



# Minutes

**July 13, 2016**

**Marriott Hotel**

**Philadelphia, PA**

<b>Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram</b>	<b>1st Vice President</b>
<b>Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah</b>	<b>2nd Vice President</b>
<b>Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe</b>	<b>3rd Vice President</b>

**Bishop John Franklin White, Council of Bishops President**  
**Bishop McKinley Young, Senior Bishop**

**Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Treasurer/CFO**  
**Rev. Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper, General Secretary/CIO**

# **AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **GENERAL BOARD**

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## **Minutes**

**Bishop John F. White, Presiding**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Bishop John F. White called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.

### **DEVOTION**

Rev. Dr. Reginald Blount (4) was asked to lead devotion by lifting a song and offering an opening prayer.

### **ROLL CALL**

Bishop White then invited Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper, Secretary, to call the roll. Quorum established

Nominating Committee: Reverends Henry Belin (1), Edgar Boyd (5), Mittie Muse (10), David Green (11) Valerie Bell (2), Stephanie Burks (8), Passion Musa (20), Reginald McGill (11), and Dr. Michael Cousin, Jr. (4).

Bishop McCloud asked about the At-Large individuals and the fact that they remain on the board every quadrennial. He wants to know who selects the at-large individuals.

Bishop White asked the Secretary to respond. Dr. Cooper stated that under the new law there are 10 at-large members allowed and they are determined by the Council of Bishops and given to the Secretary.

### **FELICITATIONS**

Bishop White stated that there will be an orientation at the next meeting. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 6-8, 2016 in Chicago, IL, which will be the Investiture for the President of the Council of Bishops.

Dr. Richard Allen Lewis stated that Bishop McCloud is right. He stated that a regulation or motion should be in place in order to do something about it. Possibly, if a person serves more than two terms then it must roll over to another person.

Bishop McCloud thanked Dr. Lewis then raised the question of the rate of the hotel. He stated that the Masonic Lodge and the Democratic National Convention had rates \$99 per night with free parking. He stated

Call for Order of the Day—Nominating Committee

Dr. Lewis stated that there are a few facts that he would like to share. The AME Church would receive \$20 per room night per room from several hotels. This is the reason why the rates are a bit higher than other negotiated rates. If there were no registration fee, we could not pay for the General Conference. Today's Missionary offering was \$16,000 with 8,000 people in the audience and the regular offering \$36,000 with 8,000 people. When coming into the office, the AME Church was in the red.

Bishop White asked that first time General Board members please stand.

Bishop Daniels went back to the previous conversation and thanked Dr. Lewis for telling the body about the offerings.

Dr. Lewis responded to Bishop Daniels that this was discovered in 2000 in Cincinnati. The Reverend Montague asked if people with Marriott Rewards cards would get their points. Dr. Lewis stated that they would. Dr. Lewis stated that next quadrennial will be held in Orlando. He stated that he was required to write a check for \$120,000 to the union and another today in the amount of \$50,000.

Bishop White invited Jamarien Moore to come forward to bring a selection.

Kimberly Brooks (3) stated that she appreciates the breakfasts and concerts. She does not think we should wait for political persons or spending funds on concerts and breakfasts. She stated that the General Conference is the highest legislative body in the church.

The Reverend Innocent Monare (15) appealed to the leadership of the church to talk privately together and come together before coming to the board. Come with one voice. He stated it is not good to see division among the leadership.

The Nominating Committee returned to offer its report:

The Reverend J. Edgar Boyd (5) read the report. (see the report)

Recommendations from Bishops should be made by September 1, 2016 to [jedgarboyd@aol.com](mailto:jedgarboyd@aol.com) for commissions.

Henry Belin (1) moved for the adoption, second.

Unreadiness:

Bishop Messiah stated he was the Health Commission Chair last Quadrenium. He asked that one of the new bishops be given the opportunity to serve the Health Commission.

Bishop White stated the Council will make the adjustment and read it shortly.

The motion passed.

Bishop White then presented Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie as the Chair of the General Board.

The Reverend Earle Ifill (PE) asked about the Commissions.

