ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Hosted by
Houser Memorial AME Zion Church
710 East Jordan Street
Pensacola, FL 32503

Church: (850) 696 2410    Pastor: (850) 501 5737

SEPTEMBER 7 - 11, 2016

Reverend Donald R. Harris, Host Pastor

PRESIDING ELDERS
Rev. John L. Philpot, Sr.        West Pensacola District
Rev. Anthony R. Scott           East Pensacola District
Rev. Dr. Clarence H. Little    Emeritus (Retired)

MESSAGES & MEDITATIONS
Communion Mediation..................Rev. Theyuka Thomas
Episcopal Address....................Bishop Seth O. Larney
School of the Prophets..............Rev. O’Neil Wiley
Education Message...................Rev. C. Vincent Parker
Missionary Message..................Rev. Michael Davis
Saturday Morning Meditation........Sis. Nikki Thomas

From the Bishop …

The Conference Sessions will begin at the appointed times.

All preachers are to be robed for the Communion Service, the Episcopal Address and the Reading of Appointments. WHITE robes for Communion and BLACK for the Episcopal Address, Sunday morning and afternoon.

The Budget and Finance Committees, 1st and 2nd Year Studies, 3rd and 4th Year Studies and the Committee on Admissions will meet on Wednesday afternoon between 12:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. to receive reports.

Finances are to be received on the first day of the Annual Conference.

Statistical Reports are due at the opening of the Conference.

Delegates are required to register and subscribe to all Periodicals ($143.00). The following is a breakdown of Periodicals:

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Pastors are required to purchase tickets for him/herself, spouse, delegate and others to the Home Missions Banquet.

Missionaries are to wear white during the day on Friday and white with stoles on Friday evening.

Trustees and Stewards are asked to attend the Annual Conference.
ROLL CALL
The Florida Annual Conference
The Right Reverend Seth O. Lartey, Bishop
Mrs. Jacqueline I. Williams-Lartey, Missionary Supervisor

PASTORS

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CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

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**TUESDAY EVENING – 7:00 PM**
September 6, 2017

M.S. Chatman Memorial Home Mission Banquet

“A Night to Remember”
Pensacola Bay Center
201 East Gregory Street
Pensacola, Florida 32502
850-432-0800

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**
10:00 AM

Prelude
Music ..........................................................Florida Conference Choir

(All Annual Conference members will assemble at 9:45 A.M)

MINISTERS ARE TO BE PROPERLY ROBED
(Deaconess from ALL Churches, are asked to assist.)

Communion Message.................................Rev. Theyuka Thomas
Edwards Chapel AME Zion Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Communion Offering .........................Finance Committee
Holy Communion Service
  Bishop Seth O. Lartey, Celebrant
  Presiding Elders, Con-Celebrants
Benediction................................................Bishop Seth O. Lartey

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**
2:30 PM

Devotional Service.................................Worship Committee

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE
Rules Committee.......................................Rev. Donald R. Harris
Roll Call and Registration
Credentials Committee...............................Rev. Ray S. White
Seating of the Delegates
Election of Officers
Treasurer’s Report

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**
7:00 PM

The Welcome Program

Call to Worship
Invocation
Music ..........................................................Conference Choir
  Talbot Chapel AME Zion Church
Invitation of Christian Discipleship
Offering
Recognition of Visitors/Announcements
Benediction
Wesleyan Grace

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**Date and Place of the next Annual Conference:**

Talbot Chapel AME Zion Church, Host Church
421 N. Reus Street
Pensacola, FL 32501
Rev. John L. Philpot, Sr., Pastor
September 6-10, 2017
THURSDAY MORNING
10:00 AM
Devotional Service Worship Committee

REPORTS:
Laity Report…………………………Ms. Nikita Bishop
State of the Country…………………Rev. Rita D. Westmore
State of the Church…………………Rev. Montressa Boulware
Sons of Varick………………………Rev. Elisha R. Knight

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements
Benediction
Wesleyan Grace

THE LAY LUNCHEON – 12:30 PM

THURSDAY AFTERNOON
2:30 PM
THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS
Bishop Seth O. Lartey
(All Preachers are to be robed in BLACK)

Great Offering……………………Finance Committee
(Each Pastor is asked to give $100 and each District Officer $50.00)

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements
Benediction
Wesleyan Grace

DINNER – 5:00 PM

THURSDAY EVENING
7:00 PM
Worship Service
Christian Education Director in Charge
Music………………………………Conference Choir
Christian Education Report…………Ms. Rose C. Salter
Conference Director
Education Message……………………Rev. C. Vincent Parker
Pilgrim Rest AME Zion Church, Whistler, AL

