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2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCES

"STILL DARING TO BELIEVE:
WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE"

2024 *Agenda* & *Worship* GUIDE



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Him who gives me strength."
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Christ Our Redeemer,
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*“The **REAL** Church: Still Daring to Believe: I Am the Difference.”*

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Our Episcopal Servants



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Servant Leaders



The Bishop's Annual Greeting

Dear Second Episcopal District Church Family:

Arelis and I are overjoyed to welcome you to our *eighth series of Annual Conferences* of the magnificent Second Episcopal District (SED), African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church for the 2024 Conference Year! As members of the mighty Second Episcopal District Family, we are thankful to God and eagerly anticipate what will take place at each Annual Conference.

Our chosen Theme for the Annual Conferences is **“The REAL Church: Still Daring to Believe - I Am the Difference”** and our appropriately supporting Scripture is Philippians 4:13 (NIV), **“I can do all things through Him, who gives me strength.”**

As the gathered church, we have assembled in our respective Annual Conferences to give the final accounting of our stewardship for the Quadrennial Session. These memorable Conference Sessions begin with the **208th** - Baltimore, April 3-6th; **74th** - Washington, April 10 - 13th; **158th** - Virginia, April 24-27th; **155th** - North Carolina, May 8-11th; and end with the **132nd** - Western North Carolina, May 22-25th, 2024. We've come from our various assignments and assembled here in this place to do the Lord's work as we celebrate the past and share ideas and plans for transforming the future for even more intense Kingdom-building here on earth.

As your Servant Leaders, this is a bittersweet time for Arelis and me. We are grappling with the realization that this is our last series of Annual Conferences before The AME Church General Conference in August 2024, and we will not be returning to the wonderful people in the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church. These years have been the opportunity of a lifetime – a great gift. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to work alongside such richly talented and committed people.

As we look back and reflect on God's goodness toward us, **despite times of trials, turmoil, and turbulence, we can proclaim with thanks anyhow, “And are we yet alive, and see each other's face, all glory and praise to Jesus give, for His redeeming grace.”** Thus, from the Official Opening to the Closing Commissioning Service of the 2024 Annual Conferences, we invoke the Name above all names to guide and direct us in all our deliberations. For God has shown favor toward us and we are eternally grateful.

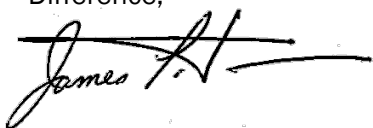


Further, as a District, we give honor, glory, and praise to God, through the Holy Spirit who has guided us in turning many of our challenges into unique opportunities, to better serve people in our churches, communities, and the global society.

Additionally, we can never forget who makes things happen; those who walk by faith and not by sight. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the fantastic people of the Second Episcopal District. We've been surrounded and supported by -- a Cabinet of Presiding Elders who are committed and focused; talented local pastors and clergy who use their gifts to advance Kingdom living; a capable and loyal Executive Administrator; volunteers; committees and task forces chaired and supported by people with expertise and vision, who freely give of their valuable time to ensure that everything is done decently and in order.

Thank you, Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. THE DISTRICT THAT IS SECOND TO NONE! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Conference.

In the Spirit of the "REAL Church: Still Daring to Believe - I Am the Difference,



James L. & Arelis B. Davis
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Second Episcopal District



Baltimore Annual Conference

Baltimore District
Eastern Baltimore District

Washington Annual Conference

Capital District
Potomac District

Virginia Annual Conference

Norfolk Eastern Shore District
Portsmouth Richmond Roanoke District

North Carolina Annual Conference

Northern District
Southern District

Western North Carolina Annual Conference

Eastern District
Western District



2024 Annual Conferences Schedule



208TH SESSION OF THE BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Empowerment Temple AME Church - Hosting Venue

4217 Primrose Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215

Rev. Dr. Robert R. A. Turner, Pastor

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 (8am - 12pm) - **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 (12pm) - **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 (7pm) - **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Wednesday - Saturday, **April 3 - 6, 2024** † Business, Training & Worship

Opening Annual Conference Business Session - Wednesday, **April 3, 2024** (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service - Thursday, **April 4, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

Lay Worship Service - Thursday, **April 4, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Ordination Worship Service - Friday, **April 5, 2024** at **11:00 a.m.**

Bishop John R. Bryant, Retired Sr. Bishop AME Church, Preacher

Young Peoples' Division -Friday, **April 5, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Closing and Commissioning Service - Saturday, **April 6, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Retired Bishop AME Church, Preacher

74TH SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Kingdom Fellowship AME Church - Hosting Venue

