions' ~ Freedom Awards Dinner

Sunday ~ November 23, 2025

9:00am

Church School (Conference Director of Christian Education and Local Superintendent is in Charge)

9:45am

Ecclesiastical Order ~ Chief of Protocol ~ Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

10:00am

Sunday Morning Services

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius ~ Worship Leader

DEVOTION

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OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER

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MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

MINISTRY OF GIVING

MUSIC MINISTRY

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

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Reverend Darius R. Ballard

Reverend Cynthia Hargett

Reverend Dexter Jones

Reverend Darnell Matthews

Reverend Annette Hoskins-Satterfield

Finance Committee

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown

Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Choir

Bishop W. Darin Moore ~ Presiding Prelate

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Finance Committee

Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Choir

Ushers Grand March ~ Mrs. Delores Thomas

Report of the Courtesy Committee

Mrs. Henalmol Hickman

The Charge

The Reading of Appointments

The Closing of the 162nd Session of North Carolina Annual Conference

Closing Hymn

The Benediction

God Be With You Until We Meet Again

Bishop W. Darin Moore

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
A.M.E. Zion Church

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

ADMISSIONS

Reverends Dr. William Snow (Chair), Darius Ballard, Dr. M. Luther Hill, Paua McCullough, Dr. Lester A. Jacob Jr., Reginald Bradshaw, Cynthia Smith

APPEALS

Reverends Dr. Avery C. Brown, Dr. EC Dobson, Dr. Lester A. Jacobs Jr., Roger Raynor, Garry Slade, Gerald Godette

AUDIT

Reverends Dr. Sabrina Miller, Darnell Matthews, Dr. Avery C. Brown, Curtis Oden

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Dr. Francis Hill-Boomer, Dr. Avery C. Brown, Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Lester A. Jacobs, Jr., Rev. Dr. Francis Boomer, Michael Jackson, Fernanda Copeland, Ms. Barbara Hammond, Harry Edwards

BUDGET

Reverends Lester A. Jacobs, Jr., Dr. Avery C. Brown, Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Revs. Paula McCullough, Brian T. Cornelius, Mrs. Carthelia Carter, Mr. Clyde Murphy

CHIEF OF PROTOCOL & ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL

The Reverends Brian T. Cornelius (Chair), Thomas Fryar, Dr. M. Luther Hill, Gethsemane Hill, Garrick Witherspoon, Paula McCullough, Trishaun Kendall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reverends Dr. M. Luther Hill, Chairman, Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Paula McCullough, Aubrey Godette, Cynthia Hargett, Ms. Rita Brown, Ashley Cephas, Tiffany Kearney, Rev. Roger Raynor

CONFERENCE STUDIES

Reverends Dr. Gwendolyn Parmley McCloud, Dr. William Snow, Dr. M. Luther Hill, Rev. Darnell Matthews, Dr. Francis Boomer, Marlena Daggs

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

Reverends Dr. W. Darin Moore, Dr. Avery C. Brown (Chair), Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Dr. Avery C. Brown (Chair), Lester A. Jacobs, Jr., Dr. M. Luther Hill, Brian Cornelius, David Simmons, Curtis Oden, Honorable Kandie Mr. Smith, Gary Mattocks, Hope Bryant, Mr. Willie Smith

CONFERENCE WORKERS

Sister Scherri Strayhorn, Ms. Linda Daugherty, Ms. Joan Atkinson, Reverends Sandra Rhodes, Rev. Lynett Artis, Annette Hoskins-Satterfield, Mrs. Mildred Seon, Briana Oden

CREDENTIALS

Reverends Dr. Avery C. Brown, Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Lester A. Jacobs, Jr., Roosevelt Johnson, Joyce Bell, Gwendolyn Haddock, Josie Faye Clark, Marlena Daggs, Dorothy Jones, and Rev. Doris Petteway, Lynne Godette

COURTESY

Ms. Brenda Bryant, Mrs. Delores Thomas, Ms. Jacqueline Redding, Ms. Patricia Battle, Reverends Roger Raynor, Monique Gaddy, Doris Tomberlin, Vera Price

FINANCE

Reverends Leddia Chapman(Chair), Dr. M. Luther Hill, Reginald Bradshaw, Mike Burden, Mr. Hank Dobson, Rev. Darius Ballard, Rev. Troy Bragg, Rev. Gerald Godette, Rev. Paula McCullough

HOLY ORDERS

Reverends Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Dr. Avery C. Brown, Annette Satterfield, Katie Chapman, Lester A. Jacobs, Jr., Dr. William T. Snow, Rev. Kelvin Chadwich, Rev. Paula McCullough

HOMES MISSIONS

Reverends Dr. Avery C. Brown, Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson, Lester A. Jacobs, Jr., Dorothy Jones, Angela Washington, Almira Tootle, Sharon Floyd, Janice Snow, Sarah Tootle, Danny Boomer, Mildred Seon

MUSIC

Reverends Loren Wilson-Bradshaw, Reverend Roosevelt Johnson, Reverend Gregory Hargett, Jr., Jayson-Coley Hargett, Ms. Ann Cherry, Mrs. Carole K. Downing, Mr. Jonathan Tootle, Mr. William Humphreys, Calvinette Sheppard,

NAACP

Mr. Willie Anderson (Coordinator), Mrs. Lottie Hickman, Ms. Joyce O'Neal

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Jackie Matthews (Chair), Reverends Garry Slade, Dr. William Snow, Rev. Garrick Witherspoon

NECROLOGY

Reverends Gregory Hargett Jr. (Chair), Willie Jones, Katie Chapman, Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Renate Lee, Ms. Mary Holmes, Ms. Helen Barrett, Rev. Hope Bryant, Rev. Monique Gaddy

**The One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Session
of the
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

-The Holy Communion Service-

**EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH**



**Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Church
1430 Temple Point Road
Havelock, NC 28532**

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius ~ host Pastor

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Presiding Elders:

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Presiding Elder Erlinda C. Dobson ~ New Bern District
Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr. ~ host ~ Beaufort District

**Mrs. Devieta C. Moore –Missionary Supervisor
The Rt. Reverend W. Darin Moore – Presiding Prelate**

Opening Worship Service of Annual Conference

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr. ~ Worship Leader

THE PROCESSIONAL

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

*Rejoice ye pure in heart;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king. ~ refrain*

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
Give thanks and sing.*

*Bright youth and snow crowned age,
Strong men and maidens fair,
Raise high your free, exultant song,
God's wondrous praises declare. ~ refrain*

*Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. ~ refrain*

*Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As warriors through the darkness toil,
Till dawns the golden day. ~ refrain*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr.

