



The Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

Winter Convocation & Ordination

Theme: Being Creative In Our Methods

JANUARY 22-24, 2026

HOSTED BY

Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church
5760 Yadkin Road | Fayetteville, NC 28303

The Rev. Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Host Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Brown, Sr., Host Presiding Elder

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore, Missionary Supervisor

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Bishop

Wednesday, January 21, 2026
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

(Light Lunch and Dinner at 5:00pm)
Presiding Elders' Retreat with Bishop

Thursday, January 22, 2026
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM(Lunch at 12:00pm)
Presiding Elders Reconvene

Ways to Give: ENCED

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Attire:
Business Casual

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

1:30 PM	Praise and Worship
2:00 PM	Plenary I Rev. Dr. Allison Henderson-Brooks Historic Hill First Baptist Church Athens, Georgia
3:30 PM	Reflection and Refreshment Break
3:45 PM	Workshops WHOMS: Mrs. Devieta Moore, Missionary Supervisor Christian Education Department: Ms. Portia Jacobs Lay Council: Mr. Hank Dobson Mr. Ricky Davis, RICE Security and Consulting, LLC “ <i>Strengthen Your Security Operations to Protect Your Congregation</i> ” Clergy Trustee Ushers
5:00 PM	Dinner

~ *Evening Worship Service* ~

6:45 pm	Praise and Worship - Simon Temple Choir
7:00 pm	Worship Leader - Rev. Tyesha Harden
Call to Worship	
Invocation	
Opening Hymn	“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”
Scripture	Rev. Cynthia Smith
Prayer	Rev. Andre Greene
Music Ministry	Simon Temple Choir
Introduction of the Preacher	
Music of Preparation	Simon Temple Choir
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Allison Henderson-Brooks
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Ministry of Giving	Finance Committee
Closing Remarks	Bishop W. Darin Moore
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Allison Henderson- Brooks

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

9:00 AM	Praise and Worship
9:15 AM	Morning Glory Rev. Karen McCracken
9:30 AM	Plenary II - ENC Business Session Lisa P. Gill, CPA Presentation
11:00 AM	Reflection and Refreshment Break
11:15 AM	Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather Director of the Department of Church Growth and Development
12:30 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Praise and Worship
2:15 PM	Plenary III Rev. Dr. Matthew Watley Kingdom Fellowship AME Church Silver Springs, MD
3:45 PM	Reflection and Refreshment Break
4:00 PM	Dialogue with the Bishops Moderator: Rev. Dr. Jermaine Armour
5:00 PM	Dinner

~ Evening Worship Service ~

6:45 pm	Praise and Worship – NC Conference Choir
7:00 pm	Worship Leader – Rev. Joshua Walker
Call to Worship	
Invocation	
Opening Hymn	“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”
Scripture	Rev. Maria Lacewell
Prayer	Rev. Trishaun Kendall
Music Ministry	NC Conference Choir
Introduction of the Preacher	
Music of Preparation	NC Conference Choir
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Matthew Watley
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Ministry of Giving	Finance Committee
Closing Remarks	Bishop W. Darin Moore
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026, ~ 9:00 AM

Worship and Ordination Service

Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Sharon Newton
Praise and Worship - Simon Temple Choir

Processional		
Call to Worship		
Invocation		
Opening Hymn	“The Church’s One Foundation”	
The Lesson from The Old Testament	Isaiah 61:1-4	Rev. Dr. Erlinda Dobson
The Gospel Lesson	John 10:1-18	Rev. Dr. Chalmers McDougald
The Epistle Lesson	Ephesians 4:7-13	Rev. Dr. Donald Jones
Gloria Patri		
Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostle’s Creed”	Rev. Dr. Fondella Leigh
Prayer		Rev. Dr. Michael Bell
Music of Inspiration		Simon Temple Choir
Presentation of the Presiding Bishop		Rev. Dr. Terry Jones
Introduction of the Preacher		Presiding Elder of the Willington District
Music of Preparation		Bishop W. Darin Moore
Sermon		Simon Temple Choir
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr.
Ministry of Giving		Presiding Bishop ~ Mid Atlantic Episcopal District
The Ordination Service		Finance Committee
Hymn of Consecration		Bishop W. Darin Moore
The Presentation of Candidates for Deacon Orders		Simon Temple Choir

