

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
African Methodist Episcopal Church

Annual Conference
**AGENDA AND
WORSHIP
GUIDE**



2025

**“God Our Creator,
Christ Our Redeemer,
The Holy Spirit Our Comforter,
Humankind Our Family”**



2025

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES

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IGNITE!

“Our Passion, People, and Purpose”

From a small spark to a mighty flame

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me
—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

Philippians 4:9

*O*UR EPISCOPAL SERVANTS



JAMES LEVERT DAVIS † ARELIS BEEVERS DAVIS
Servant Leaders

OUR SERVANT LEADERS' GREETING

Arelis and I are honored and grateful for the opportunity to greet and welcome you to the 2025 series of Annual Conferences of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we welcome you to this sacred time of reflection, celebration, and accounting for our stewardship for this 2024-2025 Conference Year.

Our guiding theme, “**IGNITE**: A Small Spark to a Mighty Flame – *Inspiring Growth, Nurturing Impact, and Transforming Evangelism*” continues to lead us on a journey of spiritual transformation and meaningful engagement.

This past year, we have been intentional about Inspiring Growth, and I hope that each of you has experienced that growth in a personal and powerful way:

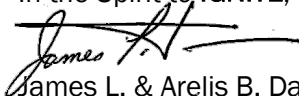
- *Spiritual, through a deeper walk with God and a greater hunger for His presence.*
- *Relationally, we've strengthened connections within our congregations and communities.*
- *Missionally, we've strengthened our ministries, reimagined outreach, and sought greater excellence in stewardship and service.*

Now, as we move into the next phase of our theme—Nurturing Impact—we must begin to ask: How are we cultivating what we've planted? What does it look like when our growth results in actual, transformative impact in our churches, in our neighborhoods, and in the lives, we touch every day?

This is the season where growth must become fruit. Where energy becomes outcomes, and where faith becomes action. And as we gather in each annual conference, I challenge us to be bold in our questions and courageous in our commitments.

Let this conference season ignite your imagination, renew your purpose, and deepen your desire to serve. We're excited about what God is doing in the Seventh Episcopal District and even more excited about what's still to come.

In the Spirit to **IGNITE**,



James L. & Arelis B. Davis
Servant Leaders

Seventh Episcopal District



Palmetto South Carolina Annual Conference

Georgetown District | PRESIDING ELDER BETTY D. CLARK

Kingstree District | PRESIDING ELDER REMUS HARPER JR

Mt. Pleasant District | PRESIDING ELDER ALLEN W. PARROTT

South Carolina Annual Conference

Beaufort District | PRESIDING ELDER JON R. BLACK

Charleston District | PRESIDING ELDER JUENARRL KEITH

Edisto District | PRESIDING ELDER CAESAR R. RICHBURG

Piedmont Annual Conference

Abbeville-Greenwood District | PRESIDING ELDER PHILLIP C. ANDERSON

Greenville District | PRESIDING ELDER JAMES E. SPEED SR.

Northeast South Carolina Annual Conference

Florence-Dillon District | PRESIDING ELDER JOSEPH L. POSTELL

Marion District | PRESIDING ELDER JOHNNIE O. COE

Sumter District | PRESIDING ELDER MERRITT B. GRAVES

Columbia South Carolina Annual Conference

Columbia District | PRESIDING ELDER ROSALYN G. COLEMAN

Lancaster District | PRESIDING ELDER CARL L. ANDERSON

Newberry District | PRESIDING ELDER ADRIAN R. KOLLOCK SR.

Central South Carolina Annual Conference

Midlands District | PRESIDING ELDER CHARLES E. YOUNG

Santee District | PRESIDING ELDER HERBERT L. TEMONEY

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCES SCHEDULE

115TH SESSION OF THE PALMETTO SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 10 – 13, 2025

Annual Business, Training & Worship Services

Ebenezer AME Church, Charleston - Host Church

Rev. Dr. William Swinton, Jr. - Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. Allen W. Parrott - Host Presiding Elder

Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025 (8am - 12pm) – **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025 (12pm) – **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025 (6pm) – **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Opening Conference Business Session – Wednesday, **Sept 10, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)**

