Bishop Adam J. and Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson
By God's grace, and the goodwill of the delegation of the 46th General Conference, it has been two decades since Mrs. Richardson and I have walked in the often difficult terrain of episcopal ministry. The challenges (and sometimes dangers) have also been glorious opportunities of service, for which we give our gracious God glory and praise!

One such opportunity was the assignment to serve The "Electrifying Eleventh" Episcopal District and to return to the community of our birth. It is extraordinary that we get to lead a mighty delegation into the Historic 50th General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We are proud to have this opportunity, and grateful that God has blessed our effort.

Novelist Thomas Clayton Wolf popularized the expression "You can't go home again" in a novel published two years after his death in 1938. Being assigned to the Eleventh District, Mrs. Richardson and I not only returned to a District of our former service in the pastorate, but also to the place of our birth and upbringing. We are grateful for the gracious and enthusiastic reception of the people of Florida and the Bahamas. Their cooperation has been constant; their encouragement is very much appreciated.

We recognize that the Eleventh District has flourished under strong leadership since its inception, that we stand on the shoulders of our predecessors in episcopal ministry. Each Episcopal Team has contributed significantly to the work of the Kingdom of God and of African Methodism. It was fortuitous that we would be at the helm during its Sesquicentennial year.

At the beginning of our sojourn, we asked the question: "What would we do if we knew we could not fail?" The reply was immediate: "We would dare to dream the big dream and set no limits on our imagination. Our only caution would be to please and honor God and to do nothing to embarrass the Kingdom, or to stymie the Mission, or to lose the luster of the great Gospel of Christ." In the Eleventh, the vision for the work became a reality.

Within these pages, the reader will doubtless see the energy, zeal and creativity for Christian ministry in much of its variety: intentional emphasis on Ministries to Youths and Young Adults through the legendary Christian Education Youth and Leadership Congress, and Black Heritage Weekend sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society (attracting youths in the thousands); the splendid engagement with youths through the Debutante and Masters Commission; involving youths in virtually every District worship experience; and seeing YPDers engaged in significant missionary endeavor in the Bahamas. Add to these the strategy for continuing education through the "School of the Shepherds," with strong preaching and teaching from some of the best in the nation. Add to these a commitment to civic and political engagement through AME Day at the Capitol and Voter Engagement training and initiatives. Add to these a powerful Men's Ministry through the standard-setting Sons of Allen; the intentional inclusion of Women in Ministry; the certification of working Evangelists; and a vigilant Health Task Force. Add to these the serious financial support for higher education, especially for Edward Waters College, Wilberforce, Turner Seminary, Interdenominational Theological Center, and considerable generosity in scholarships for theological education. Add to these the support for the Nehemiah Ministry, being intentional about encouraging smaller congregations with grants for maintaining houses of worship. Then a celebration of a great 150 year history featuring the famed 'Marching 100' band of Florida A&M University. Even so, the "Best is Yet to Come!"
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IN MEMORIAM

Connectional

2013
Bishop Sarah Frances Davis (126)
126th Elected and Consecrated Bishop
President, AMEC Council of Bishops
Vice President, World Methodist Council
Presiding Prelate, 16th Episcopal District

2014
Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson (92)
Retired, African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Rev. Dr. Anderson Todd
Retired General Officer

Mrs. Vida Harris Bright
Former Supervisor, African Methodist Episcopal Church
Widow of the 79th Bishop of the AME Church,
Bishop John D. Bright

Mrs. Eileen Warner
Third Vice President, Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bethel, Tallahassee, Florida

2015

“In Loving Memory of The Emanuel Nine”
The Honorable Rev. Clementa Pinckney
South Carolina State Senator
Pastor, Mother Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC

The Reverend Dr. Daniel “Super” Simmons

The Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Ms. Cynthia Hurd, Mr. Tywanza Sanders,
Mrs. Ethel Lance, Depayne Middleton Doctor, Mrs. Myra Thompson, Ms. Susie Johnson

2016
The Reverend Dr. Cecil Wayne Cone, Sr.
Scholar/Theologian, Preacher/Pastor, Dean, Former President of EWC

The Reverend Larnie G. Horton, Sr.,
Retired Presiding Elder, Western North Carolina Annual Conference

Mr. Frank David Brown
Spouse of General Officer Dr. Teresa Fry-Brown

Ecumenical

2013
Bishop Cecil Bishop
Retired Senior Bishop, 78th Bishop, AME Zion Church

Bishop Roy Anderson Holmes
92nd Bishop, AME Zion Church

Bishop James E. McCoy
94th Bishop, AME Zion Church

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Timothy Jones
Florida Mass Choir
Founder/Senior Pastor, Bible Based Fellowship
Tampa, Florida

National
Mrs. Evelyn Gibson Lowery
Civil Rights Activist/Supporter
Wife of Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, SCLC
Bishop Thomas Lanier Hoyt, Jr.
Senior Bishop, 48th Bishop, CME Church

The Rev. Dr. Mack King Carter
Scholar, Preacher, Teacher
Pastor Emeritus, New Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Dr. Julia Brogdon Purnell
Past President, Links, Inc.

