

NEW LIVES IN CHRIST

Calling All New A.M.E. Members

Introduce accessions to our 2004 year old rich tradition at your Annual Conference. Let them experience the excitement and meet the wider connectional family.

Incentives: A or B or C church bringing most new members will receive an award



Welcome cards to each new member as we celebrate them

OUR PLEDGE

We come to celebrate "**New Lives in Christ**" with those who have given their lives to Christ during this past conference year and have joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church Family. We welcome you and we pledge to nurture you as we assist in your preparation for discipleship. We shall offer to you the study of the Holy Scriptures as well as the study of the rich history and the Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We will support you in your quest to do God's will as you offer yourself to the ministry of your local church and community. *"It is our prayer that as God orders your steps; you will walk in His way, grow in His Spirit, and serve well in ministry and mission as a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church."*

Making Our Presence Seen

2020

The **2020 United States presidential election**, scheduled for Tuesday, **November 3, 2020**, will be the 59th quadrennial U.S. presidential election. Voters will select presidential electors who in turn on December 14, 2020, will either elect a new president and vice president or re-elect the incumbents. In the event that no candidate receives the minimum 270 electoral votes needed to win the election, the United States House of Representatives will select the president from three candidates that received the most electoral votes, and the United States Senate will select the vice president from the candidates that received the two highest totals. The series of presidential primary elections and caucuses are likely to be held during the first six months of 2020. This nominating process is also an indirect election, where voters cast ballots selecting a slate of delegates to a political party's nominating convention, who then in turn elect their party's presidential nominee.



Church Mutual Affinity



James L. Davis, Servant Bishop

Arelis B. Davis, WMS Supervisor

May 28, 2019

Dear Pastor and Church Leader,

Buying insurance for your congregation is often a confusing and time-consuming process. There is much to consider in making this decision especially in this day of uncertainty.

We want you to know of a recent action by all five (5) annual conferences that may be of benefit to you and may help make purchasing insurance an easier decision for you and your church. We selected Church Mutual Insurance Company of Merrill, Wisconsin to provide an affinity property and casualty insurance program designed exclusively for the 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church.


There were several reasons we decided to make this group plan available to the churches of our district.

- First, if you are insured by Church Mutual you will be automatically enrolled into the Safety Dividend Plan, where you can earn up to a 10% dividend back, based on the group's overall loss ratio. *(Please note the correction from the earlier letter.)*
- Second, Church Mutual has been said to offers comprehensive and flexible coverage that can be tailored to fit our unique insurance needs.
- Third, Church Mutual has been working churches and religious entities for over 120 years.

Please know that participation in this affinity program by your church is on a **voluntary** basis, and you are under no obligation to participate. If you are interested in receiving a quote for the Maryland & DC area you can call Mike Ricci directly at 215.828.1327 or e-mail him at mricci@churchmutual.com. For the North Carolina and Virginia areas you can call Rodney Maye at 919.669.9143 or email him at rmaye@churchmutual.com.

I encourage you to learn about the advantages of this excellent plan, and I hope that this new affinity program will assist your church in providing for your insurance needs.

In the Spirit of Advancing the Kingdom,


James L. Davis
Servant Bishop

2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE



OVERVIEW

- Dr. Lewis 2020 General Conference Opening
- Registration – Delegate/Alternate & Observer
- VIP Registration/AMEC Member Card
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2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE OPENING

- We are happy to announce that observer registration and housing for the 2020 General Conference is now open.
- To register – go to www.ame-church.com and click on the General Conference information page.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEES DISTRICTS 1-13

- Delegates Fee \$275
- Alternate Fee \$250
- Due: November 15, 2019

GENERAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

General Conference Fees	2020
Bishops	\$275
General Officers	\$275
Supervisors/Spouses (Stage)	\$275
*Connectional Officer	\$275
Delegates	\$275
Alternates	\$250
Regular Observers	\$125
Non Voting/ Not on Stage	\$250
Observer (Active Military)	\$115
Virtual (Streaming)	Donations
Student (w/valid college ID)	\$50
Youth (ages 5-18)	\$25
Mail in additions cost	N/A
AT 2020 GC Additional Fee	\$10
Day Passes	\$50
*Fee for All Persons voting	\$275
Non-Voting & Special Seating	\$250

2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE HOUSING AND REGISTRATION DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

- Delegates and Alternates will register and reserve housing through their district
- The registration and housing site for the delegate and alternates is also going live this week.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW.....

