

141st Session of the South Georgia Region Annual Conference

Sixth Episcopal District
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church



Quadrennial Theme: “Back to Basics As We Envision Our Way Forward in Taking Care of God’s Business”

Sixth District’s Sub-Theme: “Bridging Worship, Discipleship, Evangelism and Stewardship Towards a More Vital Local Church”

July 6 - 7, 2020

TeleConference Gathering by Zoom

St. Andrews CME Church, Brunswick, GA, Host Church

Rev. George A. Jackson, Host Pastor

Reverend Lavisha Williams, Host Presiding Elder, Moultrie-McRae-Brunswick District

Reverend Bobby K. Goliday, Sr., Presiding Elder, Albany-Thomasville District

The Rt. Reverend Thomas L. Brown, Sr., Th. D., Presiding Prelate

Program
Monday, July 6, 2020

5:00 PM	Election for the Annual Conference Missionary Officers	
6:00 PM	Official Opening of TeleConference	
	Call to Order	Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.
	Meditation	Rev. Dr. Marvin Howard Pastor, Corinth CME Church, McRae, GA
	Offering	
6:20 PM	Roll Call	Preachers in Full Connection Preachers on Trial Retired Preachers in Full Connection Conference Officers Local Church Delegates Local Church Alternates
	Elections	Conference Secretary Conference Assistant Secretary Statistician Clerk of the Records Committee on Minutes
6:35 PM	The Bishop Speaks	Bishop Brown
6:50 PM	Conference Business Reports	Committee on Ministerial Examination Rev. Dr. Alfort Belin
		Presiding Elders and Pastoral Reports
		Albany-Thomasville District Rev. Bobby K. Goliday, Sr., Presiding Elder
		Moultrie-McRae-Brunswick District Rev. Lavisha Williams, Presiding Elder
		Greetings from Selected Connectional Candidates Episcopal Candidates & General Officer Candidates

8:00 PM

Young Adult Forum
Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin, Facilitator

“Keeping the Faith: Young Adults Inspired to
Commitment and Activism in the 21st-Century Church”

Young Adult Panelists:
Sierra Andrews
Jazmin Hunt
Rev. Amina McIntyre
Kayla M. Smith
Rev. Amber Lowe Woodfork
Jerry D. Woodfork, Jr.

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:30 AM

Memorial Service
Speaker

Rev. Dr. Ore Spragin, Editor, *The Christian Index*
Pastor, Hines Memorial CME Church, Albany, Georgia

9:00 AM

Greetings from Bishop Othal H. Lakey, Retired Resident
150th Anniversary of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Emphasis

9:15 AM

The Bishop Speaks

Bishop Brown

9:30 AM

BREAK

9:40 AM

Reports of Conference Officers

Board of Christian Education & Formation
Women’s Missionary Society
Stewardess Board

Annie Adams
Gloria Cook
Imogene Conyers, Posthumous

Lay Ministry
Ministry of Music
Board of Evangelism
Ministry to Men
Board of Trustees
Treasurer

Hilda M. Buie
Robert Harbert
Dr. Elfreda Lakey
Rev. James N. Greene
Rogers Hazel
Rev. Bobbie Goliday
Rev. Dr. Anthony Davis

One in the Spirit Banquet
Voting and Census Responsibilities (Social Concerns)

Hilda M. Buie
Rev. Connie Scott

10:15 AM Greetings Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield
Other Connectional Guests

10:30 AM Food For Thought Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin
6th District Practical Ministries Coordinator

Required Readings for Conference Year 2020-2021:

Clergy: In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership
Henri Nouwen (Crossroad Publishing, 1989)

Laity: Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through the Spiritual Disciplines
David Mathis (Crossway, 2016)

10:45 AM Faith Pledges

12:00 PM Noon Break

2:00 PM Faith Pledges, continuation

3:15 PM Afternoon Business Session
Election of Conference Treasurer
Joint Board of Finance Report Rev. Ellis C. Jackson, Chairman
Proposed Annual Conference Budget
Statistician's Report Rev. Dan Kemp III
Clerk of the Records Report