Dr. Maya Angelou
Poet, Essayist, Author, Educator

2015
The Honorable Julian Bond
Civil Rights ICON

Mr. Thomas H. Poole, Sr.
Florida Champion of Civil Rights

The Reverend Otis L. Blackshear, Sr.
Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

The Reverend Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor
Retired Pastor, Concord Baptist Church of Christ
Distinguished Preacher
Civil Rights Activist

The Reverend Dr. Gregory Allen Gromes
Professor, Campus Minister Allen University

Conferences

FLORIDA CONFERENCE
2012
The Rev. Dozier J. Balloon
The Rev. Noah Parker

2013
The Rev. Estella McGriff
The Rev. Frederick White
The Rev. Emmon F. Smith
Mrs. Queen Esther Brown
The Rev. Dorothy Bradley Hill
The Rev. W.W. Griffin
The Rev. Hugh Norris Lunan

2014
The Evelyn J. Corbin
The Rev. Willie J. Brooks
Deaconess Estella B. Hagan
Mrs. Gussie Long Bruce
The Rev. Leon Singleton
Mrs. Mamie Martin Brown
Mr. Harry K. Holt

2015
The Rev. Charlie Dilworth
The Rev. Jerome Goodman
The Rev. Lorenzo McGill
The Rev. Sharon Smith

2016
The Rev. Annette Walker
Dr. Mildred J. Allen Jackson
Sister Bettye W. McGlockton
Sister Yvonne Gatson
Sister Emma Johnson

CENTRAL CONFERENCE
2012
The Rev. Andrew Haywood
The Rev. Louis Latimer
The Rev. Kelvin Butler
The Rev. Clarence S. Strong

2013
The Rev. Tyrone Wheeler
The Rev. Loureen Woodson

2014
The Rev. Jerome Andrews
Mrs. Beulah Glover Davis

2015
The Rev. James Simon
Sister Daisy Burney

2016
The Rev. Cato L. Mott, Sr.
The Rev. Carl F. Brinkley
SOUTH CONFERENCE
2012
The Rev. Raymond G. Hearstie
The Rev. Isaac F. Mitchell
The Rev. Benny Johnson
The Rev. Sandra Jackson
The Rev. Maxine Ford
The Rev. Nora Simmons

2013
The Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Sr.
The Rev. Isaac S. Jones
The Rev. Bettye White

2014
The Rev. Maxine Ford
Sis. Dorothy Blake
Sis. Lucille Davis Sneed

2015
The Rev. Julian Hall
The Rev. Robert Franklin
The Rev. Mary Johnson
The Rev. Milton E. Rolle
Sister Gloria Haugabrook
Bro. Bazzie Odom

WEST COAST CONFERENCE
2012
The Rev. Raleigh Allen, III
The Rev. Charles Walker
The Rev. Lynwood Cliatt
The Rev. John Rutledge
Dr. Henrietta Attles
Sis. Dorothy Russ

2013
The Rev. Leaghwynn Howell

2014
Bro. Herbert H. Bassett
Sis. Brenda Postell
Sis. Jessie Wells

2015
The Rev. Charlie F. Rawls
The Rev. Benjamin McKinney
The Rev. James Simon
The Rev. Bernard Smith

2016
The Rev. Pernell Gordon

EAST CONFERENCE
2012
Ms. Ann Maria Ford

2015
The Rev. Frederick D. Wallace
The Rev. Martha Williams

2016
Sister Annie McBride

2013

2014
The Rev. Wilbur P. Jackson
The Rev. Adrian Smith

2015
The Rev. Lee Ford
The Rev. Alton Jones
The Rev. James L. Smith
The Rev. Robert Postell
The Rev. Mose Thomas

2016

BAHAMAS CONFERENCE
2012

2013

2014
The Rev. Herman Thompson
Mrs. Florence Louise Gibson

2015
Sister Rebecca Major
Sister Jacqueline Forbes

2016
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE SUPERANNUATES 2012 - 2016