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

FRIDAY MORNING
PRAYER BREAKFAST
9:00 AM

THE MISSIONARY CONVOCATION
10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Mrs. Jacqueline I. Lartey, Presiding

Devotional Service………………………Missionary Officers
Greetings………………………………Mrs. Jacqueline I. Lartey

Exploration of Missionary Quadrennial Theme

Reports…………………………………District Officers
Introduction of Visitors and Announcements
Missionary Benediction

MID – DAY SERVICE
12:00 Noon

Devotional Service Worship Committee
School of the Prophets…………………Rev. O’Neil Wiley
Asbury Chapel AME Zion Church, Pascagoula, MS

Offering
Offertory
Introduction of Visitors and Announcements
Wesleyan Grace

LUNCH – 1:30 PM
FRIDAY AFTERNOON
3:00 PM
Devotional Service
Worship Committee

REPORTS:
Evangelism Department ..............Rev. Donald R. Harris
Home Missions/Conference Workers
Mrs. Myrtle Henderson/Ms. Carol Turner
Conference Evangelists
Greetings from Retired Ministers
Admissions Committee..................Rev. Ray S. White
Conference Course of Studies.........Rev. John L. Philpot, Sr.
1st & 2nd Year of Studies
3rd & 4th Year of Studies
Conference Trustees.....................Rev. John L. Philpot, Sr.
Triers of Appeals.......................Rev. Floyd A. Walker

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements
Benediction
Wesleyan Grace

DINNER – 5:00PM
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FRIDAY EVENING
7:00 PM
THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Mrs. Jacqueline I. Lartey, Presiding

Life Members Stoling Ceremony
Music.....................................Conference Choir
Message.....................................Rev. Michael Davis
Solomon Temple AME Zion Church, Moss Point, MS
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Missionary Offering
Offertory
Introduction of Visitors and Announcements
Benediction

SATURDAY MORNING
10:00 AM
Devotional Service
Worship Committee
Meditation.................................Sis. Nikki Thomas
Edwards Chapel AME Zion Church

Christian Education Program
District Directors in Charge

Group Meetings
Election of Officers
Report from the Groups
Election Committee Report
Recognition of Graduates

THE INTRODUCTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF
THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Conference Business:
Reading and Approval of the Conference Minutes

REPORTS:
Holy Orders Committee..................Rev. Floyd A. Walker
Audit Committee.........................Rev. Floyd A. Walker
Unfinished Business
Disciplinary Questions
The Passing of Character
Closing Prayer.........................Bishop Seth O. Lartey

1:00 PM - LUNCH

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SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Church School
9:30 A.M.

Church School – Conference Director and
Local Superintendent in Charge

Sunday Morning Worship Service
11:00 AM

Music……………………………………Conference Choir

Message……………………….The Right Reverend Seth O. Lartey
The Presiding Prelate of the Alabama/Florida Episcopal District

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Offering
Grand Ushers’ March
Memorial Moment/Report of Necrology Committee
Memorial Offerings from Churches
(Each member is asked to give a Memorial Offering of $3.00 in
memory of a loved one who served faithfully in the Church.)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
Closing Service

REPORTS:
♦ Report of the Finance Committee
♦ Report of the Courtesy Committee

Charge to Pastors…………………………Bishop Seth O. Lartey

† The Reading of Appointments †
Closing Hymn………….. “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
Closing Prayer & Benediction …………………Bishop Seth O. Lartey

Dinner will be served at the close of the service.

THE COMMITTEES

RULES: Reverends Donald R. Harris, Floyd Walker, Theyuka Thomas, Mister Dexter Longmire

CREDENTIALS: Reverends Ray S. White, Theyuka Thomas, Ms. Rose C. Salter

ADMISSIONS: Reverends Ray S. White, Floyd A. Walker, Anthony R. Scott

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH YEAR STUDIES:
Reverends John L. Philpot, Sr., Anthony R. Scott, Floyd A. Walker, Dr. Clarence H. Little, D. Machelle Easley, Ray S. White

HOLY ORDERS: Reverends Floyd A. Walker, John L. Philpot, Sr., Dr. Clarence H. Little, Anthony R. Scott, Donald R. Harris

FINANCE: Reverends Donald R. Harris, John L. Philpot, Sr., Anthony R. Scott; Mesdames Myrtle Henderson, Carol Turner

BUDGET: Reverends Donald R. Harris, John L Philpot, Sr., Winfred C. Pettiway, Sr., Anthony R. Scott

CONFERENCE TREASURER: Reverend John L. Philpot, Sr.

