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Dear Pastors and Members of the 7th Episcopal District,

*Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our risen Savior.*

I greet you with deep gratitude for your tireless commitment to the work of ministry. You are the heartbeat of the 7th Episcopal District, and your leadership continues to be the spark that keeps *IGNITE* more than just a slogan — you are living proof that a small spark can indeed become a mighty flame. Your labor in the vineyard is what transforms words into witness, and faith into action.

As we continue to walk together in purpose and power, I come to you today requesting your full support and pastoral engagement in two key initiatives:

### 1. Music Ministry Sign-Up

At our most recent gathering, we were blessed by Dr. James Abbington, who reminded us of the sacred power and history of music in the life of the Black church — and especially within the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He called our attention to the deep spiritual legacy of our hymns and the need to be intentional about the sound we offer in worship. His presentation did more than inform us — it *enlightened, inspired, and challenged* us to reawaken our commitment to music ministry across the district.

In response, we are building a vibrant, district-wide music ministry. This is a collective opportunity to strengthen our musical witness and create meaningful moments of worship and praise at district events and beyond beginning with our summer meeting and annual conferences.

We are encouraging *all interested vocalists, musicians, and directors* to sign up and participate. There is room for every voice and every gift.

**Sign-Up Deadline: May 15, 2025**

**Sign-Up Link: [<https://bit.ly/2edMUSICMINISTRY>]**

Please help us spread the word in your congregations, newsletters, announcements, and social media platforms. Let's reignite our joyful noise — together.

### 2. Social Action Relief Fund Application

This fund is a direct response to our call to serve and support. As you are aware, the economic impact of the current presidential administration's policies has led to an unfortunate reality: some of our members have lost their federal jobs and are facing sudden financial strain and instability.

This *Social Action Emergency Fund* is specifically designed to respond to that need. It exists for *those who have lost their federal employment due to the administration's policies* — not in theory, but in real time.

We are asking for your help in making the application accessible to those in your congregations and communities who are directly affected. Share it widely. Encourage those in need to apply. Help us ensure this becomes the ministry we intend it to be — a *timely, compassionate response to real need in real time*.

**PDF Fillable Form** (Attached)

Pastors, we can't do this without you. These efforts require your voice, your visibility, and your ongoing support. Together, let us continue to embody the spirit of *IGNITE* — inspiring growth, nurturing impact, and transforming evangelism, in worship and in service.

In the Spirit to IGNITE,

James Levert Davis  
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