

190<sup>th</sup> Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

### **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

The Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference convened for Holy Communion on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Bethesda North Marriott. Presiding Elder Michael A. King, presiding followed the program as printed. The Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant, Pastor of the Union Wesley AME Zion preached from the subject, “What is in Your Cup?” (I Cor. 10:14-21) The music was rendered by the Union Wesley and New Life AME Zion Churches. Following the preachment, Bishop W. Darin Moore, Holy Communion Celebrant, with the Presiding Elders of the Conference serving as Con-celebrants administered the Holy Communion.

Concluding the Holy Communion Service, the Right Reverend W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District with the authority given to him by the 50<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church declared the 190<sup>th</sup> Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore open for the transaction of the business that shall come before it. Holy Communion service concluded with the singing of “It is Well With My Soul” and the benediction given by Dr. Alvin T. Durant.

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### **OPENING SESSION**

The Conference began with devotion from the Conference praise team followed by the Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins presenting Presiding Elder Scot C. Moore for the Impact Session. Presiding Moore stated that there were six (6) ways we could retool our people; however, our presenter asserted that the primary resource for retooling the people is the Holy Spirit. We must retool by giving attention to:

1. The Person of the Holy Spirit.
2. The Purpose of the Holy Spirit. To comfort. To counsel. To convict. To teach. To equip.
3. The Power of the Holy Spirit.

Following the Impact Session Rev. Patrick Barrett in the singing of a selection as we transitioned into the business session.

### **Organization of the Conference**

Bishop W. Darin Moore briefly greeting the conference proceeded with the organization of the conference by calling for the report of the Rules Committee, chaired by the Rev. Mark Thomas who asked Mrs. Yvonne Baskerville to read the report. Received as information.

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The Conference proceeded with the **Seating of the Delegates** as Rev. Dr. Wilmer Frazier along with members of the Credentials Committee made their report. Rev. Sweatt moved to receive the report, seconded by Presiding Elder Myrtle Bowen. The motion carried. Bishop Moore admonished to conference not to diminish the role of the laity in our churches. He asked Presiding Elders and Lay leaders to teach on the importance of the laity and their role in the Annual Conference.

Presiding Elder Scot Moore presented the **Nominations Committee Report**. A motion to receive the report was made by the Rev. Heath Cheek, seconded by Presiding Elder William Kelly. Unreadiness by Presiding Elder Myrtle Bowen with regards to the absence of Rev. Cliff Moye. Bishop asked Mr. Archie Payne to cover both the Harrisburg and Philadelphia Districts until the Harrisburg Marshall arrives. The motion carried.

The conference secretariat proceeded to call the roll each district respectively in alphabetical order. The following actions were taken with regards to the roll call:

**Baltimore** –

- Rev. Alfred Ainooson was marked as absent.
- Rev. Nelson Allen has not answered the roll for the past 5 years. Bishop called for a motion to locate Rev. Allen. The motion was offered by Dr. Christopher Zacharias, seconded by Rev. Crystal Harris. The motion carried.
- The Rev. Clarence Jackson requested to withdraw. A motion to withdraw honorably contingent upon the receipt of his credentials was made by Rev. Thomas Sweatt, seconded by Dr. Alvin T. Durant. The motion carried.
- Bishop Moore upon the calling of Rev. Michael McCray's name advised the Conference that he has honorably withdrawn and is now with the AME Church. Presiding Elder Evalina Huggins moved to accept his withdrawal, seconded by Rev. Dr. Adrian Nelson. The motion passed.
- Rev. Juanita Smith requested location. A motion was made by Rev. Johnathan Counts, seconded by Presiding William Kelly. The motion carried.
- Rev. Angela Thomas requested location. A motion was made by Rev. Quinton Borders, seconded by Rev. Alyce Walker-Johnson. The motion carried.

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**Eastern Shore** –

- Rev. Ida Ositelu requested retirement.
- Rev. Leon Copeland requested retirement.