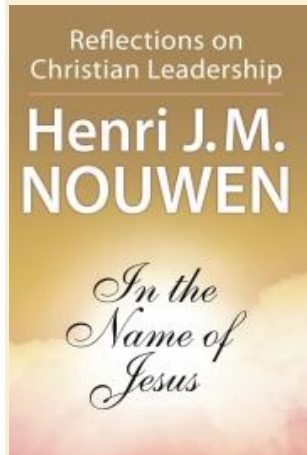
Closing Business Session
Commissioning of 2020-2021 Conference Officers
Passing of Preacher's Character

4:00 PM Closing Offering
Musical Selection
Closing Sermon Rev. Dr. Phillip Washington
Presiding Elder, Detroit and Mid-Michigan Districts
Third Episcopal District

Reading of Pastoral Appointments & Sending Forth Bishop Brown

REQUIRED READINGS FOR PASTORS, LAITY & CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS
2020-2021 CONFERENCE YEAR

FOR PASTORS:



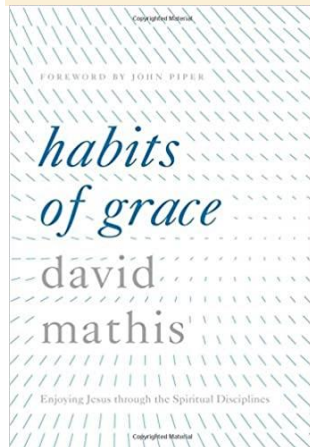
[Henri J.M. Nouwen](#)

In the Name of Jesus

Reflections on Christian Leadership

A loving and searingly insightful vision of Christian leadership, Henri J.M. Nouwen's bestseller inspires us to put aside our desire to be powerful and relevant and to stand simply in our unadorned, vulnerable selves, open to giving and receiving love.

FOR LAITY:



[David Mathis](#), [John Piper](#) (Goodreads Author) (Foreword)

Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines

Three seemingly unremarkable principles shape and strengthen the Christian life: listening to God's voice, speaking to him in prayer, and joining together with his people as the church. Though often viewed as normal and routine, the everyday "habits of grace" we cultivate give us access to these God-designed channels through which his love and power flow--including the greatest joy of all: knowing and enjoying Jesus.

**SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
CONNECTIONAL CME CHURCH
2020-2021 CALENDAR**

Sept. 4, 2020	General Connectional Board Meeting via Zoom Installation of New Chair of the College of Bishops
Aug. 15 - Oct. 15, 2020	Required Reading for Laity <i>Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through Spiritual Disciplines</i> David Mathis Part I – Hear G-d’s Voice (Word) Required Reading for Clergy <i>In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership</i> Henri Nouwen Part I: From Relevance to Prayer
Oct. 24, 2020	Quarterly Accountability for Required Reading via Zoom Meetings
Oct. 25 – Dec. 24, 2020	Required Reading for Laity <i>Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through Spiritual Disciplines</i> David Mathis Part II – Have G-d’s Ear (Prayer) Required Reading for Clergy <i>In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership</i> Henri Nouwen Part II: From Popularity to Ministry
Nov. 13 - 14, 2020	Central Georgia & Georgia North Combined Christian Training Institute (CTI) via Zoom Meeting Review of Part I from both Resources
Nov. 20 - 21, 2020	South Georgia & West Georgia Combined Christian Training Institute (CTI) via Zoom Meeting Review of Part I from both Resources

Dec. 3 – 4, 2020	Fall Accounting Gathering & 150 th CME Church Anniversary Warner Robins CME Church 200 Othal Lakey Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088 Rev. Dr. Lindsey P. Napier, Sr., Host Pastor Rev. Jane E. Thomas, Host Presiding Elder
Dec. 11-12, 2020	150 th CME Church Anniversary Mother Liberty CME Church Jackson, TN
Jan. 9, 2021	Quarterly Accountability for Required Reading via Zoom Meetings
Jan. 10 – March 10, 2021	Required Reading for Laity <i>Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through Spiritual Disciplines</i> David Mathis Part III – Belong to G-d’s Body (Fellowship)
	Required Reading for Clergy <i>In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership</i> Henri Nouwen Part III: From Leading to Being Led
Jan. 11 – 14, 2021	Annual CME 25 th Pastors’ Conference & 77 th Phillips’ Founders Day Celebration Atlanta, GA
Jan. 30, 2021	Posted Online – Review of Part II
Feb. 2021	Women’s Missionary Council Executive Board Meeting
March 20, 2021	Quarterly Accountability for Required Reading via Zoom Meetings
	Sixth Episcopal District Spring Gatherings: These gatherings will be mostly devoted to nurture and training for all ages – children, youth, young adults, clergy and laity.
	Required Reading for Laity <i>Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through Spiritual Disciplines</i> David Mathis Review Part III