Bishop McKenzie then greeted the body and asked that we enter into this Quadrenium in prayer. After the Treasurer and President of Council of Bishops confer, the dates will be given.

Bishop Leath stated that the Statistics and Finance has been agonizing because of the lack of data. Request of the General Board to get the best possible numbers of the total funds raised and membership.

Bishop McKenzie stated that if the data gets to the CIO within 30 days of the close of Annual Conference in order to have the data that is needed. Common consent.

Dr. Lewis stated that the Committee has been diligently working on this since 2000 when Bishop Fugh took office. There are at least 2 districts that do not send in their pastor's annual reports. Dr. Lewis stated perhaps the committee needs to visit all annual conferences to get all of the reports in hand.

Bishop McKenzie suggested that the President of the Council and the Senior Bishop work together with the other Bishops to gain the information this year to get the needed information.

Bishop McCloud stated that time is being wasted with General Officer and School reports and concerts.

Bishop McKenzie stated that such a blanket opinion is not accurate.

Dismissed in prayer at 6:40pm by the First Vice President, Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram

**Report of the Nominating Committee  
Of the General Board**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2016  
Philadelphia, PA**

**To Bishop McKinley Young, Senior Presiding Bishop  
To Bishop John F. White, President of the Council of Bishops**

**Bishops of the Church, General and Connectional Officers, Members of the General Board, my brothers  
and sisters:**

**The Nominating Committee met and reports the following organization for the 2016-2020 Quadrennial:**

<b>Rev. J. Edgar Boyd (5)</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr. Reginald McGill (11)</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell (2)</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Rev. Mittie Muse (10)</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>

**After further consideration, we recommend the following organization for the General Board 2016-2020:**

<b>Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram</b>	<b>1st Vice President</b>
<b>Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah</b>	<b>2nd Vice President</b>
<b>Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe</b>	<b>3rd Vice President</b>

<b>Bishop Clement W. Fugh</b>	<b>Commission on Statistics and Finance</b>
<b>Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.</b>	<b>Commission on Annuity, Investments and Insurance</b>
<b>Bishop David R. Daniels</b>	<b>Commission on Christian Education</b>
<b>Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie</b>	<b>Commission on Publications</b>
<b>Bishop John F. White, Sr.</b>	<b>Commission on Global Witness and Development</b>
<b>Bishop Adam J. Richardson</b>	<b>Commission on Church Growth and Development</b>
<b>Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford</b>	<b>Commission on Ministry and Recruitment</b>
<b>Bishop Harry L. Seawright</b>	<b>Commission on Economic Development</b>
<b>Bishop Paul J. M. Kawimbe</b>	<b>Commission on Global Development</b>
<b>Bishop E. Earl McCloud</b>	<b>Commission on Lay Organization</b>
<b>Bishop Frank M. Reid III</b>	<b>Commission on Social Action</b>
<b>Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield</b>	<b>Commission on Women in Ministry</b>
<b>Bishop Reginald Jackson</b>	<b>Commission on Seminaries, Universities and Schools</b>
<b>Bishop Stafford Wicker</b>	<b>Commission on Health</b>

**The Connectional Health Commission**

<b>Rev. Natalie Mitchem</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Rev. Dr. Miriam Burnett</b>	<b>Medical Director</b>

**The Commission on Social Action**

**Mrs. Jacqueline DuPont Walker Consultant**

**The Commission on Christian Education**

<b>Ms. Lyndajo Jones-Watson</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
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**In Conclusion, the nominating committee, in consultation with the Presiding Bishops of the various**

**Episcopal Districts, will make their recommendations for the composition of the Commissions.**

**We request the Bishops to send, via e-mail, their recommendations, to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Rev. J. Edgar Boyd, [jedgarboyd@aol.com](mailto:jedgarboyd@aol.com), by September 1, 2016.**

**This ends our report.**

**The Nominating Committee**

<b>Rev. J. Edgar Boyd (5)</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr. Reginald McGill (11)</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell (2)</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Rev. Rev. Mittie Muse (10)</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>