2012

Florida
The Rev. Franklin Pompey

Central
The Rev. Willie Branch

South
The Rev. Thomas Higginbotham

West Coast
The Rev. Marcus Burke

East
The Rev. Dr. William I. Simmons

Bahamas

2013

Florida
The Rev. Mary D. Myrick

Central
The Rev. Dennis Luther Bell
The Rev. Susie Johnson Harris
The Rev. Rudolph Wilson

West Coast
The Rev. Esther Eva
The Rev. Benjamin McKinney

East
The Rev. Jimmy Bobby Keel
The Rev. Ruby Nell Lowe
The Rev. Charles Wright

Bahamas

2014

Florida
The Rev. Mary Williams Robinson

Central
The Rev. Josephine Russ Peterson

2015

Florida
The Rev. Ernest Washington

Central
The Rev. Willie D. Young
The Rev. Roger Armstead

South
The Rev. Philip Johns

West Coast
The Rev. Verdell C. Fayson
The Rev. Beverly Hill Lane
The Rev. Vernessa Watson
The Rev. Darrell Whiteside

East
The Rev. F.D. Richardson, Jr.

Bahamas
THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT PULPIT

Bishop John Hurst Adams (87)
Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings (95)
Bishop Philip Robert Cousin, Sr. (96)
Bishop John Richard Bryant (106)
Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster (110)
Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland (114)
Bishop Richard Franklin Norris (116)
Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram (118)
Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah (120)

Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry (122)
Bishop James Levert Davis (123)
Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green (125)
Bishop E. Earl McCloud (127)
Bishop Jeffery Nathaniel Leath (128)
Bishop John Franklin White, Sr. (130)
Bishop Clement Willie Fugh (131)
Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson (132)

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor
Alabama-Florida Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Bishop Teresa E. Snorton
Fifth Episcopal District
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Dr. George Francis Flowers
Dr. Jerome V. Harris
Dr. Calvin Sydnor

Dr. Jeffery Bernard Cooper
Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown

Bishop Victor Tyrone Curry
New Birth Baptist Church
Miami, Florida

Bishop J. Delano Ellis
Pentecostal Church of Christ
Cleveland, Ohio

Bishop Rudolph Waldo McKissick, Sr.
Bethel Baptist Institutional (Emeritus)
Jacksonville, Florida

Bishop Rudolph Waldo McKissick, Jr.
Bethel Baptist Institutional
Jacksonville, Florida

Bishop Walter Scott Thomas
New Psalmist Baptist Church
Baltimore, Maryland

Bishop Derek T. Triplett
Hope Fellowship Church
Daytona Beach, Florida

Bishop W. Oshea Granger
Mount Calvary Baptist Church
West Palm Beach, FL

Ms. Sybrina Fulton
Mother of Trayvon Martin

Mrs. Jennifer Pinckney
Wife of Senator Clementa Pinckney

Dr. Ernest Ferrell
St. Mary Primitive Baptist Church
Tallahassee, Florida

The Rev. Walter Thomas Richardson
Sweet Home Baptist Church (Emeritus)
Perrine, Florida

Dr. R. B. Holmes
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Tallahassee, Florida

Dr. Robert Smith, Jr.
Beeson Seminary, Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama

The Rev. William H. Lamar, IV
Metropolitan AME Church
Washington, DC

The Rev. Matthew Lawrence Watley
Reid Temple AME Church (Exec. Pastor)
Glenn Dale, Maryland
Dr. Kenneth Marcus
Turner Chapel AME Church
Marietta, Georgia

Dr. William D. Watley
St. Philip AME Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Carolyn A. McCrary
Interdenominational Theological Center
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Maurice Watson
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Dr. AnneMarie Mingo
Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dr. Jasper W. Williams, Jr.
Salem Bible Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.
Olivet Institutional Baptist Church (Emeritus)
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Bernard C. Yates
Zion Hope Primitive Church
Pensacola, Florida

Dr. Robert C. Stanley
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
Pompano Beach, Florida

Dr. Wayne G. Thompson
First Institutional Baptist Church
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dr. John Evans
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
St. Petersburg, Florida

The Rev. Sharon Riley
Agape Perfecting Praise
Orlando, Florida
## BISHOP’S AWARD

### 2012

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INCLUSION
During the 2012-2016 Quadrennial the 11th Episcopal District missionaries addressed the Millennium goals from the grassroots levels through impacting legislation affecting women, children and families across the breadth and depth of Florida and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Our Episcopal District theme is "Intentional About Ministry-Generation to Generation."

The District WMS activities focused on three specific goals:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
3. Good Health and Well-Being

Through activities on all levels nearly 6000 missionaries sponsored, advocated, contributed, implemented, and designed intergenerational programs, “TRANSFORMING LIVES, BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND IMPACTING THE WORLD. “

The high profile programs of greatest impact included:

The Florida Children’s Advocacy Days/Florida Impact, an annual event involving ecumenical collaborations addressing poverty and hunger.