Required Reading for Clergy

In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership

Henri Nouwen

Review Part III

March 26 – 27, 2021	South Georgia Region Spring Gathering St. Andrews CME Church 2101 Albany Street Brunswick, GA Rev. George Jackson, Host Pastor Rev. Lavisha Williams, Host Presiding Elder
April 9 – 10, 2021	West Georgia Region Spring Gathering Holsey Monumental CME Church 6028 Buena Vista Road Columbus, GA Rev. Carlton Mahone, Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Curtis L. West, Jr., Host Presiding Elder
April 16 - 17, 2021	Central Georgia Region Spring Gathering Bethel CME Church 1668 Pio Nono Avenue Macon, GA Rev. Dr. Donald R. Jordan, Host Pastor & Host Presiding Elder
April 30 – May 1, 2021	Georgia North Region Spring Gathering Trinity CME Church 241 W. Franklin Street Toccoa, GA Rev. Montavious Brinson, Host Pastor Rev. Frederick Braddock, Host Presiding Elder
June 4 – 5, 2021	6 th District Music Workshop, Macon, GA
June 28 – July 2, 2021	Connectional Youth & Young Adult Conference Charlotte, NC
July 7 – 9, 2021	Joint South & West Regions Annual Conference Place TBD
July 21 – 23, 2021	Central & Georgia North Regions Annual Conference Macon Centreplex 200 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA
Aug 28 – Sept 3, 2021	8 th CME Unity Summit & Lay Institute, Dallas, Texas

**MEET OUR SPEAKERS
&
PANELISTS**



Bishop Thomas Louis Brown, Sr. was elected the 54th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on June 28, 2006 in Memphis, Tennessee. Bishop Brown was born June 21, 1951 in Oakland, MS, the eighth child of Stephen and Lillie H. Brown. His elementary and secondary education was attained at Walker High School in Oakland from which he graduated as valedictorian of his high school class. He attended Northwest Junior College, Senatobia, MS; and earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of MS (Ole Miss) in 1973.

Bishop Thomas Brown matriculated at the Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, from which he earned the Master of Divinity degree, with honors, in 1976. Bishop Brown also earned, with honors, the Doctor of Theology degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in cooperation with Candler School of Theology/Emory University and Columbia Seminary in 1991. He is a member of Theta Phi Honor

Society. The ministry of Thomas Louis Brown, Sr. began during his junior year at Ole Miss when he answered the call to Christian Ministry. In the fall of 1973, he was admitted on trial in the MS Annual Conference by Bishop Joseph A. Johnson, Jr. and was assigned to pastor Rice Chapel in Durant, MS. In 1975 and 1976 respectively, Bishop Joseph C. Coles Jr. ordained him Deacon and Elder and admitted him into Full Connection in the Georgia Annual Conference. Bishop Brown's itinerant ministry in the C.M.E. Church has been extensive and thorough. In addition to Rice Chapel, he served Murray Memorial, Covington, GA; St. James, Columbus, GA; Butler Street, Atlanta, GA; and College Park, College Park, GA. He was the organizing pastor of the Good News Community Church in Lithonia, GA. From June 1990 until July 2006, Bishop Brown served with distinction as the sixth President/Dean of the Phillips School of Theology at the ITC. During his tenure, more than ninety-five students graduated. In 1996, it was under his leadership as Dean of Phillips that the Annual C.M.E. Pastors' Conference was established.