**Members:**

- Mr. Michael A. Cousin, Jr. (4) Young Adult**
- Ms. Stephanie Burks (8)**
- Rev. Dr. David Green (11)**
- Rev. Henry A. Belin III (1)**
- Mrs. Passion Musa (20)**

## General Board Order

Bishop Vashti M. Mckenzie, President

Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, 1st Vice President

Bishop Wilfred Messiah, 2nd Vice President

Bishop Paul Kawimbe, 3rd Vice President

## ACTIVE BISHOPS

	District Assigned	
Bishop McKinley Young	Third	P
Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson Jr.	Eleventh	P
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie	Tenth	P
Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram	First	P
Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah	Seventeenth	P
Bishop Paul Jones Mulenga Kawimbe	Nineteenth	P
Bishop James Levert Davis	Second	P
Bishop David Rwhynica Daniels Jr.	Fifteenth	P
Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr.	Seventh	P
Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr.	Fourteenth	P
Bishop Jeffrey Nathaniel Leath	Thirteenth	P
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister Sr.	Eighth	P
Bishop John Franklin White	Fourth	P
Bishop Clement W. Fugh	Fifth	P
Bishop Reginald T. Jackson	Sixth	P
Bishop Harry Lee Seawright	Ninth	P

Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell	Twelfth	P
Bishop E. Ann Henning-Byfield	Sixteenth	P
Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr.	Twentieth	P
Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker	Eighteenth	P
Bishop Frank Madison Reid III	Ecumenical Officer	P

### RETIRED BISHOPS

Bishop John Hurst Adams	
Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot	
Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson	
Bishop Frederick Calhoun James	
Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings	
Bishop Philip Robert Cousin Sr.	
Bishop Henry Allen Belin, Jr.	
Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster	
Bishop Zedekiah LaZett Grady	
Bishop John Richard Bryant	P
Bishop Cornal Garnett Henning Sr.	
Bishop William Phillips DeVeaux Sr.	
Bishop T. Larry Kirkland	
Bishop Richard Franklin Norris	
Bishop Preston Warren Williams II	
Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry	

### ACTIVE GENERAL OFFICERS

	<b>Assignment</b>	
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Dr. Richard Allen Lewis	Treasurer/CFO, A.M.E. Finance Department	P
Dr. George F. Flowers	Executive Director, Department of Missions/Global Witness & Ministry	P
Dr. Jerome V. Harris	Executive Director, Department of Employee Security	
Dr. James C. Wade	Executive Director, Department of Church Growth & Development	
Dr. Jeffery B. Cooper Sr.	General Secretary/CIO, Office of General Secretary	P
Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown	Executive Director/Historiographer, Department of Research & Scholarship/Editor of AME Review	
Rev. Roderick D. Belin	Executive Director/Publisher, Sunday School Union	P
Mr. John Thomas III	Editor, A.M.E. Christian Recorder	P
Rev. Garland F. Pierce	Executive Director, Department of Christian Education	P

### **RETIRED GENERAL OFFICERS**

Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams		
Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson		
Dr. Paulette Coleman		
Dr. Kenneth H. Hill		P
Rev. Hercules Miles		
Dr. Johnny Barbour Jr.		
Dr. Calvin H. Sydnor III		
Dr. Daryl B. Ingram		P

### **CONNECTIONAL OFFICERS & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

	<b>Assignment</b>	
Dr. Shirley Cason Reed	President, Women's Missionary Society	
Dr. Leodis Strong	President, Connectional Council	P

