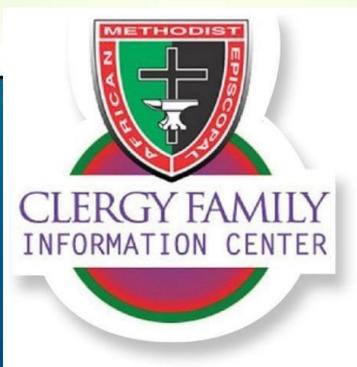


# The AMEC Clergy Family Information Center

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

*Mrs. Ora L. Easley, Administrator*



*Council of Bishops and General Board Meeting  
African Methodist Episcopal Church*

**Marriott Marquis Hotel – Atlanta, Georgia**

**June 27-29, 2022**

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Senior Bishop  
Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford Sr., President, Council of Bishops

Bishop Paul J.N. Kawimbe, President, General Board

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Host Bishop

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Chair, Commission on Social Action

**Dr. Jaquelyn DuPont Walker, Social Action Consultant**



***Mrs. Ora L. Easley,  
International Administrator***

*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” John 15:16 KJV*

**GREETINGS:** To: Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr, Senior Bishop; Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, President Council of Bishops; Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Host Bishop; Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Social Action Commission Chair and immediate past President, Council of Bishops; Bishops of the Church; Episcopal Supervisors; General and Connectional Officers; Dr. Jacquelyn DuPont-Walker, Social Action Consultant; members of the General Board; members of the Commission on Social Action; my sisters and brothers, ALL. GREETINGS!

A blessed privilege it is to share the annual stewardship accountability report as the Administrator of The Clergy Family Information Center. **The Clergy Family Information Center** is an international email notification ministry, **its MISSION, an online conduit of Sharing, Compassion and Caring.** The ministry is a component of the Commission on Social Action of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Commission Chair, Dr. Jacquelyn DuPont Walker, Consultant. The ministry posts email notifications to members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church from Episcopal Districts 1-20. The ministry is a seven day a week and holidays endeavor reaching across continents and oceans.

**The Primary Function of the Ministry** is to inform e-mail recipients of deaths occurring within the families of God’s called servants, from the church leadership of bishops, general officers, connectional officers, and judicial council; to the presiding elders, pastors, ministerial staff and their families, the families of AME Church endorsed military personnel, denominational office staff, and the presidents and deans of AME Church seminaries, universities, and colleges.

### **PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING BEREAVEMENT NOTIFICATIONS:**

- Each Episcopal District has an established protocol for the office of the Clergy Family Information Center to receive bereavement notifications for posting to the connectional church family.
- When clergy family deaths occur and families are not aware of the protocol, please contact the presiding elder's office or the office of the presiding bishop for guidance.
- Only the church leadership may email notifications of bereavement directly to the office of the CFIC. The office of the presiding bishop should be copied in those instances.

### **NO PHOTOS OF DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE POSTED IN EMAIL NOTICES:**

A link may be placed to the mortuary web page sharing a picture of deceased loved one and messages of gratitude can be uploaded or placed on the CFIC web page. The CFIC office has most recently begun to place bereavements notifications on the CFIC Face Book Wall and will post pictures there.

### **THE VERIFICATION PROCESS:**

Deliberate care is exercised with each notification to avoid the posting of erroneous service information which could be disquieting for the families involved. It is encouraging at this juncture that most bereavement notifications are now received from Episcopal District offices or from the offices of presiding elders. As an added precaution, a mortuary guest book is sought if not listed in the notification in an attempt to cross-check all information for accuracy prior to posting and to provide an avenue for placement of condolences when email addresses are not available for family members.

### **FOLLOW-UP, AFTER THE POSTING OF EACH BEREAVEMENT NOTICE:**

- A message of condolence on behalf of the CFIC ministry is usually emailed to a bereaved family member or placed on an online funeral home guestbook
- A summarization of the bereavement notification is logged into an excel document that the CFIC website might be quickly updated at months end.

\*\*\*A concentrated effort is made to verify each notification of posted, therefore, follow-up information and updates **are only posted at the request of the Presiding Bishop in the Episcopal District where the deceased resided** or unless the deceased is a part of the church leadership requiring a greater distribution of details involving the connectional church family.

### **NOTED MINISTRY SIGNIFICANTS:**

The array of funeral programs, lovely handwritten notes of gratitude and voluminous email messages received from grateful families sharing how significant the CFIC ministry has been in their lives when experiencing bereavement over the days, over the months and years and is notable. Likewise, the ministry of the CFIC has created a boomerang effect across our Zion as other connectional organizations, several episcopal districts, conferences and presiding elder's districts are now replicating the practice of emailing bereavement notifications.

### CONGRATULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulatory announcements are shared on Fridays, providing opportunity for commendations, congratulations and well wishes to be extended by the AME Church family to those who are praising God for the Joy of significant milestones reached in their lives.

### CONGRATULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES:

The following are posted by The Clergy Family Information Center: Graduations, baccalaureate degrees and above; academic achievements; birth of PK's, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; birthday celebrations – 70 years and above, 75, 80, 85, 90, etc.; weddings of ministers, PK's, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; wedding anniversaries- 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and above and noteworthy achievements.

- Four (4) congratulatory announcements may be posted annually, per clergy family household.
- Congratulatory announcement submission deadline: Articles must be received in the office of the Clergy Family Information Center "no later" than Thursday, 6:00 PM The preceding Friday. Email to: The Office of the CFIC, [OeasleyL@amecfic.net](mailto:OeasleyL@amecfic.net).

### EPISCOPAL CENTENARIAN BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Episcopal Centenarian Birthday Celebration Announcement for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of **Bishop Frederick Calhoun James**, the 93rd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was Initiated by the CFIC. Bishop James, the oldest living Bishop in Methodism in the USA and the Founder of the Social Action was announced in a historic two-week communication celebration countdown. Bishop James, with sharp mind, gave page number instructions from his book published, "**Forward in Faith**" to locate particular pictures that he was very fond of for inclusion in the episcopal districts pictorial journal, and some photos used from my personal albums for the South African tours which my husband and I were privileged to be a part of in years 1994, 1995 and 1996.

### OTHER NOTIFICATIONS POSTED:

- Bereavements affecting the AMEC endorsed Chaplaincy as well as Presidents and Deans of the AME Church Institutions of Higher Education
- Bereavements affecting the leadership of the Connectional Lay Organization and the Women's Missionary Society
- Bereavements occurring within the staff of Episcopal District Offices and staff of the General Officers

### OUTREACH TO ENHANCE THE MINISTRY PRESENCE:

For more professionalism, the CFIC continues to maintain its dedicated email domain, acronym, **AMECFIC.NET** and also continues to house its global website @ domain URL [www.amecfic.org](http://www.amecfic.org) in cyberspace, which has received over 266, 567 visitors, and utilizes social media; Facebook (with 3,325 followers, Twitter and LinkedIn with (775 Connections). Additionally, the CFIC has an AT&T business account with world-wide calling capability on the office landline and cell phone; an AT&T wi-fi portable connection device (NETGEAR) for travel needs and utilizes Tech 360 Support for 24-hour technical services for the desktop and lap top computers.

## WEB MINISTRY:



- To make available necrology information, especially bereavements occurring within the church leadership for annual conference statisticians who compile annual necrology reports.
- To make the Clergy Family Information Center posting guidelines available.
- To spread the ministry message to a global audience via cyberspace.

**Necrology Listings on the CFIC website,** \*Purple fonts connote Episcopal families, Red font, General Officers and Blue font, Connectional Officers. This data was shared via a connectional email notification as being beneficial for memorial committees preparing reports for annual conferences seeking AME leadership bereavements.

## BROADEN READERSHIP:

The Editor of the Christian Recorder includes summarization listings of the CFIC notifications of bereavement and congratulatory announcements; data gathered from the CFIC website, in the AME Christian Recorder, online and hardcopy, providing an even wider visibility internationally.