11710 Beltsville Drive, Calverton, MD 20705

Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Watley, Pastor

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (8am - 12pm) - **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (12pm) - **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (7pm) - **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Wednesday - Saturday, **April 10 - 13, 2024** † Business, Training & Worship

Opening Annual Conference Business Session - Wednesday, **April 10, 2024** (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service - Thursday, **April 11, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

Lay Worship Service - Thursday, **April 11, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Ordination Worship Service - Friday, **April 12, 2024** at **11:00 a.m.**

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Preacher

Senior Bishop & Presiding Prelate of the 10th Episcopal District AME Church

Young Peoples' Division -Friday, **April 12, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Closing and Commissioning Service - Saturday, **April 13, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield, Preacher

Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District AME Church

Closing and Commissioning Service - Saturday, **May 6, 2023** at **11:30 a.m.**





158TH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Norfolk Waterside Marriott - Hosting Venue

235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (8am - 12pm) - **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (12pm) - **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (7pm) - **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Wednesday - Saturday, **April 24 - 27, 2024** † Business, Training & Worship

Opening Annual Conference Business Session - Wednesday, **April 24, 2024** (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service - Thursday, **April 25, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

Lay Worship Service - Thursday, **April 25, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Ordination Worship Service - Friday, **April 26, 2024** at **11:00 a.m.**

***Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.**, Preacher*

Presiding Prelate of the 19th Episcopal District AME Church

Young Peoples' Division -Friday, **April 26, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Closing and Commissioning Service - Saturday, **April 27, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

***Bishop John F. White**, Preacher*

Presiding Prelate of the 4th Episcopal District AME Church

155TH SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cape Fear Conference B Headquarters - Hosting Venue

10225 Fayetteville Road, Fayetteville, NC 28376

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 (8am - 12pm) - **WMS** Annual Convention

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 (12pm) - **WIM** Noonday Worship Service

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 (7pm) - **WMS** Night In White Worship service

Wednesday - Saturday, **May 8 - 11, 2024** † Business, Training & Worship

Opening Annual Conference Business Session - Wednesday, **May 8, 2024** (3pm - 5pm)

Opening Annual Worship Service - Thursday, **May 9, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

Lay Worship Service - Thursday, **May 9, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Ordination Worship Service - Friday, **May 10, 2024** at **11:00 a.m.**

***Bishop Harry Lee Seawright**, Preacher*

Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District AME Church

Young Peoples' Division -Friday, **May 10, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**

Closing and Commissioning Service - Saturday, **May 11, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**

***Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.**, Preacher*

Presiding Prelate of the 17th Episcopal District AME Church





**132ND SESSION OF THE
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
*Sheraton Imperial Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport
at Research Triangle Park - Hosting Venue
4700 Emperor Blvd, Durham, NC 27703*

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (8am - 12pm) - **WMS** Annual Convention
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (12pm) - **WIM** Noonday Worship Service
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (7pm) - **WMS** Night In White Worship service
Wednesday - Saturday, **May 22 - 25, 2024** † Business, Training & Worship
Opening Annual Conference Business Session - Wednesday, **May 22, 2024** (3pm - 5pm)
Opening Annual Worship Service - Thursday, **May 23, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**
Lay Worship Service - Thursday, **May 23, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**
Ordination Worship Service - Friday, **May 24, 2024** at **11:00 a.m.**
Bishop Francine A. Brookins, Preacher
Presiding Prelate of the 18th Episcopal District AME Church
Young Peoples' Division - Friday, **May 24, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.**
Closing and Commissioning Service - Saturday, **May 25, 2024** at **10:00 a.m.**
Bishop James L. Davis
Presiding Prelate of the 2nd Episcopal District AME Church

**SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PLANNING MEETING AND QUADRENNIAL CELEBRATION
JUNE 20 - 22, 2024**
*Norfolk Waterside Marriott - Hosting Venue
235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510*



Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

ON-LINE PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

All Pastors' reports are to be completed electronically online (www.ame2.com) by the deadline date listed below.

