



2019

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

February 7-9, 2019

CONFERENCE YEAR THEME:

“THE YEAR OF RESTORATION”

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten...

~Joel 2: 25

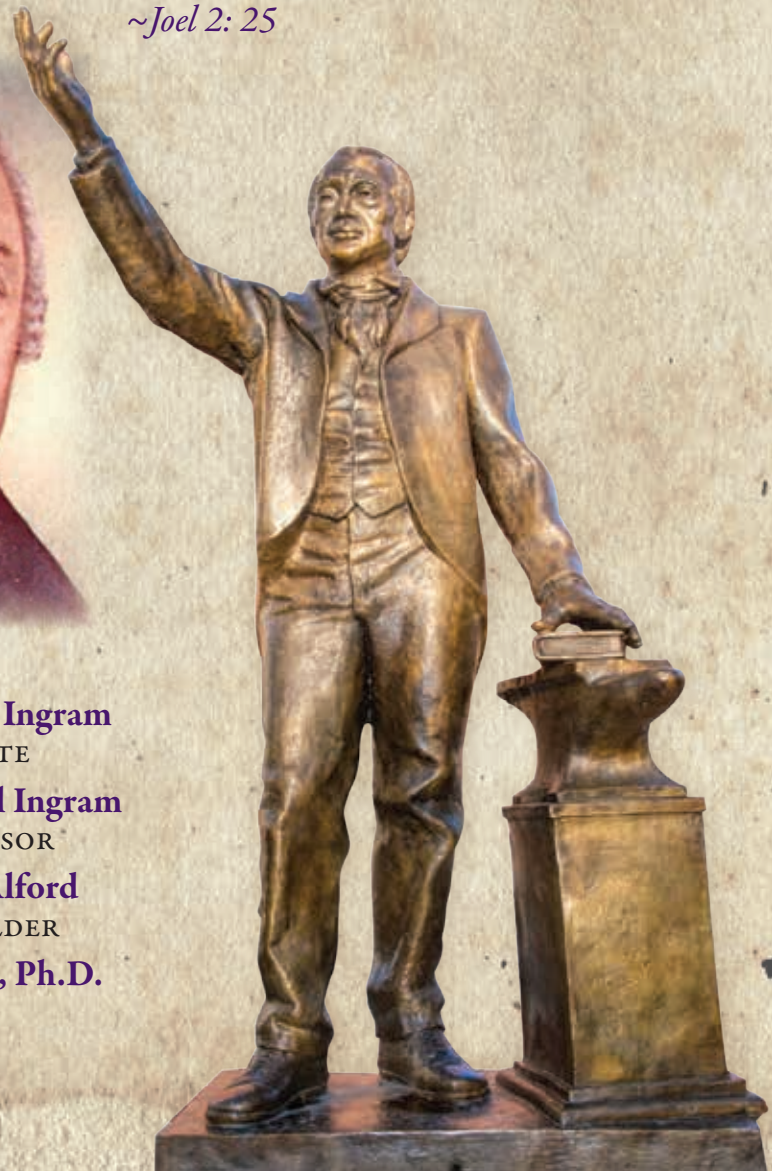


Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram
PRESIDING PRELATE

Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR

Rev. Dr. Natalie P. Alford
HOST PRESIDING ELDER

Rev. Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.
HOST PASTOR



BISHOP GREGORY G. M. INGRAM'S CREED

I BELIEVE every person in this world is called to make a difference.

I BELIEVE God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world as a living and loving sacrifice to restore all persons to a right relationship with Him.

I BELIEVE the human mind finds the vastness of God's love incomprehensible, yet even the soul of a little child can understand and experience His love and His presence.

I BELIEVE God created every person in His image, full of possibilities and endowed with unique gifts and a place in Creation—a place no other person was created to fill.

I BELIEVE the only way to complete fulfillment—now and throughout Eternity—is through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

I BELIEVE the highest honor of a person's life is to be called a Christian, that the Christian's supreme obligation is to be available to God and that the greatest gift one person can bestow upon another is the Gospel message of salvation.

Bishop Ingram's Fundamental Belief System Embraces Three Basic Principles:

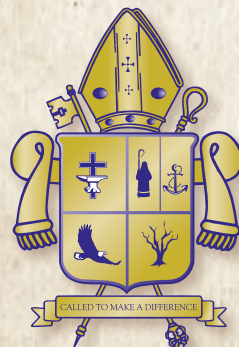
I BELIEVE God sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world because of His love for people and His desire to save us from sin.

I BELIEVE God alone fulfills because of His love.

I BELIEVE you and I must share the Good News of the Gospel because of God's redeeming love.

Bishop Ingram's Motto:

The greatest issue in the world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.



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and LEADERS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT

“THE CHURCH OF MY DREAMS”

We are living in an age when church has, in many cases, become more about entertainment and programming and less about reverence and ministry. Flesh has replaced spirit, pew warming has replaced service, and triviality has replaced tradition. Rather than talking about Jesus, we must strive to live and love like Jesus. Whenever I find myself straying from these ideals, this poem helps to restore my focus, reinforces the depth of my faith, and reminds me what this Christian journey is all about.

–Bishop Ingram

This is the Church of My Dreams:

THE CHURCH OF THE WARM HEART,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit;

THE CHURCH THAT CARES,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That knows no division of culture or class
No frontiers, geographical or social;

THE CHURCH THAT INQUIRES
As well as answers,
That looks forward as well as backwards;

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER,
The church of the people,
High as the ideals of Jesus,
Low as the humblest human;
A working church
A worshipping church,
A winsome church,

A CHURCH THAT INTERPRETS...
The truth in terms of truth,
That inspires courage for this life
And hope for the life to come;
A church of courage
A church of all good men and women,
A church of the living God.

–John Milton Moore

A FOUNDER'S DAY MESSAGE
from BISHOP INGRAM
"The Year of Restoration"

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten . . . ~ Joel 2: 25

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The life and ministry of Richard Allen and Absalom Jones are so important to us because they are the progenitors, for me, of the greatest institution in the world – the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Just think about it...232 years ago they sparked the first movement that "Black Lives Matter."

