The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

The Freedom Church

Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion Church

5760 Yadkin Road ~ Fayetteville, NC 28303

Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr. ~ Host Pastor

November 5-8, 2026

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

PRESIDING ELDERS:

Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald ~ Laurinburg District
Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy ~ Raleigh District
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Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton ~ Sanford District
Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier ~ Durham District
Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr. ~ Host Fayetteville District

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

147TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Thursday – November 5, 2026
1:00pm

Opening of the 146th Session - Central North Carolina Conference
Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy - Worship Leader

Devotion	
Call to Worship	Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy
Invocation	Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy
Responsive Reading	Reverend Charles McKnight
Affirmation of Faith	Reverend Delilah Washington Gaddy
Scripture	Reverend Keith Newsome
Prayer	Reverend Kathy Grace
Selection	Durham District RDF 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	Durham District RDF Choir - Music Ministry
Communion Meditation	**Reverend Dr. Ricky D. Frazier** *Presiding Elder - Durham District*
Ministry of Giving	Finance Committee

Holy Communion

2:00pm

Roll Call	Reverend Kenneth L. Swann
Credentials Committee	Reverend Delilah Washington Gaddy
Rules Committee	Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.
Nominations Committee	Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr.
Conference Treasurers Report	Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier

Places and Dates of the Annual Conferences

148th Session ~ November 11-14, 2027 ~ St. Mark A. M. E. Zion – Durham, NC
149th Session ~ November 9 – 12, 2028 ~ Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion – Fayetteville, NC

Places and Dates ~ 2027 Checkup Meetings

1st Checkup Meeting	February 6, 2027 ~ Sandy Grove A. M. E. Zion – Lumber Bridge, NC
2nd Checkup Meeting	April 17, 2027 ~ Amanah Rush A. M. E. Zion – Raleigh, NC
3rd Checkup Meeting	(Hybrid) July 10, 2027 ~ New Bethel A. M. E. Zion – Fayetteville, NC

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4:00pm The Lay Hour

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

5:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Education Night Service
Reverend Tyesha N. Harden ~ Worship Leader

Call to Worship	Reverend Tyesha N. Harden
Invocation	Reverend Tyesha N. Harden
Responsive Reading	Dr. Charlene Evans
Affirmation of Faith	Ms. Kathy Lowe Northe
Scripture	Reverend Paul Sewell
Prayer	Reverend Lee Hammonds, Jr.
Selection	Laurinburg District ~Music Ministry

Report of the Conference Christian Education Director
Rev. Tyesha N. Harden

Introduction of the Preacher	Bishop W. Darin Moore
Education Sermon	**Reverend Anissa T. Little**
	Conference Evangelist - Durham District
Ministry of Giving	Finance Committee
Music Ministry	Laurinburg District - Music Ministry

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Friday - November 6, 2026

9:00am

Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald - Worship Leader

Devotion	Praise Team
Call to Worship	Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald
Scripture	Reverend Belinda Staten-Branch
Prayer	Reverend James A. Hayes
Presentation of the Bishop	Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton
Selection	CNC Conference - Music Ministry
Episcopal Address	**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: Mr. Demetrius Dowdy

The Great Offering

The Presiding Elders Reports

- Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald~ Laurinburg District
  Response: Reverend John T. Morrison
- Presiding Elder James A. French ~ Dunn Lillington District
  Response: Reverend Kenneth L. Swann
- Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy ~ Raleigh District
  Response: Reverend Dr. Paul Atlas
- Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton ~ Sanford District
  Response: Reverend Dr. Alton Pegues
- Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier ~ Durham District
  Response: Reverend Gloria W. Moore
- Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr. ~ Fayetteville District
  Response: Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.

