

**Greetings from Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**



May 2018

Dear Beloved,

I am blessed to greet you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

It continues to be a joy to serve as the Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 2018, we are celebrating the **150th Anniversary of the 9th Episcopal District**. While AME Churches in the state of Alabama had been a part of other Episcopal districts, in 1868 the state of Alabama became the 9th Episcopal District. We are excited about commemorating this history and praising God for the enormous witness the 9th Episcopal District makes to the world. Our guiding scripture for this celebration is Psalm 100:5 “[God’s] faithfulness continues to all generations.” We pray that the work we do now for Jesus Christ will bless future generations. **Our signature celebration event will take place on November 3, 2018, at the culmination of the 2018 Planning Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.**

The 9th Episcopal District is extremely blessed to own and operate the Daniel Payne Community Plaza, the seat of our Episcopal offices. This year, we instituted the **Life Center at Daniel Payne**. The first initiatives we launched were a GED Program and a Job-Training Program to serve persons in need of a “second chance” in life. Models of the Life Center at Daniel Payne will be launched in five other areas of the state of Alabama as well. Our second location is in Montgomery, Alabama. The goal is to replicate the services offered at the main Life Center in Birmingham so that our sisters and brothers across the state can be empowered to forge new paths of success for their lives.

Additionally, I have the honor of serving as the Chair of the Commission on Economic Development for the AME Church. Because of this role, the 9th Episcopal District hosted the **AME Church - 2018 Stewardship and Economic Development Summit on May 30 – June 1, 2018 at Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham**. Finally, we are preparing to host the **10th Women in Ministry Quadrennial Conference - August 6 -10, 2018 in Birmingham as well**. We are delighted to “open our doors” to the connectional church.

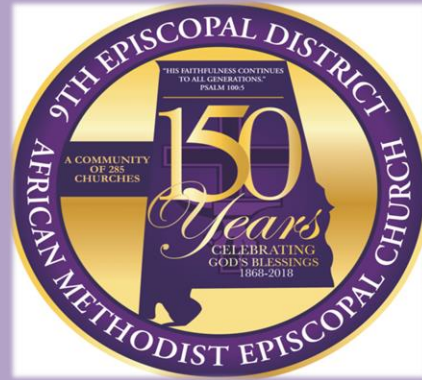
On behalf of The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, our Episcopal Supervisor, and my entire family, I thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support as we serve God and God’s people in Alabama. I ask that you pray for our clergy, lay members, and churches as we all strive to spread the good news of Jesus Christ!

Because of Christ, I am,

Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate of the 9th Episcopal District

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**Annual Report to the Council of Bishops
May 23, 2018**

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The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2016

Number of Annual Conferences

There are five (5) annual conferences in the 9th Episcopal District.

Number of Members in Each Annual Conference

Annual Conference	Number of Members
Alabama River Region	2,273
Northwest Alabama	6,611
Southeast Alabama	4,631
Northeast Alabama	3,981
Southwest Alabama	4,007
Total	21,503

The Amount of General Budget Fund Apportioned

The Episcopal District:
\$595,496.00

Each of the Annual Conferences:

Annual Conference	Amount of General Fund Apportioned
Alabama River Region	\$71,905.50
Northwest Alabama	\$231,127.63
Southeast Alabama	\$96,343.53
Northeast Alabama	\$93,068.12
Southwest Alabama	\$103,051.22

The amount of the General Fund collected and sent to the office of the Chief Financial Officer of the AME Church, from each of the annual conferences.

Annual Conference	Amount of General Fund Collected and Sent to Chief Financial Officer of the AME Church
Alabama River Region	\$71,905.50
Northwest Alabama	\$231,127.63
Southeast Alabama	\$96,343.53
Northeast Alabama	\$93,068.12
Southwest Alabama	\$103,051.22

If this represents an increase, the same amount, or a decrease as compared with last year's report, list the following, and give details:

This represents the same amount.

- 1) Ministers who have been expelled during the year.

Northwest Alabama Annual Conference
Charles Holt

- 2) Ministers who have withdrawn from the connection during the year.

Northeast Alabama Annual Conference
Gladys Ogletree

- 3) Congregations that have split or withdrawn from the connection during the year.

No congregation split or withdrew from the connection during the year.

Give details of new churches organized or established during the year.

No new churches were organized or established during the year.

Additional Information for the 9th Episcopal District

Total Conversions: 1,234

Total Accessions: 885

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