Bishop Moore asked the secretariat to deal with those persons requesting retirement on Saturday.

- Rev. Rachel McNeil requested location. A motion was made by Presiding Elder William Kelly, seconded by Rev. Dr. Adrian Nelson, II. The motion carried.

**Harrisburg** –

The name of Rev. Sheverlon Powell was called, and Presiding Elder Bowen informed the chair that she had transferred to North Carolina.

**Philadelphia** –

- Rev. Dr. Thelma Fletcher requested location. A motion was made by the Rev. Damon Carver, seconded by Presiding Elder Michael King. The motion carried.
- Rev. Walter Little requested location. A motion by Rev. Damon Carver was made, seconded by Rev. Jeffrey Ruffin. The motion carried.

**Washington** –

- Rev. Francina Ferguson requested location. A motion was made by Dr. Christopher Zacharias, seconded by Presiding Elder Bowen. The motion passed.
- Rev. Victor Harding was marked absent after Presiding Elder Colbert conveyed to the chair that she had not heard from Rev. Harding. Bishop Moore asked that we be patient with Rev. Harding and attempt to reach him again prior to the first checkup meeting.
- Rev. Fred McCoy requested location. A motion was made by Rev. Dr. Alvin Durant, seconded by Rev. Quinton Borders to locate Rev. McCoy. The motion carried.

At the conclusion of the roll call the secretariat informed the Chair and the Conference that the Rev. Gwanda Wallace and Phyllis Fletcher have requested to be unlocated. Bishop Moore asked that these persons be referred to the Admissions Committee for action.

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The dates for the Annual Conference were set in the following manner:

191<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference – May 19-24 @ Bethesda North Marriott  
192<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – May 25-30 @ TBD  
193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference – May 24-29 @ TBD

The dates and the locations for the Checkup meetings are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Check UP Meeting - September 14, 2019 @ Union Wesley (Washington District)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Check UP Meeting – Cyber  
3<sup>rd</sup> Check UP Meeting – Judah Temple (Baltimore District)

Bishop asked that all comments regarding Annual Conference be sent to Presiding Elder Colbert at the Mid Atlantic email address.

The Conference received the **Ministry of Kindness** report given by Rev. Tresa Turner. A motion to receive the report was made by Dr. Frances Draper, seconded by Presiding Elder Michael King. The motion carried.

**The Treasurer's Report** was given by Presiding Elder Michael King. A motion to receive the report was made by Presiding Elder William Kelly, seconded Dr. Timothy Freeman. The motion carried.

Dr. Alvin T. Durant made a motion to elect Presiding Elder Michael King as the Conference Treasurer for the ensuing Conference year, seconded by Dr. Frances Draper. The motion carried.

Greetings were extended by the following persons:

Rev. Dr. Christopher Eason, Virginia Conference  
Rev. Joseph W. Whitney, Jr., Virginia Conference  
Rev. Dr. Joseph Perry, Virginia Conference  
Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Arrington, Virginia Conference  
Rev. Willie L. Dixon, Virginia Conference  
Rev. Sharon Cheek, Western Conference  
Bro. David R. Graham, Ohio Conference  
Rev. Amos Goodwin, Jr., Ohio Conference

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The Conference Praise & Worship team prepared the conference for the noon day worship at 12:00 as we transitioned to Noon Day Service. Bishop Moore presented the preacher the Rev. Dr. Reginald Chandler who is an author and the newly assigned Director of the Acolytes Ministry for the AME Zion Church. Dr. Chandler preached from the subject where is your fire.

Following the noonday message Bishop Moore acknowledged the visitors from the Virginia and East Tennessee Conference.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**  
*Episcopal Address*

At 2:45 p.m. the Conference waited in anticipation as the 99<sup>th</sup> Bishop in the line of succession prepared to give his Episcopal Address. Bishop Moore introduced Dr. Pernessa Seale, CEO of the Balm in Gilead who spoke about Healthy Churches. She presented Dr. Barbara Shaw as the new Director of the Balm in Gilead.