1:00pm **Missionary Luncheon**

2:30pm **WHOMS CONVOCATION:**

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore

Missionary Supervisor - Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

Presenter: **Ms. Renee Felton Pullen**

Former: 2nd Vice President -
Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Topic: **Empathy and Compassion**

3:30pm **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**

Presenter: **Reverend Scot C. Moore**
Pastor - Judah Temple A. M. E. Zion
Mitchellville, Maryland

Serving This Present Age: Concentrating on Our Ministries

Business Session Continued
Conference Committee Reports

Necrology Report — Reverend Gloria W. Moore
Closing Comments and Prayer — Bishop W. Darin Moore

5:00pm **Dinner**

7:00pm **Missionary Candlelight Service**

Call to Worship — Mrs. Devieta C. Moore
Invocation — Ms. Debra L. Lee
Scripture — Ms. Carol F. Davis
Prayer — Rev. Dr. Peggy L. Owens
The Litany
Missionary Stole Ceremony
Introduction of the Preacher — Bishop W. Darin Moore
Music Ministry — Dunn Lillington District - Music Ministry
Missionary Sermon — **Reverend Scot C. Moore**
Pastor - Judah Temple A. M. E. Zion - Mitchellville, MD
Ministry of Giving — Finance Committee
Missionary Benediction

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Saturday - November 7, 2026

9:00am **Christian Education Convocation**

10:30am **Worship Service**
Reverend David Gilchrist - Worship Leader

Call to Worship	Elijah Hodge
Scripture	Jayden Butler
Prayer	Taylor Molten
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 John T. Morrison**
	Pastor - Franklin Chapel A. M. E. Zion - Laurinburg, NC
Ministry of Giving	Finance Committee

Unfinished Conference Business

Conference Studies	Reverend Dr. Brodwynn Charles-Roberts
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**

Location: Embassy Suites - 4760 Lake Valley Drive
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Sunday - November 8, 2026

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. Keith D. Tillett, Sr. - Worship Leader

Devotion	
Call to Worship	Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.
Invocation	Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.
Responsive Reading	Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald
Affirmation of Faith	Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier
Scripture	
Old Testament	Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton
New Testament	Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy
Prayer	Presiding Elder James A. French
Ministry of Kindness	
Presentation of the Bishop	Presiding Elder Joseph C. Brown, Sr.
Selection	Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion - Music Ministry
Sunday Morning Sermon	**Bishop W. Darin Moore ~ Presiding Prelate** *Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District* *The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*
Ministry of Giving	Rev. Dr. Julian C. Pridgen
Selection	Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion ~ Music Ministry

Ushers Grand March ~ Mr. Gary Cox

Report of the Courtesy Committee — Mrs. Effie Woodard

The Charge

The Reading of Appointments

The Closing of the 147th Session of
Central North Carolina Annual Conference

Closing Hymn ***God Be With You Until We Meet Again***

The Benediction — Bishop W. Darin Moore

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The Holy Communion Service

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Opening Worship Service of Annual Conference

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy - 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 Orlando R. Dowdy

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 Orlando R. Dowdy

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 Charles McKnight

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. A-men, A-men.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **The Apostle's Creed** Reverend Delilah Washington Gaddy

THE SCRIPTURE Reverend Keith Newsome

THE PRAYER Reverend Kathy Grace

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 Durham District RDF – Music Ministry

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS Finance Committee

THE CHORAL SELECTION Durham District RDF – Music Ministry

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER **Bishop W. Darin Moore**

THE CHORAL SELECTION Durham District RDF – Music Ministry

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION **Reverend Dr. Ricky D. Frazier**
Presiding Elder - Durham 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. A-men.

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 FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION *of the*
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The Education Night Service

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion Church
5760 Yadkin Road - Fayetteville, NC 28303
Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr. - Host Pastor

Thursday – November 5, 2026 - 7:00PM

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EDUCATION NIGHT SERVICE

Reverend Tyesha N. Harden - Worship Leader

PRAISE & WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP — Reverend Tyesha N. 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 Tyesha N. Harden

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 blessèd 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 blessèd 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 blessèd 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* Dr. Charlene Evans

(Congregation Standing)

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. A-men, A-men

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* Ms. Kathy Lowe Northe

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 8:1-11 Reverend Paul Sewell

THE CHORAL SELECTION Laurinburg District – Music Ministry

THE PRAYER Reverend Lee Hammond, Jr.