- **2020 Goal: Register 8,000 Observers**

- June–Dec. 31, 2019: \$115
- Jan– March 31, 2020: \$120
- After March 31, 2020: \$125

Note: Member card is required for discounted price

- **Active Military Disc. \$115**

- **ID Required: Price remains the same June 2019– June 2020**

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- **All Connectional Officer's must register as VIP**

- \$275 (Stage Seating)
- \$275 (Voting)
- \$250 (Non-Voting)

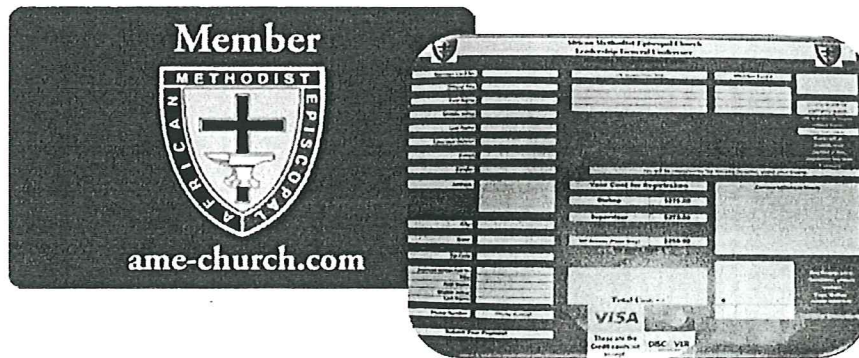
Note: If you register under regular observers, the difference will be due on site. All delegates/connectional officer's must register through VIP registration.

- **Virtual (Stay at Home) Component**

- **Fee: none; donations, sponsorships and ads accepted**

- **Day pass \$50 (purchase on day of, no prior or on-line purchase and seating behind the regular observers)**

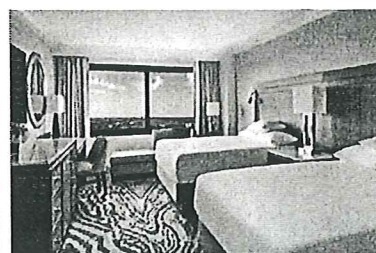
What's new for the 2020 General Conference? Member card and VIP Registration!



Using your A.M.E. Church member card "number" for the registration process, you will be able to pre-populate information as you register for the 2020 General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Please make sure you have updated your member card information.

2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE – HOTELS

- Seven hotels have been contracted to accommodate the General Conference block and observers
- Average contracted room rate is \$146/night
- Most hotels are attached to the convention center by skywalk



OBSERVER HOUSING

- Observers will gain access to the housing site after their registration is completed. Only one room is allowed per registration.
- Delegates & Alternates are given priority to the closest rooms to the convention facility. Observer rooms will be available in some delegate hotels as well as hotels closest to the delegate blocks.

Note: 4 night room deposit will be required per Observer reservation

GENERAL CONFERENCE CALL CENTER

- Housing and registration is only available online but our call center is available to offer registration and housing assistance.
- Call Center is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST
- Toll free number is **1-833-628-6180**
- Email **support@amec-2020gc.org**

GENERAL CONFERENCE FEES OPENING & CLOSING DISTRICTS 1-13

Delegates and Alternates

- \$100 opening & \$100 closing = \$200
- Due: January 15, 2020

GENERAL CONFERENCE FEES

Hotel Fee Districts 1-20:

- Due per Allocation: February 1, 2020
- Districts rooming list returned: April 1, 2020
- Adjustments by April 15, 2020 & Final Invoice

Quarterly General Budget Assessment Due:

- December 15, 2019
- March 15, 2020
- June 15, 2020

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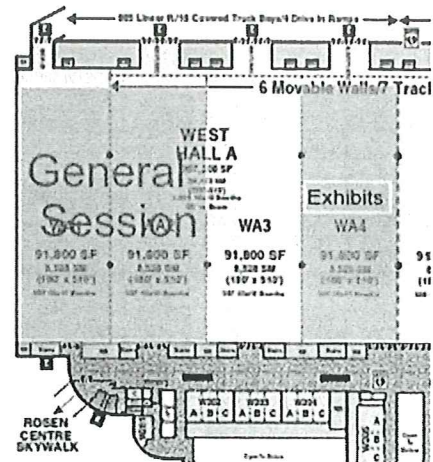
March 15, 2020

June 15, 2020

GENERAL SESSIONS

West Building Level II - Exhibit I

- **General Session** will be in West Hall A1-2 (seating for approx. 15,000)
- **Exhibits** in West Hall A4



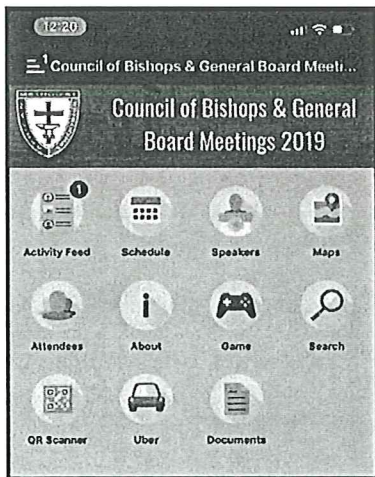
2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE VIRTUAL VIEWING

We will live stream the following events at the General Conference:

- Opening Worship Service
- Presidential Candidate Visit
- Sunday Worship Service
- Retirement Ceremony
- Closing Worship Service

Note: While registration is free, there will be opportunities for you to donate online.