The Order for the Ordination of Deacons

(Candidates are presented by Holy Orders Committee)

Albemarle Conference Sister Javita Bryant

Cape Fear Conference

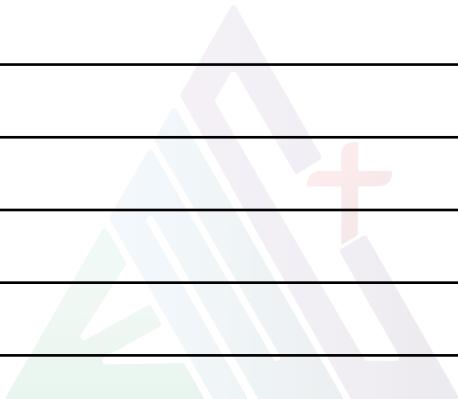
Brother Jerry Melvin

Central North Carolina Conference

Brother James L. Lilly (MR)
Brother L. Jermaine Richardson
Dr. Vernon S. Lowery

North Carolina Conference
Guy Lester Harding, Sr. (Local Deacon)
Sister Lydia Staton
Dr. Yushonda Midgette (MR)

Virgin Islands Conference



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The Ordination Ritual

Bishop: Brothers and Sisters: If there are any of you who know of any crime or impediment in any of these persons presented to be ordained Deacons, for which they should not to be admitted to this Office, come forth in the name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is. If any crime or impediment is presented, the Bishop shall cease from ordaining that person until such time as the party accused shall be found cleared of the same.

The Collect

(Bishop and Presiding Elders shall pray together)

Almighty God, who by your divine providence has appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church, and did inspire your Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons your first martyr, St. Stephen, with others: mercifully behold these your servants now called to the same Office and Administration; replenish them so with the truth of your doctrine, and adorn them with the innocence of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your name and the edification of your Church, through the merits of your Son our Savior Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost now and forever

Bishop: Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. Women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be faithful to one spouse and let them manage their children and their households well; 13 for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Bishop: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take up the Office of the Ministry of Deacon in the Church of Christ, to serve God for the promoting of His glory and the edifying of His people?

Candidates: I trust so.

Bishop: Do you inexhaustibly believe the entire Canon Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates: I do believe them.

Bishop: *Will you diligently read or expound the same to the people whom you shall be appointed to serve?*

Candidates: I will.

Bishop: *It is the responsibility to the Office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in divine services. And especially when ministering the Holy Communion, to help in the distribution thereof, and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures, to instruct the youth, and to baptize. And furthermore, it is your office to search for the sick, poor, and impotent, that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?*

Candidates: I will do so, by the help of God.

Bishop: *Will you apply all your diligence to form and model your own lives and the lives of your families, according to the doctrine of Christ; and to make yourselves, with all that is within you, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?*

Candidates: I will do so, the Lord being my helper

Bishop: *Will you reverently obey those to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following, with a glad mind and will, their godly admonitions?*

Candidates: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

The Presentation of Candidates for Elders Orders

The Order for the Ordination of Elders

(Candidates are presented by Holy Orders Committee)

Albemarle Conference

Reverend Bobbie J. Banks (Local Elder)