***\*From a tiny seed planted, the CFIC Ministry of compassion, sharing and caring continues to flourish, PRAISE GOD!***

## IN GRATITUDE:

Gratitude is extended to Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Social Action Commission Chair, and immediate past president, Council of Bishops, for her support, encouragement, and ministry affirmation, and to Episcopal Supervisor Byfield who supportively stands by her side, for his keen interest. Kudos and congratulations to Dr. DuPont-Walker, Consultant, for the new title; who is available at all hours to listen, share advice and opinions; and many thanks to my clergy spouse, Presiding Elder, Retired, Dr. William W. Easley, Jr., for his caring spirit and support, and for being my "armor-bearer" when needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ora L. Easley*

**Addendum: Annual Necrology**

## *Annual Necrology*

### *April 2021 - April 2022*



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*"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"*

#### APRIL 2021

**The Reverend Dr. Charles William Bennett**, retired presiding elder of the West Atlanta District in the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Reverend Mary M. Wiley**, itinerant elder and associate minister of Disney-Nichols AMEC, Philadelphia PA, wife of the Reverend Rev. Clarence E. Wiley, Sr., First Episcopal District

**Brother Jeremy Dejuan Williamson**, the son of Reverends Carol and Antoine Perrier, first family of Rosebud-St. James AME Church in Rosebud, Alabama, Ninth Episcopal District

**Brother Charlie Person, Jr.**, the brother of Reverend Patricia Walton, pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church in Seale, Alabama, Ninth Episcopal District

**Brother Tony Earl Moore**, the brother of Reverend Loretta Fuller, pastor of St. John AME Church Pittsview, Alabama and Howard Chapel AME Church in Hatchechubbee, Alabama, Ninth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Mamie Brookens** (Ret.) Fourth Episcopal District, who served on the pastoral team at Celia Gregg Memorial AME Church, Woodlawn AME Church, Institutional AME Church, and Grant Memorial AME Church and in her later years was also a member of the pastoral team at Trinity Chapel AMEC in Bay Minette, AL, in the 9th Episcopal District

**Sister Katie E. Sterling**, of Houston, Texas, the sister of the Reverend Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, pastor of Saint John AME Church in Birmingham, Alabama, Ninth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Patricia Ann Smith**, a resident of Montgomery, Alabama, she is the sister of Reverend Samuel Smith, pastor of St. John AME Church in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama, Ninth Episcopal District

**Brother Hezzie Watts, Jr.**, president of the South Mississippi Conference Lay Organization; husband of Mrs. Malinda Watts, former director of the 8th District YPD; the father of the Rev. Cory (Dr. Toy) Watts, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Gulfport, MS, South Mississippi Annual Conference, Eighth Episcopal District

**Rev. Susie R. Mallory** (95) a local elder at Saint Paul AME Church, Oakwood; TN; she served with joy and was an inspiration to the Oakwood community of the Tennessee Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Frances Bridgeforth**, sister of the Rev. Dr. Darryl Williams, pastor of St. Stephen AME Church - Detroit, Michigan, and sister-in-love of first lady, Mrs. Laurelyn Williams - Fourth Episcopal District

**Mr. Antonio Hughlett**, the brother of the Rev. Wanda Hughlett, associate minister at Kairos Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Tennessee Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Sister Bernice B. Edmond**, aunt of The Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District

**Sister Lucy Richardson Riggins**, the mother of Reverend Sharon Hearn, pastor of Temple Gate AME Church, in the West Birmingham Ensley Greensboro District, Ninth Episcopal District

**Bro. Cleveland "Sonny" Gordon**, husband of Presiding Elder Elaine Gordon, South District - Indiana Conference, Fourth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Janet B. Smith**, the widow of the late retired Presiding Elder Elijah Smith, Sr., and the mother to three daughters, an active member of CONN-M-SWAWO+P.K.'S, SED-M-SWAWO+P.K.'S, and the Southwest GA Annual Conference M-SWAWO+P.K.'S, WMS and Lay Organization

**The Reverend John Wesley Anderson Jr.**, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, South Coatesville, Pennsylvania, who served the Harrisburg District of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the First Episcopal District for many years

**Former Presiding Elder Joel Mehu** of Haiti, pastor of Christine Smith AME Church, former AME Agent for Haiti, former presiding elder of the Haitian Conference of the Sixteenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Keith Belgrave**, the husband of Rev. Julia Belgrave, local Elder at Emmanuel, Barbados and father of Rev. Ruth Phillips, pastor of Emmanuel, Barbados, Sixteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Pastor Jean-Paul Basunga** of the Sixteenth Episcopal District lost his mother, age 100, leaving behind great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a wonderful and fulfilling life

**Deaconess Leola Carrol**, age 102, a member of Bethel AME Church, Virgin Islands, Sixteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Almena L. Myers**, a member of Lee Chapel AME Church, Nashville, TN and a faithful member of the WMS of the Tennessee Conference of the Thirteenth Episcopal District; and widow of the late Rev. Thomas Myers of St. Andrews AME Church, Kingstree District, 7th Episcopal District

**Sister Frances Ann Davis** a faithful member of Oak Grove AME Church in Florence, Alabama and sister of Reverend Sandra Anderson, pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church – Calera in the Montgomery-Selma District of the Ninth Episcopal District

**Sister Verna L. Leslie**, the wife of Rev. Willie Lee Leslie, a member of Suggs Chapel AME Church, Dellrose, Tennessee, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Marilyn D. Brown**, the pastor of Miller Chapel AME Church/Christ Centered Ministries, in addition to being an itinerate elder, who loved her AME Church family, she was an experienced and skillful attorney who worked for HUD

**Reverend Betty Jackson**, the sister of Reverend Lasagne Smith, Pastor, Matthews Chapel AME Church and St. Paul AME Church, and the sister-in-law of Reverend Jerry W. Smith, pastor of Bailey Springs AME Church (St. Florian) in the Northwest Alabama Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District

#### **MAY 2021**

**Brother Albert Yarbrough**, former 12th Episcopal District Lay President who led with dignity and quiet strength, gaining respect from the members of the organization, the loving husband of Mrs. Betty Yarbrough and father of the Reverend Sandra (Stanley) Burton

**The Reverend Willie Dell Flowers**, age 87, retired after pastoring several churches across the Ninth Episcopal District for over forty years, faithfully served as the Southeast Alabama Conference secretary for several years; and he was actively assisting at St. Paul AME Church in Brundidge, Alabama until his passing

**Deaconess Dorothy Poston**, the mother-in-law of Rev. Clay Holliday, Sr., pastor of Mt. Sinai AME Church and grandmother of Rev. Clay Holliday, Jr., pastor of New Wright's AME Church, Arlington, TN, West Tennessee Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Ms. Annette S. Chapman**, sister of retired Presiding Elder Clarence G. Robinson, Fourth Episcopal District

**Sister Annie Louise Watkins Woodson**, 104 years old, the grandmother of Rev. Dr. Terence L. Mayes Sr., presiding elder of the Fayetteville-Pulaski District, pastor of St. Paul-Agnew AME Church, Pulaski Tennessee of the Thirteenth Episcopal District

**First Gentleman Fred Farness**, husband of the Reverend Venita Farness, Pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church-Woodlawn in the Northwest Alabama Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Martha Adams**, the mother of Sister Bobbie Nelms and mother-in-law of the Reverend Sammie Nelms, First Lady, and Pastor of Ward Chapel AMEC-Bessemer in the Northwest Alabama Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District

**Reverend Emmanuel Samoma**, a minister in the Solwezi East District of the Zambezi Annual Conference of the 17<sup>th</sup>

Episcopal District, pastor in charge of Kajoba AME Church, serving God and the Church for 43 years, from the time he received his first ordination in 1978.

**Sister Fay Carol Watkins Oakley**, the sister of The Rev. Dr. Cynthia J. W. Bailey, and sister-in-law of Brother Hezekiah Bailey, Pastor and First Gentleman of Greater Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Starke, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

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#### **JUNE 2021**

**Mr. DeWitt Hilliard**, the father of Rev. Lynnette Thomas and father-in-law of Rev. Gregory Thomas, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mr. Bertell Porcher**, the brother-in-law of Reverend Dr. Charles Young, Presiding Elder and Dr. Sandra Young, Area Consultant of the Orangeburg District, Central Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Mr. Joseph President**, of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, the maternal grandfather of the Reverend Garrett J. Copeland, Associate Minister at Kairos Ebenezer AME Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Catherine Rainer**, the beloved wife of the Rev. Melvin Rayner, retired pastor of Bethel AME Church, Bay Shores, NY, First Episcopal District who moved to the Eleventh Episcopal District where the couple were active members of Mt. Zion AME Church, Ocala, FL

**The Reverend Sunday Musamala Sinyangwe**, a minister for 18 years in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a member of the Lusaka East Presiding Elder District in the Southeast Zambia Annual Conference of the 17<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District

**Mrs. Jimmie Mae “Mother” Goodloe**, matriarch of the Goodloe family, mother-in-love of connectional officer, Reverend Michele R. Goodloe, president of the Presiding Elder’s Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, presiding elder of the Southeast District-South Mississippi Annual Conference and administrative assistant of the Eighth Episcopal District

**Mr. Buford Rice "Sonny" Walker**, husband for 43 years of Mrs. Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Consultant/Director of the Social Action Commission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; a loving couple with 7 wonderfully blended children; he was founders of the Sons of Watts, 1965, a civic and community leader, an advocate for justice, and a basketball legion

**Retired Presiding Elder, The Reverend Dr. Farrell J. Duncombe**, Presiding Elder of the Montgomery Selma District in the Alabama River Region Annual Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District until his retirement from the AME Church, husband of husband of Mrs. Juanita Duncombe, father of Farrell Duncombe II and Djuana Paden, three grandchildren