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, **Sept 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

Sons of Allen Service – Thursday, **Sept 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

Church School – Friday, **Sept 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**

Ordination Worship Service – Friday, **Sept 12, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.**

Lay Organization – Friday, **Sept 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Young Peoples Division Worship Service – Saturday, **Sept 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

Allen University Rally – Saturday, **Sept 13, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.**

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, **Sept 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

162ND SESSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 17 – 20, 2025

Annual Business, Training & Worship Services

Campbell Chapel AME Church - Host Church

Rev. Fedrick A. Wilson - Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jon R. Black - Host Presiding Elder

Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025 (8am - 12pm) – **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025 (12pm) – **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025 (6pm) – **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Opening Conference Business Session – Wednesday, **Sept 17, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)**

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, **Sept 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

Sons of Allen Service – Thursday, **Sept 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

Church School – Friday, **Sept 19, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**

Ordination Worship Service – Friday, **Sept 19, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.**

Lay Organization – Friday, **Sept 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Young Peoples Division Worship Service – Saturday, **Sept 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

Allen University Rally – Saturday, **Sept 20, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.**

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, **Sept 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

115TH SESSION OF THE PIEDMONT SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 1 – 4, 2025

Annual Business, Training & Worship Services

Poplar Spring AME Church, Laurens - Host Church

Rev. Roland E. D. Sigmon - Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. James E. Speed Sr. - Host Presiding Elder

Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025 (8am - 12pm) – **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025 (12pm) – **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025 (6pm) – **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Opening Conference Business Session – Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, Oct 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Sons of Allen Service – Thursday, Oct 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Church School – Friday, Oct 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Ordination Worship Service – Friday, Oct 3, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Lay Organization – Friday, Oct 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Young Peoples Division Worship Service – Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Allen University Rally – Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, Oct 4, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

134TH SESSION OF THE NORTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 8 – 11, 2025

Annual Business, Training & Worship Services

Mt. Olive AME Church, Myrtle Beach - Host Church

Rev. Glenn McLellan - Host Pastor

Rev. Johnnie O. Coe - Host Presiding Elder

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 (8am - 12pm) – **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 (12pm) – **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 (6pm) – **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Opening Annual Business Session – Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, Oct 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Sons of Allen Service – Thursday, Oct 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Church School – Friday, Oct 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Ordination Worship Service – Friday, Oct 10, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Lay Organization – Friday, Oct 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Young Peoples Division Worship Service – Saturday, Oct 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Allen University Rally – Saturday, Oct 11, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, Oct 11, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

148TH SESSION OF THE COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 22 – 25, 2025

Annual Business, Training & Worship Services

St. Paul AME Church, Irmo - Host Church

Rev. Dr. Debora Grant Scotland - Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. Rosalyn G. Coleman - Host Presiding Elder

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025 (8am - 12pm) – **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025 (12pm) – **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025 (6pm) – **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Opening Annual Business Session – Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, Oct 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Sons of Allen Service – Thursday, Oct 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Church School – Friday, Oct 24, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Ordination Worship Service – Friday, Oct 24, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Lay Organization – Friday, Oct 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Young Peoples Division Worship Service – Saturday, Oct 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Allen University Rally – Saturday, Oct 25, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, Oct 25, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

102ND SESSION OF THE CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Annual Business, Training & Worship Services

Heyward AME Church, Gaston - Host Church

Rev. Moses M. Rembert - Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Young - Host Presiding Elder

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (8am - 12pm) – **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (12pm) – **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (6pm) – **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Opening Annual Business Session – Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service – Thursday, Oct 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Sons of Allen Service – Thursday, Oct 30, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Church School – Friday, Oct 31, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Ordination Worship Service – Friday, Oct 31, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Lay Organization – Friday, Oct 31, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Young Peoples Division Worship Service – Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Allen University Rally – Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

Closing and Commissioning Service – Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ON-LINE PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

PALMETTO, SOUTH CAROLINA, PIEDMONT, NORTHEAST, COLUMBIA, AND CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

All Pastors' reports are to be completed electronically online (www.amec7.com) by the deadline date listed below.