The Black Women’s Agenda, a partnership and collaboration with AARP other women’s organizations presenting “Because We Care: African American Women Caregivers and Their Families.

The Dorothy Adams Peck Leadership Institute, a program to identify and train emerging leaders and provide continuing education for seasoned leaders.

The Annual Conference Pinning Ceremony, formally welcoming new members into local societies.
The 29th Annual Black Heritage Weekend continued its rich legacy from Black Heritage weekends past. Geared around the theme, “We are What’s Trending,” over 3000 YPDers converged on the campus of Edward Waters College to exhibit their talents, make new friends, and most importantly, praise God. Friday night, the Rev. Octavius L. Smith of Allen Chapel, Sanford encouraged the young people to “Never Give Up, No Matter What.” During the Sankofa Worship Experience, the Rev. Stephen A. Green preached on the topic, “I Need a Break.”

34 members of the 11th Episcopal District culminated YPD Self Denial Week in an unusual and rewarding way. On Friday, May 13, YPDers board a cruise ship and sailed to Nassau Bahamas. Upon our arrival into the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and dressed in our #iServe t-shirts, we were transported to the Dorcus, Adams, Young Safe House. YPDers planted shrubs, painted the inside and outside of the house, shared time and gifts with the residents. Following a day of mission work we were joined by 30 Bahamian YPDers for a fun-filled beach picnic.

Our Sunday morning worship service was onboard the ship. Presiding Elder Elizabeth Yates preached on the topic: “Service is Worship.”
LAY ORGANIZATION
Brother Charlie Nichols, President

"Laity Fulfilling The Great Commission"
Scriptural References: Matthew 28:16-20

Conference areas: Florida, West Coast, Central, South, East and Bahamas

Number of Churches:
- 2013 - 400
- 2014 - 404
- 2015 - 406

Number of Organized Lay Organizations:
- 2013 - 354
- 2014 - 345
- 2015 - 357

Number of Delegates to the 2015 Biennial: 91

Workshops and Trainings:
- 2013 - 6
- 2014 - 7
- 2015 - 10

History of the Connectional Lay Organization
The Office of Secretary: Taking Note of the Lay Organization
The Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization History
What Would You Do? (Being Knowledgeable Enough to Act)
What’s Going on in Our Church?
Medical Information: Emergency Preparedness
Quarterly Conference: Been Lately?
Jeopardy Based Review: How much Do You Know?
Using Technology to Grow Your Organization
Telling Our Story: Our Legacy - End of Life Decisions

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

• Achieved, first time in the history of the District, conducted an Annual Convention on the campus of Edward Waters College.

• Achieved the 14 objectives of the District Lay Organization Constitution & By-Laws.

• Achieved training for the members of the District at the Annual Lay Retreat.

• Achieved an “Empowerment for Social Justice” Program during our Laura P. Robinson Lay Benevolence Activities, Edward Waters College and the Jacksonville Community.

Press Conference after the Massacre of Emanuel 9, Jacksonville, followed by a Prayer Vigil.

The Eleventh District Lay Organization welcomes Walter Scott’s brother and sister-in-law as our Wednesday speaker. Walter Scott was killed in North Charleston, SC by a local policeman.

The membership at work
The clergy family organization consists of over 200 spouses of ordained ministers and pastors in the eleventh district. The goal of the CFO is to provide activities focused on strengthening and sustaining the clergy family. This goal is achieved through the provision of workshops and other activities at episcopal district and conference meetings. In addition, fellowship luncheons were held during each annual conference. This provided a special time for the clergy and their spouses to bond with each other while receiving words of wisdom from our episcopal leaders.

In December 2015, the eleventh district hosted the CONN-M-SWAWO plus PKs annual leadership retreat in Jacksonville, Florida. This event was well attended and proved to be inspirational to all. Rev. Gregory Gay received the first place award for the connectional First Gentlemen contest in June 2015. The number of connectional members, from the eleventh district, increased from 70 to 181 resulting in the district receiving the first place award for the most memberships. The PK scholarship book award was presented to Deja Jackson (2015), Marvin Frank Curtis Zanders (2014) and Tyler Hansberry (2012).

The Eleventh district clergy spouses also provided support to students attending Edward Waters College by contributing school supplies and other items needed to support a successful school year.
CHRISTIAN DEBUTANTES AND MASTERS

District Highlights
The Electrifying Eleventh District views CDMC as a component of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of priority and dignity.

Our membership is 2500 which include, young people, presiding elders, pastors, and lay persons.