Reverend Daryl Miller

Cape Fear Conference

Reverend Linder Drye

Reverend Jessica M. Franks

Central North Carolina Conference

Reverend Geneva M. Anderson

Reverend Ida Mae Bennett

Reverend Dr. Carol Denise Bunch

Reverend Bernice Cromartie

Reverend Michelle A. Long

Reverend Dr. LaShawn McGrue

Reverend Michael McMillian

Reverend Latoya Parmele

Reverend Adrienne Wilson

North Carolina Conference

Reverend James G. Armond

Reverend Lorean Wilson-Bradshaw

Reverend Donna Dove

Reverend Glenda Jenkins-Roulhac

Reverend Dr. Janie Rouse

Virgin Islands Conference

The Ordination Ritual

Bishop: Brothers and Sisters, we present unto you, these whom we intend, by the r due examination, we find, not to the contrary, that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and are persons fit for the same. If, however, there be any crime or impediment in any of them, for which they ought not be received into this holy Ministry, let the accuser come forward, in the name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is. frn, to feed and provide for the Lord's family, to gather the outcast, to seek the lost, and to be ever ready to spread abroad the Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with God.

Bishop: You have heard, brothers and sisters, in your private examination, and in the holy lessons taken out of the Gospel and the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and how great of importance this Office is into which you are called. And now again we exhort you, in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ, that you have, in remembrance, inquired into how high a dignity and to how weighty an Office you are called: that is to say, to be messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord, to teach and forewarn, to feed and provide for the Lord's family, to gather the outcast, to seek the lost, and to be ever ready to spread abroad the Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with God.

Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance how great a treas-

re is committed to your charge. For they are the Sheep of Christ, which he bought with his life, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church who you must serve is his spouse and his body. And if it shall happen, the same Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Therefore, consider the end of the ministry toward the children of God, toward the spouse and body of Christ; and see that you never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until you have done all that lies in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life.

For as much then as your Office is both of so great excellency and of so great difficulty, you see with how great care and study you ought to apply yourselves, as well that you may show yourselves dutiful and thankful unto that Lord who has placed you in so high a dignity; as also to beware that neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend.

Furthermore, you cannot have a mind and will of your own; for that will and ability is only given from God. Therefore, you have a need to pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot, by any other means, fully understand the full extent of doing so weighty a work, pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same, consider how much time you should spend in studying, reading or learning the Scriptures. And further, in determining these things, you must also determine, with all of your ability, both regarding you and those especially committed to you, according to the rule of the Scriptures; how to forsake and set aside, all worldly cares and studies.

We hope that you have all weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time, and that you have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourselves wholly unto this Office, with which it has pleased God to call you; so that as much as lies within you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way. And that you will also continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Savior Jesus the Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures you may grow riper and stronger in your ministry. And further, that you may so endeavor to sanctify the lives of you and those you serve, in order to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ, be wholesome and godly examples and models for the people to follow.

And now, that this congregation of Christians here may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that your promise may persuade you to do your duties even more, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and his Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

Bishop: *Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus the Christ, to the order of Elders?*

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop: *Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ? And that you are determined out of said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge to teach them nothing, as required of necessity to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded, that may also be concluded and proved by the same?*

Candidates: I am persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.

Bishop: *Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments and Discipline of Christ as the Lord has commanded?*

Candidates: I will do so, by the help of the Lord.

Bishop: *Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word? And will you use both public and private admonitions and exhortations to the sick, as well as to everyone within your charge, as need shall require and occasion shall be given?*

Candidates: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: *Will you be diligent in praying and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies which will further provide the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?*

Candidates: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: *Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ: and to make both yourselves and them, with all that is within you, wholesome examples and models to the people of Christ?*

Candidates: I will apply myself to these things, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: *Will you maintain and set forward, with all that is within you, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?*

Candidates: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: *Will you reverently obey your chief Ministers, who have been committed the charge and government over you? And will you follow, with a glad mind and will, their godly admonitions, and submit yourselves to their*

godly judgment?