The 54th Bishop has served as adjunct professor of CME History and Polity as well as pastoral care at ITC; lectured at Candler School of Theology, (Emory University) and Columbia Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary; and was a regular teacher and preacher with the Institute of Church Administration and Management (ICAM) now known as Conference of National Black Churches. Moreover, Bishop Brown has represented the church exceptionally well. He has been a delegate to the General Conference of the CME Church from 1978 to 2006; and was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Durban, South Africa. He is a founding member of Concerned Black Clergy of Atlanta, an advocate for the homeless and persons on death row. Civic participation includes the NAACP and other community organizations. The accomplishments of Bishop Brown's 12 year tenure in the Fourth Episcopal District included the moving of the episcopal residence/office from Shreveport, LA to Jackson, MS; the purchase of a new episcopal residence and an episcopal district office for a total of over \$750,000. The mortgages on these properties were liquated prior to the 2018 General Conference.

Bishop Brown is married to Dr. Louise Baker-Brown. They are the parents of Charisa Nicole Brown-Jefferson and Thomas, Jr. and in addition he is the grandfather to Ariel Moriah, Kinston Albert and Alana Joel Jefferson, Orlando Thomas, Tyson Louis and Judah Elijah Brown. Upon his election, the 2006 General Conference assigned him to the Fourth Episcopal District which encompasses the states of Louisiana and Mississippi. He is the Chair of the Department of Christian Education, member of Boards Interdenominational Theological Center, Phillips School of Theology and Conference of National Black Churches (CNBC). In June 2018, Bishop Brown was assigned bishop of the Sixth Episcopal District, the State of Georgia.

Bishop Othal Hawthorne Lakey, Retired

Bishop Othal Hawthorne Lakey was elected the Forty-Fourth Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1982. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, the seventh child late Clarence J. and Zandree Ashley Lakey. At the age of eight he migrated with his family to San Pedro, California. There he grew up, attended and graduated from the public schools.

Bishop Lakey's educational resume is impressive. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington with a major in history and a minor in philosophy. He earned the Master of Divinity Degree from the Theological School of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey and the Master of Sacred Theology Degree from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Several educational institutions have bestowed upon him honorary doctoral degrees including Whitman College, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Lane College and Texas College.

At the age of twelve, Presiding Elder J. W. Bircher licensed Othal Lakey a local preacher at the Warren Chapel CME Church in San Pedro. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Felix L. Lewis in 1953 and ordained Elder in 1956. His pastoral ministry began in 1954 when he was appointed to the St. James CME Church in Pasco, Washington. In 1960 he was assigned to the Allen Temple CME Church in Portland, Oregon. Further ministry was at the Williams Memorial CME Temple in Shreveport, Louisiana and the Cedar Crest CME Cathedral in Dallas, Texas. In 1974 he was elected Editor of The Christian Index and on May 9, 1982 he was elected Bishop. From 1982 to 1994 Bishop Lakey was the Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District and from 1994 until retirement in 2010 he presided over the Sixth Episcopal District.

Bishop Lakey's participation in community, academic and social affairs has been extensive and influential. For more than twenty years he served as chair of the Department of Christian Education of the CME Church. He was a member of the Tri-Ethnic Committee to Develop a Plan to Desegregate the Public Schools of Dallas, (1971 – 1972), served on the Board of Directors for Bread for the World, and Member of the Advisory Council for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. For thirty years Bishop Lakey has been a regular panelist on the nationally syndicated television program, The America Religious Town Hall. In 2002 he gave the C. Eric Lincoln Lectures at Clark Atlanta University entitled, "I Imagin' in My Mind: Images of God in the Black Religious Experience."

Othal Hawthorne Lakey has authored several books: *Bewitched, Bothered & Bewildered: An Analysis of Homosexuality and the Black Church* (2012); *Mama, Will I Have to Shine Shoes the Rest of My Life? A Few Sermons Out of the Black Experience* (2008); *God in My Mama's House: The Women's Movement in the CME Church* (1994 Betty Beene Stephens, co-author); *The History of the CME Church (Revised)* (1995); *The History of the CME Church* (1985); *The Rise of "Colored" Methodism: The Background and Beginnings of the CME Church* (1972). Bishop Lakey is one of the Editors of *Understanding What We Believe: A Commentary on the Articles of Religion, The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (Revised)* (2016).