The Rev. Dr. Rita Colbert presiding asked Presiding Elder William E. Kelly to present the Bishop. Bishop Moore called our attention to Colossians 3:12-17. Bishop Moore thanked all of those persons who have assisted with moving the work forward. He introduced his Address by imploring we retool by choosing the right equipment. And most importantly we cannot reach or pastor people we do not love.

Bishop Moore highlighted that Methodism encourages people to live a personal and social holiness. But to do so, we must show love to all. He highlighted several qualities of Spiritual Leadership that expounded upon in detail in his written Address and these qualities were:

1. God's glory is the priority.
2. Focus on the future without forgetting the past.
3. Leaders examine themselves first before criticizing or correcting others.
4. Embrace and evaluate change.
5. Create a shared vision of a preferred future.
6. Identify spiritual gifts and talents.
7. Equip and empower others to become spiritual leaders.

And, encourage members to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

A motion to receive the Episcopal Address was made by Dr. Christopher Zacharias, seconded by Presiding Elder William Kelly. The following persons expressed unreadiness:

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*Episcopal Address*

Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant	Rev. Timothy Freeman	Rev. Milton Williams
Mrs. Katherine Burrell	Rev. David Elliott	Mr. Eric Smith
Rev. Keen Newsome	Rev. Dr. Vernon Shannon	Rev. Alyce Walker-Johnson
Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins (on behalf of the Presiding Elders)		

Presiding Elder Rita J. Colbert carried the motion and the Episcopal Address was received with thanksgiving.

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**Annual Sermon**

The Evening Worship followed the program as printed with Dr. David McLendon leading in the Invocation, Dr. Wilford Oney the scripture and the prayer was offered by the Rev. Cynthia Summers. The music was rendered by the Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church and Bishop Moore presented the Rev. Milton A. Williams who preached from the subject “One Last River to Cross” taken from Joshua 3:1-4. Rev. Williams pointed out that if were to get to the promised land there were three ways we’d be required to retool:

1. There must be a retooling of the way we walk.
2. There must be a retooling of the way we witness.
3. There must be a retooling of the way we worship.

Greetings were brought by:

1. Presiding Elder Gerald Akrie
2. Rev. Dr. Erik Leake

The benediction was pronounced at 9:10 pm.



Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins, Secretary

***Dr. Tina Nelson***

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**Morning Business Session**  
*Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding*

The Conference began with devotion from the Conference praise team followed by Bishop W. Darin Moore presenting Rev. Dr. David T. Miller for the Impact Session. Dr. Miller presented from Matthew 4:19 on the subject “Time to Go Fishing”. Dr. Miller said:

1. You must go fishing.
2. It is easy to invite people.
3. No excuses!
4. Know the difference between artificial lures versus live bait.
5. Be dressed.
6. Preachers tailor your sermons for that day’s occasion.
7. Remember our job is to catch the fish and not try to clean the fish.

**PRESIDING ELDERS REPORTS**

Bishop Moore thanked Dr. Miller for his presentation and proceeded with the Presiding Elders reports. The reports were received in the following order:

**Philadelphia District** – The Rev. Michael A. King presented his report electronically. A motion to receive the report was made by Presiding Elder William Kelly and seconded by Rev. Jeffrey Ruffin. Unreadiness expressed by Rev. Damon Carver in the form of appreciation. The motion passed.

**Baltimore District** – The Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins presented her report electronically. A motion to receive the report was made by the Rev. Quinton Borders, seconded by Rev. Roland Edwards. Unreadiness was expressed by Rev. Leslie Barnett-Davis in the form of appreciation. The motion passed.

