



THE 146TH SESSION OF THE

# Central North Carolina

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**November 6-9, 2025**

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY LOCATION:** St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church  
531 S. Roxboro St.  
Durham, NC 27701  
919-688-2092

**SUNDAY LOCATION:** Sheraton Imperial Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport  
4700 Emperor Blvd, I-40 at Exit 282 (Page Road)  
Durham, North Carolina, 27703  
919-941-5050

**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

**Rev. Dr. Julian Pridgen** – Host Pastor  
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church

**Presiding Elder Chalmers McDougald** – Laurinburg District  
**Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr.** – Fayetteville District  
**Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy** – Raleigh District  
**Presiding Elder James A. French** – Dunn-Lillington District  
**Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton** – Sanford District  
**Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier** – (Host) Durham District

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

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# 146TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

*Thursday – November 6, 2025*

*1:00PM*

## OPENING OF THE 146TH SESSION CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton ~ Worship Leader

### DEVOTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton

INVOCATION

Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton

RESPONSIVE READING

Reverend Dr. Jonette Camp

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Reverend Dr. Rosa Smith-Williams

SCRIPTURE

Reverend Lee Hammonds, Jr.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Alton Pegues

SELECTION

CNC Conference Choir ~ Music Ministry

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

Finance Committee

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop W. Darin Moore

SELECTION

CNC Conference Choir ~ Music Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

**Reverend Dr. Joseph C. Brown, Sr.**

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Presiding Elder ~ Fayetteville District

Finance Committee

## HOLY COMMUNION

**2:00PM**

ROLL CALL

Reverend Kenneth L. Swann

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Reverend Delilah Washington Gaddy

RULES COMMITTEE

Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS REPORT

Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier

## PLACES AND DATES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

**147th Session ~ November 5 -8, 2026 ~ Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion – Fayetteville, NC**

**148th Session ~ November 11-14, 2027 ~ St. Mark A. M. E. Zion – Durham, NC**

**149th Session ~**

### Places and Dates ~ 2026 Checkup Meetings

**1st Checkup Meeting**

**February 7, 2026 ~ Cameron Grove A. M. E. Zion – Broadway, NC**

**2nd Checkup Meeting**

**April 18, 2026 ~ Amanah Rush A. M. E. Zion – Raleigh, NC**

**3rd Checkup Meeting**

**(CYBER) July 11, 2026 ~ Mitchell Chapel A. M. E. Zion – Pittsboro, NC**

4:00PM

## THE LAY HOUR

Lay Presidents' Report ~ Mrs. Thomascena LeGrand  
Installation of Conference Lay Officers  
Stole Ceremony of New Members

5:00PM

DINNER

7:00PM

## EDUCATION NIGHT SERVICE

**Reverend Tyesha Harden ~ Worship Leader**

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

SELECTION

Reverend Tyesha Harden

Reverend David Gilchrist

Reverend Linda Bristow

Reverend Julia McAllister

Reverend Kathy Grace

Reverend Corey D. Little

Mitchell Chapel A. M. E. Zion~Music Ministry

## 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. Brodwynn Charles-Roberts

Conference Evangelist ~ Durham District

Finance Committee

Mitchell Chapel A. M. E. Zion~Music Ministry

## *Friday ~ November 7, 2025*

**Presiding Elder James A. French ~ Worship Leader**

**9:00am**

DEVOTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

SELECTION

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Presiding Elder James A. French

Reverend Delilah Gaddy

Reverend Dr. Lester Fisher, Sr.

Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy

CNC Conference Praise Team~ Music Ministry

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

### **Response:**

Clergy: Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen

Lay: Dr. Joseph King Davis, Jr.