**Brother Albert Bethea**, the father of the former Pastor Rev. Dr. Michael A. Bethea of Hemingway Temple AME Church, Washington, DC, Second Episcopal District

**Mother Odesser Murray**, mother of Pastor Sharon (Leon) Ogilvie, Pastor of Wayman Chapel (Columbia, TN) and Jones Chapel (Mt. Pleasant, TN) in Maury County, TN (Tennessee Annual Conference) Thirteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend D. Lavel Crawford**, servant leader at Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church, Oklahoma City, OK, also he served as 12th Episcopal District Accountant, served on the Revision Committee and on the General Conference Commission of the A.M.E. Church

**Mrs. Eliza V. Lewis**, the mother of the Rev. Willie L. Merrick and mother-in-law of Mrs. Wanda T. Merrick, pastor and first lady of the Flipper Chapel AME Church, Tallahassee, Florida Annual Conference-Tallahassee District, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Mr. George L. Russell, Sr.**, (77) the father of Rev. George L. Russell, Jr. who is the pastor of Brown Chapel AME Church in Cincinnati, OH., and father-in-law of Mrs. Anna Russell, Third Episcopal District

**Mr. Horace Ricardo Scott**, the brother of Rev. Dr. Edward Scott, Pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church, Staunton, Virginia, and the brother in love of the Rev. Andrea Cornett Scott, Pastor of Christ our Redeemer AME Church, Staunton, Virginia, and Dean of the Virginia Conference Board of Examiners, Second Episcopal District

**The Reverend Neal Chris Smith, III**, retired Itinerant Elder in the Fourth Episcopal District, Michigan Conference, served as pastor in several churches in the Michigan Conference, St. Matthew AME - Detroit, Allen Chapel - Kalamazoo, Mt. Calvary - Detroit, and St. Luke - Roseville

**Mrs. Pauline Bryant Hickman**, the mother of the Rev. Ronnie Clark, pastor of Hurst Chapel AMEC Winter Haven, West Coast Conference; the Rev. Marque Woodard, pastor of Fountain Chapel AME Church, Tallahassee, the Rev. Gwendolyn Carroll-Simmons, pastor of Richbay AME Church, Havana and the Rev. Debra Love, pastor of Oakgrove AME Church, Chattahoochee, all of the Florida Conference, 11<sup>th</sup> District.

**The Reverend Johan Ivan Phillips**, age 59, an itinerant elder for 26 years in the AME Church serving churches in the Boland Annual Conference in the Fifteenth Episcopal District, who died in a tragic car accident on his way to a pastor's meeting of the Montagu PE District

**Reverend Mark Ellen Pietersen** age, age 53, an active itinerant elder in the Boland Annual Conference, Fifteenth Episcopal District for 30 years, who died in a tragic car accident on his way to a pastor's meeting of the Montagu PE District

**Mr. Aaron M. Hunter**, the brother of the Rev. Dr. Barbara Hunter Thompson, president of the Third Episcopal District M-SWAWO plus PKs and brother-in-law of the Rev. Dr. Taylor T. Thompson, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Canton, Ohio, Third Episcopal District

**Sis. Mary Smith Zarzar**, 1st Vice President of the 14<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Women Missionary Society, District Secretary, and the administrative assistant to the pastor of the Eliza Turner Memorial AME Church

**The Reverend Dr. Peggy E. Wall**, a beloved retired pastor of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Second Episcopal District

**Mrs. Pirley Mae Brumfield**, the mother of Miss Alise Ware, and Mrs. Marie Gauthier, Louisiana Conference Lay President; the mother-in-law of the Rev. Willie Gauthier, Pastor of Salter's Chapel AME Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana, and also the grandmother of Mr. Emile Washington, former Connectional YPD President

**Presiding Elder Joseph Sono** age, 51 years, an itinerant elder in the Kalahari Annual Conference in the Fifteenth District

**Mrs. Sallie G. Townes**, Sixth Episcopal District, Macon Georgia Conference pastor's widow, former president of the Macon GA Conference M-SWAWO Plus PK'S

**Ms. Rakgadi Evodia Fantsi**, daughter of the Late Presiding Elder, Reverend and Mrs. Edward Victor Fantsi, Nineteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Rashi Imel Pinckney**, Retired, Baltimore Conference of the Second Episcopal District

**Sis. Bobbie Coleman**, the widow of The Late Reverend Willie R. Coleman, the mother of Sisters Janet Coleman (Dr. Daniel W.) Johnson, pastor and 1st lady of Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, Pine Bluff, AR, and Lisa Coleman, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Earlene King**, the mother of the Reverend Linda F. (Sherman) Butler, pastor of Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, Prescott, AR, Twelfth Episcopal District

**JULY 2021**

**Mrs. Lois Helen Cyprian**, the widow of Presiding Elder Joseph H. Cyprian, Jr., the mother of Mr. Douglas (Pamela) Cyprian of Folsom, Louisiana, and the Reverend Derrick (Chalita) Cyprian of Houston, Texas, and the loving Maw-maw to four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, Eighth Episcopal District

**Evangelist Martha Ann Alexander**, the beloved and cherished mother of The Reverend Willie Alexander, Pastor stationed at St. John AMEC, Citra, The "Nurturing" North Orlando District, Central Annual Conference, Eleventh Episcopal District

**The Reverend Bongani Shepherd Leonard Jantjies**, age 48 years, an itinerant elder for 22 years, serving several churches; he was the first Presiding Elder of the newly organized Makone Presiding Elder District and was the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners of the The Cape Annual Conference, 15th Episcopal District

**Rev. Alan White**, Pastor of Campbell's Chapel AMEC in Virginia Beach, VA (Norfolk Eastern Shore District) Second Episcopal District; husband of Mrs. Debra White and the son of Rev. Willie (Esther) White, retired pastor in the Virginia Conference

**Mrs. Patricia Jefferson**, widow of the late Rev. H. E. Jefferson, former pastor in the Virginia Conference of the Second Episcopal District; mother of Rev. Andre P. Jefferson, Sr., well-known pastor of Bethel AMEC, Hampton, VA and the grandmother of Rev. Andre P. Jefferson, Jr. Pastor of New Mount Olive AMEC in Chesapeake, VA

**The Reverend Floyd Nedab, Jr.**, age 91, Retired Itinerant Elder, a member of Emanuel AME Church, Portsmouth, VA, and former pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Daughety, VA and Bethel AMEC, Eastville, a faithful pastor in the Virginia Conference, Second Episcopal District, survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Nedab and children: Mrs. Martha White, Mr. Floyd Nedab, III. Mr. Jerry Parks, Mr. Harry C. Elliott, Jr., Ms. Jada Elliott, Ms. Temple Nedab and Mr. Cornel Nedab along with several grandchildren

**Sister Joyce Gwendolyn Hanum Corpening**, 91, the mother of Reverend Gwendolyn Minor, Pastor of Macedonia AMEC, Carrollton, Virginia. and the late Reverend Richard Corpening, other surviving family members include Kim (Jonice) of N.C., Gary (Loretta) of TN., daughter-n-law Lori of NC, 15 grandchildren and, 18 great-grandchildren

**The Reverend Dr. Lonnie Johnson**, widower of Sister Grace Johnson, who served the African Methodist Episcopal Church with distinction in many capacities, to include President of Shorter College, Presiding Elder of the Oklahoma Conference, and pastor of many congregation

**Mrs. Sheila Davis Webster**, wife of the Reverend Wendell C. Webster, pastor of Mount Zion AME Church, Daytona Beach, Florida, and daughter-in-law of Bishop Robert V. Webster

**Mr. Jeffrey Taylor, Sr**, the son-in-law of Sister Dianne Battle, Director of Public Relations of the Connectional Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Mr. Kenneth Ray Howard, Jr.**, the son of the Reverend Linda C. Igwebuikie, pastor of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, Fort Smith, AR, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Brother Travis Lynard Foster**, the son of Reverend Edna Dingle-Stokes, Pastor of St. James AME (Wando) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

**Sister Marilyn Crawford-Rivers** of Eufaula Alabama, the mother of Reverend Angie Crawford Cox, First Lady of Mount Calvary AMEC, Towson, Maryland and the mother-in-law of Reverend Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Second Episcopal District

**The Reverend Percy L. Jones**, retired pastor of the Ninth Episcopal District AME Church

**Retired Episcopal Supervisor and former NBA Player, Stanley McKenzie (1944-2021), loving husband of Bishop Vasthi Murphy McKenzie, Retired Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Mr. Steve Fugh**, member of New Tyler AMEC, Memphis, TN, and the brother of Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding Prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Mother Helena Hall Boykin**, WMS life member, Sunday School Superintendent, the wife of Rev. Robert D. Boykin (retired pastor, North Carolina Conference), the mother of Rev. Ronald A. Boykin (Helen), pastor, Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church of Lanham, MD, William O. Boykin (Marie), past General Board member, and Helena Highsmith (Joseph)

**Brother John Booker, Jr.**, the son of Reverend John Booker, Sr., Pastor of New Hope AME (Mountville) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville District, Piedmont Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

## **AUGUST 2021**

**Deacon Bennie J. Butler, Sr.**, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the paternal grandfather of the Rev. Dr. Curry Butler, Jr., the Pastor of St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Brother Byron Lee Byfield**, the father of Rev. Aldean Byfield, Pastor of St. Matthew's AME Church in St. Catherine, Jamaica; husband to Caseta Byfield, a lifetime member of St. John AME Church, Clarendon, Jamaica and father of Alecia Byfield, former 16<sup>th</sup> District YPD President.

