

THE SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

In the African Methodist Episcopal Church

"This Mission is Possible"

The Real Church: Rising to the Challenge

2022

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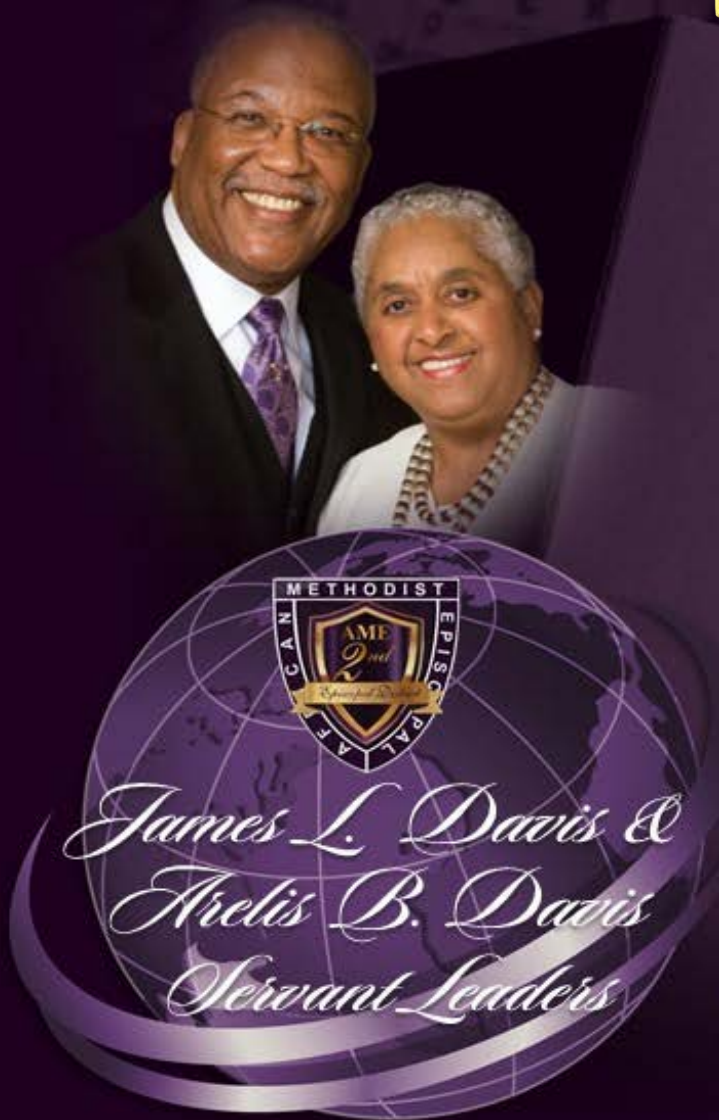
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“God Our Creator,
Christ Our Redeemer,
The Holy Spirit Our Comforter,
Humankind Our Family”

2022

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERIES

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Our Episcopal Servants



The Bishop's Annual Address

Dear Second Episcopal District Church Family:

Arelis and I are overjoyed to welcome you to our sixth series of Annual Conferences of the Second Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church for The 2022 Conference Year.

From the Official Opening to the Closing Commissioning Service of the 2022 Annual Conferences, we invoke the Name above all names to guide and direct us in our deliberations. For God has shown favor toward us and we are eternally grateful.

We have assembled as the gathered church to give an accounting of our stewardship for the 2022 Conference Year. These memorable virtual Conference Sessions begin with the 156th Virginia, April 21-22nd; 206th Baltimore, April 28-29th; 72nd Washington, May 5-6th; 153rd North Carolina, May 12-13th; and end with the 130th, Western North Carolina, May 19-20th, 2022.

Our chosen theme for this series of Annual Conference is “**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE**” The **REAL** Church: Rising to the Challenge!