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

ALL: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Is In His Holy Temple

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

THE INVOCATION (The People Seated and Bowed) **Presiding Elder Avery C. Brown, Sr.**

Almighty God, it is our privilege and joy to praise you. As we sing, let us make a joyful noise to you. As we pray, may our words and thoughts be a pleasing aroma to you. As we open your word may we trust in your unfailing promises. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see you more clearly today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer O Lord
Hear our prayer O Lord, Hear our prayer O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace*

THE HYMN

He Lives
*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer;
And just the time I need him, he's always near. ~ refrain*

***He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.***

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing will come at last. ~ refrain*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. ~ refrain*

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:1-9

Reverend Ateara Best-Padgett

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: They will recount the glorious [a] splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

People: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

ALL: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The **LORD** is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostle's Creed

THE SCRIPTURE

Reverend Lynne Godette

THE PRAYER

Reverend Thomas Fryar

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

THE RESPONSE

He's Sweet I Know

*He's sweet, I know. He's sweet, I know.
Storm clouds may rise, strong winds may blow.
I'll tell the world wherever I go,
That I've found a Savior, and He's sweet, I know.*

THE ANTHEM OR CHORAL SELECTION

NC Conference Choir – Music Ministry

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

Finance Committee

THE CHORAL SELECTION

NC Conference Choir – Music Ministry

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

Presiding Elder Lester A. Jacobs, Jr.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop W. Darin Moore

THE CHORAL SELECTION

NC Conference Choir – Music Ministry

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

Reverend Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson
Presiding Elder ~ New Bern District

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE INVITATIONAL HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford. ~Refrain*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh. ~Refrain*

*I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain. ~Refrain*

*I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill. ~Refrain*

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

*There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see, That fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away.
Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away.*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood, Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God, Be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved, to sin no more.*

*E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.*

*Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue, Lies silent in the grave.
Lies silent in the grave, Lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue, Lies silent in the grave.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Bishop W. Darin Moore, Celebrant
Presiding Elders -Con-celebrants*

THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul ~ Hymn 466

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say: “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul!

Tho’ Satan should buffet tho’ trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious tho’t – My sin – not in part but the whole, – Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall re-sound, and the Lord shall descend, – “Even so – it is well with my soul.

THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING

THE BENEDICTION

RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT INVITATION

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. Wherefore ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy way; draw near with faith, and take the Holy Sacrament to your comfort: and, devoutly kneeling, make your humble confession to Almighty God.

THE GENERAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy 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 Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PRAYER OF PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, 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 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 Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this Thy holy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table; but Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that, being washed through His most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. **AMEN.**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God our heavenly Father who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by 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 His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy 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 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 given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying Drink ye all of this! 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 oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. **AMEN.**

THE SURSUM CORDA & SANCTUS WITH PREFACE

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. AMEN.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

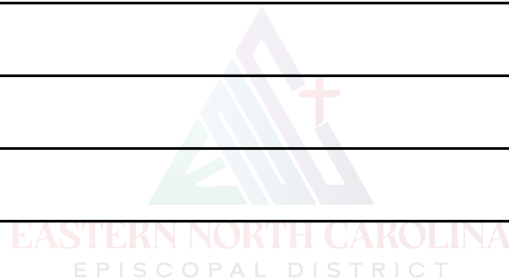
THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men! We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God heavenly King, God the Father Almighty! O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



**The One Hundred Sixty-Second Annual Session
of the
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

-The Education Night Service-

**EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH**



**Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Church
1430 Temple Point Road
Havelock, NC 28532**

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius ~ host Pastor

**Thursday – November 20, 2025
7:00PM**

***The Quadrennial Theme for 2024 - 2028 is:
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EDUCATION NIGHT SERVICE

Mrs. Renate Lee ~ Worship Leader

PRAISE & WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sister Tiffany Jones

Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

People: Praise be to God for God's mercy and love.

Leader: Open your hearts today to God's gentle leading.

ALL: We open our lives to God, that we may faithfully serve God all our days. AMEN.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Doxology

*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 INVOCATION (People Seated and Bowed) Mrs. Traveler Johnson-Colbert

Gracious God, make each of us an instrument of your grace. Weave us into a community showing forth your power and tenderness. Bless us and our differences and under gird our courage to stand together. We call on you to gather us in your love this evening. Lead us to better know you and glorify you on each step of the journey of our lives. Amen.

THE HYMN

Praise Him, Praise Him

*Praise Him!, Praise Him!—Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim.
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;*

Refrain

*Praise Him!, Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

*Praise Him!, Praise Him!—Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died;*

*He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong. Refrain*

*Praise Him! Praise Him!—Jesus, our blesse d Redeemer,
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring,
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him! —Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,
Power and glory unto the Lord belong. Refrain*

THE RESPONSIVE READING

**Education ~Proverbs 2:1-10
(Congregation Standing)**

Reverend Ateara Best-Padgett

Leader: My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
People: Making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding,
Leader: If you indeed cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
People: If you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,
Leader: Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
People: For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
Leader: He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
People: Guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones,
Leader: Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path.
All: For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

THE GLORIA PATRI (Congregation Standing)

