

2021 Leadership Training Institute  
Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District  
The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
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**F. I. T. TO LEAD  
FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT - IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY -  
TRAINING UP DISCIPLES**

**“SERVING OUR FLOCK” - Clergy Edition**

*Presenter: Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate*

*“Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.” - Isaiah 54:2*

COVID has accelerated the pace of change in our world.

GOD has stripped away the church props that many of us became used to in ministry:

1. church buildings
2. crowds
3. cheers
4. comfort

**I. Enlarge Your Tent**

**“Give up your small ambitions and come save the world!” -  
Francis Assisi**

\*\*\* “I will give you shepherds (pastors) after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jeremiah 3:15)

AFTER = Adjective: Adjectives are describing words. An adjective is a word that modifies a noun or pronoun. (Shaped according to the heart of GOD.)

Preposition: in pursuit of, seeking (Finding out what GOD is passionate about, and pursuing Him there.)

What’s in our heart? (2 Chronicles 32:31)

- A. Authenticity - Be real
- B. Integrity - Be holy
- C. Capability - Be prepared
- D. Adaptivity - Be aware and open (***If you’re over 50, you are an immigrant to this culture.***)

## II. Lengthen Your Cords

- A. Community focused congregations
- B. Flexible with our facilities
- C. Different ways of determining membership

## III. Strengthen Your Stakes

If you lengthen your cords but don’t strengthen your stakes, you will be blown here and there with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and their cunning and craftiness... (Ephesians 4:14)

- A. Prioritize prayer, both private and public
- B. Systematic study of scripture
- C. Devoted to lifestyle discipleship
  - 1) Who discipled you as a new Christian?
  - 2) Who discipled you as a minister?
  - 3) Who do you continue to look to as a mentor?
  - 4) Who are you discipling?
  - 5) Who are those in your church who are discipling?

6) How are you supporting and expanding this?

D. Don't disregard doctrine

\*The Sacraments (Baptism and The Lord's Supper)

\*The Apostles' Creed

\*Christianity as incarnational community