## THE GREAT OFFERING THE PRESIDING ELDERS REPORTS

Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald~ Laurinburg District  
**Response: Reverend James A. Hayes**

Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr. ~ Fayetteville District  
**Response: Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.**

Presiding Elder James A. French ~ Dunn Lillington District  
**Response: Reverend Vincent Long**

Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy ~ Raleigh District  
**Response: Reverend Nathaniel B. Cox**

Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton ~ Sanford District  
**Response: Reverend Dr. Alton Pegues**

Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier ~ Durham District  
**Response: Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen**

1:00pm Missionary Luncheon

2:30PM **WHOMS Convocation**

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

**PRESENTER** **Reverend Dr. Peggy Lindsey Owens**  
1st Vice President ~ Women's Home And Overseas Missionary Society  
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Topic Leadership and Legacy

3:30PM **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**

Presenter **Reverend Dr. Derrill A. Blue**  
**Pastor ~ Little Rock A. M. E. Zion**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**

### **Serving This Present Age: Being Creative in Our Methods**

Business Session Continued  
Conference Committee Reports

Necrology Report  
Closing Comments and Prayer

Reverend Gloria W. Moore  
Bishop W. Darin Moore

5:00pm

**Dinner**

7:00pm

**Missionary Candlelight Service**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore

INVOCATION

Mrs. Debra Lee

SCRIPTURE

Mrs. Evelyn Yancy

PRAYER

Mrs. Dorothy McLean

THE LITANY

MISSIONARY STOLE CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop W. Darin Moore

MUSIC MINISTRY

Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion ~ Music Ministry

MISSIONARY SERMON

**Reverend Dr. Derrill A. Blue**

Pastor ~ Little Rock A. M. E. Zion ~ Charlotte, NC

MINISTRY OF GIVING

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MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

*Saturday ~ November 8, 2025*

9:00am

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVOCATION**

10:30am

**Worship Service**

**Reverend Tyesha Harden ~ Worship Leader**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ananee Fox

SCRIPTURE

Jayden Butler

PRAYER

Demetrius Dowdy

PRAISE TEAM

Sallie B. Howard School Gospel Choir and Band

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop W. Darin Moore

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sallie B. Howard School Gospel Choir and Band

MEDITATION

**Reverend Daquan Bimbo**

Pastor ~ Holland Chapel A. M. E. Zion ~ Apex, NC

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Finance Committee

UNFINISHED CONFERENCE BUSINESS

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Reverend Dr. Paul G. Murphy

ADMISSIONS

Presiding Elder Chalmers McDougald

HOLY ORDERS

Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

Reverend Maximiliano McMillian

PASSING OF CHARACTER

6:00pm

**Home Missions' ~ Freedom Awards Dinner**

*Sunday ~ November 9, 2025*

9:00am

**Church School**

(Conference Directors of Christian Education and Local Superintendents are in Charge)

9:45am

**Ecclesiastical Order ~ Chief of Protocol ~**

10:00am

# Sunday Morning Services

Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen ~ Worship Leader

DEVOTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

SELECTION

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen

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Reverend Gloria Downs

Reverend Martin S. Kendrick, Sr.

Reverend Dr. Erlene Baggett

Reverend Nathaniel B. Cox

Reverend E. Kenneth Wells

Finance Committee

Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier

Zion Churches of Durham ~ Music Ministry

Bishop W. Darin Moore ~ Presiding Prelate

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

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## Ushers Grand March ~ Mr. Gary Cox

Report of the Courtesy Committee

Mrs. Effie Woodard

(Special Thanks to: Zion Churches of Durham ~ Music Ministry \* St. Mark, Kyles Temple, Mt. Olive, Long Memorial A. M. E. Zion Churches.)