*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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle's Creed	Mr. Bryant Adams
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON	Proverbs 8:1-11	Reverend Alex Godette
THE CHORAL SELECTION	Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion – Music Ministry	
THE PRAYER		Reverend Dr. M. Luther Hill
THE RESPONSE	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. ~ Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place*

REPORT OF CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Mrs. Renate Lee

CED STOLING CEREMONY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER	Bishop W. Darin Moore
THE CHORAL SELECTIONS	Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion – Music Ministry
THE EDUCATION SERMON	Reverend Dr. Hanna R. Broome Conference Evangelist – Fayetteville District
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	
THE INVITATIONAL HYMN	

Lead Me, Guide Me

*I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. ~ **Refrain***

*Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. ~ **Refrain***

*I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. ~ **Refrain***

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER	
THE MINISTRY OF GIVING	Finance Committee
THE OFFERTORY	
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS	
THE BENEDICTION	Reverend Dr. Hanna R. Broome
THE CHORAL AMEN	

THE STOLING CEREMONY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Presentation of Stoles

Christian Education stoles represent the universal color of **Red** identifying the suffering of Jesus Christ and His blood given as a life predestined by our Father for the sins of the world.

Blue reminds us of the academic field of educators pointing to hope and sincerity. The lettering “A. C. E.” depicts the component of the Christian Education Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church known as the Assembly of Christian Educators. Through this division all training of Christian Education Directors at various levels is enhanced.

The Pledge: (Below is the pledge to be taken by all persons receiving a stole. Each person should be facing the altar)

Bishop/Elder:

In as much as our Lord said, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a work man that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,” as Christian Educators, are you aware that you have come to this altar to dedicate yourself to truth, teaching, and learning for self first and then for sharing the same with others?

Christian Educators: Of this we are aware.

Bishop/Elder: (The Bishop/Elder holds up a stole here for the entire congregation to see.)

That this might be done in spirit and truth, we are gathered here, first to dedicate these Christian Education stoles as outward symbols of the commitment and responsibility each of you have chosen to exemplify. It is paramount that you understand that wearing of these stoles attest to the work of the Holy Spirit in you, around you, and through you. Wear these stoles to communicate to the world that the God we serve is a living and loving God waiting to bring each into creation.

(Place stoles on persons.)

Christian Educators:

To the blessing of many who will be inspired through Christian Education services in which these stoles are worn, we will endeavor to do so in love for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Bishop/Elder:

Let us combine our hearts and minds in unison by saying the Christian Education Worker's Prayer. (Christian Educators being installed shall kneel facing the altar).

Every member a Christian; every Christian a worker;
Every worker trained; a worker that needeth not be
shamed; this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bishop/Elder:

(To those just installed) Arise and face the congregation.
(To the congregation) *Please stand.*

Standing before you are Christian Educators of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church family, seeking your full support and cooperation as they continue in their commitment to do the will of through educational ministry.

Will you pray for them?

Congregation: With God's help we will.

Bishop/Elder:

Will you commit yourself to training sessions initiated by Christian Educators for your personal, spiritual, physical, emotional and social growth?

Congregation: With God's grace we will.

Bishop/Elder:

To the best of your ability and resources will you support the Christian Education programs of our denomination?

Congregation: With God's mercy, we offer our best.

Bishop/Elder: Let us pray in unison:

O God, our Father, we come in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son Who is the "Word of Life", to commit our lives and our work to your service. We recognize that the dedication of these stoles will help us to remember whose we are and for whom and what we work. Help us to remember our roles as students and teachers, engaged in studying Thy Word. Challenge us, each time we study to leave your house carrying your work into the world, that others may hear it and speak boldly as your witnesses. Bless the work entrusted in our hands as leaders, that it may be pleasing in thy sight. Consecrate Thy teachers so that the lives which we touch will be abundantly enriched in such a way that the total being may be dedicated to Thee. Bridge hearts and minds towards unity, to accept gifts of others, and bring them under one umbrella to perfect kingdom building as exemplified by the Master Teacher; for we ask it in His name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



Mrs. Jo-Ann O. Monroe, Connectional Secretary, Bureau of Supply
Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder, International President

BUREAU OF SUPPLY LUNCHEON

(Enter Quietly and Prayerfully)

Call to Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the faithful leaders who have paved the way before us and for the legacy of love, service, and sacrifice they leave behind. Inspire us to walk boldly in their footsteps, guided by Your wisdom and filled with the Holy Spirit. May we lead with integrity, nurture future generations, and build upon the foundation of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Time is filled with swift transition— Naught of earth unmoved can stand—
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand. ~*Refrain*

Hold to God's unchanging hand! Hold to God's unchanging hand!
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you, Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken, Still more closely to Him cling. ~*Refrain*

Covet not this world's vain riches, That so rapidly decay
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures, They will never pass away. ~*Refrain*

When your journey is completed, If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory, Your enraptured soul will view. ~*Refrain*

Legacy and Leadership Responsive Reading

Legacy: Hebrews 13:7 — “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”

Heir: Lord, we thank You for the spiritual giants who came before us. May their faith-filled example inspire us to walk faithfully, lead boldly, and build lives rooted in Your truth and grace.

Legacy: Mark 10:45 — “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Heir: Jesus, teach us to lead with humility and compassion. Help us to serve without seeking recognition, putting the needs of others before our own, just as You lovingly gave Yourself for us all.

Legacy: 2 Timothy 2:2 — “And the things you have heard me say... entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

Heir: Gracious God, give us willing hearts to mentor with love and patience. Help us invest in future generations, sharing wisdom, nurturing faith, and building strong spiritual foundations for the years to come.

Legacy: Proverbs 20:7 — “The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.”

Heir: Father, mold our hearts to reflect Your righteousness. Let our integrity speak louder than words, leaving behind a legacy of faithfulness, blessing, and light that impacts those who follow our path.

Legacy: 1 Corinthians 3:11 — “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

All: Lord, may everything we build be anchored in Christ alone. Strengthen us to serve faithfully, cast vision wisely, and glorify You in all we do, leaving a spiritual legacy that endures.