Our guiding Scripture is **The Great Commission** as recorded in *Matthew 28:18-19*, which was spoken by Jesus himself with authority from His Father, the Creator of the entire world. The Bible says:

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy , Ghost and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. and surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.””

To say that the past two years, have been difficult ones for everyone is a reality that requires much prayer, perseverance and resilience. We grappled with a world-wide pandemic, economic turmoil and deep racial inequality brought to world attention by the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery and many other African Americans/Blacks and People of Color (BIPOC) at the hands of callous policing practices and; White nationalist groups and individuals inclined to promote their racist ideologies.

In an effort to silence and eliminate the voting strength and the right to vote of many Americans. More than 400 voter suppression bills were introduced in state legislative houses in 2021. And in the midst of all the other chaos, the unprovoked and unjustified attack by Russian military forces ordered by President Putin on the people of Ukraine has resulted in a catastrophic loss of life and human suffering, and heightened world tension.

This downturn of events has surely proven challenging; nonetheless, it has also provided a unique opportunity to consider what it takes to better serve people in our churches, communities and the global society.

We are bringing together an exciting lineup of speakers and educational sessions designed to engage members in two days of collaboration and connection. Tune in to hear from leading thinkers, explore relevant programs for growth, and engage in discussions that materialize into actions devoted to the church, issues relating to equity, inclusion, mental health and much more.



We've remained steadfast and true to our calling. We are still accountable for the great things that God has done through the component ministries; for our communal stewardship, evangelism, discipleship, and social and economic justice for all human beings. The Great Commission calls each of us to use our God-given spiritual gifts to take the Good News to all the world. **This Mission is Possible.**

Why do we so confidently say that **This Mission Is Possible?** Let's take a visit to a location that provides the answer. So, I invite you to take a walk with me to 2020 *Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, pages 23 Avenue, Part I, SECTION II.* Do you see the AME Church Mission Statement calling us, and resonating that -

“The Mission of the AME Church is to minister to the Social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.”

To make an even stronger case, for why we do what we do, Let's take a step back on the same Avenue of pages 23-24: Section I - **THE HISTORICAL PREAMBLE.** *It says:*

The African Methodist Episcopal Church, whose founders affirmed their humanity in the face of slavery and racism, stands in defense Of disadvantaged and oppressed people in the 21st. Century. . .

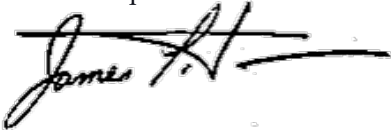
. . . Whether in schools, seminaries, hospitals or social-service centers, the AME Church has lived the gospel outside its sanctuaries. This mandate still inform its ministry, vision and mission in the church's third century of existence.”

Yes, **This Mission Is Possible** because God has equipped the SED leadership, components, pastors/clergy, and congregations with spiritual gift tools, strategies, tactical and operational resources needed to accomplish the Mission, Vision, Purposes and Objectives in the Great Commission, **“Go, Make Disciples, of all nations, baptizing them. . .teaching them. . .**

You will be convinced that **THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE** as you engage in report sharing from Administrative and Literary Committees, Components and Ministries throughout the 2nd Episcopal District.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the fantastic people of the Second Episcopal District. A cabinet of Presiding Elders who are committed and focused; by local pastors and clergy who have stood in the trenches and got the job done; the Staff and Officers, including the Executive Administrator and volunteers; committees and task forces, with expertise and vision who freely give of their valuable time to ensure that 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!**

In the Spirit of **“THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE”** The **REAL** Church, Rising to the Challenge



James & Arelis Davis
Servant Leaders



2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 - WMS Annual Convention

156TH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, **April 21** - Friday, **April 22, 2022**

Virtual Business, Committee Reports, & Annual Worship Services

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 - WMS Annual Convention

206TH SESSION OF THE BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, **April 28** - Friday, **April 29, 2022**

Virtual Business, Committee Reports, & Annual Worship Services

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - WMS Annual Convention

72ND SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, **May 5** - Friday, **May 6, 2022**

