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To: The Disciples of Christ Who Make Up The 11th Episcopal District of The African Methodist Episcopal Church

From: Team Reid3

Re: The 2021-2022 11th Episcopal District Annual Conference Series

Scriptural References: "Trust in the Lord with all you heart and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and the Lord will show you which path to take."

-Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

Praise the Lord Everybody!

After a meeting with the Presiding Elders Council and host pastors of the 11th Episcopal District 2021-2022 annual conference series, we decided to do the upcoming annual conferences virtually.

This decision was difficult. We were all looking forward to an in person or hybrid series of conferences. We miss the fellowship and spiritual energy of in-person AME annual conferences. After months of doing analysis, watching the infection numbers and consulting with health professionals in and outside of Florida we made the decision that we believe would keep our annual conference attendees safe.

After the recent AME General Board and Christian Education meetings there were a number of new COVID-19 infections reported. Within our own district, a number of our members and servant leaders have been infected in recent weeks and months. Your Bishop was infected for a second time.

The decision to do the annual conferences virtually was difficult but necessary. It was necessary because:

- 1) The age and pre-existing conditions that make any COVID-19 infection dangerous to the health and wellbeing of many of the people who would attend the conferences.
- 2) The geography of the 11th Episcopal District is a hotbed for new infections.
- 3) It has been reported that the rising infections numbers will get even worse in the fall of 2022.
- 4.) BA.5 is HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS. Over 3-4 Florida counties are already at stage 3—a very dangerous level.

Beloved of God, we will follow the same virtual annual conference schedule we had last year. After the CEYLC, we will meet, virtually, with the Presiding Elders, all component servant leaders, and secretarial staffs to make sure that each annual conference and church is fully informed and inspired. Together we can make this the greatest series of 11th District annual conferences yet.

Finally, Team Reid asks that each of us do the following:

- 1) Be Prayerful: *"...if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and restore/heal their land."* -2 Chronicles 7: 14.
- 2) Be Positive: *"For God is working through you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases God...Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights on a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the Word of life..."* -Philippians 2: 14-16a

- 3) Make God Proud: *“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*
-1 Corinthians 10:31

Let's do this for the glory of God,



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