Solo or Praise Dance

*Wesleyan Grace
Lunch is Served*

Introduction of Meditation Speaker

Meditation Hymn *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*

O Master, let me walk with Thee, In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear, The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move, By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee. In closer, dearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray, Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Morning Meditation

Closing Remarks

Missionary Benediction

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.



Biblical Women Who Shaped Generations

Legacy and leadership in the Bible are powerfully illustrated through the lives of women whose faith, courage, and obedience to God left a lasting impact on generations. Their stories reveal how spiritual leadership shapes communities and furthers God's divine plan.

Deborah (Judges 4–5) was a prophetess and judge who led Israel during a time of national crisis. As both a spiritual and political leader, she inspired confidence, delivered wise counsel, and directed Barak into battle. Her legacy is one of courageous, godly leadership that brought peace and order to a troubled nation.

Ruth (Ruth 1–4) demonstrated unwavering loyalty and humility after choosing to remain with her mother-in-law Naomi. Her journey from grief to grace led her to Boaz, and she became the great-grandmother of King David. Ruth's legacy teaches that servant-hearted faith and relational loyalty are forms of leadership with lasting generational significance.

Esther (Esther 1–10), a Jewish queen in Persia, embodied bold and strategic leadership. Risking her life, she interceded for her people and exposed Haman's plot to destroy the Jews. Through prayer, wisdom, and timing, Esther's actions saved a nation. Her legacy lives on as a model of courage and advocacy.

Priscilla (Acts 18:24–26; Romans 16:3) was a knowledgeable teacher in the early Church who, alongside her husband Aquila, disciplined Apollos, a gifted preacher. Her leadership in doctrine and discipleship reflects the importance of women in shaping theological understanding and spiritual growth.

Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1–2), accepted her divine calling with faith, nurturing the Savior of the world. Her obedience and strength as a mother and believer laid a foundation for Jesus' earthly ministry. Her legacy reflects humility, purpose, and trust in God's plan.

These five women show how legacy and leadership are often birthed through faithfulness, courage, and service to God.



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**Friday – November 21, 2025
7:00PM**

MISSIONARY QUADRENNIAL THEME:

***“Reaching The Masses In An Ever-Changing World - The Journey Continues through Self
Care And Wellness • Equity And Justice • Leadership And Legacy • Empathy And
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THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

Central North Carolina Annual Conference

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WORSHIP LEADER

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore - Missionary Supervisor
Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today by the Grace of God.

People: And it is by God’s Grace that we are made new.

Leader: We come with our gifts, our stories and our struggles,

People: And we trust that God will meet us right where we are.

Leader: We are called not by our own perfection, but by God’s amazing and active love.

People: So we offer our hearts, our worship, and our praise.

Leader: Let us worship God!

All: Amen.

THE INVOCATION

Mrs. Debra Washington

Oh Lord, may your Spirit fill this place. Let the light of your awesome Presence radiate through us so that we may forever walk in the light of your love, delight in the light of your peace and rejoice in the light of your power. Let the light from the lighthouse shine on all of us in this place Amen.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Lift Him Up

How to reach the masses, men of every birth? For an answer Jesus gave a key,

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me.”

Lift Him up, Lift Him up,... Still He speaks from eternity,

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.

*O the world is hungry for the living bread, Lift the Saviour up for them to see,
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said, "I'll draw all men unto Me."*

*Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Saviour see,
Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught, "I'll draw all men unto Me."*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mrs. Janice Dixon

THE EVENING PRAYER

Mrs. Lydia Staton

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

New Bern District Choir

THE LITANY

LITANY IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

(adapted by: Mrs. Devieta C. Moore, ~ Missionary Supervisor)

1st Voice: Oh God, who has created all human beings with dignity and love:

Voices Together: We lift to you the women of the world

2nd Voice: Our mothers, daughter, sisters, and friends

Voices Together: Worthy human beings, beloved by You.

3rd Voice: Speak deeply into the souls of women and girls today

Voices Together: Tell them their worth, value and strength.

4th Voice: So many women have been dis-empowered

Voices Together: Abused and enslaved

5th Voice: Pushed to the margins of societies worldwide,

Voices Together: Their voices never heard.

6th Voice: But you, Lord, have redeemed the lowly.

Voices Together: You have scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts

7th Voice: You have lifted up the humble

Voices Together: **The Mighty One has done great things for us**

8th Voice: Even now, you are bringing justice for women,

Voices Together: **Wave upon wave over the earth.**

9th Voice: Even now women of wisdom are rising to leadership

Voices Together: **In churches, organizations, governments, and arts.**

10th Voice: Give courage to the women working

Voices Together: **For equality and the good of their sisters and brothers.**

11th Voice: Keep them from temptation and evil.

Voice Together: **And may the next generation rise up freer than the last.**

ALL: Amen

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THE MISSIONARY STOLING CEREMONY

THE CHARGE

Throw Out the Lifeline

Throw out the lifeline across the dark wave! There is a brother whom someone should save; Somebody's brother! Oh, who then will dare, To throw out the lifeline, his peril to share?

Throw out the lifeline with hand quick and strong. Why do you tarry, why linger so long? See! He is sinking! Oh, hasten today. And out with the lifeboat! Away then away?

Throw out the lifeline to danger fraught men, Sinking in anguish where you've never been; Winds of temptation and billows of woe Will soon hurl them out where the dark waters flow.

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er, Soon will they drift to eternity's shore; Haste then, my brother, no time for delay, But throw out the lifeline and save them today.

CHORUS

Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline! Someone is drifting away; Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline! Someone is sinking today.