We have assembled during this year's Founders Day observance at a pivotal time in the life of the church and in this country. From the church perspective we are the inheritors of a rich and wonderful legacy. But, when we look around some of our churches are losing members and others are totally disconnected from the communities in which they are called to serve. What is behind this alarming trend, what do we have to say about it and what can be done to revitalize the church where we are viewed as "a church of the people, by the people, and for the people?" The other dynamic we face is that we are living in a time when there are people and systems that are trying to take away everything we worked for, struggled for, and even died for as a people. We are confronted with the symbolism and counterpart of what the locusts have done, not only to the church, but also to this great country. If ever there was a time when the Black Church and its members need to make its presence felt, it is now! We are engulfed in a spiritual warfare "not against flesh and blood but

against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We have come to remind ourselves that we have an obligation to "speak truth to power." Therefore, we must be politically astute, active, and engage to make sure our members go to the polls and vote to get people into political offices who best represent us.

We have come to this year's Founders Day knowing that if some of our churches want to thrive, and not just survive, then we cannot continue to do business as usual. This is a day and time that tries the souls and faith of men and women of God. It is a day when people are looking for a church that is relevant, where a prophetic word is preached; and that is sensitive to the needs of those who are engaged in the social, political, and economic issues that impact their lives and is working to bring about change.

This is a serious time in the life of the church and there must be a serious effort on our part to assess our situation and circumstances as we marshal our resources to take back what the locusts have stolen from us. We must assess our needs and our potential to do ministry in a different context. We must seek new ways and means of serving our God and our people in these times.

A FOUNDER'S DAY MESSAGE
from BISHOP INGRAM

During the time we will spend together, aside from our praise and worship, we are going to take a hard look at the contemporary church, raise some serious questions concerning its future, and seek to find some solutions on what must we do to be saved. In addition, during the gathering of preachers, evangelists, laity, component groups and our young people, we are going to have a well-balanced symposium dealing with the current issues of the day.

Reverend Jessica and I hope and pray that you will find a seamless revelation running throughout the entire Founder's Day experience. Surely, we come to learn, but not for that reason alone. We also have come to be inspired by the uplifting words of our Founder's Day Celebration preachers and presenters: **Bishop John H. Bryant** (Opening Worship Service), **Rev. Ray A. Hammond, M.D.** (Friday Workshop Presenter), **Rev. Ellis B. Loudon** (Noon Hour of Power), **Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Knight** (Friday Night Praise and Worship Service) and **Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Croft, Sr.** (Closing Worship Service).

We thank God for the Presiding Elders, Pastors, members of the Women's Missionary Society, laity and youth for helping us to be all we can be. We also praise God for Rev. Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D., our Host Pastor, Mrs. Leslie Tyler and the Mother Bethel Church Family for their cooperation and support in making this year's Founder's Day experience life-altering, restorative, and everlasting.

Keep Making A Difference!

Yours In His Service,

Gregory Gul Ingram

Bishop Gregory Ingram
118th Bishop
African Methodist
Episcopal Church



“First Things First”
From *The Ten GuidePosts* to *The Big Picture*
“An idea whose time has come.” – Victor M. Hugo

With gratitude to our Presiding Elders, Pastors, Women’s Missionary Society, Laity and Youth, I am pleased to offer this reflection on the progress of the *The Ten GuidePosts* vision which was introduced during the last quadrennial.

Revisiting and Reflecting on The Ten GuidePosts

The Ten GuidePosts puts service over self-interest. They are about sacrifice, submission, spirituality, service, sincerity, standards and stewardship. The intentional administration of these concepts was designed to usher in a new day, write a new page, and begin a new chapter in the First Episcopal District. We are excited about what God is doing in our midst, and for that, we believe the best days of the District are not behind us, but before us. Through *The Ten GuidePosts* we continue to expect “**Big Things from a Big God.**” Years ago, an author and renowned preacher, the late Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, wrote a book entitled **A Great Time to be Alive**, and it certainly is. It is also a great time for the revitalization of the Church and all of us are called to *make a difference* in that rejuvenation process.

From all indications, *The Ten GuidePosts* are a benchmark for “**the future and hope**” of the First Episcopal District for years to come. While direct and indirect contributions are still unfolding from the vision, there remain major decisions to make, layers of information to share, details to develop, and finances required to move us from the vision to innovative impact. Over the past few months, we have been actively developing goals, setting priorities, and fine-tuning the core values and the overarching mission from which *The Ten GuidePosts* were designed. The success of *The GuidePosts* involved everyone and if we can marshal the support needed to crystallize what we are terming *The Big Picture*, I am convinced God is preparing us to witness a modern day miracle and miraculous breakthrough.

The opportunities and challenges before us summon us to either drift along or resolve to participate in shaping a new future for the First Episcopal District. Therefore, we must choose a course of action that will enable us to see ourselves in a new light. God is affording us the unprecedented opportunity to move from where we are to where we need to be. Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice, change, and a concerted commitment to step out on faith and accept **the challenge of a lifetime to make a difference.**

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Reinvesting in and Resourcing The Ten GuidePosts

The Ten GuidePosts continue to provide the opportunity for everyone to participate and to be utilized optimally. If we remain resolute, years from now we will look back and see the depths from which we have come and observe the heights we reached. We shall build upon the solid foundation laid by those who have gone before us and to “**make our mark in history.**” The challenge is for us to “**lengthen our ropes and strengthen our stakes.**” Each of us -- you and I -- are called to make a contribution for the Church, our people, and generations yet unborn.