Mrs. Jacqueline DuPont-Walker	Consultant, Social Action	P
Mrs. Lula Shaw Cleckley	President, CONN-M-SWAWO + PKs	P
Mrs. Ora L. Easley	Administrator, Clergy Family Information Center	P
Ms. Martinique Mix	President, Richard Allen Young Adult Council	P
Mrs. Gloria Massey Ward	Administrator, Christian Debutante-Master	
Attorney Patricia M. Mayberry, Esq.	President, Judicial Council	P
Attorney William A. Marsh Jr.	Special General Counsel	
Attorney Douglass P. Selby, Esq.	AME General Counsel	
Rev. Dr. Earle H. Ifill	President, Presiding Elders' Council	P
Rev. Anthony Vinson, Sr.	President, Music and Christian Arts Ministry	P
Dr. Wanda Ringgold	Director, Young People's Division—WMS	
Dr. Willie C. Glover	President, Connectional Lay Organization	P
Rev. Dr. Natalie Mitchem, M.Div., RD	Executive Director, Health Commission	P
Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, M.D., M.Div., MPH	Medical Director, Health Commission	P
Mr. Chinelo Tyler	President, Young People's Division—WMS	
Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford	President, Women In Ministry	P
Chaplain Major Mark B. Cisco	President, AME Church Chaplains Association	
Mr. George Brown	President, Sons of Allen	
Mr. Robert Nicolas, Esq.	Executive Director, SADA	
Rev. Joy L. Gallmon	Fellowship of Church Educators	P

## GENERAL BOARD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

	<b>Present/Absent</b>
<b>First Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend David Cousin	P
Reverend Jocelyn Hart	P
Mrs. Wanda L. Duckett	P
Mrs. Edna Sharp	EX
Mr. Keith Costen (Youth)	P
<b>Second Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Ernest L. Montague, Sr.	P
Reverend Gregory Edmond	P
Reverend John I. Swann, Jr.	P
Mrs. Valerie Gary Bell	P
Mr. William Boykin	P
<b>Third Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Dr. Alphonse Allen	<b>P</b>
Reverend Dr. James Harris	P
Sharon Smith Banks	
Kimberly Gordon Brooks	P
Giselle Lindsey (Young Adult)	P
<b>Fourth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Tyson J. Parks	P
Reverend Dr. Reginald Blount	P
Reverend Larry J. Bell	P
Betty J. Tuggle	EX
Michael A. Cousin, Jr. (Young Adult)	P
<b>Fifth Episcopal District</b>	

Reverend J. Edgar Boyd	<b>P</b>
Reverend Fran Carey	P
Randy Scott	P
Tamika Jones	P
Ka'Dijah Brown	P
<b>Sixth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Dr. William Watley	P
Reverend Dr. Jonetta Prather	P
Reverend Conitras M. Houston (Young Adult)	P
Bro. Charles Murphy	
Sis. Janice Stewart	P
<b>Seventh Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Dr. Norvell Goff, Sr.	<b>P</b>
Reverend Dr. Williams Smith, Jr.	P
Ms. Vergie Tennison	P
Mr. Keith Britton	P
Ms. Joi Artis (Youth Lay)	EX
<b>Eighth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Michele Goodloe	P
Reverend Demetrese Phillips	P
Reverend Keith Sanders	P
Ms. Stephanie Burks	
Ms. Darlene Gordon	P
<b>Ninth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Bobby B. Cox, Jr.	P
Reverend Albert L. Hyche	P
Mr. James C. Bonner, Jr.	
Ms. Veronica Wiley	P

Mr. Jeremy Joseph (Youth)	P
<b>Tenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Tyronda Burgess	<b>P</b>
Reverend Roderick Dawson	
Reverend Mittie Muse, Sr.	P
Mrs. Kendra Hill-Daughton (Young Adult)	P
Mr. Carl Davis	P
<b>Eleventh Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Mark L. Griffin	<b>P</b>
Reverend Dr. Julius H. McAllister Jr.	P
Mr. Reginald B. McGill	P
Mr. Charlie Nichols	EX
Mr. Jamarien P. Moore	P
<b>Twelfth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Tyrone Broomfield	P
Reverend Larry M. Banks	P
Reverend Marcellus Fields	P
Dr. Dorothy Henderson	P
Nikita Benton (Youth)	P
<b>Thirteenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Walter Reid, Jr.	P
Reverend Troy Thomas	
Ms. LaTanya Germany	P
Ms. Anjelica Jones (Youth)	
Mr. Jeffery Norfleet II	
<b>Fourteenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Alvin E. Attah	<b>P</b>
Reverend Margaret Fadehan	