AMEC MOBILE APP



- New and improved mobile-integrated app
- Updated reports, minutes and more
- Access to Uber, Lyft, and Facebook
- Connect with delegates and other conference attendees
- Banner advertisements
- Available on the Android and iOS mobile platforms
- Available now for this General Board and Council of Bishops Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORABILIA

SHOP GENERAL CONFERENCE SWAG!

Get your official General Conference swag in advance while registering for the 2020 General Conference or online at amebookstore.org. Merchandise can be ordered online beginning June 26, 2019 or can be purchased onsite at the general conference while supplies last.

SPORTS CAPS

[Sizes: S/M, M/L, L/XL]

Featuring classy snapbacks in green or white caps....\$15

MUGS

Enjoy your favorite warm or cold beverage as you remember this historical General Conference sipping from this winter-white mug....\$6

LAPEL PINS

Add a bit of sparkle and splash with this distinguished lapel pin from the 51st General Session of the Quadrennial Conference in elegant goldtone....\$5

POLO SHIRTS

[Sizes: S-4XL]

Comfortable, classic polo green or pristine white, these sleek shirts feature a full color emblem of the 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference\$25



REMEMBER YOUR SWAG!

Prices are stated in US dollars and do not include shipping and handling fees. Shipping is only available in the continental US.

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**Connectional Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church
36th Biennial Session
Hyatt Regency Bellevue
Bellevue, Washington**

30 June - 5 July, 2019

**Proposed Amendments
submitted to the
CLO Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

Bishop E Earl McCloud, Jr. Lay Commission Chairperson

Mrs. Valarie Gary Bell, President

Ms. Ametta L. Reeves, Director of Lay Activities

Miss Jamesha J Williams Young Adult Representative

Mrs. Ethel M. Wallace-Jenkins, Committee Chair

Mrs. Libertha Mutambo, Committee Vice Chair

Ms. Gloria A McClam, Committee Secretary

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Title:	Membership
Reference:	Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016, Article III– Section 1e, page 473
Rationale:	To correct the previously omitted text which was approved by the Connectional Lay Organization.
Current Text:	All Conference Lay Organization Presidents.
Amended Text:	All Conference Lay Organization Presidents; and Directors of Lay Activities and Young Adult Representatives (YAR)

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Title:	Membership
Reference:	Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016, Article III– Section 1h, page 473
Rationale:	To increase participation and expand the current membership empowered to serve as delegates to the Lay Biennial. Financial support is not mandated
Current Text:	h. Each president or elected representative of each organized Station or Circuit organization.
Amended Text:	h. Each president, and Director of Lay Activities and Young Adult Representative of each organized Station or Circuit organization. i. Six (6) elected delegates from each organized Station or Circuit, of whom at least one (1) shall be a young adult Representative ages 18-35.

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Title:	Committees
Reference:	Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016, Article XIV Section 8, page 492.
Rationale:	<p>To amend the composition of the Budget and Finance Committee, adding the Financial Secretary.</p> <p>It currently lists the Treasurer as the only elected officer who serves on the committee. However, on page 476, Article V-Officers Duties and Responsibilities, Section 1., subsection I.2. The Financial Secretary is listed to serve as a member of the Budget and Finance committee.</p>
Current Text:	Section 8-The Budget and Finance Committee composed of the Treasurer and other members for a total of no more than seven (7) members shall be appointed by the President.
Amended Text:	Section 8-The Budget and Finance Committee composed of the Treasurer, Financial secretary and other members for a total of no more than seven (7) members shall be appointed by the President.

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Title:	Meetings
Reference:	Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2016, Article X Section 4, page 490.
Rationale:	<p>To amend the dates of reporting elected Biennial delegates from April 1 and May 1 of the Biennial year to January 1 and February 1.</p> <p>The Connectional Lay Organization is moving to an on-line registration process. To facilitate this process, the election of delegates should be completed by December 31 of the year preceding the Biennial for a more effective planning and implementation of the automated registration process.</p>
Current Text:	Section 4-All delegates to the Biennial session must be elected at a regular or properly convened meeting. The names and addresses of all delegates must be submitted

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Subsection 1 should always be followed by a Subsection 2, if there is no Subsection 2, the indicator of 1,

is not necessary. If there is a Subsection A, then there needs to be a Subsection B.