A Zambian proverb teaches, “**If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.**” Most churches, businesses, and campaigns of all sorts fail because they get ahead of themselves and in a hurry. Often failure occurs because there is no plan, or equally as challenging, not having enough or the right people involved to make a vision succeed. Once a vision has been prayed about, planning is the starting point for any dream or goal. Although planning can be laborious, tedious, meticulous, grinding, demanding and, at times, very frustrating, when what you planned and worked for comes to fruition, then all the planning and waiting was worth it. That is why, over the past several months, we have steadily assembled GuidePost Directors and District Coordinators to help chart the course for the road ahead. We have taken time and been very selective about the process because we did not want to get ahead of where God is taking us. We did not want to move too fast because impatience can be costly. Said differently, we want to go far so we are going together.

Recasting and Reimagining the Impact of The TenGuide Posts

In order to accomplish *The Big Picture* and what we are proposing over the next three years throughout the First Episcopal District, it will require a radical paradigm shift. This shift will be the foundation of our *Roadmap to Growth* and will fulfill a number of *The Ten GuidePosts*’ initiatives. In an era when change is not only inevitable but necessary for survival, we will work to enhance an authentic partnership between clergy and laity with a unified focus centered on the 2020 Vision for the First Episcopal District: *The Big Picture.*

I invite you to learn more about the specific imperatives and action plans of this vision. I fervently pray that just as you embraced *The Ten GuidePosts* four years ago, you will wholeheartedly work to implement *The Big Picture* during the next three years. The District must take a bold stand for change and transformation. God demands it. God’s people deserve it.

Keep Making A Difference!

Yours In His Service,

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GREGORY, + BISHOP INGRAM

About Our Founding Father BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN



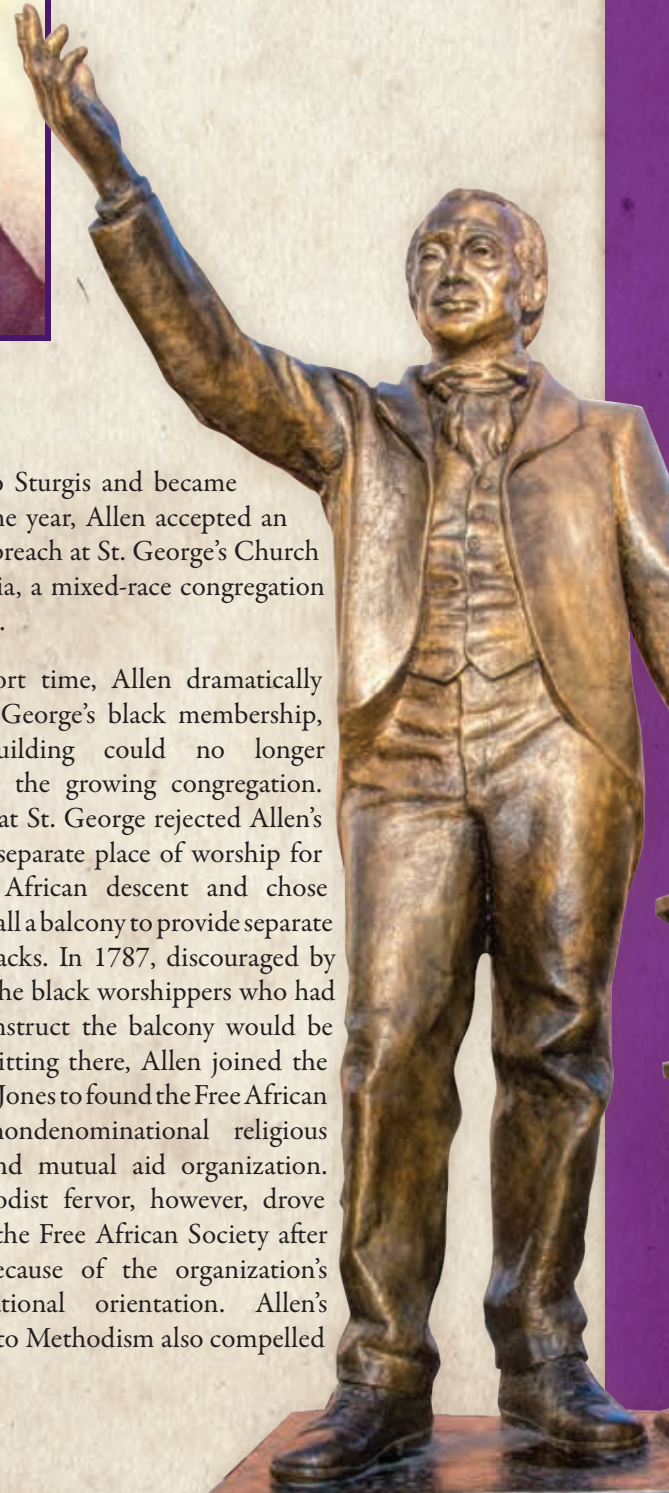
BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN

was born a slave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 14, 1760, and grew up during the American Revolution, an era characterized by the advocacy of individual rights, the growth of denominational Christianity, and the inception of the antislavery movement. Around 1768, Allen's owner, a Philadelphia lawyer named Benjamin Chew, sold him, his three siblings, and his parents to Stokely Sturgis, a plantation owner in Delaware. With the permission of Sturgis, Allen began to attend Methodist meetings, and around 1777 he was converted to Methodism.

In the second half of the 18th century, Methodism proliferated in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. This Christian denomination emphasized a simple set of virtues that included honesty, modesty and sobriety. Following his conversion to Methodism in 1780, Sturgis agreed to let Allen hire himself out in order to earn money to purchase his freedom for \$2,000. In addition to doing manual labor, Allen began to preach at Methodist churches in Delaware and neighboring states. In 1786, Allen paid his last

installment to Sturgis and became free. That same year, Allen accepted an invitation to preach at St. George's Church in Philadelphia, a mixed-race congregation of Methodists.