**Harrisburg District** – The Rev. Dr. Myrtle Bowen presented her report orally. A motion to receive the report was made by Rev. Marlon Carter and seconded by Ms. Tonya Moskoff. Unreadiness by Rev. Thomas Sweatt in the form of appreciation. The motion Passed.

**Eastern Shore District** – The Rev. Dr. William E. Kelly presented his report orally. A motion to receive report was made by Rev. Dr. Wilford Oney, and seconded by Rev. Damon Carver. Unreadiness was expressed by the Rev. Dr. David McClendon in the form of appreciation. The motion passed.

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### **PRESIDING ELDERS REPORTS**

**Washington District** – The Rev. Dr. Rita J. Colbert presented her report electronically. A motion to receive the report was made by Dr. Christopher Zacharias. Seconded by Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant. Unreadiness expressed by Dr. Adrian V. Nelson in the form of appreciation. The motion passed.

The Conference transitioned from the Presiding Elders reports to the worship service with praise and worship led by Rev. Patrick Barrett. Bishop Moore presented the noonday preacher, the Rev. Damon Carver who preached from the subject “Get Your Clothes Dirty” utilizing John 13:3-5. Rev. Carver lifted up four pertinent points:

1. Revelation provides Motivation
2. Demonstration enhances Illumination
3. Transformation requires Participation
4. Wear your Service Best not your Sunday Best

Presiding Elder T.K. Venable of the Petersburg District brought greetings and the session ended at 1:00pm.

### **THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The afternoon session began with devotion from the Conference praise team followed by Bishop W. Darin Moore presenting Dr. Khaalida T. Forbes who spoke on “Being Released From Doing to Being”. Dr. Forbes began with the question “do you want to famous or faithful”. She began to speak to the concerns of church leaders. She noted we can be spiritually immature in spite of our gifts; and so, we must begin to deal with our spiritual and emotional health. Dr. Forbes noted, that: Our soul is composed of our mind, will and emotion.

1. Use God to run from God
2. Ignore sadness and fear
3. Dying to the wrong things
4. Spiritualizing everything that is not the devil
5. Living without boundaries

Dr. Forbes’ sharing was life changing and impactful for all who would receive. Following her presentation Presiding Elder Scot Moore sang “My Hallelujah”.



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**Afternoon Business Session**

Following the School of the Prophets Bishop Moore acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Marie Keller from the New York Conference and proceeded to receive the Pastors and Delegates reports from the following districts:

**Philadelphia District** received ministerial and lay reports. Mrs. Patricia Griffin moved that the pastors and delegates reports be received, seconded by Dr. Timothy Freeman. At the conclusion of the vote Mrs. Diana Carver expressed to the conference the desire to change St. James/Varick AMEZ Church to the James Varick AMEZ Church. Unreadiness in the form of a question by Rev. Ingrid Gant about previous inquiries to the conference. Mrs. Carver indicated they were directed to review all documents thoroughly. The motion carried.

**Baltimore District** received ministerial and lay reports. Bishop recognized both the clergy and laity. Dr. Wilmer Frazier moved the Pastor and Lay delegates be received, which were seconded by Dr. Frances Draper and Rev. Samuel Whittaker. The motion carried.

**Harrisburg District** received ministerial and lay reports. Bishop recognized both the clergy and laity by asking them to stand. Rev. Damon Carver made a motion to receive both the Pastor and Lay delegates reports, which were seconded by Rev. Jeffrey Ruffin. The motion carried.

**Eastern Shore District** received ministerial and lay reports. Bishop recognized both the clergy and laity by asking them to stand. Dr. William E. Kelly made a motion to receive both the Pastor and Lay delegates reports, which was seconded by Dr. David McLendon. Dr. Wilford Oney in the form of an unreadiness returned to the conference \$1000 for Home Missions. The motion carried.

Rev. Leslie Barnett Davis asked for a personal point of privilege to return to the Conference monies that were given to them for the repair of the conference in the amount of \$15,000. Bishop Moore asked that the funds be returned to the Conference Trustees account.