THE RESPONSE ***Sweet, Sweet Spirit***

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

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER — Bishop W. Darin Moore

THE CHORAL SELECTIONS — Laurinburg District – Music Ministry

THE EDUCATION SERMON — **Reverend Anissa Thompson Little**
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

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING — Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION — Reverend Anissa Thompson Little

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



Reaching the Masses in An Ever-Changing World
The Journey Continues: *Empathy and Compassion*

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

BUREAU OF SUPPLY PRAYER LUNCHEON

(Enter Quietly and Prayerfully)

Call to Prayer:
Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together today. Fill our hearts with empathy, kindness, and compassion so we may reflect Your love in all we do. Help us to encourage, support, and care for one another with grace and understanding. Guide this gathering by Your Spirit and let everything we do bring glory to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Hymn ***Love Lifted Me***

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea ..Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me– Now safe am I.

[Refrain]
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me;

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. [Refrain]

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love ..Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be– Be saved today. [Refrain]

Empathy and Compassion Scripture and Prayer Readings

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32
Prayer: Lord, help us extend kindness and compassion daily, showing patience, forgiveness, and love to everyone we encounter along life's journey.

Scripture: Galatians 6:2
Prayer: Father, give us hearts willing to comfort, encourage, and support others through struggles with empathy, understanding, grace, and faithful compassion.

Scripture: Colossians 3:12
Prayer: Lord, clothe us with humility and compassion so our actions reflect Your love and bring healing, encouragement, peace, and hope to others.

Scripture: Romans 12:15
Prayer: God, help us genuinely share the joys and sorrows of others while offering comfort, empathy, encouragement, and unwavering love through every season.

Scripture: Micah 6:8
Prayer: Father, teach us to walk humbly, love mercy deeply, and treat every person with fairness, dignity, compassion, kindness, and sincere understanding.

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8
Prayer: Lord, strengthen us to serve others with humble hearts, listening carefully, speaking kindly, and reflecting Christ's compassion in every relationship and encounter.

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.

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.



The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Session *of the*
CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The Missionary Candlelight Service

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Friday – November 6, 2026 -7:00PM

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THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District
Central North Carolina Annual Conference

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 Compassion".

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

People: We come to worship the Light of the world.

Leader: May the flame we share remind us of Christ's love shining through His servants everywhere.

People: Send us, Lord, to shine with your love.

All: Let us worship God.

THE INVOCATION — Ms. Debra L. 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."

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THE SCRIPTURE LESSON — Ms. Carol F. Davis

THE EVENING PRAYER — Reverend Dr. Peggy L. Owens

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 — Dunn Lillington District

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 Dunn Lillington

District

THE MISSIONARY SERMON

Reverend Scot C. Moore
Pastor - Judah Temple A. ME. Zion Church
Mitchellville, NC

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING

Central 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."

THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION *of the*
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The Sunday Morning Service

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Sunday – November 8, 2026 ~ 10:00AM

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr. ~ 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. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.

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 Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Sr.

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 A~men.

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 P*salm 107:1-8* Presiding Elder Chalmers L. McDougald

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. A~men, A~men.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament Presiding Elder Sharon B. Newton
New Testament Presiding Elder Orlando R. Dowdy

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 — Presiding Elder James A. French

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE MUSIC MINISTRY — Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS OFFERING — Finance Committee

THE MUSIC MINISTRY — Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP — Presiding Elder Ricky D. Frazier

THE MUSIC MINISTRY — Simon Temple A. M. E. Zion

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.

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING — Reverend Dr. Julian C. Pridgen

GRAND USHERS & MEN MARCH — Mr. Gary Cox

THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERINGS

THE COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT — Mrs. Effie Woodard

THE CHARGE TO MINISTERS AND LAITY

HYMN — ***A Charge to Keep I Have***

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS — Bishop W. Darin Moore

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MINISTERS AND PASTORS

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE ~ 147TH SESSION OF THE CENTRAL 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!

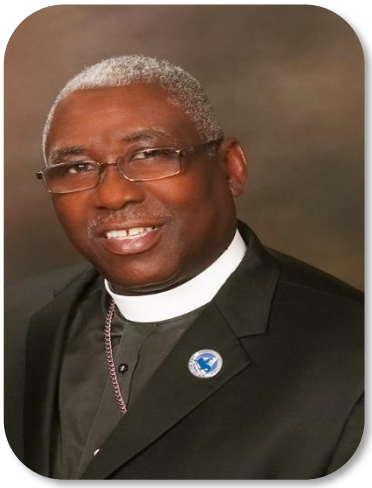
God be with you till we meet again! 'Neath His wings securely hide you, Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again!

