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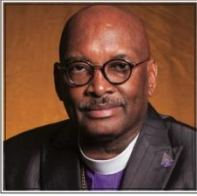
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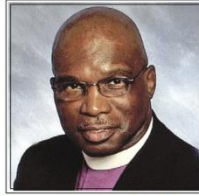
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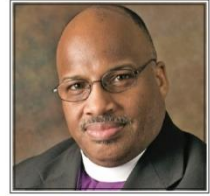
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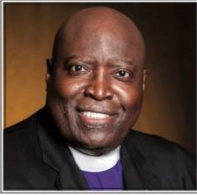
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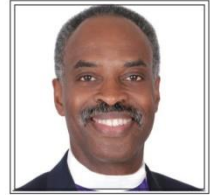
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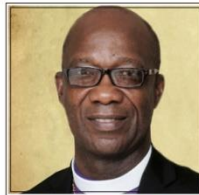
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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.

Bishop Seth O. Lartey, Presiding

The Prelude .....Congregation in Meditation

The Processional Hymn .....“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

1. *Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing; Your glorious banner wave on high; The Cross of Christ your King, Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*
2. *Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maidens fair, Raise high your free, exulting song, God’s wondrous praise declare. Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*
3. *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. Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*
4. *Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array, As warriors thro the darkness toil Till dawns the golden day. Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing. Amen*

The Call to Worship .....Bishop Seth O. Lartey

**Bishop: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.**

*People: The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works*

**Bishop: The Lord is near us as we call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.**

*Unison: For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods.*

The Invocation .....Bishop U. U. Effiong

*(after singing Holy, Holy, Holy)*

***O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore; Let the whole earth also worship You, all nations obey You, all tongues confess and bless You; and men and women everywhere love You and serve You in peace. Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another Your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!***

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously defending bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds, Hast thou not know his sustaining?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee, Ponder a new what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.*
4. *Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.*
5. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.*

*“Trust in the Lord”*

**Bishop:** **Fret not yourself because of the wicked, be not envious of the wrongdoers!**

*People:* *For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.*

**Bishop:** **Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.**

*People:* *Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

**Bishop:** **Commit your ways to the Lord; trust in Him, and he will bring it to pass.**

*People:* *He will bring forth your vindication as the light, and your right as the noonday.*

**Bishop:** **Fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

*Unison:* *For the wicked shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord shall possess the land.*

The Affirmation of Faith	.....Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam “The Apostles’ Creed”
The Old Testament Lesson	.....Bishop W. Darin Moore II Chronicles 16:1-9 (NRSV)
The Gloria Patri	
The New Testament Lesson	.....Bishop Louis Hunter Matthew 22:34-38 (NLT)
The Morning Prayer	.....Bishop Darryl B. Starnes “Draw Me Nearer”
The Choral Selection	Alabama-Florida Mass Choir “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
The Ministry of Kindness Offering	Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr. (\$20 asking) Bishop Frencher shared several scriptures
The Music of Inspiration	“I Just to Praise You”
The Presentation of the Preacher	..... <i>Bishop Kenneth Monroe</i>
The Hymn of Preparation	..... <i>Bishop George C. Walker, Sr.</i>

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

1. *I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode, The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.*
2. *I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand, Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand..*
3. *For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend, To her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end.*
4. *Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.*
5. *Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heaven. Amen.*

The Sermon .....*Bishop Staccato Powell, Presiding Bishop Western Episcopal District*  
*Prayer by Bishop Powell*  
*Salutations to Bishop Battle in absentia and others. He thanked the church for the privilege of preaching today.*

**Scripture: II Chronicles 16:9**



*“For the eyes of the Lord are ranging throughout the earth to strengthen the hearts of those who are loyal (fully committed) to Him”*

**Sermon Title:** **“Fully Committed”**

**Premise:** *The thing we’re missing the most are hearts that are fully committed to God. There’s nothing more disconcerting to God than to have lukewarm half-hearted children*

Story of Billy Baker in the Great American and the Story of the Chicken and the Pig...

Abraham never returned to the Ur of the Chaldeans because his heart was fully committed to God. He never turned back but turned fully towards God;

-Moses...

-David...

When you’re fully committed, there are several non-negotiable you have to follow:

**1. You have to see the Lord as the Source**

- a. If you can see the Lord as the Source of all of your help, you can make it.
- b. When you remember that God has been your Source, then you can make it.