**The Reverend LaNell Franklin Ross**, Presiding Elder of the Little Rock/Jonesboro District, Arkansas Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Deaconess Janet Kasapo Chomba** of Quinn's Chapel AME Church, Chingola, Zambia, age 79; who served her church; Sunday School Superintendent, Music and Christian Arts Director, WMS local President, Area Four WMS Chairperson, Class Leader of Member Siyezwa Class and on the ecumenical level, she pioneered the Women's Wing of the Chiwempala, a local chapter of the Council of Churches in Zambia. She was the mother the Rev. Royd Mwandu, the immediate past Seventeenth Episcopal District Director of Christian Education, also 3 other AME Church clergy sons and six daughters

**Mr. Joseph Edward Fugh, 1979-2021**, the son of Bishop and Mrs. Clement W. Fugh, Episcopal Leadership Team of the Fifth Episcopal District and brother of Marcia Fugh-Joseph (Paul)

**Reverend James Davis, Sr.**, age 96, a retired pastor of St. James AME Church, Pratt City, Alabama; father of Reverend Richard L. Davis, pastor, Gaines Chapel AME Church, Birmingham, Alabama, Northwest Alabama Conference, 9<sup>th</sup> District

**Sister Brenda Holland Curry, Connectional Lay Organization Officer, Assistant Recording Secretary for the CLO Organization**

**Mrs. Linda Marie Simon Kelly**, the wife of Reverend Dr. Herman O. Kelly, Jr., pastor of Bethel AME Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the Eighth Episcopal District; serving with her husband as a partner in ministry for over 35 years, and was First Lady of Bethel for over 23 years, and the mother of Herman Osby Kelly, III and Tiffany Marie Kelly

**Mr. Henry E. Justice**, brother of Rev. Dr. J. Stanley Justice, Pastor Morris Brown AME Church Philadelphia, Rev. Lester N. Justice, Pastor Wesley Temple UMC, Salisbury, MD, Evangelist Iris V. Justice Waters, and the uncle of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Jackson Jr., Pastor of Bethel AME Church Stamford, Ct, First Episcopal District

**Mr. Raymond F. Edmonds, Sr.**, husband of Mrs. Elnor Edmonds, longtime members of New Mt. Olive AMEC, Chesapeake, Virginia; the father of the Reverend Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr., pastor, Falls Road AMEC, Baltimore, MD, and the father-in-love of the Reverend Jerri Edmonds, he was also father of Mrs. Sherry Clemons and Mrs. Trina Brickhouse

**Bro. Keith "KD" Jones**, son of Bro. Delroy Jones, Sr. and Rev. Latisha Jones, Pastor of Gregg-Anne AME Church, Bradley, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District; and brothers Roshea and DJ.

**Mrs. Amy Velma Lee-Bowie**, 108, of Phenix City, Alabama; the mother of Reverend Jacquelyn Bowie Hayter of the Ninth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Jaunitta Irene Cooper**, Spouse of the late Presiding Elder Samson M. Cooper (PGH District) West Virginia Annual Conference, Third Episcopal District

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**The Reverend Andreas Anthony Oliphant**, age 53 years, an itinerant deacon for 3 months in the African Methodist Episcopal Church who served several churches as a supply pastor in the Boland Annual Conference, 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District: married to Mrs. Deirdre Oliphant for 26 years

**The Reverend Jeremiah Witbooi**, age 49 years, an itinerant elder for 2 years in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving with distinction, WC Legolie AME Church, Calvinia and Hope AME Church, Kraaifontein in the Boland Annual Conference, 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District and served as a member of the Conference Board of Trustees

**Mr. Jeff Herndon**, the brother of The Reverend Dr. J. Wayne Rogers, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Hope, AR, West Arkansas Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Sister Eleanor Neal Parker** of Macon, Georgia, the sister of Lady Sharon E. Williams and sister-in-law of Rev. Ronald E. Williams, Sr., pastor of New Bethel AME Church, Orlando, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Mr. John P. Ashworth, IV**, a member of Greater Bethel AME Church, Nashville, TN, son of the late Rev. John P. and Mrs. Josephine Ashworth, Retired Pastor and First lady, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Idus "Cicero" Hartsfield**, brother of Supervisor Penny Hartsfield White and brother-in-love of Bishop John Franklin White, Episcopal Team of the Fourth Episcopal District

**Rev. Mary Georgina Akende Muyunda**, served as pastor in charge of Beautiful Gate in the Livingstone Presiding Elder District, Southeast Zambia Annual Conference, Seventeenth Episcopal District; mother of four, Alvin, Paul, Naomi and Tilipo, with 18 grandchildren

**Reverend Derwood Doyle Wilson**, age 86 of Huntsville, Alabama, the grandfather of Reverend Maurice Wright, II, servant pastor, St. John AME Church, Huntsville, Alabama in the Northwest Alabama Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District, and the Director of Music and Christian Arts Ministry of the AME Church

**The Reverend Dr. Patricia Ann Efiom**, served as the senior pastor of Ebenezer AME Church in Evanston, IL from 2010 to 2016, after which she served as the pastor of Greater St. James AME Church in Gary, Indiana; she was also the chief equity officer for the city of Evanston, Fourth Episcopal District

**Mr. Thomas Cornelius Robertson**, the brother of Mother Carrie R. Grady, Ret. Episcopal Supervisor, the uncle of Rev. Carey A. Grady, pastor of Reed Chapel AMEC, Columbia Annual Conference, Felita Grady Hicks, Columbia Annual Conference WMS President, and uncle-in-love of Rev. George Hicks, pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church, Lancaster District, Columbia Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District

**Retired Episcopal Supervisor Lucinda Crawford Belin, wife of Bishop Henry Allen Belin, Jr., the 104th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; mother of the Rev. Henry Allen Belin III, pastor of First AME Church: Bethel, New York, NY, (1st) the Rev. Dr. Toni Belin Ingram, Presiding Elder, Augusta North Augusta District (6<sup>th</sup>) and the Rev. Dr. Roderick D. Belin, President / Publisher AME Church Sunday School Union**

**Mrs. Leila McDaniel Hughes**, the mother of Mrs. Pradensia Drayton, Area Consultant and mother-in-law of Reverend Dr. Sandy W. Drayton, Presiding Elder of the Georgetown District of the Palmetto South Carolina Annual Conference, 7<sup>th</sup> District

**Mother Seretha Bookert Reeves**, the mother of Reverend Dr. Maxine Sumpter, Pastor of Youngs Chapel AME Church, Irmo, SC, Columbia District, Columbia South Carolina Annual Conference and Reverend Rhudene Toomer, Pastor of Mt. Olive AME Church, Kinard, SC, Newberry District, Columbia South Carolina Annual Conference, she was the mother of the Church at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Irmo, SC of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Elder Olivia C. Johnson**, the sister of Rev. Claude Harrison and sister-in-law of Rev. Aquinette Harrison, Pastor of New Bethel AME Church, Lacoochee, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**The Mr. Gennie Florence, Sr.** age 87, the father of Lady M. Gail (Florence) Hunter and father-in-law of Presiding Elder Bruce W. Hunter, the Presiding Elder of the South Birmingham Huntsville Bessemer District in the Northwest Alabama Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District.