AUDIT: Reverends Floyd A. Walker, Elisha R. Knight, Jesse Turner

STATE OF THE CHURCH: Reverends Montressa Boulware, Elisha R. Knight, Monique Turner, Ms. Rose C. Salter

STATE OF THE COUNTRY: Reverends Rita Westmore, Theyuka Thomas, Lena Longmire-Lyons, Mrs. Ella Warren

LAY ACTIVITIES: Mesdames Nikita Bishop, Margie McCorvey, Stephanie Philpot-Lewis; Misters Horace Gant, Darnell Sims

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: Reverends Winfred Pettiway, Sr., D. Machelle Easley, Benjamin Clarke, John L Philpot, Sr., Anthony R. Scott; Mesdames Myrtle Henderson, Ann Thomas, Ella Warren, Phyllis Fountain

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: Reverends, John L. Philpot, Sr., Anthony Scott, Floyd A. Walker, Dr. Clarence H. Little, Elisha R. Knight, Donald R. Harris; Mesdames Shirley Rich, JaQuilla Coleman
WH&OM SOCIETY: Mesdames Jacqueline I. Larrey, Georgia M. Philpot, Jacqueline R. Pinkard, Rose Pettiway, ShaLonda Palmer, Jennifer Green, Rosemary Clarke, Barbara Knight, Constance Carter, Deborah Johnson, LaShay Scott, Rev. Monique Turner

WORSHIP: Reverends Elisha R. Knight, Jesse Turner, Bettye P. Little, Theyuka Thomas, D. Machelle Easley, Rita Westmore, Monique Turner, Sis. Nikki Thomas

BISHOP’S AIDE: To be appointed during Annual Conference

HOME MISSION BOARD: Reverends Floyd A. Walker, Bettye P. Little; Mesdames, Pearl Curtis, Myrtle Henderson, Katherine Christian

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD: Reverends Donald R. Harris, Elisha R. Knight; Mesdames Georgia M. Philpot, Jacqueline R. Pinkard

HOME MISSIONS: Mesdames Myrtle Henderson, Pearl Curtis, Katherine Christian

CONFERENCE WORKERS: Mesdames Carol Turner, Ms. Stephanie Philpot-Lewis, Pinkie Ming

EVANGELISM: Reverends Donald R. Harris, Winfred Pettiway, Sr., Montressa Boulware, Monique Turner

NECROLOGY: Reverends Floyd A. Walker, Bettye P. Little, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson

COURTESY: Mesdames Myrtle Henderson, Georgia Philpot, Constance Carter

TRIERS OF APPEALS: Reverends Floyd A. Walker, John L. Philpot, Sr., Ray S. White, Donald R. Harris, Anthony R. Scott

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Reverends John L. Philpot, Sr., Floyd A. Walker, Anthony R. Scott, Ray S. White; Mesdames Myrtle Henderson, Rose C. Salter, Georgia M. Philpot, Mattie Price (Emeritus), Jacqueline Pinkard, Eloise Shuford, Barbara Knight, Carol Turner

CONFERENCE USHERS: Mesdames Eloise Shuford, Doris Lewis (Emeritus), Linda Kitt, Mr. Cornell Watson (Each local Church should be represented by ushers and a Banner in the Parade of Ushers.)

SONS OF VARICK: Reverends Elisha R. Knight, Floyd A. Walker; Misters Nathan Bass, Jeffrey Wells

STATISTICIANS: Mrs. Jacqueline R. Pinkard, Reverend Floyd A. Walker, D. Machelle Easley

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE: Reverends John L. Philpot, Sr., Donald R. Harris, Floyd A. Walker, Ray S. White, Mr. Calvin Hawk

CONFERENCE VOTER REGISTRATION: Reverend Montressa Boulware; Mesdames Ella Warren, Leevater Jacobs

AME ZION BURIAL ASSOCIATION: Rev. Donald R. Harris

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CONCERNS: Dr. Janesha Thomas Reverends Winfred Pettiway, Sr., Bettye P. Little; Mesdames Alesia YW Ross, Myrtle Henderson

NAACP: Reverends Montressa Boulware, Lena Longmire-Lyons, Ms. Rose C. Salter

CONFERENCE MUSICIAN: Misters Mario Solomon, Theahmad Thomas