Reverend Orlando McCauley	P
Mr. Garfield E. Mason	P
Mr. Eric Coleman	P
<b>Fifteenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Willem Hanse	<b>P</b>
Reverend Innocent Monare	P
Theodore Messiah	P
Ntomethemba Racheal September	P
Tshepang Mmusi	
<b>Sixteenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Andrew Carver Morris Grant	<b>P</b>
Reverend Newton Dixon	P
Reverend Carlene Sobers	P
Sis. Krystel Compton	P
Sis. Darosa Bigford	P
<b>Seventeenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Martin C. Chama	<b>P</b>
Reverend Moses Achola	P
Bro. Clifford Mugala	P
Bro. David Kafusu	P
Bro. Martin Lombe	P
<b>Eighteenth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Albert Thwala	<b>P</b>
Beatrice Mutokoa	
Malungisa Auricola Dlamini	P
Sis. Aone Sandra Aedige	
Sis. Dudu Motjotji	
<b>Nineteenth Episcopal District</b>	

Reverend P.J. Mengoai	<b>P</b>
Makhene Mohale Daniel Thabo	P
Abraham Phukuntsi Kgaile	P
Ms. Thumekile Mthanti	P
Mpumelelo Dlamini	P
<b>Twentieth Episcopal District</b>	
Reverend Eustice Ginya	<b>EX</b>
Reverend Rosetta Swinton	P
Stain Simfukwe	EX
Passion Musa	P
Kwandokuhe Khumal (Youth)	A

### **AT LARGE MEMBERS**

Reverend Dr. Harold Mayberry (5)	<b>A</b>
Reverend Henry Belin III (1)	<b>P</b>
Reverend Dr. Ronald Braxton (2)	<b>P</b>
Reverend Dr. Ceasar Richburg (7)	<b>A</b>
Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr. (11)	<b>P</b>
Mrs. Sandra Lucas (12)	<b>P</b>
Mr. Larry Holley (10)	<b>P</b>
Mr. John Autry (8)	<b>A</b>
Mrs. Ladonna Liggins (3)	<b>P</b>
Mr. James A. Alexander, Jr. (6)	<b>A</b>

## SEMINARIES, COLLEGES & SCHOOLS—PRESIDENTS, DEANS, & ADMINISTRATORS

	<b>Assignment</b>	
Dr. Algeania Freeman	President, Wilberforce University	A
Dr. Nathaniel Glover	President, Edward Waters College	A
Dr. Michael Sorrell	President, Paul Quinn College	A
Dr. C. Dennis Williams	Dean, Paul Quinn College	P
Dr. John Green	President/Dean, Turner Theological Seminary	P
Dr. Nolan Watson	President, Jackson Theological Seminary	A
Rev. Clarence V. Boyd	Dean, Jackson Theological Seminary	A
Dr. Lady June Cole	President, Allen University	P
Dr. Carol Banks Williams	President, Monrovia College	A
Rev. Temba A. Mbambo	Dean, R. R. Wright Theological Seminary	A
Rev. George Johnson, Jr.	Dean, Abington School of Religion	A
Dr. Stanley Pritchett	President, Morris Brown College	A
Dr. Michael J. Brown	Interim President, Payne Theological Seminary	A
Dr. O. Jerome Green	President, Shorter College	P
ERIC MANNING	Dean, Dickerson Theological Seminary	A
Rev. Debra Manyoba	President, Sizane School—Zimbabwe	A
Dr. Michelle Goodloe	Administrator, Bonner-Campbell School of Religion	A
Dr. Roderick Moore	Dean, Richard Allen Chapel—Dallas, TX	A
Tambra Clark	Dean, Bryant Theological Seminary	A
Dr. Joseph Isaac	President, AME University—Monrovia, Liberia	A
Rev. Temba A. Mbambo	Rector, Wilberforce Community College—Evanton, South Africa	A
Rev. Fred Jenkins	Dean, Camp Primm-Simons—Nashville, TN	A

CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL—DR LEODIS STRONG

WIM-REV DR ERICA CRAWFORD (PRESIDENT)