- Palmetto Annual Conference – August 4, 2025
- South Carolina Annual Conference – August 11, 2025
- Piedmont Annual Conference – August 18, 2025
- Northeast Annual Conference – August 25, 2025
- Columbia Annual Conference – September 8, 2025
- Central Annual Conference – September 15, 2025

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA & DAILY SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

08:00am	Women's Missionary Society Annual Convention (8am-12pm) (Registration/Fellowship/Breakfast/Devotion/Business)
	<u>PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES & SERVICES</u>
08:00am	Presiding Elders will meet with the Bishop
09:00am	Conference Finance Committee will meet with the Bishop
09:30am	Conference Secretaries & Statisticians will meet with the Bishop
10:00am	Board of Examiners and all candidates will meet with the Bishop (BOE and Candidates, please be on time, bring the official updated files of every candidate and be ready to report. Make sure you have applied the criteria or rules set by the AME Discipline and further emphasized by the Dean of the 7 th District)
11:00am	CLERGY MEETING WITH THE BISHOP
12:00pm	NOON DAY WORSHIP SERVICE Led by Women In Ministry
01:00pm	LUNCH BREAK
02:45pm	WORSHIP & PRAISE (BOE Candidates for Ministry)
03:00pm	OPENING BUSINESS SESSION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE ▪ Roll Call ▪ Transfers and Referrals ▪ Approval of Agenda ▪ Conference Organization Recommendations ▪ Conference Seating Boundary ▪ Presiding Elders' Summary Report
04:30pm	Acknowledgement & Recognition of Our Special Guests
04:45pm	DINNER BREAK
06:00pm	WMS "NIGHT IN WHITE" WORSHIP SERVICE

DAY 2 - THURSDAY

07:00am	BREAKFAST
08:15am	WORSHIP & PRAISE <i>(BOE Candidates for Ministry)</i>
08:15am	BIBLE EXPOSITORY
08:30am	BUSINESS SESSION 1
	Approval of the Minutes <i>(Minutes received the night before via email for review)</i>
09:00am	VIRTUAL PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS
10:00am	OPENING & HOLY SACRAMENT WORSHIP SERVICE
01:00pm	LUNCH BREAK
02:30pm	BUSINESS SESSION 2
	VIRTUAL PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS
03:15pm	ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
	- Financial Reports ✓ SED Budget Proposal ✓ Conference Treasurer's Report - Board of Examiners - Property, Deeds, & Abstracts - Missions, Circuits, & Stations - Abandoned Property - Conference Trustees - Presiding Elders Apportionment
05:00pm	DINNER BREAK
	<i>(SPECIAL CONFERENCE WITH THE BISHOP- PRE-ARRANGEMENT MUST BE MADE)</i>
06:30pm	SONS OF ALLEN WORSHIP SERVICE

DAY 3 - FRIDAY

07:00am	BREAKFAST		
08:00am	WORSHIP & PRAISE <i>(BOE Candidates for Ministry)</i>		
08:15am	VIRTUAL PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS		
08:45am	CONFERENCE INSTITUTE		
09:15am	BUSINESS SESSION 3		
	Approval of the Minutes <i>(Minutes received the night before via email for review)</i>		
09:30am	ADMINISTRATIVE AND MINISTRIES REPORTS		
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10:30am	CHURCH SCHOOL		

11:15am	MINI BREAK
11:30am	ORDINATION WORSHIP SERVICE
01:30pm	LUNCH BREAK
03:30pm	WORSHIP & PRAISE <i>(BOE Candidates for Ministry)</i>
03:45pm	BUSINESS SESSION 4
	COMPONENT REPORTS <i>(The Component Reports are printed in the Business Session Book. The Component Leader will be given 90 seconds on the floor of the Conference to make any impactful statement about the report, if needed.)</i> ▪ Women's Missionary Society ▪ Lay Organization ▪ Sons of Allen ▪ Women's In Ministry ▪ MSWAWO + PKs
	ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS <i>(The Administrative Reports are printed in the Business Session Book -- The Committee Leader will be given 90 seconds on the floor of the Conference to present Action Items Only)</i> ▪ Church Growth and Department ▪ Legislative Task Force ▪ Christian Education ✓ Church School ✓ Christian Debutantes & Masters ✓ RAYAC
	<i>All Literary Reports are included in the Annual Conference Business Session Book—a special thanks to all committees for their work. We hope all reports will inspire us to use the information for the common good of Kingdom building.</i>
04:30pm	RETIREMENT SERVICE
05:00pm	DINNER BREAK
07:00pm	LAY ORGANIZATION EMPHASIS SERVICE