Within a short time, Allen dramatically increased St. George's black membership, and the building could no longer accommodate the growing congregation. White elders at St. George rejected Allen's request for a separate place of worship for members of African descent and chose instead to install a balcony to provide separate seating for blacks. In 1787, discouraged by the fact that the black worshippers who had helped to construct the balcony would be relegated to sitting there, Allen joined the Rev. Absalom Jones to found the Free African Society, a nondenominational religious association and mutual aid organization. Allen's Methodist fervor, however, drove him to leave the Free African Society after two years because of the organization's nondenominational orientation. Allen's commitment to Methodism also compelled



About Our Founding Father BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN

him to stay at St. George's despite the segregated seating arrangement. One Sunday morning in 1792, Jones challenged St. George's segregated seating by sitting downstairs. In the middle of the opening prayer two white trustees forced Jones to leave. Allen and other black members who had been seated in the balcony then walked out of St. George's.

Until this incident, few black Methodists had been receptive to Allen's call for the establishment of an independent black church. On August 12, 1794, members of the Free African Society founded The African Church of Philadelphia. Because of the Methodists' discriminatory treatment of blacks, the church was consecrated as part of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Jones became the denomination's first black priest. Allen, however, remained faithful to Methodism and used his own savings to buy a former blacksmith's shop and transplant it onto a plot of land he had previously purchased in Philadelphia. After renovations, Bethel African Church opened on April 9, 1794, and Allen was ordained its deacon.

After Bethel was officially initiated at the 1796 Methodist conference, white Methodist officials attempted to gain control over Allen's church, but a Pennsylvania Supreme court ruling in 1807 declared that the black Methodist congregation owned the property

on which they worshipped and that they could determine who would preach there. Following Allen's example, many black Methodists formed African Methodist Churches in northeastern cities. Because all experienced similar challenges from white Methodists, Allen organized a conference of black Methodists in 1816 to address their shared problems. The leaders decided to unite their churches under the name of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church. Accordingly, they gained control over the governance of their churches and placed themselves beyond white ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

Conference attendants elected Allen the first Bishop of the new denomination, a position he held until his death in 1831. The A.M.E. Church immediately became a center of black institutional life. As its leader, Allen created the Bethel Benevolent Society and the African Society for the Education of Youth. He also published articles in *Freedom's Journal* attacking slavery and organizations such as the American Colonization Society. Because Allen believed enslaved and free black Americans could be best served through education and religious instruction, he opposed organizations that advocated the migration of black Americans to Africa.

His remains are encrypted at Mother Bethel in Philadelphia.



FOUNDER'S DAY 2019 SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

3:01 PM **Self-Help Board Meeting**
Renaissance Room

Thursday, February 7, 2019

10:01 AM **Presiding Elders' Council**
Bishop's Conference Room

Board of Examiners
Deans and Chairpersons
REV. DR. GREGORY G. GROOVER, SR.
Chairperson
Salon D (New York Room)

12:31 PM **Lunch**
(Presiding Elders, Spouses and
Members of the Board of Examiners
and Governing Board Committee)
Renaissance Room

1:31 PM **Governing Board Committee**
Salon A (New Jersey Room)

2:31 PM **Women in Ministry**
REV. DR. EMILYGAIL A. DILL
President
Salon C (Delaware Room)

4:01 PM **Board of Examiners**
All Board of Examiners Candidates
REV. DR. GREGORY G. GROOVER, SR.
Chairperson
Salon B (New England Room)

The Rev. Dr. D. Albert Turk
Ministry of Evangelism
REV. DR. GREGORY G. GROOVER, SR.
REV. DR. JANET J. STURDIVANT
All Licensed Evangelists
Salon A (New Jersey Room)

4:31 PM **Governing Committee**
REV. RICHARD A. STENHOUSE
Conference Board of Trustees Vice Chairman,
Secretary, Conference Treasurer
Salon D (New York Room)

5:01 PM **Ministers' Spouses Dinner Meeting**
MRS. RHONDA J. MCCALL
President
Renaissance Room

Dinner for Founder's Day Attendees
Salon A (New Jersey Room) (\$15.00)

7:31 PM **Opening Worship Service**
BISHOP JOHN R. BRYANT
Retired
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Preaching
First District Choir
Ministering in Song

Friday, February 8, 2019

"Go Red - Wear Red for Heart Health"

8:01 AM **The District in Prayer**
REV. DR. JESSICA KENDALL INGRAM
The Singing Elders in Praise
Corporate Prayers

8:46 AM **The Bishop Speaks**
BISHOP GREGORY G. M. INGRAM

9:31 AM **Workshop**
"Restoring Our Communities"
REV. RAY A. HAMMOND II, M.D.
Co-Pastor
Bethel AME Church
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

11:01 AM **District Updates**
Faithlife Corporation Presentation
– Logos Software

11:31 AM **Candidates 2020 Speak**

11:46 AM **Prepare for Noon Worship**

12:01 PM **Hour of Power**
REV. ELLIS B. LOUDEN
Presiding Elder, Dover District
Delaware Annual Conference
Preaching
First District Ministers' Praise Team
Ministering in Song

1:31 PM **Lunch**
New Jersey Room (\$12.00)

FOUNDER'S DAY 2019 SCHEDULE
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2:31 PM **Women's Missionary Society Meeting**
First District Plaza
Ballroom

2:46 PM **Pastors' Symposium**
BISHOP GREGORY G. M. INGRAM
(All Presiding Elders, Pastors, and Ministers)
Mount Pisgah AME Church

Component Group Meetings
Christian Education
Renaissance Room

Church School
Tyree AME Church

Lay Organization
Tyree AME Church

4:01 PM **Break**
Ministers' Retreat Meeting
REV. MARK KELLY TYLER, PH.D.
Chairperson

Health Commission
REV. LISA M. WILLIAMSON, M.D.
Coordinator
Health Area

5:01 PM **Dinner**
New Jersey Room (\$15.00)

7:31 PM **Praise and Worship Service**
REV. DR. CAROLYN A. KNIGHT
Founder and President
"CAN DO!" Ministries
Atlanta, GA
Preaching
First District Young Adult Choir
Ministering in Song

Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:46 AM **Praise and Worship**
Rev. Justin T. Powell

9:01 AM **The Bishop Speaks**

9:31 AM **Presentation of Winning Essays,
Posters and DVDs**
REV. MARCELLUS A. NORRIS
Chairman
*First Episcopal District Board of
Christian Education*

REV. JAY B. BROADNAX
Executive Director
*First Episcopal District Board of
Christian Education*

10:31 AM **Candidates 2020 Speak**

10:46 AM **Break**

11:01 AM **Closing Worship Service**
REV. DR. WAYNE E. CROFT, SR.
Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Baptist Church
West Chester, PA
Preaching
Women In Ministry Choir
Ministering in Song

Opening Worship Service Attire:

All *Pastors* are asked to wear black and clergy collars

All *Worship Participants* should wear black robes.