#### **OCTOBER 2021**

**The Reverend Marcia Bethel**, Pastor of Jacob Mission (Elgin), Lancaster District, Columbia Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Mrs. Patricia George**, the grandmother and adoptive mother of Chaplain (Captain, USAF) Melissa W. Hale, first lady of the Commonwealth District (Presiding Elder William Hale) and ministerial staff of Embry Chapel AME Church, Elizabethtown, KY, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Queen Ester Jackson**, mother of Mrs. Priscilla Jackson-Scott, and son-in-law of Reverend Tom W. Scott, Pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Arkadelphia AR, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mr. Leonard Eugene Ball**, the oldest brother of Chaplain, Reverend Gregory Ball of Baltimore Maryland, Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Reverend Bohlale Phakoe**, an Itinerant Elder and the Pastor and founder of St John AME Church (Lesotho Central District) of the Eighteenth Episcopal District, murdered on Saturday, October 2, 2021; one of the chief intellects of the economic market of the Kingdom of Lesotho and was employed as the Director of Financial Markets in the Central Bank of Lesotho

**Ms. Serena Elizabeth Byrd**, the beloved daughter of Retired Presiding Elder Dr. J. Leander (Geraldine) Byrd. Elder Byrd retired from the Pensacola District of the Florida Conference, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Ms. Johnnie White**, sister of the Reverend Donald White, retired pastor, and member of Greater Bethel AME Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Thomas Benjamin DeSue, Sr.**, Retired Presiding Elder, was appointed in 1987 as one of the Presiding Elders of the East Annual Conference by Bishop Phillip R. Cousin, later he was appointed as Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, responsible for handling the treasury of the 11th Episcopal District

**The Reverend Joyce Jones**, age 77, served in the West Arkansas Annual Conference, Camden-El Dorado District, as pastor of St. Andrews African Methodist Episcopal Church, Huttig, AR, Twelfth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Carroll G. Anderson**, a retired minister in the Arkansas Annual Conference of the Twelfth Episcopal District; a member of Union A.M.E. Church in Little Rock, AR where he served on the ministerial staff; spouse of WMS Life Member Carolyn Anderson and father of Dr. Kevin Anderson

**The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn Lorraine Brown Hurston**, Pastor of Piney Grove (Gaston), Columbia District, Columbia Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District

**Mr. Reginald (Regi) J. Hargis-Hickman**, an acclaimed R & B Guitarist, one of the original members and a co-founder of R&B band, Brick; and the grandson of Bishop Ernest Lawrence Hickman the 75<sup>th</sup> Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Reverend Roger L. Washington**, Pastor of Mt. Lebanon (Andrews) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Georgetown District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Reverend Donald Burems, Sr.** the beloved pastor of St. John AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., a son of Hickman Temple AME Church; he was the President of the South District of the Philadelphia Annual Conference and served as a Marshal for the Philadelphia Annual Conference and was appointed the Bishop's Attendant for four Bishops of the First Episcopal

**Ms. Toledo Alice Riley**, the daughter of Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Freeman Leo Riley, Sr., and WMS Life Member Mrs. Georgia Woods Riley, deceased; she was well known in the Sixth Episcopal District as an outstanding past SED YPD Director, a very active WMS leader, and an active PK in the SED-M-SWAWO+PKs at all levels

**Reverend Lee A. Thomas, Jr.**, a retired Itinerant Elder in the New York Annual Conference and former pastor of Payne African Methodist Episcopal Church in Chatham, New York, Jamaica/Long Island District, First Episcopal District

**Mr. Cleophus Torrence**, the baby brother of The Reverend Napoleon Davis, Jr., retired Pastor and Former Presiding Elder in the West Arkansas Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mr. Erston Wilson**, the father of The Reverend Cindy Robinson, pastor of the Lacy Circuit, East Arkansas Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

## **NOVEMBER 2022**

**Mrs. Georgia S. Reff**, mother of retired Presiding Elder Alphonse Reff of the Chicago Conference, Minneapolis-St. Paul District, Fourth Episcopal District

**Sister LaTosha Dennard**, the granddaughter of Reverend Gloria J. Houser, Pastor of Ball Chapel AME Church, St. Cloud, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**The Reverend Jack D. Fields Sr.**, Senior Pastor of Visitors Chapel AME Church, El Paso, Texas, in the Greater Forth Worth District of the Northwest Texas Conference, Tenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Joe Robbins, Sr.**, retired Pastor in the Greater Dallas District of the North Texas Conference, Tenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Charles A. Wood, Jr.**, a retired itinerant elder in the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the First Episcopal District; a former pastor of Campbell AMEC, Media, St. Paul AMEC, Coatesville, St. Paul AMEC, Malvern, St. Paul AMEC Elmwood, Bethel AMEC, Downingtown, Bethel AMEC Bristol, Disney AMEC, all of the Philadelphia Annual Conference

**The Reverend John C. Tate**, Sixth Episcopal District AME Church

**Mrs. Pamela Newton**, the spouse of the Reverend Louis Newton, pastor of Free Hope A.M.E. Church, Strong, Arkansas, West Arkansas Conference of the Twelfth Episcopal District AME Church

**The Reverend Andrew Adams II**, the Pastor of Mt. Zion (North Santee Community) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Georgetown District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, husband of Sister Lakesha L. Gladden Adams, Seventh Episcopal District President of M-SWAWO+PK's and father of Tyran C. Speights, Makaila R. Jenkins, Andrew R. "Tre" Adams, III, Micah E. Adams, and Eli Adams

**Mrs. Wanda Thompson Merrick**, wife of the Reverend Willie L. Merrick, a member of the Florida Annual Conference of the Eleventh Episcopal District and serves as the Pastor of the Flipper Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, Florida

**Mr. Joe Joseph Lewis**, the brother of Reverend Ernest L. Montague, Sr., Presiding Elder, Baltimore District-Baltimore Conference, Second Episcopal District

**Dr. Herman B. Smith, Jr.**, longtime educator and former President, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia

**Mr. Justin Lamar Porter**, the beloved grandson of Rev. Willie Mae Joma, retired minister of St. Paul AME Church, Apopka, he was at an early age

committed in serving in the YPD at St. Paul AME Church, served as an usher, sung in the choir, attended Sunday School faithfully and participated in RAM's Ministry (Richard Allen Men) and was overall faithful in serving his church in different auxiliaries until he left to attend Morehouse College

**Bro. Steven Collins**, the father of Licentiate Raquel Moore, Bethel AME Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Sister Mildred L. White**, the sister of First Gentleman, Gregg Brown, Sr. and the sister-in-law of Reverend Phyllis Rose Brown, pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church, Oviedo, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Ms. Linda Louise King**, beloved sister of the Reverend Richard E. King, pastor stationed at St. James AMEC, Eustis, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Brother Walter Dismute** the brother of Sis. Linda F. Alexander, wife of the Rev. R.W. Alexander, Sr., pastor of Mt. Pleasant African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pine Bluff, AR, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Samantha Kendall**, age 99, a 70-year member of Wayman Temple AME Church in St. Louis, the mother of Jean Kendall (St. John A.M. E. St. Louis), Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram (Retired Supervisor) and mother in love to Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram (Retired)

**Mr. Joseph James Murphy, III**, the son of The Rev. Elaine Gordon, presiding elder of the South District, Indiana Conference, Fourth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Ida J. Hill**, the mother-in-law of Chaplain Reverend Gregory Ball, Sr., and mother of Althea Ball, Second Episcopal District

**Mr. Al (Tom) Jennings Jacobs**, the brother of the Reverend Cathy Jacobs, pastor of Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Monticello, Kentucky, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Isaac John Miller, Jr** a proud 4<sup>th</sup> generation member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a PK (Preacher's Kid), former member of the family church, Turner Memorial AME Church, Hyattsville, MD serving God and the community as a dedicated member of the Connectional Lay Organization, The Men's Choir and on the Steward Board

**Mr. Augustus Bosley** of Washington DC, father of the Reverend Doretha Sanders, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Campbellsville, KY, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Mary Lee Mohammed-Chambers**, the mother of Rev. James S. Chambers, pastor of New Bethel AME Church, Port St. Joe, FL, Marianna District, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Presiding Elder Barbara A. Butler**, who was appointed Presiding Elder of the Little Rock District along with Pastor of Moody Chapel A.M.E. Church during Fall Convocation and Planning Meeting 2021, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Sister Estelle Lemons**, the sister of the late Presiding Elder LaNell Ross, Little Rock-Jonesboro District, Arkansas Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Ruthie Mae Love**, mother of Sis. Carla Gipson and mother-in-law of the Reverend Thomas Gipson, Jr., Pastor and First Lady of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Stuttgart, AR, East Arkansas Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

**Mrs. Dianna Brown Golphin**, WMS life member, president of the Kentucky Conference Women's Missionary Society, former president of the Thirteenth Episcopal District M-SWAWO + PK'S, the wife of the Reverend Kenneth J. Golphin, presiding elder of the Blue Grass District, Kentucky Annual Conference and staff member, Office of the General Secretary/CIO

**The Reverend Virginia Ann Bates**, Local Elder of Sulphur Spring AME Church, North District, Tennessee, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Virginia Ann Ford**, widow of the late Reverend James W. Ford, former General Board Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and retired Presiding Elder, Greater Dallas District of the North Texas Conference, Tenth Episcopal District; a staff member at Abundant Life African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dallas Texas