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP Mrs. Devieta C. Moore, Missionary Supervisor

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER The Rt. Reverend W. Darin Moore
Presiding Prelate ~ Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

THE MUSIC MINISTRY New Bern District Choir

THE MISSIONARY SERMON **Reverend Eldren D. Morrison**
Pastor ~ Shaw Temple A. M. E. Zion Church – Smyrna, GA

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING North Carolina Conference ~ WHOMS ~ District Presidents

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

THE MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

*“God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face
to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.”*

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Service Convening at:
Havelock High School
101 Webb Blvd. ~ Havelock, NC 28532

**Sunday – November 23, 2025
10:00AM**

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius ~ Worship Leader

*Organ Prelude or Piano Voluntary
(The Congregation in Devout Meditation)*

THE PROCESSIONAL

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name! ~ (Coronation) ~

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all' Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

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

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The worm-wood and the gall, Go, spread your
trophy at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all; Go, spread your trophy at His feet, And
crown Him Lord of all.

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

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

Leader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

**Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the
peoples!**

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Is In His Holy Temple

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

THE INVOCATION (People Seated and Bowed) Reverend Brian T. Cornelius

Almighty God, as we gather in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we celebrate your presence amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. We declare our love for you as you have made known your love for us through your son Jesus Christ. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE MORNING HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to speak its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest name on earth. ~*Refrain*

***O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!***

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea. ~*Refrain*

It tells of One whose loving heart, Can feel my deepest woe;
Who in my sorrow bears a part, That none can bear below. ~*Refrain*

THE RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 107:1-8 Reverend Darius R. Ballard

LEADER: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

LEADER: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

PEOPLE: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

LEADER: Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

PEOPLE: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

LEADER: He led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

ALL: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to Humankind.

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Reverend Cynthia Hargett

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament

Reverend Dexter Jones

New Testament

Reverend Darnell Matthews

THE PRAYER HYMN

O Thou, In Whose Presence

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, On whom in affliction I call, My comfort by day, and my song in the night, My hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep, To feed them in pastures of love? Say, why in the valley of death should I weep, Or alone in this wilderness rove?

O why should I wander an alien from Thee, Or cry in the desert for bread? Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see, And smile at the tears I have shed.

Restore, my dear Saviour, the light of Thy face; Thy soul-cheering comfort impart; And let the sweet tokens of pardoning grace Bring joy to my desolate heart.

He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice, And myriads wait for His word; He speaks! and eternity, filled with His voice, Re-echoes the praise of the Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER

Reverend Annette Hoskins-Satterfield

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Piney Grove A. M. E. Zion Choir

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THE SERMON

The Rt. Reverend W. Darin Moore

Presiding Prelate ~ Eastern North Carolina Episcopal Distric

THE INVITATIONAL HYMN

Take My Life, And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Finance Committee

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Mrs. Delores Thomas

THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERINGS

THE COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

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THE CHARGE TO MINISTERS AND LAITY

HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop W. Darin Moore

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

MINISTERS AND PASTORS

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE ~ 162ND SESSION OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE CLOSING HYMN

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, up hold you, With His sheep
securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again!

*Till we meet!.... Till we meet! Till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet!.... Till we meet!
God be with you till we meet again!*

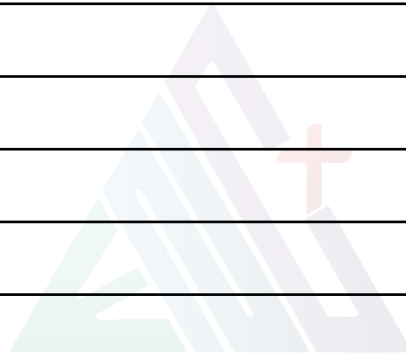
God be with you till we meet again! ‘Neath His wings securely hide you, Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again! When life's perils thick confound you, Put His arms unfailing round you; God be with you till meet again!

God be with you till we meet again! Keep love's banner floating o'er you, Smite death's threat'ning wave before you; God be with you till we meet again!

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop W. Darin Moore



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REVEREND DR. ERLINDA C. DOBSON

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He may give you.” John 15:16 NIV.

Rev. Dr. Erlinda C. Dobson not only hears the Lord speaking to her, but she also follows His directions. Almost forty-four years ago at Pleasant Hill African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church, she heeded His call to share the grace of God into the lives of others and to make disciples. Dr. Dobson is a trailblazer, a mover, and shaker in this twenty-first century where pastors and churches face challenges with generational shifts and declining attendance and giving.

Having faced similar challenges in her ministry tenure, Dr. Dobson offers guidance and support to pastors. Under her administrative and financial leadership, every church grew spiritually and financially. Two former churches successfully added educational buildings debt-free. Even during an economic recession, a congregation under her leadership constructed a two and a half-million-dollar church through teaching and using biblical principles of stewardship and budgeting. Within just four years, the church purchased property, paid off loans and the parsonage mortgage, and simultaneously reduced the mortgage on the new church to less than seven hundred thousand dollars. The congregation moved into the new sanctuary owing less than one million dollars. Dr. Dobson also serves as the treasurer and chairperson of the finance committee for the North Carolina Conference of the AME Zion Church.

In the educational arena, Dr. Dobson achievement is also impressive. She holds several college degrees. She has an associate degree from Craven Community College (New Bern, NC) and a Bachelor of Science Degree (Business) from the University of Mount Olive (Mt. Olive, NC). She also received bachelor's (Theology) and master's degrees (Ministry) through Carolina Theological Institute and Seminary (Clinton, NC). She graduated from Hood Theological Seminary (Salisbury, NC) where she received both her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

People consider Dr. Dobson to be a community pastor/presiding elder because of her extensive involvement and leadership in the communities she serves. She actively serves on several boards that include the North Carolina Conference Studies, the Conference Trustee Board, the Board of Election, the Democratic Party, the NAACP, the Friends to Black Children, the Council of Churches, the Council of Churches Delegate, the MLK Celebration, the Watchman of the Community, the Weed and Seed, and Juvenile Justice (chairman).