All *Minister Spouses* are to wear black attire.

All *Lay Persons* are to wear navy/royal blue.

All *Missionaries* are to wear white.

All *Christian Educators* are to wear Red.

All *Church School Workers* are to wear Yellow.

All *YPD Directors and Officers* are to wear white and forest green.

Bynum Brothers Catering at First District Plaza
Serving Lunch (\$12.00) and Dinner (\$15.00) for Planning Meeting Attendees

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, February 7, 2019

7:31 p.m.

Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.

Worship Leader

Praise and Worship..... Reverend Justin T. Powell
and the First District Praise Team

Processional

Doxology

Call to Worship..... Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

All: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

Hymn of Celebration..... Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on till victory is won.

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*

Invocation.....Reverend Jocelyn K. Hart Lovelace

Prayer Response

“I Love The Lord”

RICHARD SMALLWOOD

*I love the Lord, He heard my cry
And pitied every groan.
Long as I live, And troubles rise,
I hasten to His throne.*

Ministry of MusicFirst Episcopal District Choir

Scripture Lesson

The Old Testament.....*Joel 2:18-25*.....Reverend Craig T. Robinson

The New Testament.....*Romans 5:1-5*.....Reverend V.A. Deyone Douglas

Preface to the Decalogue.....Reverend Ronniere Robinson

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

AME HYMNAL NO. 69

*“From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land and every tongue.”*

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Summary of the Decalogue

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Gloria Patri

*“Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”*

Ministry of Music	First Episcopal District Choir
Establishment of Protocol.....	Reverend Jeaninne D. Wallace
Moment of Sacrificial Giving	Reverend Melvin E. Wilson
Presentation of the Bishop	Reverend Charles H. Lett, Sr.
Introduction of the Preacher	Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram
Ministry of Music	First Episcopal District Choir
Sermon	Bishop John Richard Bryant <i>Retired</i> <i>African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Reverend Ellis I. Washington
Ministry of Giving.....	The Finance Committee
Ministry Highlights	Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.
Benediction	Reverend Rita M. Paige

PRESIDING ELDERS' NOON HOUR OF POWER

Friday, February 8, 2019

12:01 p.m.

Presiding Elder Pedro A. Castro, Jr.

Worship Leader

Doxology

Call to Worship..... Presiding Elder Pedro A. Castro, Jr.

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Minister: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: **Let us bow down before our Maker!**

Minister: Let us tell of His love and His greatness!

All: **Let us sing of all He has done!**

Song of Praise..... Presiding Elder Pedro A. Castro, Jr.

“O How I Love Jesus”

AME HYMNAL NO. 185

There is a Name I love to hear,

I love to sing its worth;

It sounds like music in my ear,

The sweetest Name on earth.

Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,

Who died to set me free;

It tells me of His precious blood,

The sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of One whose loving heart

Can feel my deepest woe;

Who in each sorrow bears a part

That none can bear below.

PRESIDING ELDERS' NOON HOUR OF POWER

*Jesus, the Name I love so well,
The Name I love to hear:
No saint on earth its worth can tell,
No heart conceive how dear.*

Invocation..... Presiding Elder Ron McCune

Prayer Response

"I'm Free"

REV. MILTON BRUNSON

*I'm free,
Praise the Lord, I'm free
No longer bound,
No more chains holding me.
My soul is resting, It's such a blessing
Praise the Lord
Hallelujah, I'm free.*

Ministry of Music First Episcopal District Ministers Praise Team

Scripture Lesson *Psalm 27* Presiding Elder Howard H.L. Dill

Introduction of the Bishop Presiding Elder Lawrence C. Henryhand

Introduction of the Preacher Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram

Ministry of Music First Episcopal District Ministers Praise Team

Sermon Reverend Ellis B. Louden

*Presiding Elder – Dover District
Delaware Annual Conference*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Presiding Elder Dietra C. Bell

Ministry of Giving The Finance Committee

Ministry Highlights Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.

Doxology

Benediction Presiding Elder Winton M. Hill III

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP *and* PRAISE SERVICE

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:31 p.m.

Reverend Dr. Stanley Hurst II
Worship Leader

Praise and Worship.....First District Young Adult Praise Ministry

Doxology

Call to Worship.....Reverend Dr. Stanley Hurst II

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Minister: Where two or three are gathered together in My name, saith the Lord Jesus, there am I in the midst of them.

All: This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

Song of Celebration.....Reverend Juanita Hall Walters

“Standing on the Promises”

AME HYMNAL NO. 424

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.*

Refrain:

*Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,*

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP *and* PRAISE SERVICE

*Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing on the promises I shall not fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call.
Resting in my Savior as my All in all,
Standing on the promises of God.*

Invocation..... Reverend Marcellus A. Norris
Choral Response

“There Is None Like You”

LENNY LEBLANC

*There is none like You
No one else can touch my heart like You do
I can search for all eternity, Lord
And find, there is none like You (Repeat)*

Scripture *Ephesians 6:10-18*..... Reverend Dr. W. Golden Carmon, Sr.
Gloria Patri

*“Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”*

Ministry of Music First District Young Adult Choir
Moment of Sacrificial Giving (*Ministry of Music*) Reverend Bryan McAllister
Presentation of the Bishop Reverend Lisa A. Williams
Presentation of the Preacher Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram
Ministry of Music First District Young Adult Choir
Sermon Reverend Dr. Carolyn A. Knight
*Founder and President
“CAN DO!” Ministries
Atlanta, Georgia*
Invitation to Christian Discipleship Reverend Charles F. Boyer
Ministry of Giving The Finance Committee
Ministry Highlights Reverend Mark Kelly Tyler, Ph.D.
Benediction Reverend Manuel Howard

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, February 9, 2019

11:01 AM

Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram

Worship Leader

Praise and Worship.....First Episcopal District Praise Ministry

Doxology

Call to Worship..... Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram

Litany of Empowerment

Leader: I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Ghost Power. The die has been cast; I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made: I am a disciple of Jesus Christ I won't look back, let up, slow down, back up or be still.