He is married to Elfreda Almond Lakey and they are the parents of two adult sons and two adult daughters, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They reside in Buford, Georgia.

Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Howard, Sr.

Marvin Jerome Howard, Sr. was born in Montezuma, Georgia. He was educated and graduated from high school at the D.F. Douglass School in Montezuma, Ga. Dr. Howard matriculated at the following colleges and received numerous degrees - Albany State College BS and Master's Degree in Middle Grades Education; Specialist from Troy State University; and Nova Southeastern University where he earned his Doctoral Degree in Leadership. Dr. Howard has attended Phillips School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Marvin Howard has worked in the education system since 1983. His teaching and coaching experience include the following counties - Telfair County, Pulaski County, Laurens County, Liberty County, and Montgomery County. On June 29, 2017, our speaker reached his goal by becoming the Superintendent of Schools in Cuthbert, Georgia.

Marvin Howard belongs to many organizations and civic groups. But the one he enjoys most is belonging to the group of believers in Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the maker of all things. He is also a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Marvin Howard resides in Alamo, Georgia and is married to Susie McRae Howard. They have three children: Jerome, Angel, and Landon and many, many God children.

Our meditation speaker has been in the ministry for over 38 years. He pastored in the AME Church for 26 years. He has served in the South, Southwest, and the Augusta Conference. While serving in the CME Church, he has served in Fitzgerald, Georgia (Holsey Chapel CME Church), and presently has served as the pastor of Corinth CME Church in McRae, Ga. for ten years.

Dr. Howard is the owner of Howard Mortuary in McRae-Helena and Warner Robins, Georgia. His motto: God has not brought me this far to leave me now. If He brings me to it, He'll take me through it.

Reverend Dr. Lisa M. Allen-McLaurin

The Reverend Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin is an Emmy-award winning pastor, professor and public theologian. She is Helmar E. Nielsen Professor of Church Music and Worship, oversees the Master of Arts in Liturgical Arts and Culture (MALC) degree program at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and is Coordinator of Practical Ministries for the Sixth Episcopal District of the CME Church. She graduated from Millsaps College and the University of Southern Mississippi with Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in piano and music education. She also holds the Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Dr. Allen-McLaurin is the author of *Worship Matters! A Collection of Practical Essays on the Practical and Spiritual Discipline of Worship* (Creative Publishing, 2015) and *Development Comes Before Deliverance: A 9-Week Sermon Series and Bible Study for Pastors and Congregations* (Creative Publishing, 2018), and is a featured musicologist in the 2015 Emmy-award winning documentary, *Reflect, Reclaim, Rejoice: Preserving the Gift of Black Sacred Music*. Dr. Allen-McLaurin is married to Thomas McLaurin and their blended family includes five children and one granddaughter.

Sierra Andrews

Sierra is a native of Columbus, Georgia and a member of Holsey Chapel CME Church where Rev. Dr. Curtis L. West is Pastor. Her ministries include Phyllis H. Bedford Missionary Society, Holsey Chapel Mass Choir, Young Adult Usher Board, and Young Adult Ministry. For 9 years Sierra has been and is still currently the Executive Liaison and Store Manager at Rainbow USA. Sierra is currently interested in pursuing her education in Fashion Market Management, and Apparel Studies.

Jazmin Hunt

Jazmin Hunt is a member of St. John CME in Gordon, Ga. She is a part of the Macon Barnesville District in the Central GA region. At age 22, is a rising senior at GA College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga. pursuing a bachelor's degree in Music Education with a concentration in Elementary Age Children and Youth and a minor on Creative Music Media.

Kayla M. Smith

Kayla Smith is a rising senior at Spelman College, majoring in International Studies with a concentration in Diplomacy. As an artist and arts advocate, Kayla wants to put her interests-- in writing, the performing arts, social justice, and global studies--in conversation for shifting public policy domestically and internationally. Now, as an Honors student and a Social Justice Fellow at Spelman, she continues to put the arts in conversation with diplomacy through my research endeavors. Currently, her research interests uncover how Afro-Cuban artists impacted U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba during the 1950s-1980s. With policy interests in human rights and foreign affairs, Kayla aspires to serve as a U.S. Ambassador to Cuba (or another Caribbean nation), or an international journalist/ commentator on NPR. During her free time, Kayla loves to read, write, listen to podcasts, dance, and travel. A fun fact about her is that she is the founder and director of Spelman College's first podcast, "The Blue Record".