As a community leader, the Presiding Elder actively planned several workshops: Health Fair, Prostate Awareness, HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, and Aging. She also partnered with Affordable Care to help the uninsured receive affordable health care. The Northeast Community Development Corporation (Jacksonville, NC), a non-profit organization, initiated a special leadership award in her honor. Dr. Dobson is the recipient of the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine (2013) given to a North Carolinian who has made significant contributions to North Carolina and the person's community. She is also a recipient of a gold medal given by the Ole North State Medical Society as well as awards from Hood Theological Seminary and others. Most recently, the IMLA African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church awarded Dr. Dobson the Sojourner Truth Award.

Dr. Dobson also finds time to fulfill another passion in her life – family. She and her husband, Mr. Hank J. Dobson, share six children and seventeen grandchildren. The Presiding Elder loves her family and adores her mother, Mrs. Lelia C. Becton. While she has two sisters and three brothers, she extends her family with other adopted sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, children, and moms. She firmly believes that without the support and encouragement of her husband and loving family, she could not meet all the challenges she faces.

Dr. Dobson's motto is, "We must raise the bar and call followers of Christ to a higher standard and make disciples."

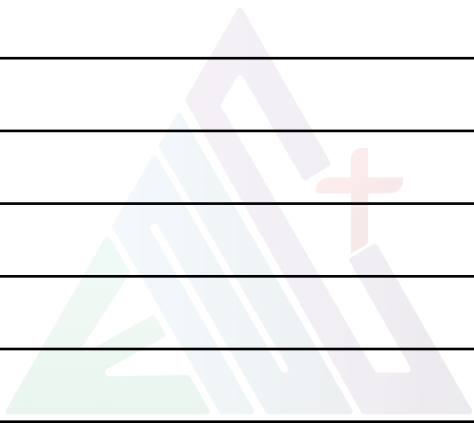


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Rev. Dr. Hanna R. Broome is a womanist theologian and ordained AME Zion elder whose ministry bridges sanctuary and the public square. She serves as President of the North Carolina Council of Churches (27 judicatories/19 denominations plus seven congregations; membership spanning 6,200+ congregations), National Director of Religious Affairs for Repairers of the Breach, Program Manager for the Flourishing Congregations Initiative (VCDC), Executive Director of Project 100, and founder of Women at the Well, Inc. A former Regional Director for the Oikos Institute for Social Impact (North Carolina), she led a unique cohort centering women and Black women pastors.

Dr. Broome holds the D.Min. from Drew Theological Seminary; her dissertation— Humiliation and Its Impact Within a Religious Framework—proposes pastoral and institutional strategies to confront humiliation and restore dignity in church culture. She teaches across the U.S. and Africa on womanist theology, justice preaching, and clergy formation.



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REVEREND DR. SABRINA J. MILLER

Rev. Dr. Sabrina J. Miller, a native of North Carolina, was raised in the Cove City community, where she learned the importance of faith at the Bryant Chapel AME Zion Church. She completed her education in the Craven County Public School System and graduated from West Craven High School. Following her academic aspirations, she attended North Carolina Wesleyan College, where she earned bachelor's degrees in Justice Studies and Psychology. Dr. Miller's thirst for knowledge led her to obtain a master's degree in Teacher Leadership and eventually a Doctoral Degree in Theology.

In August 2012, responding to the call on her life, she preached her trial sermon at Shabach AME Zion Church in Vanceboro, NC, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Blenda H. Hargett. Since then, she has faithfully served in the New Bern District within the North Carolina Conference of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District. Dr. Miller was ordained as both a Deacon and an Elder in the AME Zion Church under Bishop Kenneth Monroe. Her various roles have included Director of Evangelism, Leader of Leaders, Preacher Steward, Acolyte, Custodian, and Culinary Team Member, reflecting her belief that no task is too great or too small for God's glory. This extensive experience prepared her for her first and current pastoral appointment as the pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church in Hubert, NC, which was granted to her by Bishop Kenneth Monroe during the pandemic in 2020.

Dr. Miller is supported by her husband, Terrence Miller, as well as her mother, Sarah M. Jones, family, and friends. Her ultimate desire is to see God's purpose fulfilled in the Body of Christ. One of her favorite scriptures, which brings her peace, is Psalm 27:13-14 (NKJV): "I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord!"



REVEREND ELDREN D. MORRISON

The Reverend Eldren D. Morrison is privileged to stand in the Shaw Temple pulpit and preach the Word of God with compassion, clarity, and conviction.

Pastor Morrison was born in Charlotte, NC, and raised in a Christian home; he was strongly influenced by his great-uncle, the late Bishop George Walter Pettice Sr., and his grandfather, the late Reverend R.A. Morrison Sr.

By the age of twelve, Pastor Morrison recognized the call of God in his life and was nurtured in the Christian ministry by his grandfather and by, Reverend Marion R. Wilson, who was the Pastor of Steele Hill A.M.E. Zion Church Lancaster, SC.

Right out of high school, Pastor Morrison was appointed to his first pastorate. During this time, he matriculated at Zion's chief institution, Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC. From beneath, "Thy maples and Oaks" at Livingstone to Albertus Magnus College and then to the campus of United Theological Seminary, Pastor Morrison values the blessing of education and academic success in preparation for ministry and for life.

Pastor Morrison has been blessed to serve several congregations in Zion, including Warner Temple, Lancaster, SC. Pleasant Hill, Heath Springs, SC. Metropolitan, Chester, SC. Liberty Hill, Lake Wylie, SC, and Varick Memorial, New Haven, CT.

Pastor Morrison is known as a faithful pastor and preacher. He has experienced exceptional growth and ministry development at several of his pastorates. During Pastor Morrison's pastorate in New Haven, Varick Memorial dramatically grew and developed from about 250 members to well over 2,000 members, with 3 Sunday worship services.

For Pastor Morrison, a call to pastor a congregation is to be a community change agent. In 2009, Pastor Morrison envisioned The Booker T. Washington Academy, a pre-k through 8th grade school. Presently Booker T is recognized as a Connecticut School of distinction and serves over 450 young scholars with an annual budget of over 4 million dollars.