**2. You have to seek the Lord Solely**

- a. Don’t look to the left, nor to the right, but look to the hills from whence comes your help.

**3. You have to Serve the Lord Solidly**

- a. Regardless of what the people do to you, keep serving Him.

**4. You have to seek God Soaringly**

- a. You’ve got to look beyond your present circumstances to allow God to take you where He wants you to be.
- b. “I believe I can fly...”

The prevalent question: Do you need God to strengthen you: does anybody need any help?



Motion Carried

Assistant Secretary

Bishop U.U. Effiong

Motion: Bishop Kenneth Monroe  
Second: Bishop George Crenshaw  
Motion Carried

Treasurer

Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.

Motion: Bishop W. Darin Moore  
Second: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor  
Motion Carried

Chaplain

Bishop Darryl B. Starnes

Motion: Bishop Staccato Powell  
Second: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor  
Motion Carried

Assistant Chaplain

Bishop Seth O. Lartey

Motion: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes  
Second: Bishop Staccato Powell  
Motion Carried

Bishop Moore rose to express gratitude to Bishop Lartey for his stellar leadership. Overwhelming applause came from the body, after which the exchange of the Presidency was extended to Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.

Southwestern Delta came and extended gifts of congratulations and commendation on Bishop and Mrs, Frencher.

Bishop Powell presented Bishop Frencher with a gift.

Remarks were given by President Frencher regarding the Quadrennial Plank of Reaching our Potential using the T.E.A.M. approach. Teaching, Evangelism, Accountability, and Ministry.

1. We must believe in who and who's we are;
2. We must stop settling for the mediocre (Go BIG for God); and
3. We must come out of our comfort zones and go into our communities;
4. We must stay positive and never give up.

He thanked God for the Southwestern Delta for their support and to his colleagues for their support in allowing him to work with them.

The Announcements/Notices .....*Bishop Kenneth Monroe*

*Bishop Powell thanked the Western Episcopal District for their support.  
The Benediction .....Bishop Staccato Powell*

The Recessional  
Lunch

**Thursday, July 11, 2019– 3:00 pm**  
**Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., Presiding**

Devotion Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.  
Romans 10:1-9  
Prayed the Lord’s Prayer

**The Reports**

General Secretary –Auditor .....*The Reverend Dr. J. Elvin Sadler*  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop Mildred Hines*  
*Second: Bishop Monroe*

*One unreadiness regarding the electronic version of the Book of Discipline (Dr. Yvonne Tracey). There was a concern regarding protection of the materials. The concern has been addressed and the Board of Bishops will provide guidance on the release of the version.*

*Motion Carried.*

Finance Department .....*Dr. Shirley Welch*  
(see report)

*The prescribed note that was voted on to be liquidated is on its way to liquidation and the debt will be totally liquidated by July, 2019.*

*Motion: Bishop W. Darin Moore, on behalf of Bishop George*  
*Second: Bishop George Crenshaw*  
*Unreadiness by many (Dr. Vilma Leake, Mrs. Lula Howard, Dr. Gregory Smith, Dr. Terry Jones and Bishop Staccato Powell)*  
*Motion Carried.*

*Motion: Bishop W. Darin Moore moved the official mortgage burning of the Varick Renaissance Center at the site of the 2020 General Conference.*

Chief Operating Officer/ .....*Mr. Herbert Watkins*  
Business Manager. (see report)

Updates: Roof completed and tax savings at a cost in excess of \$300,000.00.  
All General Officer department migrate information to the main server.

*Motion: Bishop W. Darin Moore moved that all departments migrate to the central server, that all churches purchase our church school literature.  
Moved to adoption by Bishop Lartey.*

*Second: Dr. Alfred Carson  
Unreadiness; Bishop Louis Hunter, and Bishop George Crenshaw  
Motion Carried.*

The President asked Dr. Vergel Lattimore to make his remarks.

The Lilly Foundation has established a five year grant to assist clergy in their early stages of growth;

The Templeton Foundation provided a \$70,000.00 grant for faith, sciences and history which will be launched this fall. Hood was recommended to participate in the grant by the American Theological Seminary.

The Seminary is beginning an online hybrid program where students will come onsite four times a semester and the remaining classes will be done online. The Board of Trustees has approved a full degree hybrid program to begin in two years.

Dr. Lattimore was commended for his work by the Council.