**Washington Shore District** whose ministerial and lay reports were received electronically. Bishop recognized both the clergy and laity by asking them to stand. Dr. Rita J Colbert made a motion to receive both the Pastor and Lay delegates reports, which was seconded by Rev. Ingrid Gant. The motion carried.

Bishop Moore acknowledged the Rev. David Elliott who provided support for one of our churches in need. Bishop also asked all Conference Evangelist to stand as he acknowledged their gifts of ministry. He asked the Presiding Elders and Pastors to be intentional about ensuring they convey their expectations with the ministers and celebrate the gifts they bring to the ministry apart from pastoring. The secretariat made announcement and the Rev. Faith Savoy offered the closing prayer.

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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERVICE**

The Christian Education program began with the Rev. Patrick Barrett presiding and Christian Educators processing to “They’ll Know We are Christians”. Presiding Elder Evalina Huggins gave the Invocation; Rev. Gracher Selby read Ephesians 4:11-14; Prayer by Mrs. Ravel King. The music and liturgical dance ministry of the Judah Temple AME Zion Church shared in the service. The Co-Directors of Christian Education Ms. Stephanie Perry and Rev. Dr. Tina Nelson presented their reports. The Rev. Patrick Barrett Co-Episcopal Director of CED made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Dr. Evalina Huggins. The motion carried. Following the Direction of Bishop W. Darin Moore stoled fourteen (14) members of the CED Department from across the conference. Ms. Ashley Charles Co-Episcopal Director of CED and Mr. Eric Smith Assembly of Christian Educators President assisted in the stoling.

Bishop W. Darin Moore presented our Psalmist “Yoli” Deberry and Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson the Christian Education night preacher. Dr. Thompson preached from the subject “We Still Win” using II Samuel 21:15-22 as the scriptural text. Dr. Thompson reminded us that in our retooling we must recognize:

Giants have babies and so we must recognize new giants have new weapons which requires a new game plan.

1. A new game plan requires a new strategy
2. New giants require a new level of commitment
3. And, finally new giants require a new level of trust

At the height of worship the Invitation to Christ was extended and prayer offered. The offering was received, announcements given and the visitors acknowledged. Dr. Jacqueline Thompson pronounced the benediction.

#### **Visitors:**

Bishop Moore’s Mother (Mrs. Connie Farrow)  
Presiding Elder Venable – VA Conference  
Rev. Lawrence Spann Ohio Conference

Dr. Rebecca Griffin – VA Conference  
Rev. Rami Pouncey  
Dr. Vanessa Hicks – VA Conference



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Rev. Dr. Tina Nelson, Assistant Secretary

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### **MISSIONARY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The Missionary Prayer service followed the program as printed with the following revisions: The breakfast began earlier than scheduled following the individual prayers. After the introduction of the speaker by Missionary Supervisor Devieta C. Moore, Mrs. Kimberr Eubanks sang. The Meditation Speaker was Rev. Lula G. Williams who preached from the topic “Lord, Teach Me How to Pray” from Luke 11:1. After the message, the congregation sang a song led by Presiding Elder Scot C. Moore. Bishop Moore gave remarks, thanked the preacher and pronounced the benediction at 9:55a.m.

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### **MISSIONARY CONVOCATION**

The Missionary Convocation began at 10:26 a.m. following the printed order. The Rev. Alyce Walker John spoke on personal commitment from Esther 4:4-18. Rev. Johnson stated that personal commitment:

- Must be personally committed to God
- Must be personally committed to family
- Must be personally committed to the work that God has assigned to our hands

Each WHOMS District President presented their reports by department to include the Parent Body, YAMS, Youth Missionary, Buds, Life Members, and Supply Department. A motion to receive the reports was made by Mrs. Patricia Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Shirley Richardson, The motion carried.