The Charge

The Reading of Appointments

## The Closing of the 146th Session of Central North Carolina Annual Conference

Closing Hymn

God Be With You Until We Meet Again

The Benediction

Bishop W. Darin Moore

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
A.M.E. Zion Church

# THE CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

## ADMISSIONS

The Reverend Chalmers McDougald (Chairman), Reverends Sharon Newton, Edward Hill III, Dr. James French, Dr. Paul Atlas, Selvyn Lindo, Dr. Earlene Baggett, Corey D. Little

## AUDIT **Not Active**

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## COMPILATION COMMITTEE

The Reverends Brenda-McCormick, (Chairperson), Kathy Grace, Debra Gray, Larry Gordon, Cassandra, Fisher, Kenneth L. Swann, Donnelle Simmons

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The Reverends Dr. Paul Murphy, (Chairperson), Hanna Broome, Anthony Ford, Dr. Paul Atlas, Ray P. Owens, Selvyn Lindo, Sharon Newton, Dr. Orlando Dowdy, Dr. Rosa Smith-Williams

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Mrs. Effie Woodard (Chairman), Esther McNeil, Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Sheila V. Spence, Mrs. Delphine Feldman

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The Reverends Dr. Julian C. Pridgen, (Chairman), Dr. Paul G. Murphy, Rev. Vincent Long, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. James Lilly, Jr., Mrs. Josephine Lattimore, Mr. Joseph K. Davis, Dr. Alton Pegues, Rev. Nathaniel Cox, Dr. Joseph King Davis, Jr, Mrs. Regina Bass, Rev. Johnette Camp

## **HOLY ORDERS**

The Reverends Dr. Joseph C. Brown, Sr., (Chairman), Hanna R. Broome, Chalmers McDougald, Dr. James French, Dr. Ricky Frazier, Dr. Orlando Dowdy, Anna Maynor, Delilah Gaddy, Rev. Sharon Newton

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The Reverends Dr. Paul Atlas, (Chairman), Dr. Paul Murphy, Dr. Denise Payton, Mrs. Muriel Allen, Authur Kent Burnett

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The Reverends Gloria W. Moore, (Chairperson), Dr. Alton Pegues, Brenda McCormick, Leo McKoy, Shellena Atlas, Betty Campbell, Mrs. Effie Woodard, Mrs. Lillian McRae, Dr. Felica Jones

## **NOMINATING**

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## **NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

The Reverends Dr. Hannah Broome (Chairman), Dr. Ricky Frazier, Deborah Gray, Sylvia Branch, Katherine Washington-Williams

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The Reverends Dr. Julian C. Pridgen, (Chairman), Keith Tillet, Paul Atlas, Paul A. Sewell, Gloria W. Moore, Kevin Freeman, Martin S. Kendrick, John Bright, George McAllister

## **SOCIAL ACTION AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

The Reverends Kenneth L. Swann, (Chairman), Clarence Weston, John Morrison, Marcus, Cassandra Fisher, Carol Davis

## **STATE OF THE CHURCH**

The Reverends Kenneth L. Swann (Chairman), Anthony Packer, Edward Hill, Iris Jordan, Lynn Brandon, Selyn Lindo, Brenda McCormick, Dr. Joseph King David, Jr.

## **STATE OF THE COUNTRY**

The Reverends Dr. Brodwynn Roberts (Chairman), Gloria Moore, Frank L. Rush, Lester Fisher, Clinton Edwards, Kathy Grace

## **TRIEERS OF APPEALS**

The Reverends Corey Little (Chairman), Gloria Downs, Nathaniel Cox, Chalmers McDougald, Earlene Baggett, Vincent Long

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Mr. Gary Cox, (Chairman), Ms. Julia Alston, Greg McGougan, Mr. Bobby Jones, Paul Smith, Nora Palmer, Mr. Eugene Lowe, Mr. Calvin Thompson



The One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Session  
*of the*  
CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

## **-The Holy Communion Service-**

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



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**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 Sharon B. Newton ~ 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 Sharon B. Newton**

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 Sharon B. Newton**

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 Dr. Jonette Camp**

**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 Dr. Rosa Smith-Williams

THE PRAYER

Reverend Lee Hammonds, Jr.