**Minister Latresa Michelle Ford Davis**, daughter of the late Reverend Virginia Ann Ford, widow of the Late Reverend James W. Ford, former General Board Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and retired presiding elder, Greater Dallas District of the North Texas Conference; a staff member at Abundant Life African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Michael W. Waters, Founder and Lead Pastor, Dallas Texas

**The Reverend L.V. "Levi" Tolefree** a faithful member of the East Arkansas Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District, where he retired from active ministry after many years of service; the loving spouse of Sister Ruth Tolefree; father of Dorothy Cromwell, Hamburg, AR; Thomas (Donna) Tolefree - Crossett, AR, Carl (Alma) Tolefree, Hamburg, AR, Leslie (Sandra) Tolefree - Crossett, AR, Kenneth (Falecia) Tolefree - Crossett, AR; brother to James Tolefree – Illinois, grandfather to 10 grandchildren, and a large number of great grandchildren

**Sis. E. Dewarner Dunston-Crawford**, the mother of Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford, Connectional President of Women in Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and pastor of Mount Zion AME Church, Dover, Delaware, First Episcopal District

**Bro. Ronald (R. E.) McDonald**, the brother of the Reverend Walter McDonald, Pastor of Joshua Chapel A.M.E. Church, Northwest Texas Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Lester Hollins** of Headland, Alabama, age 65, the father of the Reverend Deontae Hollins, pastor of Tennille Chapel AME Church in Eufaula, Alabama, Dothan-Eufaula District, Southeast Alabama Annual Conference, 9<sup>th</sup> District

**Mother Nkele Sarah Matlhare**, the first elected Connectional Officer of the Women's Missionary Society outside of the USA, serving from 1987-1991 and re-elected in 1991-1995, and President - Eastern Block of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (2000 to 2006)

**Sister Leisa-Gaye Stewart** (born October 26, 1981), the sister of Rev. Narvalee Robinson, Itinerant Deacon, Jamaica Annual Conference, Sixteenth Episcopal District

**The Right Reverend William Phillips DeVeaux Sr., the 113th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the AME Church**

**Evangelist Catherine L. Carson**, wife of The Rev. Dr. Michael Carson, minister of the Fourth Episcopal District and columnist for The Christian Recorder

**Mr. Jay O. Gould, Jr.**, (age 60), the younger brother of the Reverend Dr. Anita J. Gould, pastor of Agape AME Church, Gaithersburg, MD, Washington Conference, Second Episcopal District

**The Reverend Walter Lee Walters, II**, former pastor and former Presiding Elder; a pastor for over 50 years across the Illinois, Indiana, and Chicago Conferences of the Fourth Episcopal District

**JANUARY 2022**

**Ms. Loretta Ruth Johnston**, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. David A. Johnston (25th pastor of Saint Joseph AME Church, Durham, North Carolina, serving 1948-1958) and former first lady of Saint Joseph AME Church and Second Episcopal District Supervisor Verdelle Ruth Johnston (serving 1988-1992)

**The Reverend Johnny Love Walton**, husband of Mrs. Alberta Walton and a retired pastor in the Northeast Alabama Conference on the Phenix City District, Ninth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Mzuvukile Johannes Mbanjana**, age 55, an itinerant elder for 11 years in the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District, having served the Queenstown Annual Conference: 1. Barkley East 2. Aliwal North district. Eastern Cape Annual Conference: 1. Noupoot 2. Darie Mae, Cradock; holding the position of Board of Christian Education Director in the Eastern Cape Annual Conference.

**Mrs. Karan A. Howard**, a member of the Hendersonville Chapter, Links, Incorporated and the mother of the Reverend. Anica Howard, Presiding Elder, Nashville District, Tennessee Annual Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Brother Johnny L. Hall**, the beloved brother of the Reverend David L. Hall, pastor of Union Branch AME Church, Monticello, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District, and the brother in love of Sister Gloria Hall.

**Brother David King Walter**, the beloved brother of Reverend Addie W. Holt, pastor of Old Bethel AME Church, Quincy, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District, and the brother in love of Brother Charleston Holt, Jr.

**Bro. Robert Lee Ball**, husband of Sis. Roxie P. Ball of the Thirteenth Episcopal District, a member and secretary of Episcopal Committee for over 20 years, a member of Program of the General Conference Commission for 20 years and served as the Secretary of the Program Committee for several years, and most recently, she was a member of the Revisions Committee

**Mr. John Leroy Davis**, the brother of Rev. Napoleon Davis, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Lucile J. Johnson**, the widow of the late Reverend L. W. Johnson, and mother of the Reverend Dr. Ralph E Johnson, Presiding Elder of the North District of the Tennessee Annual Conference and Pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Woodlawn, TN; Dr. Camilla Sharon Johnson Cobb, M.D., Associate Professor Clinical Pathology, University of Southern California Healthcare Network, and Dr. Roy P. Johnson M.D. President, Middle Tennessee Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Inc.

**The Reverend Stephanus Williams**, age 84 years, Superannuated Minister in the Boland Annual Conference in the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. He was an Itinerant Elder for more than 40 years in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and served churches in the Namibian and Cape Annual Conference in the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District:

**Ms. Briana S. King**, the beloved granddaughter of the Reverend Richard E. King, pastor stationed at St. James AME Church, Eustis, FL, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Mrs. Santranella Anderson**, the mother of the Rev. Sharon D. Moore, executive pastor of Saint Andrew AME Church, Memphis-Tennessee, West Tennessee Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District, mother in love of the Rev. Dr. Byron C. Moore, pastor of Saint Andrew

**Mr. Clifford Earl Ransom, Jr.**, the brother of The Reverend Sandra (Reuben) Eldridge of the Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Pearl C. Higgins**, the grandmother of the Reverend Jermaine L Wilson (spouse, the Reverend Dujuana Wilson), Pastor of Warren Chapel AME Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Rodney Satterwhite**, stepson of the Rev. Deborah Satterwhite, pastor of New St. John AME Church, Dearborn, MI, 4th

**The Reverend Dr. Terry McCray Hill**, Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Portland Oregon, Fifth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Dr. Carolyn Brooks**, a retired itinerant elder who served faithfully in the Florida Conference, 11<sup>th</sup> District

**Retired Presiding Elder William Trip Lesueur**, husband of Mrs. Marion Lesueur; served as a Presiding Elder in the Camden District of the Southwest Alabama Conference, beginning his pastoral career in 1963, as a servant of God, serving diligently in active ministry for more than 58 years as a pastor and presiding elder in the Ninth Episcopal District

**Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams (age 103) retired General Officer, Editor of The A.M.E. Church Review, the oldest African American literary journal, the first female elected as a general Officer in the African Methodist Episcopal Church; she was a veritable titan of an educator and leader in the A.M.E. Church; the mother of Donna Williams and grandmother of Atty. Douglass (Pamela) Selby, AME Church General Counsel**

**Ms. Modestine Byrd Hunter**, the mother of Reverend Johnny Byrd, Pastor of Felderville (Santee) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Midlands District, Central Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

**Mr. Tyson Manvel Merrill**, the son of Sister Brenda A. Merrill, First Episcopal District office manager and secretary to Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Sr., Presiding Prelate First Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Reverend Chris Anthony Copeland**, itinerant elder in the AME Church, and associate minister at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, Memphis, Tennessee-West Tennessee Annual Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Sister Bertha Mae Walter-Gray**, the beloved sister of the Reverend Addie W. Holt, pastor of Old Bethel AME Church, Quincy, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District, and the brother in love of Brother Charleston Holt, Jr.

**Sister Mary Overton Jackson** a member of New Wright's AME Church in Memphis, Tennessee; the loving mother of Jamie Overton of Memphis, Tennessee, and sister of the Rev. Patsy T. Brown, pastor of Galilee AME Church of Memphis, Tennessee (North Memphis District, West TN Annual Conference) Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Brenetta Joyce Hudspeth**, stepmom of the Reverend Bianca Canley, Communication Coordinator of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church Finance Department – Washington, DC and Pastor of Quinn Chapel AME, Crossett, Arkansas

**Mr. Walter D. Holden**, the brother of the Reverend Dr. Sheila Alford (P.E. retired Roger Alford) of the Oklahoma State Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mr. John David Edwards, Sr.** a senior deacon at Deliverance Church of God in Christ, Augusta, Georgia, the father of Reverend Claudia Lawton, pastor of Bethel (Huger) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

**The Reverend Eula Smith**, associate minister at Pilgrim AME Church, Washington, DC, Capital District, Washington Conference of the Second Episcopal District; the mother of Dannie Newby

## **FEBRUARY 2022**

**Constable Oscar W. Jordan, Jr.**, the brother of Mrs. Sylvia P. Lett, consultant of the West Mainline District, Philadelphia Conference, First Episcopal District

**Mother Sophie Johnson**, 105 years old, chief steward of Grady Chapel AME Church Amsterdam, a life member of the WMS; Mother Sophie played a key role in the formation of the Grady Chapel AME Church Amsterdam