Banquets were held to afford youth the opportunity for noteworthy fellowship, to display their talents and acknowledge their achievements in an atmosphere of devotion and comradery. Adult men serve as co-commissioners as role models for our young men, in rehearsals etc.

In 2015, we presented at the Christian Education Congress in A Night of Elegance, Poise and Class. 363 young people participated. Our goal is to increase our numbers annually and increase collaboration within other Episcopal Districts.

Highlights include:
- Mandated community service hours
- Stewardship & Me
- Church Etiquette
- How to Dress and Act For Job Interviews
- How To Write A Resume
- Bibles engraved and given to Debutantes and Masters who have served as Allenites & Sub-debutantes & Sub-masters, upon participating Debutantes & Masters.
- “Jeopardy DMC” workshop

Future plans/thoughts:
We are so grateful to Almighty God for the success He has allowed us to envision through CDMC. Thanks also to Bishop & Mrs. Adam Jefferson Richardson for the opportunity to serve. A huge thanks to Commissioners Carolyn Hill, Teresa Johnson, Kay Copeland, Novella Jones, Esther Snowden, Patricia Shehee, Winifred Williams, Felisha Dickey, Nellie Alexander, Sarah Dixon and Eleanor Dixon, District Local Commissioners, Parents and especially our youth participants who make us proud. To God be the glory!
SONS OF ALLEN MEN’S MINISTRY

The Rev. Kenny Irby, Coordinator

Under the inspired leadership of Bishop A. J. Richardson, Jr., the Sons of Allen reached new heights of service. Goals for ministry and fellowship were reached throughout the District. This spring, we gathered for the 15th Annual SOA Retreat in Miami Gardens. Worship and teaching sessions became expressions of vigilance. We marched against gun violence.

The Ministry provides security and parking lot oversight at all District events. Mentoring is integrally related to the spiritual, educational and physical development at young people. The men of SOA are "the head and not the tail" and with the support of the Richardson Team, the men of SOA are Bold, Brave and Believable leaders.

For eight years, Men’s ministry in the 11th District has made use of available technology. Outreach ministry includes not only the historic Angel Tree, but also an innovative partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice in Florida, training over 150 active DJJ Chaplains and a thorough Aftercare network. Scouting has been reinvigorated. The EEDSOA Community Development Corporation has been established as a 501(c)(3) entity.

The Aftercare and Scouting programs take full advantage of the genius of our Connectional system by providing positive alternatives for young men. Our partnerships are intended to reduce the over-representation of minority youths in the juvenile justice system and to encourage them to be more “than conquerors” ---responsible, productive citizens. College Scholarships were awarded in the amount of $7,000. For the first time, a Unit of SOA was established in the Bahamas.

The Sons of Allen ministry has flourished with an effective succession of leaders: the Rev. Henry E. Green, Jr. is a candidate for a General Officership; and the Rev. Carlton Taylor serves as presiding elder. The Revs. Kenneth F. Irby, and Rev. Ron Rawls, Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator respectively, are credited with building an effective partnership between clergy and lay leaders. They will pass the baton of leadership after the General Conference.

We are grateful to Bishop & Mother Connie Richardson. We pray God’s peace upon them.

Humbly Submitted,

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Rev. Kenny Irby
To God be the Glory for another Quadrennial working alongside the wonderful women in ministry of the Electrifying Eleventh Episcopal District under the leadership of a very supportive team, Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. and Supervisor Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson. We are thankful for a supportive Bishop who, from his being assigned to the Eleventh, placed WIM on the Annual Conferences agenda which has enabled WIM to plan a day dedicated to the empowerment of WIM. Activities have included workshops, luncheons and fellowship. This Quadrennial was kicked off with a reception honoring twelve women in ministry using the theme of our district, Intentional about Ministry – Generation to Generation, from each of the six conferences one seasoned woman in ministry and one young woman in ministry was honored for their work within. During this Quadrennial, we honored those who paved the way for us on our district, our Retired Presiding Elders and past Episcopal District WIM President as well as those who had given the church their service before and after their retirement. Our connectional theme, “Positioned to Lead – Take Thou Authority”, was clear as we celebrated the elevation of two new elders, Presiding Elder Valarie J. Walker and Presiding Elder Joyce J. Moore to work alongside Presiding Elizabeth E. Yates. Under Bishop Richardson’s leadership we have witness the elevation of more Women in Ministry to larger congregations, placement on committees within the annual conferences and on the district level. The Women in Ministry continue to support the projects within their conferences: S.O.S. (Supporting our Sisters) where WIM gather for worship once a quarter to support a sister in a small congregation. All six conferences continue to gather and distribute items to women and children shelters around the District. WIM continue to support our Episcopal project the Harbor House located in Orlando, Florida where family members are allowed to live free while love ones are being treated at the nearby hospital. During this Quadrennial a time of learning was set aside, along with workshops on self-care, our minds, body and spirit at each Episcopal meeting. To God be the glory for all God has allowed us to do and especially for the growth we have witnessed in WIM, 481 and growing. And the work is still All Divine.