Reverend Amber Lowe-Woodfork

Rev. Amber Lowe-Woodfork is from Columbia, MS. She earned the Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Mississippi in 2012. After deciding to serve the community through ministry, Amber enrolled in Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. She graduated in 2015 with Highest Honors and received the Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Ethics. Amber is currently in pursuit of a Doctor of Philosophy in English Literature at Clark Atlanta University.

Jerry D. Woodfork, Jr.

Bro. Jerry Woodfork Jr. is a nearly 20 year educator in the Atlanta Public Schools System. He is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University. During his time in APS, he has awarded the Teacher of the Year Award by his school, Cleveland Avenue Elementary School, served as Grade Level Chair, and recognized as having the highest student growth percentage at his school. Bro. Jerry Woodfork Jr. is dedicated to empowering students with tools for success.

Bro. Jerry Woodfork Jr. also continues to harness his gifts given by God by first accepting his calling to preach and being licensed an exhorter by the West Mitchell CME Church body in 2015 and further being licensed to preach by Bishop Thomas L. Brown at Good News CME Church in 2019. In that same year Bro. Woodfork was assigned to shepherd a mission church by way of the John W. Hall CME Church.

Bro. Jerry Woodfork Jr. is happily married to Rev. Amber Louisa Lowe-Woodfork, they have one cat Miss Priss, and he continues to live his life by one of his favorite scriptures, Proverbs Ch.3 (5-6).

Reverend Amina McIntyre

Rev. Amina S. McIntyre is the 2016-2020 Connectional Young Adult Ministry President. An Atlanta native, she received her BA from Colby College, MA from Indiana University, MFA from Spalding University and MTS from Emory University. McIntyre has had several productions and readings including Vanguard Repertory Theatre, the Atlanta History Museum and Oakland Cemetery. She previously served as Managing Director of Karibu Performing Arts and Director of Specialized Ministries GA North Region (6th Episcopal District). McIntyre is an ordained Elder in Full

Connection in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), and a doctoral student in Religion at Vanderbilt University. McIntyre develops scholarship, birth crafts, and curates creative spaces that interrogate spirituality and the arts.

Reverend Dr. Ore Lee Spragin, Jr.

Ore Lee Spragin, Jr., a man of Christian faith and practice, is a native of Clarksdale, MS and a life-long member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. He is a 1984 graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson MS (B.S., biology, pre-med); and a 1993 graduate of Wesley Biblical Seminary (M.Div., pastoral studies). He has also done graduate studies at Jackson State University and University Medical Center, both in Jackson MS. From 1985 to 1987 Ore worked as a biochemistry laboratory assistant at the University Medical Center and taught biology from 1993 to 1995 at Wesley College in Florence, MS. In 2010 Ore completed requirements for and received the Th.D. in Methodist Studies from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Mishawaka, IN.

Ore is an ordained Elder (1987) admitted to Full Connection (1988) in the CME Church and has been an itinerant minister since 1985 – serving as a pastor in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia; and as a Presiding Elder from 2003 - 2014.

In 2014 Ore Spragin was elected Editor of *The Christian Index*, the official organ of the CME Church. He presently serves in that capacity and as Pastor of the Hines Memorial CME Church in Albany, Georgia (USA).

He has conducted seminars in the Church, at home and abroad, in the areas of church history and doctrine, spiritual formation and Christian discipleship, biblical studies, worship, and church leadership.

His professional affiliations include: Trustee Board, Breeding-Montgomery Bible College (Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria); the Associated Church Press; Trustee Board, Phillips School of Theology at the ITC, Atlanta, Georgia; Advisory Board, Methodist House of Studies, Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee; NAACP; former trustee, Epworth Old Rectory, England; and former member, Commission on Faith and Order (CME Church).