Virtual Business, Committee Reports, & Annual Worship Services

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - WMS Annual Convention

153RD SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, **May 12** - Friday, **May 13, 2022**

Virtual Business, Committee Reports, & Annual Worship Services

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - WMS Annual Convention

130TH SESSION OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, **May 19** - Friday, **May 20, 2022**

Virtual Business, Committee Reports, & Annual Worship Services

2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT - PLANNING MEETING

Date, Place and Time

To Be Announced



2022 VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA & DAILY SCHEDULE

Second Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society Annual Convention
All Day Wednesdays - Zoom Webinar Platform B



DAY 1 - THURSDAY

- 08:15 A.M. **CONFERENCE MEMBERS SIGN-IN AND ENTER THE ZOOM WEBINAR ROOM**
- 09:00 A.M. **CONFERENCE PRAYER CLINIC (THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE! The REAL Church: Invoking the Presence of God)**
- 09:10 A.M. **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
 - Expressions from Bishop James L. Davis and Supervisor Arelis B. Davis
 - Priceless Moment 1 (Remembering their voices)
 - Roll Call (Validation of the Official Roll will be done in the afternoon session)The
 - Transfers, Referrals to MEC & Memorial
 - Conference Organization Recommendations
 - Presiding Elders' Summary Report
- 09:50 A.M. **BOARD OF EXAMINERS' REPORT**
- 10:15 A.M. **CONFERENCE INSTITUTE 1 (THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE! The REAL Church: Environmental Justice)**
Dr. Sacoby Wilson, PhD, MS, Presenter -- Associate Professor, Director, CEEJH, MD Institute for Applied Environmental Health
- 11:00 A.M. **MID-MORNING BREAK**
- 12:00 P.M. HOUR OF REVIVAL AND RESTORATION WORSHIP**
 - VIRGINIA - **Rev. Vandy C. Simmons**, Pastor, Antioch AME Church, Stone Mountain, GA.
 - BALTIMORE - **Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Watley**, Pastor, Kingdom Fellowship AME Church, Silver Spring, MD.
 - WASHINGTON - **Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr.**, Pastor, Allen Temple AME Church, Tampa, FL.
 - NORTH CAROLINA - **Rev. Dr. Matthew Bonner**, Clinical Assistant Professor & Faculty Lead, St. Johns Hopkins University
 - WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA - **Rev. Tony Lee**, Pastor, Community of Hope AME Church, Hillcrest Heights, MD.
- 01:00 P.M. **RESTORATION BREAK**
- 01:30 P.M. **BUSINESS SESSION PRAYER 1 (THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE! The REAL Church: Invoking the Presence of God)**
 - Priceless Moment 2 (Remembering their voices)
 - BUSINESS SESSION 1 (THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE! The REAL Church: Rising to the Challenge)**
 - Validation the Official Roll Call (Secretary provide a list of members NOT present as an attendee)**
 - ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE! The REAL Church: Evaluating our Progress)**
 - Property, Deeds and Abstracts
 - Missions, Circuits, and Stations
 - Abandoned Property
 - Conference Trustee
 - Presiding Elders Apportionment



- 02:15 P.M. **RESTORATION BREAK**
- 02:30 P.M. **COMPONENT REPORTS** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Evaluating our Progress*)
 (3 Minutes Video of Action Items Only - Written Report can be found in Conference Business Book)
 Women's Missionary Society (YPD)
 Lay Organization
 Sons of Allen
 Women in Ministry
 Church Growth and Development
 Christian Education
 MSWAWO + PKs
 Chaplain
- 02:45 P.M. **DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Making a Difference in the Community*)
- CHURCH CLUSTER STRENGTH
 - VOTING EMPOWERMENT (Where should we stand in 2022) - **Invited Guest TBA**
 - NAACP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- 03:30 P.M. **PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Report of our Stewardship*)
- 04:15 P.M. **RESTORATION BREAK**
- 05:30 P.M. **JOIN THE WEBINAR PLATFORM** (Use the same webinar link to join)