Baltimore and Washington Annual Conference – March 13, 2024

Virginia and North Carolina Annual Conference – March 27, 2024

Western North Carolina Annual Conference – April 10, 2024



Annual Conference Agenda & Daily Schedule

BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA & WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY

08:00am	Women's Missionary Society Annual Convention (8am–12pm) (Registration/Fellowship/Breakfast/Devotion/Business)
	PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES & SERVICES <i>All Annual Conference members (All Clergy, Candidates for Ministry, Delegates, Alternates & Conference Leaders) are required to register with the Conference Secretary and receive an armband for the amenities provided by the Annual Conference.</i>
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 <i>(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 2nd District)</i>
11:00am	CLERGY MEETING WITH THE BISHOP
12:00pm	NOON DAY WORSHIP SERVICE Led by Women In Ministry
01:00pm	LUNCH BREAK
02:45pm	<i>Still Daring to Believe:</i> IN WORSHIP & PRAISE (BOE Candidates for Ministry)
03:00pm	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Roll Call▪ Transfers and Referrals▪ Approval of Agenda▪ Conference Organization Recommendations▪ Conference Seating Boundary▪ Presiding Elders' Summary Report
04:45pm	The Candidates Moment & Recognition of Our Special Guests
05:00pm	DINNER BREAK (ALL COMPONENTS ARE WELCOME TO MEET DURING THIS TIME - EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO JLD123BISHOP@YAHOO.COM)
07:00pm	WMS "NIGHT IN WHITE" WORSHIP SERVICE





DAY 2 - THURSDAY

- 07:00am **BREAKFAST**
- 08:15am *Still Daring to Believe:* **IN WORSHIP & PRAISE** *(BOE Candidates for Ministry)*
- 08:15am *Still Daring to Believe:* **BIBLE EXPOSITORY**
- 08:30am **BUSINESS SESSION 1**
Approval of the Minutes *(Minutes received the night before via email for review)*
- 09:00am **VIRTUAL PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS**
- 10:00am OPENING AND HOLY SACRAMENT WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 01:00pm **LUNCH BREAK**
- 02:15pm **BUSINESS SESSION 2**
VIRTUAL PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS
- 03:00pm **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
- 05:30pm **DINNER BREAK**
(SPECIAL CONFERENCE WITH THE BISHOP- PRE-ARRANGEMENT MUST BE MADE)
- 07:00pm LAY ORGANIZATION WORSHIP SERVICE**





DAY 3 - FRIDAY

07:00am **BREAKFAST**

08:15am *Still Daring to Believe:* **IN WORSHIP & PRAISE** (BOE Candidates for Ministry)

08:30am **CONFERENCE INSTITUTE**

09:15am **BUSINESS SESSION 3**

Approval of the Minutes (Minutes received the night before via email for review)

09:30am **ADMINISTRATIVE AND MINISTRIES REPORTS**

- Ministerial Efficiency Committee
- Cemetery Perpetual Care Ministry
- CDC Update (Conference Representatives)

11:00am ORDINATION WORSHIP SERVICE

01:15pm **LUNCH BREAK**

03:20pm *Still Daring to Believe:* **IN WORSHIP & PRAISE** (BOE Candidates for Ministry)

03:30pm **BUSINESS SESSION 4**

COMPONENT REPORTS (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.)

- Women's Missionary Society
- Lay Organization
- Sons of Allen
- Women's In Ministry
- MSWAWO + PKs

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (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)

- Church Growth and Department
- Legislative Task Force
- Christian Education
 - ✓ Church School
 - ✓ Christian Debutantes & Masters
 - ✓ RAYAC

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.

04:45pm **RETIREMENT SERVICE**

05:30pm **DINNER BREAK**

07:00pm YOUTH MINISTRY EMPHASIS





DAY 4 - SATURDAY

- 07:00am **BREAKFAST**
- 08:00 - 11:00am **YPD Business Session**
- 09:30am *Still Daring to Believe:* **IN WORSHIP & PRAISE** *(Candidates for Ministry)*
- 09:45am **MEMORIAL SERVICE**
- 10:15am **CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION**
Approval of the Minutes *(Minutes received the night before via email for review)*
Statistical Report
Disciplinary Question
Resolution
Expressions of Gratitude
Motion to Adjourn

11:00am **CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

- Commissioning Service**
Presentation of Certificates
Reading of Appointments
Benediction



The Annual Conference Preachers

BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE ANNUAL SERMON

Rev. Rodrecus M Johnson Sr.
Pastor, Trinity AME Church, Baltimore

THE ORDINATION SERMON

Bishop John R. Bryant
Retired Bishop, AME Church

THE CLOSING & COMMISSIONING SERMON

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram
Retired Bishop, AME Church



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Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Watley
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Presiding Prelate, 13th Episcopal District AME Church



VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE ANNUAL SERMON

Rev. Amy Christine Hodge
Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Roanoke

THE ORDINATION SERMON

Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr.
Presiding Prelate, 19th Episcopal District AME Church

THE CLOSING & COMMISSIONING SERMON

Bishop John F. White
Presiding Prelate, 4th Episcopal District AME Church



NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Pastor, Island Creek AME Church, Rose Hill

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