Candidates: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: *Almighty God, who has given you this will to do all these things, also grant you strength and power to perform the same; that He may accomplish His work which he has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Presiding Elders shall read responsively)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou anointing Spirit art,

Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above

Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light

The dullness of our blinded sight;

Anoint and cheer our soiled face

With the abundance of thy grace;

Keep far our foes, give peace at home:

Where thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son

And Thee of both to be but ONE;

That through the ages, all along,

This may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Bishop: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your infinite love and goodness toward us have given to us your only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life; who after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors, by whose labor and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of your holy name: for these so great benefits of your eternal goodness and for that you have promised to call these here present to the same Office and Ministry appointed for salvation of mankind, we render unto you heartfelt thanks: we praise and worship you; and we humbly beseech you, by the same, your blessed Son, to grant unto all who, either here or elsewhere, call upon your name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto you for these and all of your many benefits, and that we*

may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of you and your Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that in your Ministers, and those over whom they shall be appointed as Ministers, may ever glorify your holy name, and cause your blessed kingdom to be enlarged through the same, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Holy Spirit world without end. Amen

(Candidates kneeling with their hands on the Holy Bible)

Bishop: The Lord pour upon you the Holy Ghost for the Office and work of an Elder in the Church of God, now committed unto you by the authority of the Church through the imposition of our hands. And be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of his holy Sacraments: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bishop: *Take authority as an Elder in the Church, to preach the word of God and to administer the holy Sacraments in the Congregation.*

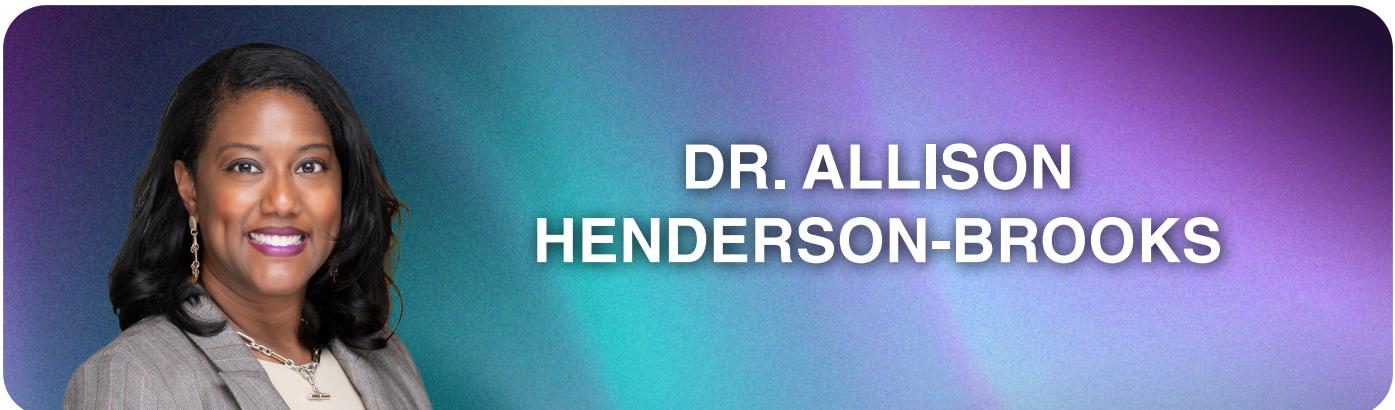
Bishop: Most Merciful Father, we ask you to send upon these your servants your heavenly blessings, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that your word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of your most holy word, be agreeable to the same, and be the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek your glory and the increase of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Remarks