Prior to adjournment the conference acknowledge the presence of four resident Missionary Supervisors who were present in the personage of Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Mrs. Aurelia Brown, Mrs. Lula Williams, and our very own Mrs. Devieta Moore. Also recognized were Dr. Barbara Shaw, Mrs. Charlotte Umoja, Mrs. Gladys Felton, Mrs. Dee Perkins. Also acknowledged were those persons offering themselves for the Executive Board of the WHOMS Department: Mrs. Sandra Crowder, Candidate for International PRESIDENT; Alice B. Williams (Supply); Mrs. Renee Pullen (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President); Mrs. Melva Polk Wright (Youth Missionary Secretary)

The convocation closed with the Missionary benediction.

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**MID-DAY WORSHIP – NECROLOGY SERVICE**

We transitioned from the Missionary Convocation to the Noon service with a praise song led by Rev. Dr. Heath Cheek. The Chair of the Necrology Committee, Rev. Eddie Scarborough called for the video of those who now cease from their labors. Dr. Cheek prayed a prayer of remembrance. Bishop Moore presented the Rev. Andre Green of the Varick Memorial AMEZ Church who lifted up Romans 8:22, using the subject “Waiting While Pregnant with Purpose and Destiny”

You can have a still birth or miscarriage if you don’t move in God’s time. Don’t abort your of potential because of what you’re going through. Keep pushing until you birth. Trust God that what He has promised will come to pass. After the message, Rev. Greene held an alter call with prayer and song “I Surrender All” after which the benediction was given.

**SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS**

Dr. Khaalida Forbes

**School of the Prophet – Dr. Khaalida Forbes**

Following the praise and worship, Bishop W. Darin Moore again introduced Dr. Khaalida T. Forbes who spoke on the 12 tools for healthy leaders and congregations. We are to assist:

1. Congregants in processing who they are...
2. Congregants with being released from doing for God to being with God
3. Congregants with paying attention to their emotions to discern God’s will
4. Congregants with being willing to enter a season to process past traumas to move forward whole
5. Congregants with trusting to connect with a licensed therapist
6. Congregants with being open to various methods God chooses to bring about healing
7. Congregants with understanding and embracing the importance of self-care

Balance and rest are important to the body and spirit. There are 4 Levels to Rest:

1. Spiritual – a trust in God issue
2. Physical – a time and pride issue
3. Intellectual – we need to rest our minds which increases our creativity
4. Emotional – eat twice and give out of your overflow

**SLOW DOWN!** To sense, feel, hear, see, follow, trust, rest in, and live for God so you can display me. Session ended at 4:16 with prayer from Dr. Khaalida T. Forbes.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION**

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### **Election of General Conference Delegates**

Dr. Khaalida T. Forbes

Bishop Moore called for the General Secretary and Auditor to give instructions regarding the voting process. Dr. Elvin Sadler, General Secretary, gave preliminary instructions certifying that the clergy delegates were in tack. The conference secretaries by district certified the Lay Delegates with Bishop Warren M. Brown providing oversight.

The ministers proceeded to vote electing 17 persons on the first ballot in the following order. These persons were certified by the General Secretary and confirmed in their election by Bishop W. Darin Moore.

1. Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins
2. Rev. Scot C. Moore
3. Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant
4. Rev. Dr. Alyce Walker Johnson
5. Rev. Michael King
6. Rev. Dr. Adrian V. Nelson, II
7. Rev. Frances Draper
8. Rev. Patrick Barrett
9. Rev. Timothy Freeman
10. Rev. Milton Williams
11. Rev. Heath Cheek
12. Rev. Mark Anthoni Thomas
13. Rev. Reginald Chandler
14. Rev. Christopher Zacharias
15. Rev. Dr. Myrtle Bowen
16. Rev. David Elliott

Bishop Moore informed those voting that we would not just elect the next four highest votes but would cast a ballot to determine the alternate delegates. Rev. Lowell Williams made a motion that we would elect the top 4 persons to serve as Alternate Delegates, seconded by Dr. Alvin T. Durant seconded. Motion passed. The following persons were elected:

1. Rev. Jonathan Counts
2. Rev. David Miller
3. Rev. Tina Nelson
4. Rev. William Kelly

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**Election of General Conference Delegates**

Dr. Khaalida T. Forbes

The Lay Delegates proceeded to vote and the following persons were elected as Lay Delegates on the first ballot:

1. Katherine Burrell
2. Renee Pullen
3. Stephanie Perry
4. Eric Smith
5. Diana Carver
6. Patricia Griffin
7. Melva Wright
8. Larry Johnson
9. Marsha Clark
10. Gilbert Turner
11. Yvonne Baskerville
12. Ravell King
13. Naomi Cooper
14. Tojuana McClendon
15. Adrian Smith

Bishop Moore informed those voting that we would move to elect the alternate Lay Delegates in the same manner as the clergy, by casting a ballot to determine the alternate delegates. Mr. Tim Smoot made a motion that we would elect the top 4 persons to serve as Alternate Lay Delegates. Ms. Olivia Williams seconded the motion, the motion passed. The following persons were elected Lay Alternates:

1. Shatice Wright
2. Dominique Turner
3. Chuck Williams, JR.
4. Jennifer Ruffin



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### MISSIONARY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Missionary Candlelight service followed the program as printed. Participants included: Invocation - Veronica Oney; Scripture - Tonya Moskoff; Prayer - Evaline Easton. The Music was provided by the Ministry of the Freedom Temple and Trinity AME Zion Churches. There were numerous members from across the Conference who were stoled as life patrons and life matrons. Each of the three Missionary Supervisors present Mrs. Devieta C. Moore, Missionary Supervisor of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District, Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Mrs. Aurelia Brown along with the immediate past International President of the WHOMS, Dr. Barbara Shaw.

Bishop acknowledged a special moment in the conference as he recognized the past Missionary Supervisors Thompson, Brown, Williams, and Mrs. Devita C. Moore which captured over 30 years of Missionary Service and work in the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference. Bishop Moore acknowledged the presence of Bishop Warren M. Brown and asked him to bring greetings. Prior to the preachment of the word the Trinity AME Zion Church provided the music ministry.

Bishop Moore presented his younger brother Bishop Brian D. Moore, who greeted the conference and asked someone to bring his mother closer. Bishop Brian Moore using the scriptural text taken from 2 Kings 2:19-22 – “A Remedy for Recovery”. Bishop Brian D. Moore observed that we look clean on the surface, but underneath we have infected, dirty water. Which leads to problems.

1. The crops are still growing but they never produce fruit.
2. What you eat you carry, we are miscarrying or aborting what we're pregnant with.
3. The cattle became infected, and the people couldn't tell the difference between milk and puss.

A new vessel is needed to cure contaminated water, and when all else fails we are to Preach to the water! Following the word Bishop Moore sang, “There Is a Balm in Gilead” and we received the evening offering.

Bishop acknowledged guests including: Dr. Andrew Thompson , author of *The Means of Grace*.

Benediction pronounced at 11:13pm.



Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins, Secretary

***Dr. Tina Nelson***

Rev. Dr. Tina Nelson, Assistant Secretary

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**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**“Retooling Leadership for Ministry in a Digital Culture”**  
**Dr. Andrew C. Thompson, Presenter**

The session opened with Dr. Wilmer T. Frazier reading the scripture and the Rev. Faith Savoy the opening prayer. Presiding Elder Scot Moore led us in praise and worship. Bishop Moore introduced our Special Session presenter the Rev. Dr. Andrew Thompson, the author of “The Means of Grace”.