Executive Director, Department of Church....*Reverend Dr. Otis T. McMillan*  
Growth & Development (see report)

*Motion: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes  
Second: Bishop Seth O. Lartey  
Unreadiness: (Words of commendation by Dr. Clifford Barnette, Elder Willa Estelle, and Reverend Darrell Williams)  
Motion Carried.*

Chief Communications Officer/Editor, Star of Zion .....*Mrs. Addie Lisby*  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop George Crenshaw  
Second: Bishop Kenneth  
Unreadiness: (Dr. Vilma Leake, Dr. Eric Leake)  
Motion Carried.*

Zion Benefits Services .....*Dr. David Aiken*  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop Seth O. Lartey*

*Second: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes*

*Unreadiness: (Elder Erlinda Dobson (commendation), Dr. Gregory Smith (amend the motion be redirected to the Connectional Budget Board for action to increase the death benefit from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and be deferred to CBB for action) and Mrs. Ruth Gough, recommendation to use words that state that sexual misconduct is strictly prohibited in our churches) Dr. Vilma Leake (recommended that widows benefit be increased from \$60.00 as referred to the CBB))*

*Motion Carried.*

*Executive Director/Editor.....The Reverend Dr. Dwight B. Cannon  
Department of Global Missions & Missionary Seer (see report)*

*Motion: Bishop Kenneth Monroe*

*Second: Dr. Kathy McFadden*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Staccato Powell (commendations), Dr. Anthony Witherspoon (commendations), Bishop Effiong (commendation and gratitude for work).*

*Motion Carried.*

Announcements  
Closing Prayer  
Dinner

Bishop Kenneth Monroe  
Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam

## **Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 7:00 pm**

**Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., Presiding**

### **The Welcome Program**

The Prelude .....Congregation in Meditation

The Call to Worship

The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise

The Lesson from the Holy Scripture

The Evening Prayer

The Music of Inspiration

The Presentation of The Presiding Bishop

The Acknowledgements  
The Response to Welcome  
The Evening Offering

## Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 7:00 pm

The Introduction of Preacher .....*Bishop George E. Battle, Jr*  
The Music of Preparation  
The Sermon .....*Bishop George D. Crenshaw, Presiding Bishop  
Central Southern Africa Episcopal District*

### “Walking with a Limp”

Scripture Genesis 42

Premise: We all are one step away from being Jacob.

1. He discovers himself;
2. He discovers his shortcomings;
  - a. Out of all of the stuff he’s done, he never realizes that his life is out of order.
3. He discovers his savior;
  - a. Jacob was misdiagnosed: He was looking for grace when what he needed was mercy;
  - b. We need to learn how to hold on so that we can tell God thank you!

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
The Announcements  
The Benediction

## Friday, July 12, 2019 – 9:30 am Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., Presiding

Devotion

Scripture: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes

Prayer: Bishop U.U. Effiong

### The Reports

International President – W. H. & O. M. Society .....*Dr. Sandra Gadson*  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop Kenneth Monroe*

*Second: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes*

*Unreadiness: (Bishop Starnes (commendation), Dr. Eric Leake (commendations from her pastor at Martin Temple), Bishop Lartey (commendations), Dr. Brenda Smith (acknowledgement of Dr. Gadsen being President of the North American section of the World Methodist Women) Motion Carried.*

Executive Director– W. H. & O. M. Society .....Mrs. Rosetta Dunham  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop Seth O. Lartey  
Second: From the floor  
Motion Carried.*

Treasurer – W. H. & O. M. Society .....Mrs. Jacqueline French  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop Kenneth Monroe  
Second: Bishop Seth O. Lartey  
Motion Carried.*

Secretary-Treasurer – Christian Education .....Dr. Brenda L.G. Smith  
(see report)

*Motion: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor  
Second: Dr. Myrtle Bowen  
Unreadiness: (Dr. Myrtle Bowen (commendations), Dr. Anthony Witherspoon (commendations), Dr. Vilma Leake (commendations), Dr. Ava Swinton (commendations), Reverend Robin Anderson (commendation), Reverend Patrick Barrett (commendations), Mrs. Lula Howard (commendations)  
Motion Carried.*

Bishop W. Darin Moore read the official statement coming from the Board of Bishops regarding the state of affairs in Nigeria and moves the that Connectional Council goes on record as supporting the statement of the Board of Bishops. (see report)

Second: Dr. Eric Leake  
Unreadiness: Dr. Vilma Leake wants to know the action plans from the Board of Bishops.

Action will be taken by both the Board of Bishops in conjunction with the National Council of Churches.