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**

REVEREND DR. RICKY D. FRAZIER



Reverend Dr. Ricky Donnell Frazier, married to the former Diane Goldston, and is a life-long member of Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church located in Gulf, North Carolina.

Reverend Dr. Frazier was ordained a Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at the Central North Carolina Annual Conference on November 7, 1993, by Bishop Herman L. Anderson. He rose to the office of Elder and received his second ordination a year later by Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. at the Central North Carolina Annual Conference on November 7, 1994. Reverend Dr. Frazier has served each appointment with the same commitment dedication and zeal that he freely currently exhibits on the Durham District.

Reverend Dr. Frazier's former pastorates include: the historic Broadway Temple A. M. E. Zion Church in Louisville of the Kentucky Conference. Prior to that appointment, Reverend Dr. Frazier served various pastoral charges throughout the Central North Carolina Conference, namely: Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, Spring Lake, NC.; Evans Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church in Fayetteville, NC; Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church, Southern Pines, NC; Spaulding Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Taylortown; Interim Pastor of Macedonia and Saint Paul A. M. E. Churches, Gulf and Cumnock, NC; Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church in Birmingham Alabama; and Reaves Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Glendon, NC. Dr. Frazier, supplied Saint Matthews 2018, Corinth 2022 and Gees Grove 2023; Russell, Ebenezer 2024, Blacknall 2024, Long Memorial 2024 and Holland Chapel 2025. Reverend Dr. Frazier's leadership and accomplishments are evident in his notable pastoral experience.

On November 14, 2011, **Dr. Frazier** accepted the mantle of leadership as Presiding Elder of the Sanford District by Bishop Richard Keith Thompson, the 86th Bishop in succession of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The Sanford District is comprised of 22 churches that cover four counties: Lee, Chatham, Moore, and Harnett in the heart of the Central North Carolina Conference. However, June 22, 2018 at the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District Institute, Bishop Kenneth Monroe the 95th Bishop in succession appointed Dr. Ricky Donnell Frazier as the Presiding Elder of the Durham District. Dr. Frazier, has rapidly become fully involved in the work of the Durham District which is comprised of 25 churches that covers six counties: Durham, Chatham, Orange, Randolph, Wake and Lee.

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Dr. Frazier also demonstrates leadership in his academic pursuits by the following noted accomplishments: In May 2007, he completed his doctoral studies at Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC; May 2002, Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary Salisbury, NC; Bachelor of Science degree from Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC, and a Diploma of Ministry from Hood Theological Seminary Salisbury, North Carolina.

Dr. Frazier's community and civic involvement include the following: Formal Lee County Commissioner, The Founder of the Peace Coalition, Formal Member of the Enrichment Center of Lee County, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Board Member of "No Man Left Behind", National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO), member of the Board of Communication of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Secretary of the C.N.C.C. Presiding Elder's Council, Chairman of the Central N.C. Conference Trustees, the treasurer for the Central North Carolina Conference; Member of the Board of Trustees for Central Carolina Community College, Formal Member of the Board of Trustees for Clinton College, Rock Hill SC,; received the highest award in Kentucky, the Kentucky Colonel Saunders Award, Featured in the “Who’s Who” Edition and numerous other Awards and Honors.

Rev. Anissa Thompson Little



Rev. Little is the daughter of Jasper and Willia Thompson. She was born and raised in Bear Creek, NC. She graduated from Chatham Central High School where she was a premiere athlete, excelling in tennis, basketball, softball, and track &field. Her athletic performance on the basketball court, afforded her a basketball scholarship to Elon University, formerly known as Elon College. She graduated with honors from Elon with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education with teacher certification in grades K-12.

Rev. Little is a retired Health & Physical Education teacher. For 30 years she taught at the high school level and coached various varsity level sports, inclusive of basketball, softball, tennis, cross country, and men's and women's track & field. Although Rev. Little is now retired from teaching, she is still the Head Varsity Women's Basketball Coach at Union Pines High School! She is also an entrepreneur. She is part owner of Thompson & Little Transportation and a North Carolina licensed Life Insurance Agent and Retirement Specialist with ValuTeachers/National Life Group.