Bishop W. Darin Moore

Benediction

Bishop W. Darin Moore

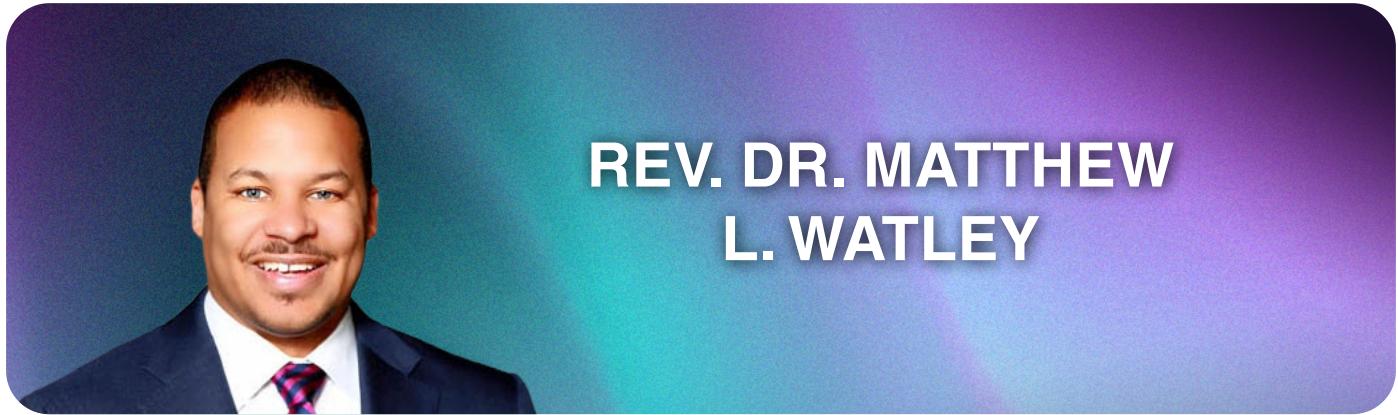


DR. ALLISON HENDERSON-BROOKS

Rev. Dr. Allison Henderson-Brooks is a 4th generation licensed and ordained Baptist preacher. She was baptized at the age of ten by the late Rev. Dr. Howard W. Creecy Sr. and has been proclaiming the good news since she was 15 years old.

The second child of the late Gregory and Cynthia Henderson, Allison is a graduate of Spelman College receiving her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature in 2008 and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University earning a Master of Divinity in 2019. In May of 2024, she earned her Doctor of Ministry from Memphis Theological Seminary in Womanist Preaching. This cohort was the inaugural cohort concentrating on womanist preaching in the country led by the Rev. Dr. Gina Marcia Stewart. Currently, Dr. Henderson-Brooks serves as the Assistant Dean of Students at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In addition, she is the Senior Pastor at the Historic Hill First Baptist Church in Athens, GA. She is the first woman elected to serve North Georgia's oldest Black Baptist Church in their 157-year history. She is a sought-after preacher who travels and preaches across the country and abroad. Her ministry and academic accomplishments are to numerous to note. However, in 2023, she was inducted into The Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and in April of 2025 she was inducted into the Bishop Alford G. Dunston Jr. College of Preachers at Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. Her greatest joy is being happily married to Andrew Brooks and being the proud mother of an inquisitive and adventurous 14-year-old son.

In addition, Allison is a proud and active member of Nu Lambda Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her goals, dreams and aspirations are embodied in the quote by Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays that states, "In all that you do, strive to do it so well that no man living, no man dead, and no man yet to be born can do it better!"



REV. DR. MATTHEW L. WATLEY

Matthew L. Watley is an innovative and faithful pastor, a nationally recognized speaker, author, professor, businessman, leadership consultant, and a “kingdom builder.”

As the founder and Senior Pastor of Kingdom Fellowship AME Church in Calverton, MD, he provides leadership and spiritual guidance to over 8,000 members. Similarly, he is the Chair of the Kingdom Global Community Development Corporation (KGCDC), a 501 (c) (3) organization that exists to serve, support, and strengthen communities through a multi-sector approach of public-private partnerships that addresses the social influences of food security, health and wellness, education, employment, and housing.

Reverend Watley is completing his doctoral dissertation at Fuller Theological Seminary and holds several other advanced degrees from reputable universities.

Pastor Watley will tell you that among his most significant roles are son, husband, and father. He is married to Shawna Francis Watley, Senior Policy Advisor in the Government Group of Holland and Knight, and has one daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth Watley. The Watley family resides in the Metropolitan Washington, DC Area.