Bishop Effiong gave a statement of thanks regarding the action of the Council.

Motion Carried.

Bishop Moore then read the statement regarding the crisis on the southern border of the USA. (see report)

Motion to Accept: Bishop W. Darin Moore

Second: Bishop George Crenshaw

Unreadiness: Dr. Vilma Leake ask that both of these statements be printed in the Star of Zion. Elder Hannah Broome (be aware of ICE deputizing sheriffs to become ICE agents to detain people of color).

Motion Carried.

President – Connectional Lay Council .....*Dr. Mary Matthews (see report)*

*Motion: Bishop Kenneth Monroe*

*Second: Bishop Joseph Johnson*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Starnes (commendation), Dr. Yvonne Tracey (commendations) Leondras Davis (commendations), Dr. Vilma Leake (commendations)*

*Motion Carried.*

President – Clinton College.....*Reverend Dr. Lester A. McCorn (see report)*

*Dr. McCorn was also named as one of the 10 most dynamic HBCU leaders. President Frencher stated that the report was well worth the wait.*

*Motion: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor*

*Second: Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Proctor (commendation), Bishop Lartey (commendation and asked about expansion). Dr. McCorn stated that 25 acres is being planned for use. Bishop Moore (commendation), Dr. Brenda Smith (commendations), Dr. Eric Leake (commendations), Dr. Vilma Leake (commendations and remembering Dr. Sallie V. Moreland)*

*Motion Carried.*

Interim Management Committee Chair.....*Mr. Peter Kamel & Dr. Benjamin Lartey – A.M.E. Zion University (see report)*

*Motion: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor*

*Second: Dr. Willie Evans*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor (commendations), Bishop Staccato*

*Powell (commendations), Bishop S.C. Ekemam (commendations)  
Motion Carried.*

*Addendum to the Global Missions Report Bishop Kenneth Monroe  
Recommending nine annual conferences (five by CSA and four by WED,  
totaling 43,000 members and 634 churches. Bishop Monroe asked the  
Council to send the recommendation to the General Conference. (see report)*

President Frencher ask for questions: Dr. Vilma Leake ask what is the cost to bringing in these annual conferences? Bishop Powell stated: There will be no costs to the General Church with bringing these churches into the denomination. Bishop Crenshaw stated that there will be some cost associated but the mission of the Great Commission is more paramount. Bishop Powell further stated that there will be a model in place by the 2020 General Conference to support the mission efforts. Dr. Yvonne Tracey commended the increase and asked for a plan to develop the model for mission going into the General Conference. Bishop Lartey stated to have no fear because Zion of today is headed in a new direction. Bishop Monroe stated that even though Bishop Powell has developed a model, we need to understand that it will cost us something. Ruth Stevens: That representation will reflect the impact of how our church is impacted.

Motion: The Connectional Council accept the recommendation of Global Missions to present these Annual Conferences for reception during the General Conference for review and approval.

Second. Dr. David Aiken

Unreadiness: Patrice Counts (commendation)

Motion Carried.

We will reconvene at 3:00 P.M.

Announcements

Grace

Lunch

Bishop Kenneth Monroe

Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.

## **Friday, July 12, 2019 – 3:00 pm** **Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., Presiding**

Devotion- Bishop W. Darin Moore – Scripture

Bishop Kenneth Monroe - Prayer

### **The Reports**

President – Hood-Speaks Theological Seminary .....*Reverend Dr. D.J. Ekpo*  
Bishop U.U. Effiong Presenting

*(see report)*

*President Frencher thanked Bishop Effiong and Dr. Ekpo for awarding him the honorary doctoral degree.*

*Motion: Bishop Staccato Powell*

*Second: Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Ekemam (commendation), Bishop Lartey (strategy in place to provide). He stated that they would be handled through Global Missions and find other means to transport. Bishop Lartey (ask people who donate books to add a contribution for shipping. Bishop Effiong stated that they are opened to both hard and soft copies.*

*Motion Carried.*

*Coordinator – Lomax-Hannon .....Reverend Dr. Claude Shuford  
Junior College. Dr. Kathy McFadden, presenting (see report)*

*Motion: Bishop Seth Lartey*

*Second: Bishop Darryl Starnes*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Lartey (commendations), Ms. Joyce Zimmerman asked if there will continue to be a relationship with Hood. The answer was yes  
Motion Carried.*