Rev. Little was nurtured spiritually at the Centennial AME Zion Church in Bear Creek. She is an anointed singer and a gifted musician. There she served as the minister of music for the Voices of Zion choir for many years. She has sung as a background vocalist for National Gospel recording artist, CoCo McMillian. Rev. Little is also the lead singer of "Spirit of Praise," a family group from Centennial.

Rev. Little has been married to her high school sweetheart, Rev. Corey D. Little, Pastor of Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church, for 32 years and they reside in Pittsboro, NC. They are the proud parents of two young adult sons, Derrin and Jared. Rev. Little preached her trial sermon on August 24, 2003 and is an ordained Elder in the AME Zion Church, Director of Evangelism for the Durham District, and Chair of the Central North Carolina Conference Evangelists. At Mitchell Chapel, she teaches Sunday School, is the Praise and Worship Team Leader, Music Committee Chair, and the Director of Women's Ministries.

Ms. Renee Felton Pullen



A resident of Burtonsville, Maryland, Ms. Pullen is a leader, facilitator, organizer, analyst, and planner. She is an active member of John Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, DC, where her pastor is Dr. Christopher L. Zacharias.

She served as the immediate past Second Vice President of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society (WHOMS) from 2015 to 2023.

At her local church, she has served as secretary of the Stewards Ministry, Secretary of the Trustee Board, and is currently Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education. She is also active with the Parent Body Missionary Society, the Lay Council, Deaconess Board, and Communication and Music Ministry,

Ms. Pullen currently serves on the District and Conference levels, as Treasurer of the Washington District and Financial Secretary of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference. At the connectional level, she serves as secretary of the AME Zion Church Connectional Budget Board. Previous positions include 1st Vice President of the Conference Lay Council of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Annual Conference and Past Regional Director of the Mid-Atlantic District Lay Council.

She is a Life Member of the National Council of Negro Women. She is a member of Church Women United and the Order of the Eastern Star (Prince Hall Affiliation), and she is the State Grand Treasurer of the Order of the Golden Circle, Auxiliary of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. She is a Life Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the State Director for the District of Columbia, from 2025 to present.

Ms. Pullen is a retired Management Analyst in the Exploration Systems and Space Operations Mission Directorate at the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) Headquarters in Washington, DC.

She considers herself blessed to be a child of God. One of her favorite scriptures is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

REVEREND SCOT C. MOORE



Rev. Scot Cameron Moore is a visionary pastor, teacher, author, and servant leader whose passion is helping people discover purpose, grow in Christ, and fulfill God's calling on their lives.

Born on April 20, 1964, in Mount Vernon, New York, Scot is the third of four sons born to William and Constance Moore. Raised primarily by his mother in what he affectionately describes as a "Christian-like environment," he and his brothers were taught the importance of faith, integrity, hard work, and serving others. Although life presented its share of challenges, those early lessons laid the spiritual foundation for a lifetime of ministry.

On February 14, 1987, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, **Lady Sharon Renee Moore**. Together they relocated to the Washington Metropolitan area, where they became deeply involved in the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

God has also blessed their union with two sons, **Cameron** and **Dimitri**, who remain among their greatest joys and blessings.

Rev. Moore accepted God's call to preach in 1993, and in May 1996, during the 176th Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference, Bishop Milton A. Williams appointed him to plant an A.M.E. Zion Church in the Mitchellville area of Prince George's County, Maryland. Just three months later, on August 18, 1996, Judah Temple held its first worship service at Thomas Pullen Middle School with more than 550 people in attendance. What began with a paper appointment and a God-given vision has grown into a thriving ministry that has impacted thousands of lives through worship, discipleship, community outreach, leadership development, and compassionate service.

Today, Rev. Moore continues to serve the Church beyond the local congregation in several significant leadership capacities. He serves as the **Presiding Elder of the Barbados and St. Vincent District** of the A.M.E. Zion Church, providing pastoral oversight, leadership, and encouragement to churches throughout the Caribbean. He also serves as the **Executive Director of Men of Zion**, the official men's ministry of The A.M.E. Zion Church, where he is passionate about developing godly men through the ministry's vision of **"Men Making Men."**

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His commitment to men's ministry extends beyond denominational boundaries as he also serves as the **North American Regional Director and Treasurer for WesleyMen**, helping strengthen and expand ministry among Methodist men across North America while building meaningful relationships throughout the global Wesleyan movement.