**The Reverend Tamme Samuel Mosupa**, an AME church pastor admitted into the itinerant ministry of the AME Church in 2000 and proceeded to the RR Theological Seminary in 2001 receiving his diaconate and eldership ordinations in 2004 and in 2006, Nineteenth Episcopal District respectively; he is survived by his wife Mrs. Mmalethabo Kuki Mosupa and one daughter, Nineteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Mokhele Jeremiah Mokhatsi**, an AME church pastor admitted to the itinerant ministry of the AME Church in 1996, survived by his wife Mrs. Magdeline Mokhatsi and three children, Nineteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Doretha E. Minus**, mother of Mrs. Darlene Justice, mother-in-law of Rev. Dr. J. Stanley Justice, pastor of Morris Brown AME Church Philadelphia, PA; sister-in-law of Mrs. Doris Palmer, First Episcopal District

**The Reverend Terah S. Dayewhea**, pastor of R.B. King A.M.E Church, serving at this church for 4 years, Fourteenth Episcopal District

**Brother Willie Harold Rogers, Jr.**, affectionately called, "June Bug", the beloved brother of first lady, Sister Denise P. Hannah and the brother-in-love of Reverend Tony O. Hannah, pastor of St. Peter AME Church, Midway, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**The Reverend Damien Nichols**, the husband of Sunshine Nichols; a father, a football coach, a teacher, and mentor, serving in many capacities throughout his community, and he served as pastor of Wayman Chapel AMEC, Georgetown, Kentucky, Kentucky Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Remus Lee Prather**, the father of the Reverend Dr. Jimmy Ravenel, Sr., and father-in-love of Reverend Barbara Ravenel, serving Rock Hill (Vance) AME Church, Midlands District, Central Annual Conference, Seventh Episcopal District

**Mr. Willard D. Howell**, the father of Sister Donna Howell Black and father-in-love of Reverend Dr. Jon R. Black, pastor of Campbell Chapel (Bluffton) AME Church, Beaufort District, South Carolina Annual Conference, Seventh District

**Mrs. Bertie Rankin**, the aunt of Mr. Bobby Rankin, Chief of Protocol of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church Finance Department

**Mr. Sebron Green, Jr.**, the beloved brother of first lady Shirley Green-Brown and brother-in-law of the Reverend John E. Brown, the servant leaders of the Saint Paul A.M.E. Church in Windsor, FL; Sis. Green-Brown also serves as the Lay representative on the secretarial staff for the East Annual Conference, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Dr. Sylvia Marie Davis**, the daughter of Reverend Samuel L. Davis, pastor of Historic Mt. Zion AME (Davis Station) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Santee District, Central Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

**Brother Tony Lamar McSwain**, the beloved brother of Reverend Gerald W. McSwain, Sr., pastor of Ford Chapel AME Church, Monticello, Florida, and the brother-in-love of Sister Gloria McSwain, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Mrs. Patricia Gail Walker**, the beloved sister of district consultant and sister-in-law of Presiding Elder Henry & Beverly H. Postell, servant leaders of the North Orlando District, Central Annual Conference, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Retired Presiding Elder Felix D Dancy**, Fifth Episcopal District

**Reverend Jesse Anderson, Jr.** pastored for many years in the Newberry District the Columbia Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

**Prophetess Doris Johnson**, the senior pastor of Council of God Ministries in Baton Rouge and in Donaldsonville, Louisiana; the oldest sister to the Reverend T. B. Lamb Sr., a retired minister in the 12th District and a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Little Rock; John Lamb, Sr. of Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, and the aunt of the Reverend Tameka Lamb Green all of Little Rock, AR

**Mr. Jonathan Conley** of Louisville, KY, the son of the Rev. Donzella Lee, a former pastor in the Kentucky Annual Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District and currently a ministerial staff member at Greater Taylor Chapel AME Church, Franklin, KY, the Reverend Linda Brown-Saffore, pastor

**Mrs. Lucille Daniel**, preceded in death by her husband and retired pastor of the old South Arkansas Conference of the twelfth Episcopal District, the Reverend Ester Joe Daniel

**Mrs. Pearl Ann Alexander**, (age 99), paternal grandmother of the Reverend Philip Johnson, pastor of St. John AME Church in Greenup, KY, and St. James AME Church in Ashland, KY, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mr. Jaylin Thomas Jones** (age 19), grandson of the Reverend Ella Jones, local deacon at Quinn Chapel AME Church in Lexington, KY where the Reverend William C. Jenkins is pastor, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Myrna Burgess Walker**, the niece of the late General Officer, Rev. Dr. G. H. J. Thibodeaux and Mrs. Melanie J. Thibodeaux, preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Charles Wadsworth Walker, Sr; and both were very active members of Grant A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles, CA, and she was a Platinum Alumna member of The Links, Incorporated

**Mr. Carl B. Tucker**, a member of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, Detroit, Michigan, and the brother of the Reverend Dr. Donald L. Tucker, Connectional Officer, Consultant - General Board Nominating Committee of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and member of the Board of Trustees of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, OH

**The Reverend David Wesley Briddell** of Berlin, Maryland, retired minister in the United Methodist Church; the uncle of Sister Jackie Emerson Weary (Reverend Willie Weary) of the Oklahoma State Annual Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Thabo Senatle**, presiding elder of the Goldfields District Orangia Conference, the son of the late Bishop Harold Benjamin Senatle, the 102nd Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the late Supervisor, Mother Anna Senatle

**MARCH 2022**

**Mr. Carl B. Tucker**, father of the Reverend Eric D. Tucker, pastor of St. Luke AMEC Highland Park, MI, Fourth District

**The Rev. Mardell Ermaleen Stout-Johnson**, the mother of Dr. Jewell Stout, Jr., also the sister of Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster, Ret., the 110<sup>th</sup> Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the AME Church; Dr. Gladys Motley, and Mrs. Alma Johnson

**The Reverend Pleasant L. Hailey, Jr.** a retired itinerant elder in the First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a former president of the Connectional Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the father of Rev. Micah C. T. Sims, pastor, Greater Grant Memorial AME Church, Eleventh Episcopal District and Christopher Hailey

**The Presiding Elder Alonzo Middleton, Ret.**, retiring from the Mt. Pleasant District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Reverend Kenneth Lee Aiken**, the pastor of Greater Howard Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District

**Mr. Michael Vann Jones**, brother of Sis. Sandra Smith, wife of Rev. Quinten Smith, Sr., pastor of Greater Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and the fiancé of Ms. Jane Davenport

**Mrs. Gwendolyn Denise Rakestraw Owens**, wife of The Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens, pastor of Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church, Annapolis, Maryland, Washington Annual Conference of the Second Episcopal District

**Sister Winnie Ruth Davis Jennings**, the wife of retired presiding elder Johnny E. Jennings of the North and South Houston District in the Texas Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District; serving many years as first lady of the Presiding Elder District and was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

**The Rev. Marvin Transue Glenn Jr.**, the loving husband of the Rev. Dr. Barbara Glenn (retired itinerant elder) former pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland where Rev. Marvin served as associate pastor; Washington Annual Conference, Second Episcopal District

**Mrs. Lillie Mae Franklin**, mother of the Rev. Dorothy Hightower and mother-in-love of the Rev. Vincent Hightower, pastor of St. Mary-Bethlehem A. M. E. Church, Sweeny, TX in the Texas Conference, Tenth Episcopal District; she was an active member of Shiloh AMEC in Galveston, Texas, and a life member of the Women's Missionary Society of the AMEC

**The Reverend William H. Alston, retired**, and also retired as a Human Resources/Personnel Officer at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and served as the 1st Mayor of Awendaw from 1992-2009; he was a member of Union (Awendaw) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant District, Palmetto Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District

**Mr. Anthony Powe**, the father of the Reverend Ronald Jackson, Itinerant Elder, and associate at New Greater Bethel AME Church, Jackson, TN, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Sis Jerolene Brown Mosley**, the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Archibald Mosley who served as a presiding elder and as pastor of several churches in the Fourth Episcopal District; she was an educator in the Detroit public schools for over 20-years and was accomplished pianist and organist

**Mrs. Sharonda Nathan Miller**, the daughter of the Reverend Priscilla Wilson, pastor of Pleasant Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Seale, Alabama, the Northeast Alabama Annual Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Ira Lee Williams Vasser**, mother of the Reverend Delphine L. Vasser, pastor of Lee Chapel A. M. E. Church, Dallas TX in the North Texas Conference, Tenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Margaret McCreedy**, local elder at Bethel AME Church Norwalk, Connecticut, the Reverend Dr. Richard Wesley Clarke, pastor, First Episcopal District