*Pan Methodist Commission ..... Dr. Mary A. Love  
No Report*

*Executive Director – Harriett Tubman Home .....Ms. Karen Hill  
(see report)*

*Motion: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor*

*Second: Bishop Seth O. Lartey*

*Unreadiness: Bishop Proctor (commendations), Bishop George W.C. Walker, Sr. (commendations), Bishop Moore (commendation of history recording the names of Reverend Lula Williams and Bishop Milton A. Williams were instrumental in resurging the Harriett Tubman Home, and celebrated Bishops George W.C. Walker, Sr., Dennis V. Proctor for their leadership), Bishop Lartey (asked about the status of the \$20.00) Ms. Hill stated that Senator Charles Schumer has requested an investigation as to why the bill has been postponed due to the Trump Administration. Dr. Melanie Miller (commendations), Dr. David Aiken (commendations and speaking to the number of people visiting the Home). Ms. Hill’s response was that many are coming to visit the Home, but are primarily white children. Mrs. Lula Howard state that the Connectional Lay Council donated \$50,000.00 in 1993 and has taken chartered buses three times. Make plans to*

*take others to the Harriet Tubman Home. Dr. Vilma Leake (commendations).  
Motion Carried.*

Manager – Camp Barber .....*Bishop Dennis V. Proctor  
No Report*

Director of Public Affairs .....*Reverend George E. McKain, II  
(see report)*

*Attending to business at Rosen Shingle.*

Dr. Vernon Shannon rose to acknowledge the leadership of the President and the Council rose to commend the President of the Board. It was also dittoed by Dr. Brenda Smith and that Bishop Proctor announced that the CME will now purchase their Church School Literature from us and that the Winter Meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC.

After making final comments, prayer was asked by Bishop George W.C. Walker, Sr. after singing “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”.

The Connectional Council ended at Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:54 P.M. EDT

Dinner

**Friday, July 12, 2019 – 7:30 pm**  
**Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., Presiding**

Music

The Sermon .....Reverend Dr. Sondra M. Coleman, Presiding Elder  
Birmingham District – North Alabama Annual Conference

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Offering

The Announcements

The Benediction

Respectfully Submitted,



The Reverend J. Elvin Sadler, D.Min.,  
General Secretary-Auditor  
The A.M.E. Zion Church



## Bishop Staccato Powell

### Western Episcopal District

Bishop Powell is a humble servant from Hallsboro, North Carolina. Bishop Powell accepted God's calling on his life and delivered his first sermon at the tender age of 16. Soon after, he received his first assignment to pastor at 18. His testimony as a survivor fortifies his faith of the favor placed upon his life and ministry. Having more than 35 years of experience, evangelism, exposure and ecumenism, Bishop Powell undeniably understands the desires and needs of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Bishop Powell has exemplified his commitment to human service in various capacities. He was previously appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer of Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) of America and as Deputy General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. He is also a former member of the National Board of the Interfaith Alliance, Balm in Gilead Religious Advisory Board, the National Conference of Community and Justice, and World Methodist Council.

He is currently a Central Committee member of the World Council of Churches as the AME Zion representative, as well as an Adjunct Professor in the Doctorate of Ministry Program at Hood Theological Seminary. In 2010, Bishop Powell served as coordinator for the historic Great Gathering of the AME Zion, AME and CME denominations held in Columbia, SC. The Gathering's main focus was "the state and condition of the African-American male" known as The Male Investment Plan (MIP). Its purpose is to keep young African American males out of the prison system by facilitating Saturday Academies that edify educational, health, economic and spiritual enrichment to young men ages 5-25.

Prior to his last pastorate at Grace AME Zion in Raleigh, NC, Bishop Powell held pastorates at Brown Chapel in Southport, NC; Rehobeth in Clarkton, NC; St. John in Wilson, NC; and Washington Metropolitan in St. Louis, MO. He holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Master of Divinity degree from Duke University; and Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree from North Carolina Central University.

In July of 2016 at the Fiftieth General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, he was elected the One Hundred and Second Bishop

in the line of succession! He is currently serving as the Presiding Prelate of the Western Episcopal District, which includes the Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Oregon-Washington and Southwest Rocky Mountains Conferences.

His most esteemed role is being the father of two children, Staccato Keithan; Pastor of Fisher Chapel AME Zion Church in Phoenix and Susan Elizabeth Nicole, Missionary Supervisor of the Western Episcopal District.