While in New Haven Pastor Morrison was a much sought-after community leader and builder and was a part of the redevelopment of The Dixwell corridor, a trustee of the Hannah Gray Home for seniors, Founder of (V.C.E.) Varick Center for Empowerment Community Development Corporation, Fire Commissioner, Trustee of the City of New Haven Pension Board, Yale Community Partners Board for Yale Center for Clinical Investigations, and a founding member of New Haven Bridges of Hope.

He also served on the Advisory Board of the Greater New Haven Community Foundation and led Varick Memorial to become the first Black Church in New Haven to establish an endowment fund at the Foundation.

He received awards from numerous organizations mayors and local officials. Governor Daniel P. Malloy valued a close working relationship with Pastor Morrison and honored him on several occasions, and Pastor Morrison was recognized as ‘New Haven’s Person of the Year.’

In 2016, Pastor Morrison was appointed to the Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Pastor Morrison led Shaw Temple in historically hosting both the 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference and the 12th Quadrennial Lay Convention.

In 2021, Pastor Morrison was appointed as Presiding Elder of the South Korea Annual Conference.

Recently, Pastor Morrison has led Shaw Temple in renovations of its property and in the establishment of its Restricted Endowment that will ensure Shaw Temple’s continued sustainability as the church continues to grow and enlarge its impact in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. Through partnerships, education, and civic engagement, Shaw Temple is deepening its roots in Cobb and Fulton counties.

He is married to the former Ms. Stachia L. Coleman. Lady Stachia is unquestionably Pastor Morrison’s number one supporter. Pastor and Mrs. Morrison are the proud parents of Ava Elizabeth and Ian Alexander.

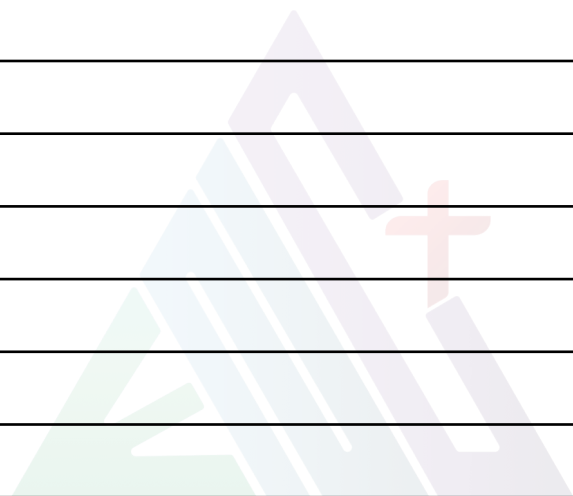
Currently, Pastor Morrison serves on several boards and organizations: The Connectional Budget Board, the A.M.E. Zion Church, Yale University Community Partners Board, and Booker T. Washington Academy- New Haven. The Shaw Temple Academy Board Chairman, Cobb County Ministers Alliance, Clinton College Trustee, Elevate Charter Schools board member, and Cobb Country Sheriff’s Office Chaplain.

Pastor Morrison is a proud life member of the A.M.E. Zion International Ministers & Lay Association, the NAACP, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity INC., and the Oriental Lodge No.

6 Free & Accepted Masons Prince Hall.

However, at the end of the day, Pastor Morrison is proud to still be a “South Carolina preacher.” He loves preaching and preachers.

By the grace of God, Pastor Morrison’s life is described in Romans 8:28 “For we know that all things work together for good, to those who love God, and to those who are called according to his purpose.”



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REVEREND DARIUS R. BALLARD

Darius R. Ballard was born on January 25, 1997 to Robert Ballard and LaFrieda Badger. He is the youngest of two boys.

Darius grew up in the home with his grandparents who were heavily involved with raising him. During his adolescent years, he attended the St. Stephen AME Zion Church in Garland, NC, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. William Ballard.

During this time, Darius endured various health challenges that resulted in him undergoing surgical procedures. This time in his life sparked his love for church work. He made a promise to Pastor Ballard that if God bought him through these procedures, he would begin to work in church.

Darius began working in church through the acolyte and usher ministries. He was also a lead singer in the choir and began taking music, sometimes filling in as the church musician.

At the tender age of 16, Darius started to hear the call from God regarding the preaching ministry. He preached his trial sermon on September 27, 2014, at the age of 17 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Hugh Miller, who he affectionately calls his Pop, father in ministry. Darius was educated through the Bladen County School System, graduating from East Bladen High School in Elizabethtown, NC. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and stayed on Active Duty for 7 years.

Most of his military time was spent in Fort Lee, Virginia. Following guidance from Presiding Elder AD Brown, Darius became an affiliate member of the Hood Temple AME Zion Church, in Richmond, VA, under the leadership of Rev. Tony Henderson.

Under Rev. Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin, Darius served in various capacities, mostly as the Youth Pastor.

In the year 2019, Darius was admitted into full connection to the Cape Fear Annual Con-

ference and was assigned to Pastor the Ashley Chapel AME Zion Church.

He received his Deacon orders in January 2020 and was ordained an Elder in January of 2022 both by Bishop Kenneth Monroe.

He served the Ashley Chapel church 1 year amidst COVID-19 and following his tenure there he was appointed to Pastor the Trinity AME Zion Church and is currently serving this congregation.

Rev. Ballard exited military service in December of 2021 and restarted his undergrad course work which will be completed in the fall. He is aspiring to begin seminary in the Fall of 2025.

Rev. Ballard has always been heavily involved in Christian Education. In 2022, he had the exciting privilege of preaching the opening worship service for the denominations Mid-Winter meeting held in Chicago, IL. Rev. Ballard was transferred to the North Carolina Conference, January 2025 by Bishop W. Darin Moore and is currently the pastor of York Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church in Greenville, NC.

Rev. Ballard is married to the former Daniele Nicole Perkins, they were wed on July 6, 2024.

Out of all things, Rev. Ballard remembers the motto his grandmother lived by and endeavors to do the same, “A good name is better to be chosen than great riches.”