The Reverend Bettye Watson
11th Episcopal District WIM President
11th Episcopal District Evangelism Team

During the last Quadrennial the Evangelism Team of the 11th Episcopal District has valued from the leadership of Bishop Richardson and expanded its Evangelism Outreach efforts. We implemented the 11th Episcopal District Evangelism Conference to provide inspiration and training for clergy leaders and lay members at all levels of the church. We have registered and equipped over 850 persons through the conferences in a variety of Evangelism areas. The 11th District Evangelism team has provided Training in every conference in the following area: Discipleship Making, Street Ministry, Response Team Training, Creating an Evangelism Atmosphere, Practical Evangelism Strategies, and Effective Evangelistic Prayer. Thanks to the efforts of Evangelism leaders like Presiding Elder Mary Robinson, Presiding Elder Carlton Taylor, Presiding Elder Lee Plummer, and Conference Director Rev. Vivian Mitchell-Grant, we have implemented training programs across the entire Florida Conference. Our team has assisted more than 135 young people in their response to the Lord while attending episcopal district worship events.

The 11th District Evangelism Team has sent a team to and provided involvement at every level of the Connectional Evangelism Seminar. Our team has also travelled with Dr. Wade to do Evangelism work in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and provided street ministry events throughout our state. Different churches are sending care packages, funds, and other outreach efforts to overseas missions.

ME. Crutcher
Dr. Mark E. Crutcher, Director
The 11th Episcopal District Department of Christian Education continues to teach all that Jesus commanded. We also:

- Listen to and assist both the ostracized and the included
- Address the question of the present age
- Connect lay and clergy to resources to assist in developing Christians for the work of Christ.

The Annual Christian Education Youth and Leadership Congress continues to meet the needs of approximately 2,000 youths, young adults, adult clergy, and lay adults each year. CEYLC themes have included, “Trending: Culture, Character, Conscience, Coalition & Christ John 5:6” and “CHRIST or Culture 3.0 Time, Talent, and Technology: Christ Against, Of, Above, in Paradox, Transformer Romans 12:1, 2.” The conference directors and the episcopal director produced Annual Advent Worship Guides grounded in scripture designed to aid the 11th District in:

- Sharing the joy of Jesus during the holy season of Advent.
- Assisting in the planning and preparation of worship during the season of Advent, Christmas, Watch Night and New Year’s
- Inspiring creativity and meaningful worship

The Reverend Joy L. Gallmon
Pastor of New Mt. Pisgah AMEC, Lake City FL
Director of Christian Education 11th Episcopal District
Chair of the Fellowship of Church Educators of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
HEALTH TASK FORCE

Penny A. Ralston, Ph.D.
Volunteer Health Director

The Health Initiative of the 11th Episcopal District has three purposes: Promote 1) healthy lifestyles and disease prevention, 2) health knowledge and 3) health ministry development. Our three-year Program of Work (2012-15) included:

- Establishing a 25-member Health Task Force at the Episcopal level
- Developing and implementing two health programs tailored for the 11th Episcopal District:
  i. Health Smart AME, a church-level healthy lifestyles program, impacted 21 churches and 512 people across the 11th Episcopal District, including improving health literacy, health-smart behaviors, and improving health status (weight, BMI).
  ii. Hand Hygiene Initiative (HHI), an Episcopal level program to reduce spread of infectious diseases, enrolled a total of 645 members who received the HHI packet of materials via dissemination of hard copies or electronically. Of those who responded to a follow-up survey, 97% had used the materials, and there was an increase in reminding members about hand hygiene and in placing hand sanitizers in visible places.
- Providing program sessions on health annually at the CEYLC.
- Establishing a special subcommittee to study the possible transition of the Health Task Force to a permanent Commission on Health consistent with The Discipline.