THE RESPONSE

Reverend Dr. Alton Pegues

## 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

CNC Conference Choir – Music Ministry

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

Finance Committee

THE CHORAL SELECTION

CNC Conference Choir – Music Ministry

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

**Bishop W. Darin Moore**

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THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

**Reverend Dr. Joseph C. Brown, Sr.**  
Presiding Elder ~ Fayetteville 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



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# EDUCATION NIGHT SERVICE

*Reverend Tyesha Harden ~ Worship Leader*

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Reverend Tyesha Harden**

**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)

**Reverend David Gilchrist**

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 Linda Bristow**

**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*

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| THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostle's Creed                            | Reverend Julia McAlister |
| THE SCRIPTURE LESSON     | Proverbs 8:1-11                                | Reverend Kathy Grace     |
| THE CHORAL SELECTION     | Mitchell Chapel A. M. E. Zion – Music Ministry |                          |
| THE PRAYER               |  | Reverend Corey D. Little |
| 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

*Reverend Tyesha Harden*

### CED STOLING CEREMONY

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| THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER         | Bishop W. Darin Moore   |
| THE CHORAL SELECTIONS                    | Mitchell Chapel A. M. E. Zion – Music Ministry  |
| THE EDUCATION SERMON                     | <b>Reverend Dr. Brodwynn Charles-Roberts</b><br>Conference Evangelist – Durham 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*

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| THE BENEDICTION        | Reverend Dr. Brodwynn Charles Roberts |
| 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 workman 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  
ashamed; 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



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# 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, disciples 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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### 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 Lee**

*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

Ms. Evelyn Yancy

THE EVENING PRAYER

Mrs. Dorothy McLean

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

Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion Church

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.*



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**10:00AM**

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# SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

*Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen ~ 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  
trophies at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all; Go, spread your trophies 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 Dr. Julian C. Pridgen**

**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 Julian C. Pridgen**

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 Gloria Downs**

**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 Martin S. Kendrick, Sr.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament

Reverend Dr. Erlene Baggett

New Testament

Reverend Nathaniel B. Cox

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 E. Kenneth Wells

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE SERMON

The Rt. Reverend W. Darin Moore

Presiding Prelate ~ Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

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.

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HYMN

*A Charge to Keep I Have*

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

Bishop W. Darin Moore

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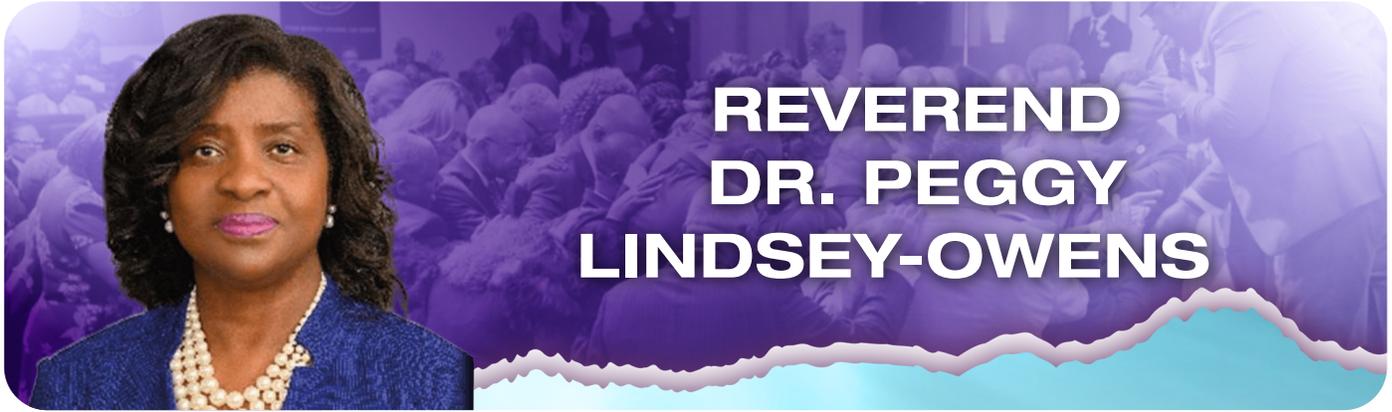
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Peggy Lindsey Owens is the daughter of the (late) Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey, Sr. and the (late) Mrs. Inez Butler Lindsey. She is a native of Monticello, Arkansas. Dr. Owens is married to Rev. Ray P. Owens, Sr. and they have three wonderful young adult children: Ray Jr. (Julie), Phillip and Lindse'. She is also the grandmother of Phillip Jr. (PJ) and Langston. Dr. Owens is a member of the Freedom Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Raeford, North Carolina. She preached her trial sermon in 2002. Dr. Owens is consecrated a deaconess. Dr. Owens is actively engaged in community service. She was ordained a deacon January 22, 2011 and she is currently an elected-elder (2012) in A.M.E. Zion. She is an active member of the A.M.E. Zion Church and her ministry in missions span over 30 years. On June 14, 2025 Rev. Dr. Peggy Owens was ordained an Elder at the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal Districts' Leadership Training Institute. In addition, she has served various offices in the church. On July 27, 2023, she was elected the 18th First Vice President of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at the 30th Quadrennial Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Owens is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education and a Master's degree in School Health Education. She has done additional studies at Hood Theological Seminary, and East Carolina University. She completed her School Administration certification at UNC Chapel Hill. She earned the Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from the University of North Carolina Wilmington in December 2017. Dr. Owens is also a 2019 Educational Policy Fellows Graduate from the North Carolina Public School Forum Program. In August 2022, she received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award from Governor Roy Cooper. One of Rev. Dr. Peggy Owens favorite scriptures is "Being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ " Philippians 1:6,