DAY 4 - SATURDAY

07:00am	BREAKFAST
07:45am	WORSHIP & PRAISE <i>(Candidates for Ministry)</i>
08:00am	CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION Approval of the Minutes <i>(Minutes received the night before via email for review)</i> Statistical Report Disciplinary Question Resolution Expressions of Gratitude Motion to Adjourn
09:00am	YPD Worship Emphasis
10:00am	MINI BREAK
10:15 - 11:30am	ALLEN UNIVERSITY RALLY
12:00pm	CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE Presentation of Certificates Reading of Appointments Benediction

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South Carolina
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE PREACHERS & SPEAKERS

PALMETTO

WIM	<i>Rev. Sandra Ladson</i>
WMS	<i>Rev. Dr. Donna M. Calix</i>
OPENING	<i>Rev. Robert Kennedy</i>
SOA	<i>Rev. Dr. Michael I. Alston</i>
ORDINATION	<i>Presiding Elder Remus Harper</i>
LAY	<i>Ms. F. Renee Gaters, Esq.</i>
YPD	<i>Rev. Emmanuel Sellers</i>
CLOSING	<i>TBD</i>

SOUTH CAROLINA

WIM	<i>Rev. Leslie Graham</i>
WMS	<i>Rev. Yvonne Gregg</i>
OPENING	<i>Rev. Leon Maxwell</i>
SOA	<i>Rev. Lawrence E. Gordon</i>
ORDINATION	<i>Presiding Elder Juenarrl Keith</i>
LAY	<i>Rev. Dr. Eric R. Dent</i>
YPD	<i>Rev. Ricky Dennis</i>
CLOSING	<i>TBD</i>

PIEDMONT

WIM	<i>Rev. Lebbie Ligon</i>
WMS	<i>Rev. Annette Edward</i>
OPENING	<i>Rev. Arthur Raven</i>
SOA	<i>Rev. Patrick Mellerson</i>
ORDINATION	<i>Rev. Gregory Thomas</i>
LAY	<i>Mr. Amos Wells</i>
YPD	<i>Rev. Ricardo Herriott</i>
CLOSING	<i>TBD</i>

NORTHEAST

WIM	<i>Rev. Lisa P. Spears</i>
WMS	<i>Rev. April Jackson</i>
OPENING	<i>Rev. E. Robert Thomas</i>
SOA	<i>Rev. Shernard Barnes</i>
ORDINATION	<i>Presiding Elder Johnnie O. Coe</i>
LAY	<i>Rev. Dr. Debbie Bowens-Davis</i>
YPD	<i>Rev. Christopher Nowlin</i>
CLOSING	<i>Bishop Julius McAllister, Sr.</i>

COLUMBIA

WIM	<i>Rev. Vonda Gallman</i>
WMS	<i>Rev. Dr. Maxine R. Sumpter</i>
OPENING	<i>Rev. Kenneth Taylor</i>
SOA	<i>Rev. Phillip L. Washington</i>
ORDINATION	<i>Presiding Elder Rosalyn Coleman</i>
LAY	<i>Rev. Wallace Preston</i>
YPD	<i>Rev. Isaac William Spain</i>
CLOSING	<i>Rev. Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr.</i>

CENTRAL

WIM	<i>Rev. Patricia Montgomery</i>
WMS	<i>Rev. Tiffany Jamison-Weldon</i>
OPENING	<i>Rev. Jimmy L. Ravenel, Sr.</i>
SOA	<i>Rev. Harvey J. Doctor</i>
ORDINATION	<i>Presiding Elder Herbert Temoney</i>
LAY	<i>Rev. Lester Drayton</i>
YPD	<i>Rev. Sterling Dowling</i>
CLOSING	<i>TBD</i>