We believe that the Health Task Force has provided the structure and programs that are changing churches throughout the 11th Episcopal District. For example, we have observed health topics discussed more frequently at Presiding Elder district meetings and in Church School Conventions and churches forming health ministries. We also are learning that the CEYLC can be an important training site to bring new information on health to our congregants. This can be an ongoing best practice. Our challenges center on ensuring we have a permanent structure and the right people on the team. This will take time because we are evolving into a culture of health. We appreciate the strong support of Bishop and Supervisor Richardson throughout this start-up period and know that the best is yet to come!
# Educational Support

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## Theological Scholarships

- $476,750

## Special Gifts to Higher Education

- **Edward Waters College**: $2 Million
- **The Interdenominational Theological Center**: $50,000
- **Wilberforce University**: $40,000

**Total Educational Support**: $2,566,750
NEHEMIAH MINISTRY

The Nehemiah Ministry was formed during The Eleventh District Planning Meeting in November 2012. It was the desire of Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. and Episcopal Supervisor Connie Speights Richardson to assist churches with critical financial needs in an effort to enhance their overall ministry effectiveness.

Our Mission: To encourage churches by assisting them with critical financial support needs

This ministry has helped churches by providing church maintenance project management workshops for pastors and lay leaders. Information was shared regarding the importance of project planning and preparation; conducting thorough needs assessment; proper use of the competitive bid process and the importance of using certified, bonded and licensed craftsmen that can be held accountable for completing the scope of work as outlined.

This ministry has provided in excess of $120,000 in financial support to assist twenty (20) churches with needs in the following areas;

- IRS lien
- Roof replacements and repairs
- HVAC replacement and repairs
- Electrical replacement and repairs
- Plumbing replacement and repairs
- Etc.

There is a critical need for this ministry and we continue to look for innovative and creative means for obtaining funding in an effort to provide aid to other churches.
The Music and Christian Arts Ministry of the Eleventh Episcopal District has been blessed by the Leadership of our Presiding Prelate, Bishop Adam J. Richardson and Supervisor Connie Speights Richardson. Because of our Leader's background in Music Ministry, we have incorporated many new hymns and songs to our repertoire inside each Conference and into each Episcopal Meeting. Bishop has required and demanded that preparation is done, in that each song or hymn is performed in excellence to the Glory of God. We were blessed under the Leadership of Dr. Rosalie Hill to compose a Leadership Manual, (a comprehensive resource) that has been distributed throughout the Eleventh Episcopal District and also to other areas inside the AME Church. This manual provides a sense of who we are, what we do, and the integral role of music in the church and worship experience. MCAM has also worked inside our District Church School Conventions to prepare our young people for our Mass choir inside of our Annual CEYLC. Also each year under Bishop Richardson's leadership, we've provided a hymn fest to prepare the Musicians and Choir members for Annual Conferences. During this past Quadrennial, The Eleventh Episcopal District was blessed to host MCAM Conference in Tampa, FL under the leadership of Mr. James Robbins.

Bro. Marlow Smith
Episcopal Music Director
2012-16 Quadrennial Report of the 11th Episcopal District Social Action Committee

Over the last four years the 11th Episcopal District has fulfilled, and will continue to fulfill, its commitment to social action in the following ways:

1. The district has been completely responsive to and supportive of the connectional social action agenda. We have responded to all connectional requests for petition signatures, for letters of support, and for attendance and participation at numerous demonstrations.

2. The district has formed partnerships with several other faith-based, non-profit, issue-driven, non-partisan organizations. We have become more effective participants in promoting positive change in many areas that affect the quality of life for our members and in improving the communities that are served by our congregations.

3. The district has continued the assertive legislative advocacy we began in 2009. Our annual AME Day at the Capitol is our most visible effort to “speak truth to power”. We have supported, or been at the forefront, of efforts to make voter registration and voter turnout easier, to promote gun safety legislation, to restore felon voting rights, to overturn unfair stand your ground laws, to expand Medicaid benefits, and to rein in oppressive pay-day lending practices.
VOTER ENGAGEMENT

“Our Vote Is Our Voice”

“But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream”

Amos 5: 24

The legacy of the AME church is that it has been the voice of those who have no one to speak for them and to fight for those who have no one to fight for them. Nothing for the advancement of blacks in this nation has occurred without the headship and participation of the black church. Therefore, the 11th Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson has engaged in a strategic and robust Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization initiative in the 11th Episcopal District. In addition, the 11th Episcopal District and Faith in Florida has embarked on a major partnership that would include: 15 young adult Fellows, statewide voter education, souls to the polls and 5,000 new registered voters for 2016

The Our Vote Is Our Voice has accomplished the following:

- Restoration of Rights Petitions: 5,922
- New Voter Registrations (Black Heritage Weekend and CEYLC): 457
- Third Party Voter Registration Organization Training: 250
- Third Party Voter Registration Organizations Churches: 108
- Voter Registration Trainings per Conference: 211
- Statewide Souls to the Polls (2012-2016)

Rev. Jeffrey J. Dove

The 11th Episcopal District
Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization Director
## QUADRENNIAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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**THE DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