Dr. Derrill Antonio Blue is the Senior Pastor of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina and Chairman of the Board for the Little Rock Community Development Corporation.

Reverend Dr. Derrill Antonio Blue is a native of Broadway, NC. He is the son of Jerry and Gail Quick. He graduated from Lee Senior High School in 2001. He completed his undergraduate education in Business Management from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, and in Organization Leadership from the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. He obtained his Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology in Oklahoma City, OK. He earned his doctoral degree from Boston University in Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) in Transformational Leadership.

Reverend Dr. Derrill A. Blue delivered his trial sermon on June 9, 2002, and commenced his pastoral vocation at the age of 23. He has served the subsequent A.M.E. Zion congregations: Erwin Memorial in Erwin, North Carolina; Coleman Chapel in Batesville, Mississippi; New Beginnings in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sharon Chapel in Sharon, Mississippi; Mt. Olive in Waterbury, Connecticut; Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Rochester, New York. He was appointed the Presiding Elder of the Rochester-Syracuse District on July 15, 2018, and served for six years. On September 26, 2024, Reverend Dr. Derrill A. Blue was appointed pastor of the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Reverend Dr. Derrill A. Blue has experience in the banking industry, university assessment, and accreditation. Reverend Dr. Blue has experience working in the banking industry, university assessment, and accreditation. He serves as a Cultural Ambassador to the Yale Clinical Research Program at Yale University. He is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York. He serves as the Board Chair of the Little Rock Community Development Corporation.





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 A.M.E. Zion Churches, Monroe, NC; Mt. Olivet A.M.E. Zion Church, Greensboro, NC; and Jones Tabernacle A.M.E. 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 A.M.E. Zion Church. He became the pastor of his home church, Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church in 1993 and served faithfully until his election as a Bishop.

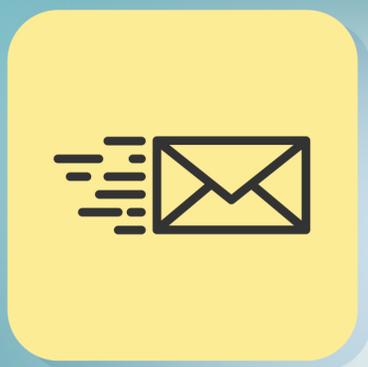
In July, 2012 Bishop Moore was elevated to the episcopacy from Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church, Mt. Vernon, NY as the 99th bishop in succession. During his tenure as pastor of Greater Centennial the congregation grew from a few hundred to more than 6,500 members.

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.





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