People: **My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, colorless-dreaming, mundane talking, cheap living, cloudy visions and dwarfed goals.**

Leader: I no longer need preeminence, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I do not have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on the Lord, run with patience, lift by prayer and labor by Holy Ghost power.

People: **My face is set. My focus is fixed. My goal is heaven. My road is narrow. My way is rough. My guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, lured, tempted, ignored, detoured, deluded or delayed.**

Leader: I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

All: **I won't give up, shut up or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up and worked up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, teach till all know and work till the end. And when Jesus comes, He will have no problem recognizing me, because He will remember that I was the one He empowered to make a difference.**

Hymn of Celebration.....Reverend Dr. Stanley Hurst, Sr.

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

“Every Praise”

HEZEKIAH WALKER

*Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord,
Every praise, every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God,
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.*

*God my Savior,
God my Healer,
God my Deliverer,
Yes He is, yes He is.*

Yes He is, yes He is [repeat]

*Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord,
Every praise, every praise [repeat]
Is to our God.*

Invocation..... Reverend Jay B. Broadnax

Prayer Response

“I Really Love The Lord”

CHARLES NICKS

*I really love the Lord, I really love the Lord
You don't know what He's done for me
He gave me the victory
I love Him, I love Him
I really love the Lord*

Scripture..... *Hebrews 11:1-13* Reverend Larry D. Jennings

Ministry of Music Reverend Justin T. Powell and Adoration

Sacrificial Giving Reverend Carolyn C. Cavaness

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Presentation of the Bishop	Reverend Howard M. Jenkins, Jr.
Introduction of the Preacher	Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram
Ministry of Music	Reverend Justin T. Powell and Adoration
Sermon	Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Croft, Sr. <i>Senior Pastor St. Paul's Baptist Church West Chester, Pennsylvania</i>
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Reverend Patricia S. McAllister
Ministry of Giving	The Finance Committee
Closing Song.....	Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram

"Be Blessed"

BISHOP PAUL S. MORTON

*Be blessed my brother,
Be blessed my sister,
Be blessed wherever this life leads you,
Let me encourage you,
Let me speak life to you,
You can depend on God to see you through,
You can depend on me to pray for you*

Chorus:

*I pray for you,
You pray for me,
And watch God change things.*

Closing Prayer.....	Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram
Benediction	Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram

About Our
OPENING SERVICE PREACHER
BISHOP JOHN RICHARD BRYANT



Bishop John Richard Bryant is the son of the late Bishop Harrison James Bryant and Edith Holland Bryant. He was elected and consecrated the 106th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 1988 General Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

Bishop Bryant earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965 from Morgan State University, a Master of Theology degree in 1970 from Boston University School of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1975 from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Bishop Bryant was a Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellow. He also completed special studies at the University of Lagos in Nigeria and the University of Ghana at Legon.

Bishop Bryant pastored three churches: Bethel AME Church, Fall River, Massachusetts; St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland. During his pastoral ministry, 99 men and women entered the Christian Ministry.

The Gospel is proclaimed whenever Bishop Bryant preaches, whether in major cities or in towns, villages and hamlets throughout the United States and the world. He has served as one of the primary evangelists for the World Methodist Council in England, Brazil, Israel, India, Greece, Cuba and Kenya.

He serves on the boards of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Turner Theological Seminary, Payne Theological Seminary and the National Church Advisory Council of the American Bible Society. He is Vice President of the North American Section of the World Methodist Council Division of Evangelism. He serves on the advisory board of the Institute of

Church Administration and Management. He is a member of the AME Church Board of Trustees and is Chairman of the denomination's Statistics and Finance Committee. Civically, Bishop Bryant was appointed a member of the Chicago Plan Commission by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

In 1988, Bishop John was assigned to the 14th Episcopal District in West Africa. In 1991, he was assigned to the 10th Episcopal District, which comprised the state of Texas. In 2000, he was assigned to the Fifth Episcopal District, where he presided over AME churches in 14 states west of the Mississippi.

In 2008, Bishop Bryant became the Senior Bishop of the AME Church and was assigned to the Fourth Episcopal District, where he oversaw churches in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota; in the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec, and in the South Asian country of India.

Bishop Bryant's honors include being named to *Ebony* magazine's "Honor Roll of Outstanding African American Preachers" and its list of "The 100 Most Influential Black Americans." He published a collection of sermons, *God Can: Sermons of Encouragement from the Life of Elijah* and with his wife, The Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant, co-authored the book, *Healing for Wounded Vows*.

Bishop John and Rev. Cecelia are the parents of The Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant and The Rev. Dr. Thema Simone Bryant Davis. They also are proud grandparents. Bishop Bryant retired from active service in 2016.

About Our
PRESIDING ELDERS' NOON HOUR OF POWER PREACHER
REVEREND ELLIS BARRIE LOUDEN



Reverend Ellis Barrie Louden, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Bernel and Clarabelle Ellis Louden, was called into ministry during the pastorate of Rev. Eustace L. Blake at Jones Tabernacle AME Church in Philadelphia. Educated in the Philadelphia Public Schools, Rev. Louden received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilberforce University and Master of Theology degree from Boston University School of Theology.