Rev. Moore is also the author of ***Resurrecting Your Dream***, an inspiring book that encourages readers to overcome disappointment, embrace God's promises, and pursue the dreams He has placed within their hearts. Rev. Moore remains deeply grateful for God's faithfulness and excited about what lies ahead. **"The best is still yet to come."**

Reverend John T. Morrison, Jr.



Pastor John Thomas Morrison Jr. was born on January 10, 1974, in Nuremberg, Germany. A man of unwavering faith, visionary leadership, and a deep commitment to serving humanity, Pastor Morrison has dedicated his life to advancing the Kingdom of God, empowering communities, and advocating for justice. His passion for service and social transformation led him to Fayetteville State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

On March 9, 2003, Pastor Morrison publicly answered the divine call to preach the Gospel at Rock Spring AME Zion Church. It was there that his ministerial journey took root, as he faithfully served in worship leadership for more than two decades, developing a profound appreciation for authentic worship, spiritual formation, and servant leadership.

His pastoral journey began in November 2013 when he was appointed Senior Pastor of Clark's Chapel AME Zion Church in Tar Heel, North Carolina. With a heart for God's people and a vision for Kingdom advancement, Pastor Morrison embraced the responsibility of shepherding a congregation while fostering spiritual growth, strengthening relationships, and cultivating a spirit of excellence in ministry.

In November 2016, Pastor Morrison was appointed Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Zion Church in Eastover, North Carolina. During his tenure, his progressive leadership and commitment to stewardship helped usher in a season of significant transformation. Among the ministry's notable accomplishments was a $300,000 restoration and revitalization initiative, which enhanced the church's facilities, strengthened its foundation for future ministry, and positioned the congregation for greater community impact.

In 2022, God enlarged his territory once again when Pastor Morrison was appointed to serve Kyles Temple AME Zion Church in Durham, North Carolina. With each pastoral assignment, he continued to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to preaching the Gospel, developing disciples, strengthening congregations, and building ministries that extend beyond the walls of the sanctuary.

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Today, Pastor Morrison serves as the visionary and forward-thinking Senior Pastor of Franklin Chapel AME Zion Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Under his leadership, the ministry continues to embrace a renewed spirit of purpose, progress, and possibility. With a strong emphasis on spiritual empowerment, congregational development, community engagement, and intentional outreach, Pastor Morrison is committed to positioning Franklin Chapel as a beacon of hope, healing, and transformation for generations to come. His philosophy of ministry is rooted in the conviction that the church must not simply occupy space in the community but must actively transform the community through the power of Jesus Christ.

Beyond the pulpit, Pastor Morrison is a passionate advocate for social justice, equality, and human dignity. His commitment to faith in action has placed him alongside nationally recognized leaders, including Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, participating in marches and movements addressing gun violence, police brutality, systemic injustice, and the continuing pursuit of civil rights. He firmly believes that the prophetic responsibility of the church extends beyond Sunday morning worship and must speak boldly to the social, economic, and moral challenges confronting society.

Complementing his calling to ministry is the love and support of his wife of 23 years, Lady Saabquilla Renee Morrison. Their marriage reflects a shared commitment to faith, family, perseverance, and service. Together, they exemplify the strength of partnership and the importance of building a legacy grounded in love and purpose.

Pastor Morrison continues to distinguish himself as a passionate preacher, compassionate shepherd, community advocate, and transformational leader. His ministry is characterized by a commitment to biblical truth, courageous leadership, and the belief that every individual possesses God-given potential waiting to be realized.

Pastor Morrison's message is both challenging and empowering: faith must produce action, purpose must inspire progress, and spiritual transformation must lead to meaningful change. He continually encourages believers to move beyond complacency, embrace excellence, pursue their divine assignments, and become agents of transformation in their families, churches, and communities.

At the heart of his life and ministry stands his guiding scripture, 2 Chronicles 7:14:
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." — KJV

For Pastor Morrison, this scripture is more than a favorite passage; it is a divine mandate that shapes his preaching, informs his leadership, and fuels his conviction that genuine revival begins with humility, prayer, repentance, and a renewed commitment to God.
His life's mission remains clear: to preach with conviction, lead with vision, serve with compassion, stand for justice, and leave every church and community better than he found it—all for the glory of God.

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.

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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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