## Bishop George D. Crenshaw

Central Southern Africa Episcopal District

Born in Jefferson County Alabama, Bishop Crenshaw was ordained as a Christian Minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in 1986. He is married to the former Laurena Hardy of Birmingham, Alabama and is the father of two children, Quentin Dewayne and Kennedy Diane.

Bishop Crenshaw has had a blessed and productive life in ministry having served in the capacities of Pastor and Presiding Elder. As a Pastor, Dr. Crenshaw has served in Calcis, Alabama; Indianapolis, Indiana; Cheraw, SC; Lancaster SC, and in Smyrna Georgia at the Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. His position as Presiding Elder has placed him in the Indianapolis District, Cheraw-Bennettsville District and Lancaster District.

Among his many accolades, Bishop Crenshaw holds an Honorary Doctorate Degree from both Clinton College and Livingstone College; a B.A. from Indiana University, a Masters of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary, and a high school diploma from McAdory High School in McCalla, Alabama

Bishop Crenshaw has exercised his dominant spiritual gifts of Administration, Teaching, Shepherding and Preaching to fashion a ministry designed to empower and edify.

In addition to his educational accomplishments, Bishop Crenshaw has held many outstanding memberships and positions as well as having been recognized for many distinguished acclaims. He has served as president of the Cheraw Branch of the NAACP. He is a member of the A.M.E. Zion Connectional Budget Board and Served as First Vice President of the Presiding Elder's Council 2001-2005. Bishop Crenshaw is a past board member of the Chesterfield General Hospital. Cheraw SC.

Bishop Crenshaw is a five time delegate to the A.M.E. Zion Church General Conference, delegate to the 2001 World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England, 2006 World Methodist Conference in Seoul Korea and 2011 World Methodist Conference in South Africa. Bishop Crenshaw served as an Executive Board Member for the period 2006-11.

Bishop Crenshaw is a 2000 James Varick Freedom Medal recipient and is a past President of Hood Theological Seminary Student Government

Association. Bishop Crenshaw was a contributing Writer of the A.M.E. Zion Church Christian Education Manual 2002.

He was recognized as the 1999 “Man of the Year” by the Lambda Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and recipient of the “Outstanding Community Leader; award from the Bennettsville Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Bishop Crenshaw is a community activist and was recognized as “Citizen of the Year” by the Cheraw Branch of the NAACP.

He is the founder of the Zion Center Community Development Cooperation in Cheraw, SC as well as the founder of the Cheraw-Bennettsville District A.M.E. Zion Church Mass Choir.

Bishop Crenshaw is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is a Life member of the Connectional Lay Council of the A.M.E. Zion Church and a Life member of the NAACP. Bishop Crenshaw as a pastor, received the 2011 Atlanta Gospel Choice Award as one of the “Chosen 10 Pastors”

Bishop Crenshaw was elevated to the episcopacy from Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church as the 103<sup>rd</sup> Bishop in Succession.





**Reverend Dr. Sondra M. Coleman,**  
Presiding Elder, Birmingham District  
North Alabama Annual Conference

Sondra M. Coleman is a native of Mobile, Alabama and matriculated in the public schools of Mobile County. Dr. Coleman's ministerial work includes her current position as Presiding Elder (2013-present), pastor for 2 years at Mount Hermon AME Zion Church (1996-1998) and 15 years at St. Luke AME Zion Church (1998-2013). Rev. Coleman has served Zion on every level. She is the Episcopal Treasurer, Episcopal Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, Recording Secretary of the AME Zion International Presiding Elders Council and Board Secretary of the Connectional Trustees. She is a member of Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

Since 2006, Dr. Coleman has worked for Hood Theological Seminary as Director of Extensions and Adjunct Professor in Pastoral Theology at Alabama Extension site in Greenville. Other degrees include a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX (1976), Master of Divinity, Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL (1998), Doctor of Ministry, Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC (2005) and Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC (2018).

Dr. Coleman's wealth of corporate experience includes nineteen years with AT&T (formerly BellSouth) as an Accounting Supervisor, Human Resources Manager, and Facilitation Trainer. A recipient of numerous awards, she serves on multiple boards whose mission is aligned with social justice. Other affiliations include Sisters in Ministry and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Her drive for ministry is people, whom she sees as God's most precious assets. Gifted with a sense of humor, Dr. Coleman knows without a doubt that the "joy of the Lord is her strength." She believes as John Wesley did, "that the world is her parish." Her desire is to lead with a spirit of excellence. Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, she is committed to be a servant leader, purposefully, persistently, and passionately.