1. **NAME:** Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.  
   2. **DATE:** July 6 - July 13, 2016

3. **Amount of travel within the bounds of the District:** Approximately 299,176 miles

4. **Administrative Decisions**

   a. **What is the number of preachers tried, suspended, and expelled?**
   
   b. **What is the number of preachers transferred?**

   c. **What is the number of preachers who have left the Connection?**

   d. **What is the number of new congregations?**

   Immanuel Temple, Miami Gardens (The Revs. John F. and Maria M. White)  
   The Shepherd's Heart, Royal Palm Beach (The Rev. Lee Michelle Sapp)  
   New Sanctuary Payne, Port St. Lucie (The Rev. Denise Smith-Blue)  
   Grace, The Villages (The Revs. Thomas H. and Robin Poole)

   e. **What is the number of buildings erected and/or purchased?**

   Greater Faith, Deltona (Acquired a former bank building for an edifice)  
   Gregg Chapel, Ft. Walton Beach (Acquired Community Center)  
   Mt. Zion, Lawtey (Completed new construction on sanctuary, office & fellowship area)

   f. **What decisions and rulings have been made?** Nil

   g. **What is the number of churches (appointments) in the District?**

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   i. **What is the number of Presiding Elders in the District?**

   **Florida:** Marianna; Tallahassee; Pensacola-Panama City; Quincy-Monticello  
   **Central:** Daytona Beach; North Orlando; Orlando  
   **South:** Central; South; North  
   **West Coast:** Lakeland; Tampa; St. Petersburg  
   **East:** Alachua-Central; Suwannee-North; South  
   **Bahamas:** Freeport; Eleuthera

   j. **What is the number of members in each Annual Conference**

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   **Florida:** 13,727  
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k. What is the number of retired ministers?

- Florida: 25
- Central: 29
- South: 24
- West Coast: 23
- East: 19
- Bahamas: 1

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l. What is the number of Church Schools

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m. What is the number of Allen Christian Fellowships?

Nil

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**Quadrennial Summary of Subscriptions**

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HOW MUCH RAISED AND PAID for the GENERAL BUDGET FUND?

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Summary: General Budget Payments

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DEDICATION, CORNERSTONES AND MORTGAGE BURNINGS

Construction and Acquired Properties
Mt. Zion, Lawtey
(Completed New Construction on Sanctuary, Office & Fellowship Areas)
The Rev. Kennetta Carter

Greater Faith, Deltona
(Acquired a former bank building for use as an Edifice, Office & Fellowship Space)
The Rev. Caroline Shine

Gregg Chapel, Ft. Walton Beach
(Acquired Community Center and Apartment Units)
The Rev. Cecil B. Williams

Significant Renovations and Dedications
The Enterprise Center
Eleventh Episcopal District Office Building
($543,000)

Mt. Pleasant, Odessa
The Rev. Karen Jackson Sims

Mt. Pisgah, Tallahassee
The Rev. Jacqueline Dowdy

Mt. Olive, Clearwater
The Rev. James V. Williams

Turner Chapel, Palmetto
The Rev. Kelvin Price

New St. Paul, Tampa
The Rev. Karen Jackson Sims

Gregg Chapel, Ft. Walton
The Rev. Cecil B. Williams

Greater Faith, Deltona
The Rev. Caroline Shine

Greater Mt. Zion, St. Petersburg
The Rev. Clarence A. Williams

Mt. Pisgah, Tallahassee
The Rev. Jacqueline Dowdy

Gregg Chapel, Ft. Walton
The Rev. Cecil B. Williams

Greater Faith, Deltona
The Rev. Caroline Shine

Greater Mt. Zion, St. Petersburg
The Rev. Clarence A. Williams

Cousin-McPhee, Nassau, Bahamas
The Rev. Dr. Ranford A. Patterson

Allen Chapel, Plant City
The Rev. Larry Keys

Hurst Chapel, Pensacola
The Rev. Philip Russ, IV

St. James, Marianna
The Rev. Ronald Dale Miser

Bethelonia, Tallahassee
The Rev. Jeffrey Graham

Cornerstones

Concord, Tallahassee (Miccosukee)
The Rev. Chester Brown

St. John, Campbellton
The Rev. Bernard E. Hudson

St. Paul, Winter Garden
The Rev. Frank L. Massey

New St. Paul, Tampa
The Rev. Karen Jackson Sims

Bethel, Bellville
The Rev. Albert Bivens, Jr.

Bethel, Tampa
The Rev. Beverly Hill Lane

Mt. Zion, Lawtey
The Rev. Kennetta Carter
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