Areas of the Constitution that are reflected in the above issues:

- Article VII – Qualifications of Officers

Sections 2, 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15 and 16 have Subsection A without Subsection B.

- Article XII – Powers and Jurisdictions has a Subsection 1, without a Subsection 2.
- Article XVI – Amendment Section 1 has a Subsection 1 without a Subsection 2
- Annual should be added in front of Conference where applicable.

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Title: Voting Privileges

Reference: Article XI, Section 2

Rationale: Currently, the Lay Organization lacks an “Election Emergency Amendment” that empowers the CLO Executive Board to adequately respond to emergency crises. Due to the impact of global warming, most Annual Conferences have dealt with natural disasters. Absentee voting allowance only in those special emergency situations would ensure that the protection and integrity of the election process would be maintained. It is not the will of the body to disenfranchise any member, have unnecessary Constitutional issues or hinder the work of the CLO.

5th Episcopal District – 2 submissions

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Title:	Committees
Reference:	2016 AME Discipline, Article XIV, Section 2, Page 491.
Intent:	To amend the Standing Committees to include the Budget and Finance Committee.
Rationale:	In order for the organization to run efficiently the Budget and Finance Committee should be a Standing Committee that works not only during the Convention but throughout the year to ensure the budget is functioning to its fullest ability.
Current Text:	Standing Committees shall be the following: Proposed Legislation, Constitution and Bylaw, and the AME V-Alert.
Amended Text:	Standing Committees shall be the following: Proposed Legislation, Constitution and Bylaw, the AME V-Alert and Budget and Finance .

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Title:	Membership
Reference:	Article IV, Section 2B, Page 473, 2016 Discipline
Intent:	To eliminate confusion as to the voting status of any past president who has been awarded Emeritus status and to determine any financial responsibilities of the Lay Organization at all levels and to define the role and the role and qualifications of the office of President Emeritus defined in the By-laws.
Rationale:	To really define this role so that every past president is not automatically considered President Emeritus. Also, to determine what financial obligation is connected to this position.
Current Text:	All persons holding the designation and/or office of President Emeritus.
Amended Text:	Move Article IV, Section 2B to the Bylaws of the CLO beginning on page 473. Add Section 10, Page 496, Emeritus Presidents are past presidents who have served 8 years in office, and an active

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Title:	Committees
Reference:	Article XIV, the Book-of Discipline 2016, Section 2 (Page 491)
Intent:	To make the Organizational and Officers Effectiveness Committee a Standing Committee of the CLO
Rationale:	In order to perform the duties assigned this committee, the Organizational and Officers Effectiveness Committee will provide guidelines, implementation and corrective actions when deemed necessary. This committee should be in place in case the need arises. We should note that this committee is also responsible for developing, presenting and implementing the process and tools for the Officers evaluation. (Article XIV – Committees, Section 10, Page 493.
Current Text:	Standing Committees are appointed to implement specific goals, objectives and programs that advance of and are vital to the functioning of the Connectional Lay Organization. Standing Committees shall be the following: Proposed Legislation Constitution and Bylaw and AME V-Alert.
Amended Text:	Standing Committees are appointed to implement specific goals, objectives and programs that advance of and are vital to the functioning of the Connectional Lay Organization. Standing Committees shall be the following: Proposed Legislation Constitution and Bylaw and AME V-Alert and Organizational and Officers Effectiveness.

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Title:	Subordinate Bodies
Reference:	Article XV – Subordinate Bodies. The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church 2016.
Intent:	To list the frequencies of meetings for the Episcopal Districts, Annual Conferences, Districts of the Annual Conference Lay Organization (where they exist).
Rationale:	Currently the Discipline lists the “Station/charge or circuit Lay Organization” as required meeting not less than eleven (11) times

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Members

1. Ethel M Wallace-Jenkins, Chair
2. Libertha Mutambo, Vice-Chair
3. Gloria A McClam, Secretary
4. Patricia Thornhill
5. Penny Oliver
6. Sonya Nelson
7. Vernon Kelly
8. Donald Russell
9. Larry Rhodes
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11. Nona Simpkins
12. Earline Sanders
13. Yvett Vant
14. Robert Chambliss
15. Tamara Bonner Royster
16. Ethel Scruggs
17. Ruben Braziel
18. Donald Russell
19. Naomi Berry
20. James Darden
21. T Ciapha Carey
22. Arnold Dennis Okoni-Williams
23. Gerrit De Bruyn
24. Ceasar Kachusha
25. Thomas Mahlatsi
26. Solomon Hamese
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