THE RIGHT REVEREND W. DARIN MOORE

Bishop W. Darin Moore is a native of Mt. Vernon, NY and began his college education at Livingstone College, graduating from Purchase College, in Purchase, NY with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. Theological studies were done at Yale University Divinity School obtaining the M.Div. from United Theological Seminary. He received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from UTS as well as an honorary Doctorate from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Pastoral assignments for Bishop Moore have included Clarksville and Morning Star AME Zion Churches, Monroe, NC; Mt. Olivet AME Zion Church, Greensboro, NC; and Jones Tabernacle AME Zion Church, Indianapolis, IN. While in Greensboro, he served on the Commission for the Greensboro Coliseum and the County Commission on Children and Youth. In Indianapolis, Bishop Moore served two terms as President of the Board of Directors for the Greater Indianapolis Church Federation and was the Presiding Elder of the Indianapolis District for the AME Zion Church. He became the pastor of his home church, Greater Centennial AME Zion Church in 1993 and served faithfully until his election as a Bishop.

In July, 2012 Bishop Moore was elevated to the episcopacy from Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church, Mt. Vernon, NY as the 99th bishop in succession. During his tenure as pastor of Greater Centennial the congregation grew from a few hundred to more than 6,500 members.

Bishop Moore was elected President of the Mount Vernon Board of Education. Additionally, he served as President of the United Black Clergy of Westchester, the Founding Chairperson for Save Our Seed Ministries, and a member of the Westchester County African American Advisory Board. He is Founder and the past President of the Greater Centennial Community Development Corporation and past President of Greater Centennial Homes where he led in the construction of the James Varick Homes for 1st time home buyers, construction of the Zion Court Apartments, and a \$12 million substantial renovation of Greater Centennial Homes.

Twice, he has been selected as the Morning Preacher for the Hampton Ministers' Conference, an annual gathering of more than 10,000 ministers and musicians from around the country, he has been inducted into both the Morehouse College MLK Board of Preachers and the inaugural class of the Bishop Alfred G. Dunston College of Preachers at Livingstone College. Bishop Moore's sermons have been published in The African American Pulpit Forum and the Balm in Gilead Journal. He is the author/editor of two books.

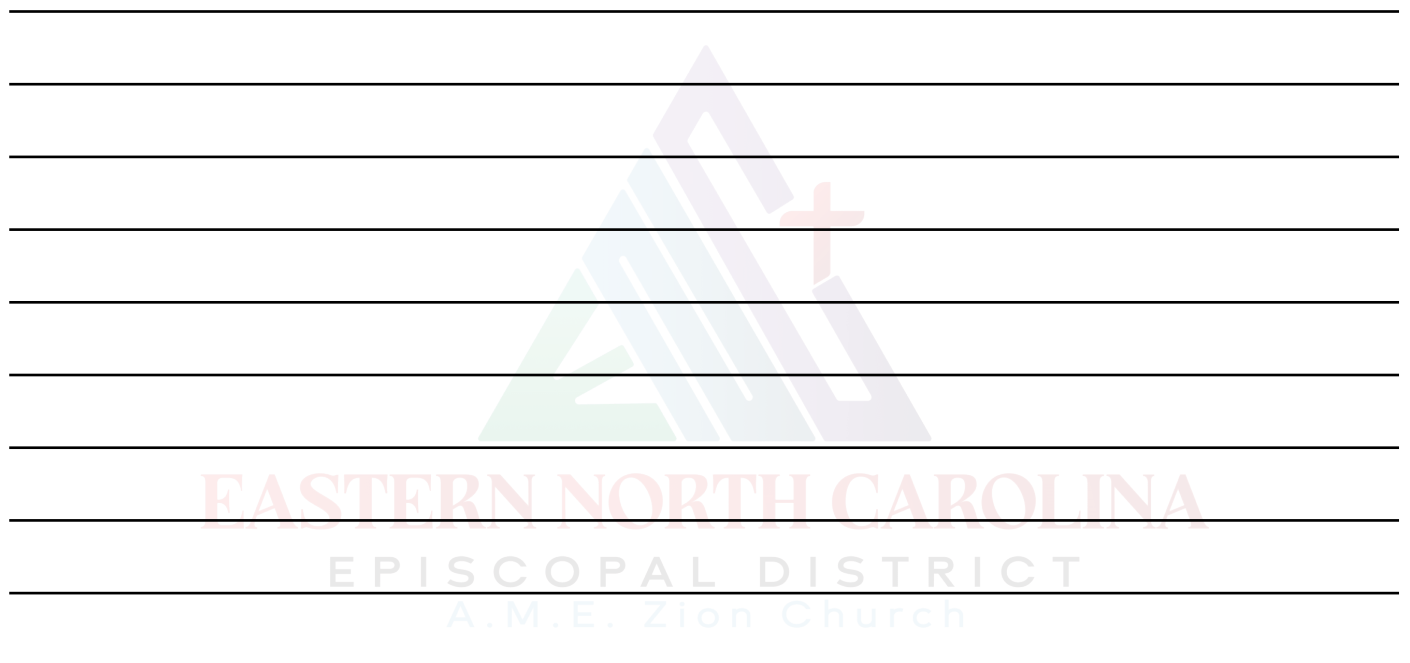
Bishop Moore is a Past Chair of the National Council of Churches, USA, Chair of the Hood Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman of the Livingstone College Board of Trustees, and a member of the World Methodist Council. He also serves as Chairman of the Restructuring Commission and the Connectional Budget Board of the AME Zion Church.

Bishop Moore is the Presiding Bishop of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District, which includes the Albemarle, Cape Fear, Central North Carolina, North Carolina, and Virgin Islands Conferences.

A loving husband to Devieta C. Moore, devoted father to Daron (Elaina), Dana (Kevin), and Dion. He and his wife are proud grandparents of five, Jayli, Creed, Kevin, Carter, and Dailyn.

Bishop Moore uses as his theme:

“It's our **OUTREACH** that validates our **UP REACH!**”






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