Rev. Louden first pastored at Bethel AME Church, Lynn, Massachusetts. Then at Bethel AME Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut; the congregation was led in the purchase of church edifice at 110 Grove Street. Rev. Louden served as the first African American appointed to the Civil Service Commission of the city and also as the president of the Ministerial Alliance of Bridgeport and Vicinity.

At Mount Zion AME Church in Norristown, Pennsylvania he led the congregation in a \$750,000 project including the building of a multi-purpose center, narthex and general renovations to the church. The congregation honored Rev. Louden by naming the multi-purpose center auditorium "Ellis B. Louden Hall". Among other community involvements, he served as president of the Norristown Ministerium.

In June 1997, Rev. Louden was appointed to serve Jones Tabernacle. During his tenure the church entered a major restoration project. \$200,000 was raised through grants and gifts to re-point exterior stone work and repairs to slate and flat roofs of the massive church edifice. In addition to community involvement, Rev. Louden served as the president of the AME Preachers Meeting of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

In June 2008, Rev. Louden was appointed to Mount Zion AME Church in Dover, Delaware. He served as a member of the Board of Examiners and Dean of Ministerial Institute of the Delaware Annual Conference. In 2018 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Dover District, Delaware Annual Conference.

Rev. Louden served on the Board of Trustees at Wilberforce University and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

About Our
FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE PREACHER
REVEREND DR. CAROLYN ANN KNIGHT



Reverend Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight was born and raised in Denver, Colorado; the second daughter of the late Edd and Dorothy Knight. She received her early education in the public school system in Denver and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas with a major concentration in English, philosophy and religion.

Her theological training began at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York; she later transferred to Union Theological Seminary in New York City to study under her mentor, Dr. Cornel West. She was awarded the Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees from Union. Dr. Knight was admitted into the Ph.D. program at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, and is presently on leave from that program of study. She holds the Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. In addition to these formal areas of studies, Dr. Knight pursued her interest in law and politics by attending classes at Columbia University School of Law.

Under the tutelage and influence of many treasured and prolific preachers throughout the country, Dr. Knight developed a love for preaching and the pulpit. She preached her trial sermon and was licensed for the gospel ministry at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado under the leadership of The Reverend Acen L. Phillips. Dr. Knight has served in the pastoral ministry in pulpits in Denver, Colorado; Dallas, Texas; Rochester, and Harlem, New York.

She is the founder and president of "CANDO!" Ministries; a progressive, preventive youth advocacy ministry that is dedicated to the cultural, social, intellectual, and spiritual well-being of youth and young adults. For ten years, Dr. Knight served as assistant professor of homiletics at The Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia where she had the primary responsibility for

teaching and training students in the art and craft of sermonic design, development and delivery.

A preacher/pastor with scholarly interests, Reverend Knight has served as adjunct professor at LaGuardia Community College and New York Theological Seminary. She served as the permanent part-time professor of preaching at her alma mater, Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Dr. Knight serves on numerous boards and committees; among them are Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, the Breast Examination Center of Harlem, The Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, and the advisory board of the African American Pulpit of Judson Press.

In addition to her activities and responsibilities as a preacher, Reverend Dr. Knight has been signally honored for her outstanding career achievements, which include Outstanding Young Women of America; The Dunlevy-Milbank Youth Council's Community Service Award; The Mary McLeod Bethune Award of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; The Community Service Award from the Laurelton Chapter of the Negro Professional Business Women's Council; and the 1993 United Negro College Fund Alumni Award. In March 1996, Reverend Knight was inducted into the prestigious College of Preachers by Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. She was also cited by Ebony magazine in November 1997 as one of America's 15 Greatest African American Women Preachers.

A former amateur athletic track and field champion, Dr. Knight is an avid golfer in preparation for the Mid-Amateur Women's Golf Tournaments. She has a variety of interests and hobbies which include reading, computer literacy, writing, music, traveling, power walking, step training, and philosophical and political discussions. Dr. Knight is a Golden Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

About Our
CLOSING SERVICE PREACHER
REVEREND DR. WAYNE E. CROFT, SR.



Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Croft, Sr., serves as the Senior Pastor of the St. Paul's Baptist Church in West Chester, PA. Prior to this assignment, he served The Church of the Redeemer Baptist in Philadelphia for a total of 20 years. Dr. Croft is the founder of the Redeemer Renaissance Community Development Corporation, a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and NAACP, as well as President of the NAACP West Chester Branch, Vice-President of OIC Chester County and has been inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College.

He is also a prolific writer. The African-American Pulpit Journal published his sermons; *The Promise Guaranteed*, *A Candidate for the Hall of Faith* and his article entitled *What Does it Mean to Preach Biblically Today*. He is the author of the book *Unexpected Calls to Unexpected Places*, *Pretty Poison: Seven Deadly Sins* and a forthcoming book, *There's A Bright Side Somewhere: The Motif of Hope in African American Preaching During Slavery and Post-Civil War*. Dr. Croft is also a contributor to the books *From One Brother to Another: Voices of African-American Men*, Volume 2 and *Athens & Oxford Sermons*, Volume 10. He has published three articles in the Past Master section of *Preaching Magazine*; "John Jasper: Preaching with Authority", "E. K. Bailey: Expositor of the Word", and "Gardner C. Taylor: Poet Laureate and Dean of Preachers", as well as a book that chronicles his journey to serve as Pastor of the St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Dr. Croft has served as Dean of the Pennsylvania Eastern Keystone Baptist Association. He has also served as the Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University in Philadelphia and now serves as The Jeremiah A. Wright, Sr. Associate Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics in African American Studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Dr. Croft has distinguished himself as a pastor, writer and scholar, having earned an Associate degree from Pinebrook Junior College and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Trinity College earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Theological Seminary), Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and graduated with distinction from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey earning a Doctor of Ministry degree. He also earned a Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Drew. He is the first person to earn both a Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Philosophy from Drew University. Dr. Croft is married to Dr. Lisa L. Croft, a family physician and they have three children, Darlene (William), an attorney in Charlotte, NC; Wayne, Jr., a recent graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA; Candace Nicole, a student at Spelman College, Atlanta, GA; and a granddaughter, Patterson.