Ore Spragin is the author of three books: *Commentary on the Gospel of Luke* (2010); *The History of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (1870-2009): Faithful to the Vision* (2011); and *An Exposition of The Apostles' Creed* (2014); contributed to *Commentary on the Articles of Religion* published by the CME Church (2016); and is published in *The Christian Index* and in other denominational publications. He also wrote for the "Faith in Memphis" section of the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Ore is happily married to Phyliss Morgan Spragin, and they have one adult daughter, one deceased son, and one grandchild.

Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington

Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington Presiding Elder of the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Districts. Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington is currently serving as Presiding Elder of the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Districts, of the Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr. is the Presiding Prelate. He serves as the Episcopal Program Director of the Third Episcopal District. He is the vice chair of the Christian Education Department of the CME Church. He is a former board member of the Personnel Services of the Christian Methodist Church and a former chair of the joint board of finance of the Michigan-Indiana Region. In 2013/14 conference year, Dr. Washington led the St. James CME Church (Flint) congregation in financial stability as they prepared to renovate and remodel the Church.

Before being assigned as Presiding Elder, Rev. Washington served as pastor of the St. John CME Church in Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Washington led this historical congregation in areas of spiritual guidance, leadership, discipleship and financial growth. Under his leadership he inspired and led the congregation in designing and implementing such ministries as Voices of Faith Young Adult Choir, St. John Liturgical Dance Ministry and The Nehemiah Mission - a church renovation project. In his second year as pastor, he led the congregation in paying off a \$100,000.00 loan. As pastor of Pilgrim Temple CME Church (East St. Louis, IL), Dr. Washington led this congregation in building the children, youth, and young adult ministries, renovating and updating the church, as well as purchasing property surrounding the church. He established a 501 3 C organization and provided educational funded programs in the church and throughout the city. He established partnerships with the school system, organizations and the city. Dr. Washington's leadership in the East St. Louis and the St. Louis District went beyond the walls of the church.

Rev. Washington has been in the pastorate for almost 40 years in the CME connection serving the St. Matthew CME Church, Wichita, KS; St. James CME Church, Leavenworth, KS, Scotts Mater CME Church, Americus, GA., Mt. Zion CME Church, Vienna, GA., Laymen Chapel CME Church, South Bend, IN. Pilgrim Temple CME Church, East St. Louis, IL and Turner Chapel CME Church, Mount Clemons, MI. His leadership has led congregations in spiritual, numerical and financial growth. Rev. Washington is passionate about community outreach and empowerment and it was this passion that led him to become founder and Chief Executive Officer of Vision In Communities, a non-profit organization that works with faith based organizations and other institutions in the development and capacity building of programs that go beyond the church walls and promote the church as a community asset. He was also the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Pilgrim Temple Human Development Outreach Center in East St. Louis. Dr. Washington was instrumental in the formation of the Black Methodist (BMA) Alliance in Detroit, MI. He formed the first religious partnership with CFED and PNC Bank to help provide assistance to low and middle income children to save for college.

Rev. Washington earned a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Wichita State University, a master of divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center Phillip's School of Theology and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. The Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington is regarded as a prolific preacher and teacher.

Rev. Washington has served on numerous boards and committees throughout his tenure. In addition he has taught in many arenas including a seminar in Austria on "Spirituality." Due to his leadership and community involvement, he was the first pastor in the state of Indiana to be invited to open Congress with prayer. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Rev. Washington is a fifth generation CME and follows a legacy of CME preachers and laypersons. He is the son of the late Rev. Lester Washington and Mrs. Emma Washington. His father led congregations in growth as well as led the St. Paul CME Church in Mexico, MO. in building a brand new facility that serves the church and community. His great, great, grandfather, the late Rev. Cyrus Alexander, Sr., organized the Alexander-Lawson Memorial CME church; the first CME church in Bastrop, Louisiana and he also served as the Presiding Elder of the Monroe District.

Rev. Washington is married to a loving and beautiful wife, Alandra L. Washington, the proud father of two daughters Tyna and Terrea (Gerrod) and the overjoyed grandfather of Taleah Marie-Zion and Tia Marie-Zion Washington



SOUTH GEORGIA REGION CONFERENCE OFFICERS

2019 - 2020

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Regional Cordinal of Music:	Cheryl J. Goliday
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