**Mr. George F. Sydnor**, father of Consultant Wanda Smith and father-in-law of Presiding Elder Stanley G. Smith and cousin of the Rev. Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor III, retired 20th Editor of The Christian Recorder; Mr. George Sydnor was a member of Bethel AME Church, Bryn Mawr, PA, First Episcopal District

**Brother "John" Samuel Holloway, Sr**, the beloved father of the Reverend Calvin E. Holloway, pastor of Mt. Olive AME Church, Monticello, Florida, of the Eleventh Episcopal District, and the father-in-love of First Lady, Sister Patricia Holloway

**Little Miss Ashanti Oshorn** the beloved first great granddaughter of Reverend Willie J. Brown, pastor and first lady the Reverend Susan J. Brown of Hopewell AME Church, Havana, Florida, Eleventh Episcopal District

**Ms. Jacqueline L. (Smith) Robinson**, daughter of the late Presiding Elder Richard D. Smith, Sr., Illinois Conference-North District and Mrs. Reatha L. Smith, Illinois Conference WMS Life Member and the sister of Ms. Ileta F. Smith, Illinois Conference WMS President, Fourth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Irvin**, mother of the Reverend Carolyn Elizabeth Irvin Brailsford, Episcopal Supervisor of the Nineteenth District and mother-in-love of The Right Reverend Ronnie Elijah Brailsford Sr., Presiding Prelate, Nineteenth Episcopal District; Mother Irvin, as she was affectionately called, was a beloved church mother, grandmother, and great grandmother as well as an incredible Mother to 7 children

**Dr. Chiquita Fye, Medical Director of the A.M.E. Church Connectional Health Commission (1988-2000)**

**Sis. Jacqueline "Jackie" Gay-Howard**, the sister of the Reverend Sherry Gay Green, pastor of Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Richmond, Kentucky, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**Sis. Jerolene Brown Mosley**, the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Archibald Mosley who served as a Presiding Elder and as pastor of several churches in the Fourth Episcopal District; an educator in the Detroit public schools for over 20-years and was an accomplished pianist and organist

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**District Consultant Vivian Hilton**, the widow of Presiding Elder Jacob W. Hilton of the Eight Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Deacon Clyde Denson, Jr.**, age 75 of Detroit, Michigan, the brother of Reverend Willie J. Denson, a Retired Pastor of the Ninth Episcopal District AME Church and the brother-in-law of Presiding Elder Jacquelyn L. Denson, Montgomery Selma District of Ninth Episcopal District AME Church The father of Pastor IIsido Perez' of Cuba, Sixteenth Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Mr. James M. Gatson, Jr.**, the brother of Superannuated Presiding Elder Alexander Gatson of the Tennessee Annual Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Willie Jerome Gee**, the Pastor of St. Michael (Wedgfield) African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sumter District, Northeast Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; to cherish his memory a loving wife, Sabrina Gee and many family members, and friends remain

**The Reverend James H. Stowe**, an ordained itinerant elder recently superannuated; having served as pastor of St. Paul AMEC, Nashville, TN; St. Luke AMEC, Gallatin, TN; St. Paul AMEC, Lexington, KY; Bethel AMEC, Shelbyville, KY; Wayman Chapel AMEC Georgetown, KY; and Craig Chapel AMEC, Salvisa, KY; twice widowed, he leaves to cherish his memory a loving daughter, Melanie Stowe Robbins, and other family

**Brother Sammie Bean**, the husband of the Reverend Doris Bean, pastor of Sheridan Chapel AME Church in Kentwood, Louisiana, Eighth Episcopal District

**The Reverend Dr. Brigitte Black**, a servant of the Indiana Conference, Fourth Episcopal District having served at Bethel-Lafayette, and Coppin Chapel-Indianapolis; she taught at Christian Theological Seminary and was a member of the daughters of Zion (DOZ)

**Mrs. Jerry Hooks King**, the widow of The Reverend Robert J. King; a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and a retired teacher; and she was a member of St. Mark AME Church-West End in Birmingham, Alabama in the Northwest Alabama Conference of the Ninth Episcopal District

**Mr. Adam Henry Bell**, of Detroit, Michigan., the brother-in-law of the Rev. Jonas Williams of the Twelfth Episcopal District

**Bishop Joseph Williams, Sr.**, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, brother of Rev. Jonas Williams, and brother-in law of Mrs. Mary Williams of the Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mr. Charles Williams** of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who succumbed to a fire; the brother of Rev. Jonas Williams and brother-in law of Mrs. Mary Williams of the Twelfth Episcopal District

**Pastor Frank Mae Dennis**, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a close family member of Mrs. Mary Williams, wife of Rev. Jonas Williams, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Mrs. Katherine Boyd**, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, the wife of Mr. David Boyd, the youngest son of Presiding Elder (retired) Clarence and Mrs. Birdie Boyd of North Little Rock, Arkansas, Twelfth Episcopal District

**Brother Bobby Dean Johnson**, age of 67, the oldest brother of The Reverend Kent J. Broughton, Presiding Elder of the Camden - El Dorado District, West Arkansas Conference, Twelfth Episcopal District

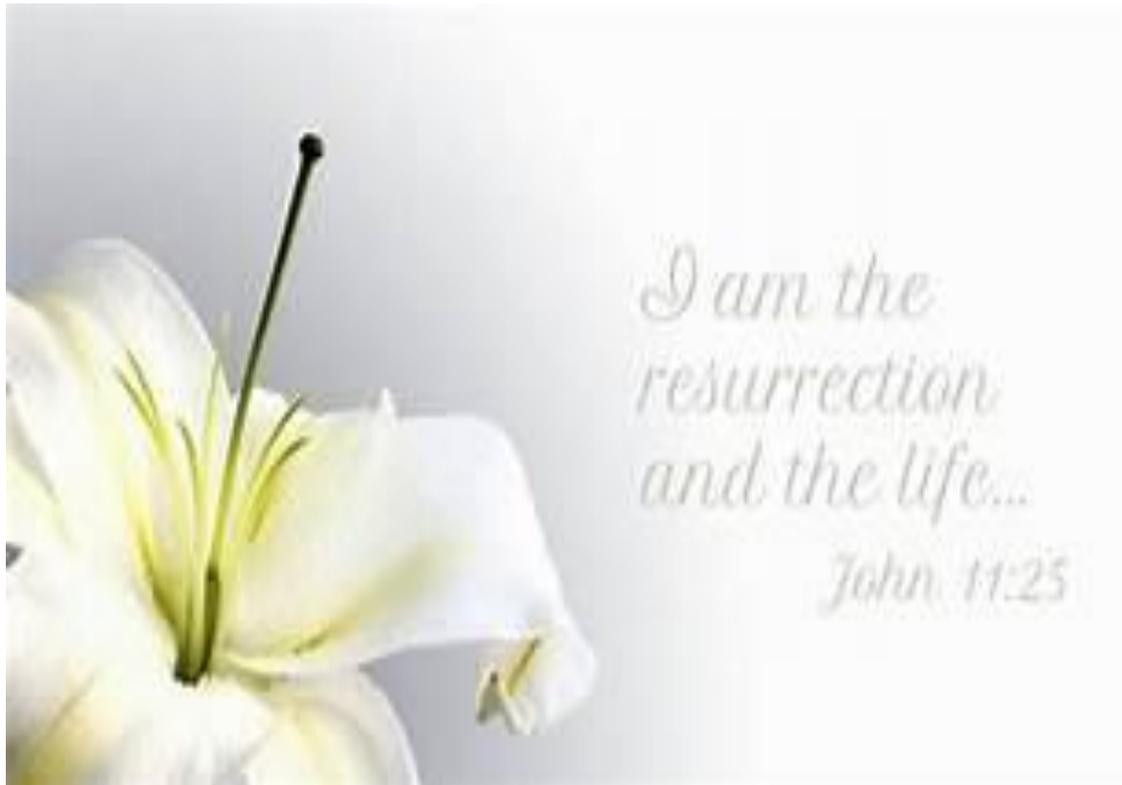
**The Reverend Vernia McCoy**, retired itinerant elder of Greater New Orleans-Greensburg District of the Eighth Episcopal District

**Mr. Frank Grant**, the brother of Drs. Jacquelyn Grant Collier, Debora Grant Scotland, Pastor of Spring Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church (Gilbert) and Presiding Elder Rosalyn Grant Coleman, Columbia District, Columbia Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church

**The Reverend Martha Jane White Mifflin**, local elder at Bethel AME Church, Milton Delaware; Dover District of the Delaware Annual Conference, First Episcopal District

**Mr. Kenneth Clarke**, the husband of Reverend Betty Clarke, pastor of St. Mark AME Church Lindenwold, New Jersey, Atlantic City District-Jersey Annual Conference, First Episcopal District

**Mrs. Dorothy H. Doctor**, the mother of the Reverend Harvey Doctor, pastor of Pine Grove AME Church, Manning, SC, Santee District-Central Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District



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