DR. ELEAZAR MERRIWEATHER

Reverend Dr. Eleazar Merriweather was born in Demopolis, Alabama. He is a graduate of John Essex High School, Demopolis, AL; Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering (1981); a graduate of Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, TN where he received a Master of Arts in New Testament Studies and Preaching Exposition (1997) and he received a Doctor of Divinity, Livingstone College, May 2011.

Reverend Merriweather is very active on all levels of the A.M.E Zion Church Connection, local community, and the city of Detroit. He served as Administrative Assistant to the Presiding Bishops, Dean of the Rochester-Brown School of Ministry for the Central Africa and Mozambique Annual Conferences; Assistant Dean for the Mid-West Episcopal District Leadership Training Institute, Conference Secretary of the Michigan Annual Conference, and the Southeast Regional Advisory Board for Hospice of Michigan., and the International Director of Discipleship Formation.

Reverend Merriweather served as Pastor of the Lomax Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Knoxville, TN (1990-2000), where he led the congregation in building a new Church, St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, Grand Rapids, MI (2000-2009), and currently the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Detroit, MI (2009-); there he led the congregation in paying-off approximately \$400,000 in debt. God has tremendously blessed the ministry, and thus all three Churches under his leadership has experienced rebirth, renewal and restoration. Reverend Merriweather is a dynamic teacher, preacher, and leader.

In addition to his pastorates, Reverend Merriweather served as Presiding Elder of the Western Michigan District for one year, and he currently serves as Presiding Elder of the Trinidad District, Trinidad & Tobago Conference.

Before receiving his call to pastor, Reverend Merriweather was employed at Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Inc. (1981-2001), Oak Ridge, TN. During his tenure there, he held positions of Systems Manager for the Emergency Power System, Site Energy Conservation Manager, Acting Division Training Manager, Group Leader, and Field Maintenance Engineer.

Reverend Dr. Merriweather is married to the former Wanda Waiters, they have two daughters; Laquitta and Alesia, and three grandchildren.



BISHOP BRIAN R. THOMPSON, SR.

The Right Reverend Brian R. Thompson, Sr., a native of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC, as well as both a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. In July 2021, he was elected as the 106th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E. Zion) Church, initially overseeing the Western Episcopal District, which includes churches in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington.

As of the General Conference in July 2024, Bishop Thompson now serves as the Presiding Prelate of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District, encompassing the Allegheny, Barbados, East Tennessee Virginia, Guyana, Ohio, Philadelphia Baltimore, St. Vincent, and Virginia Conferences.

Bishop Thompson's journey with the A.M.E. Zion Church began in 1994. After serving in several pastoral roles across East-Central North Carolina, he was appointed to Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in Fayetteville, NC, in 2001, where he ministered until his election to the Episcopacy. During his twenty-year tenure, God worked through him to expand the congregation from 300 to 3,000 members. Under his leadership, the church built a new edifice and acquired several adjacent properties dedicated to outreach, making community engagement a defining feature of its ministry.

In addition to his ecclesiastical responsibilities, Bishop Thompson was hand selected by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Community Policing Initiative, which aimed to foster mutual respect and healthy relationships between police forces and the communities they serve. He is also, the founder of the Brian R. Thompson Sr., Annual Golf Tournament, which has raised over \$100,000 in college scholarships for students pursuing higher education.

As an active Bishop in The A.M.E. Zion Church, he serves on the Board of Trustees for Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary. He is a member of the Pan Methodist Commission and a delegate to the World Methodist Council.

Bishop Thompson is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He is married to Reverend Felica Raines Thompson, Missionary Supervisor of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District, and together they are blessed with two miracles from God they're proud of – Alexis and Brian, II.



BISHOP 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 MorningStar 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, and devoted father to Daron (Elaina), Dana (Kevin), and Dion. He and his wife are proud grandparents of five grandchildren, 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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