06:00 P.M. OPENING ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP



DAY 2 - FRIDAY

- 08:00 A.M. **CONFERENCE MEMBERS SIGN-IN AND ENTER THE ZOOM WEBINAR ROOM**
- 09:00 A.M. **BIBLE STUDY** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Studying the Word of God*)
- 09:30 A.M. **BUSINESS SESSION PRAYER 2** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Invoking the Presence of God*)
Priceless Moment 3 (*Remembering their voices*)
- 09:35 A.M. **CONFERENCE INSTITUTE 2** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Confronting the Issues*)
 VIRGINIA
 BALTIMORE
 WASHINGTON
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA - UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF **BULLYING**, *Presenter, Rev. Brent L. Edwards, Pastor, St. James, Asheville*
- 10:00 A.M. **BUSINESS SESSION 2** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Assessing our Progress*)
READING OF THE MINUTES (*Draft minutes was emailed to registered Conference Members*)
- 10:15 A.M. **DISTRICT MINISTRY** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Meeting the Needs of the Body of Christ*)
- SED HISTORY BOOK
 - SED COMBINED CONFERENCE MINUTES
 - NEW PASTORS ORIENTATION
 - MENTOR MINISTERS SUPPORT - LILLY GRANT FUND
 - CLERGY SABBATICAL - LILLY GRANT FUND
 - THRIVING CONGREGATIONS - LILLY GRANT FUND
 - E-LEARNING PORTALS
 - STAY CONNECTED - SED WEBSITE
 - SED FAITH TV
 - EAP (Employee Assistant Program)
 - READNG ACHIEVEMENT



- 10:45 A.M. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
 Ministerial Efficiency Committee Report
 State of the Country
 State of the Church
- 10:54 A.M. **PASTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Report of our Stewardship*)
 11:40 A.M. **FROM THE BISHOP'S HEART**
 11:50 A.M. **RESTORATION BREAK**
- 12:00 P.M. LAY ORGANIZATION NOON WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 12:45 P.M. **RESTORATION BREAK**
- 01:45 P.M. **BUSINESS SESSION PRAYER 3** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Invoking the Presence of God*)
 01:50 P.M. **BUSINESS SESSION 3** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Assessing our Progress*)
 01:50 P.M. **CONFERENCE FINANCIAL REPORTS** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Report of Accountability*)
- Conference Treasurer's Report
 - SED Budget Proposal Presentation
 - CDC Presentation
 - Level-Up Presentations
Conference YPD, Level-Up Cheerleaders
Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Watley, Coordinator
- 02:10 P.M. **CHURCH MAINTENANCE** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Returning to the Building*)
- CHURCH MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST TEMPLATE - **Mr. David C. Johnson**
 - Review of Template Return Plan
- DISTRICT EVENTS** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Looking Ahead*)
- SUMMER SUMMIT (Christian Education Leadership Training)
 - PLANNING MEETING
 - GENERAL CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS
- 02:30 P.M. **RETIREMENT SERVICE** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Honoring God's Servants*)
 02:50 P.M. **MEMORIAL SERVICE** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Remembering Our Servants*)
 03:10 P.M. **BUSINESS SESSION PRAYER 4** (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Invoking the Presence of God*)
BUSINESS SESSION 4 (**THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE!** *The REAL Church: Assessing our Progress*)
- Statistical Report
 - Disciplinary Questions
 - Reading of the Minutes
 - Resolutions
 - Presentation of Certificates
 - Expressions of Gratitude
 - Motion to Adjourn
- 03:30 P.M. **RESTORATION BREAK**
- 05:30 P.M. **JOIN THE WEBINAR PLATFORM** (Use the same webinar link to join)
- 06:00 P.M. CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 06:45 P.M. **READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS**