About Our
WORKSHOP PRESENTER
REVEREND RAY ALEXANDER HAMMOND II, M.D.



Reverend Ray Hammond II, M.D., was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, the eldest son of a Baptist preacher and a schoolteacher. He was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and went on to graduate from Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. He completed his surgical residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital (Boston, MA) and joined the Emergency Medicine staff at the Cape Cod Hospital (Hyannis, MA).

Pastor Hammond accepted the call to the preaching ministry in 1976 and completed his Master of Arts degree in the Study of Religion (Christian and Medical Ethics) at Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1982. In 1988 he was called to be the founder and pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston.

Pastor Hammond has a long history of involvement with youth and community activities. He is Chairman and Co-Founder of the Ten Point Coalition—an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders working to mobilize the greater Boston community around issues affecting high-risk youth; Board Chair of Bethel's Generation Excel program; Executive Committee Member, Black Ministerial Alliance; Chair of the Boston Opportunity Agenda; Chair of the Roxbury Community College Foundation; a member of the Strategy Team for the Greater Boston Interfaith

Organization; a member of the Boston Green Ribbon Commission; and a trustee of the Yawkey Foundation, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and the Math and Technology Public Charter High (MATCH) School. He is a former chairman of the Boston Foundation. He continues to work in local and district youth activities in the AME Church.

Pastor Hammond is the author of several papers and articles on a range of issues including academic achievement, diversity, and violence prevention. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is also the recipient of numerous honors including honorary doctorates from Boston University, Cambridge College, University of Massachusetts – Boston, Lesley College, Northeastern University, Boston College, Emmanuel College, Notre Dame University, AME University (Monrovia, Liberia), William James College and New England Law - Boston.

He is the proud husband of the Rev. Dr. Gloria White-Hammond (a pediatrician and co-pastor to whom he has been happily married since 1973); the blessed father of two daughters, Mariama and Adiya, and a son-in-law, Turahn Dorsey; and the proud grandfather of Ella. He counts as his greatest blessing the love of a God who has made it possible for him to accomplish and receive more than he could have ever thought or asked.

First Episcopal District and Connectional AME Church
2019 CALENDAR of EVENTS

February 7-9, 2019

Founder's Day

February 22-23, 2019

First District

Lay Mid-Year Meeting

Embassy Suites

Philadelphia Airport

June 4-5, 2019

Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram,

Lecturer

Hampton University

Ministerial Conference

Hampton, Virginia

June 11, 2019

Bishop and Rev. Jessica's

42nd Wedding Anniversary

2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES

Bermuda Annual Conference

March 5-10, 2019

March 5: The Ministry of Evangelism Day

March 6: Women's Missionary Society Day

March 7: Opening Worship and Communion Service
Lay Witness Night

March 8: Youth Night

March 9: Ordination/YPD

March 10: Conference Church School
Closing Worship Service - 3:31 PM

BERMUDA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE—HOST

Delaware Annual Conference

March 19-24, 2019

March 19: The Ministry of Evangelism Day

March 20: Women's Missionary Society Day

March 21: Opening Worship and Communion Service
Lay Witness Night

March 22: Youth Night

March 23: Ordination/YPD

March 24: Conference Church School
Closing Worship Service - 3:31 PM

DELAWARE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE—HOST

New England Annual Conference

April 2- April 7, 2019

April 2: The Ministry of Evangelism and WIM Day

April 3: Women's Missionary Society Day

April 4: Opening Worship and Communion Service
Lay Witness Night

April 5: Youth Night

April 6: Ordination/YPD

April 7: Conference Church School
Closing Worship Service - 3:31 PM

HISTORIC CHARLES STREET AME CHURCH—HOST

First Episcopal District and Connectional AME Church
2019 CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

New Jersey Annual Conference

April 22-28, 2019

- April 22: The Ministry of Evangelism Day
- April 23: Women's Missionary Society Day
- April 24: Opening Worship and Communion Service
- April 25: Lay Witness Night
- April 26: Youth Night
- April 27: Ordination/YPD
- April 28: Conference Church School

Closing Worship Service - 3:31 PM

SAINT JAMES AME CHURCH, NEWARK, NJ—HOST

Philadelphia Annual Conference

May 20-May 26, 2019

- May 20: The Ministry of Evangelism and WIM Day
- May 21: Women's Missionary Society Day
- May 22: Opening Worship and Communion Service
- May 23: Lay Witness Night
- May 24: Youth Night
- May 25: Ordination/YPD
- May 26: Conference Church School

Closing Worship Service - 3:31 PM

SAINT MATTHEW AME CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,
PA—HOST

New York Annual Conference

April 29- May 5, 2019

- April 29: The Ministry of Evangelism Day
- April 30: Women's Missionary Society Day
- May 1: Opening Worship and Communion Service
- May 2: Lay Witness Night
- May 3: Youth Night
- May 4: Ordination/YPD
- May 5: Conference Church School

Closing Worship Service - 3:31 PM

FIRST AME BETHEL CHURCH, NEW YORK, NY—HOST

June 13-15, 2019

Planning Meeting

Western New York Annual Conference

May 14-18, 2019

- May 14: The Ministry of Evangelism Day
- May 15: Women's Missionary Society Day
- May 16: Opening Worship and Communion Service
- Lay Witness Night
- May 17: Ordination
- Youth Night
- May 18: YPD - 8:45 AM-12:00 Noon
- Conference Church School
- Closing Worship Service - 2:01 PM

BABER AME CHURCH, ROCHESTER, NY—HOST

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Membership and Discipleship
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Stewardship and Philanthropy

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Church, Community and Civic Involvement
Information Technology/Communication
Mission Outreach and Disaster Relief
Youth and Young Adults