Dr. Thompson began his presentation by talking about “Retooling Leadership for Ministry in a Digital Culture. Dr. Thompson then shared about Grace, Salvation and how the two worked together. Dr. Thompson said that, “Grace is both pardon and power; and that the work of grace is unconditional, transformational, and invitational.” Through the means of grace we produce the next generation of leaders in the digital age Questions were posed and the session ended at 11:15 am.

Saturday, May 25, 2019  
**SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

Bishop Moore asked all of the Conference Board of Trustees to stand. He then proceeded to call the 2019-2020 members of the **Board of Trustees** to come forward as Trustee Secretary read the report of the Trustees. A motion to receive the report was made by Dr. Alvin T. Durant, seconded by Mrs. Diana Carver. Unreadiness expressed by Dr. Paul Hoggard. Motion passed.

Nominations for **Conference Trustees 2019-2020** were expressed by Bishop W. Darin Moore and said persons were asked to stand. A motion to approve the slate of those nominated was made by Rev. Thomas Sweatt, seconded by Ms. Rhemar Pouncy. The motion passed.

**Men of Zion** - A video presentation was given by the Rev. Scot C. Moore regarding the upcoming Men of Zion conference in Fayetteville, NC.

**Prison Ministry** - reported delivered by Rev. Dr. Paul Hoggard for information.

Rev. Samuel Whittaker gave thanks for the clothing received for his prison project.

**Rev. Dr. Lewis Anthony Scholars Program** presented both orally and through a video report. Dr. Evalina Huggins, Chair asked Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson to give the verbal report. Bishop Moore thanked the committee and asked members of the conference to give their support.

Bishop Moore recognized Rev. Christian Egeneonu who has transferred from the Central Nigeria Conference to Philadelphia & Baltimore. He is the son-in-law of Bishop Chucka Ekeman



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### **SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

**Admissions** – The following persons were admitted on Trial: Bro. Stanley C. Broadie, Sis. Darlene R. Counts, Sis. Delores P. Guy, and Jennifer L. Carter-Pose. A motion to accept recommendation to admit the so named persons were made by Rev. Dr. Adrian V. Nelson, II, seconded by Rev. Ingrid Gant. The motion carried. Unreadiness expressed by Rev. Mark

Thomas regarding Daquan A. Bimbo. Who was not present at the time of the report. Bishop stated he would not admit anyone not present. He advised Rev. Mark Thomas that he could report back by the end of the day why Bimbo was absent. Motion passed.

The following person were **admitted on Credentials**: Rev. Ubong Jimmy Essien. A motion to accept the recommendation made by Rev. Dr. Timothy Freeman. Seconded by Rev. Thomas Tucker. Motion passed. Rev. Angela Brown-Vann. Motion to accept recommendation made by Rev. Damon Carver. Seconded by Rev. Thomas Tucker. Motion passed.

Mr. Daquan Bimbo arrived at the conference and came forward. The committee recommended Bimbo to be admitted on Trial. Motion to accept the recommendation was made by Rev. Mark Thomas. Seconded by Rev. Thomas Tucker. Motion passed.

The committed reported that the following persons have requested to return to Traveling Ministry status from location: Rev. Gwanda Wallace, Rev. Phyllis Fletcher and Rev. Thea Webster Wells who has returned to the area. A motion was made by Rev. Thomas Tucker and seconded by Rev. Faith Savoy to return the said names to the traveling ministry. Motion passed.

### **SATURDAY MID-MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

At 12:30 we transitioned into the worship service with praise & worship led by the conference worship team. Youth from across the conference served as the mid-morning worship participants and included: Ms. Rachel Means, Mr. Aaron Sweatt and Mr. R.J. Chandler. Bishop W. Darin Moore celebrated the youth and the program participants. He also extended greetings to Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Chambers.

Bishop Moore asked Dr. Durant to introduce the preacher, the Rev. Delmar Lytle who will be relocating with his family to Austin, TX. Following Dr. Durant's introduction the youth dance ministry of the Union Wesley AME Zion ministered. Rev. Lytle taking his text from 2 Kings 3: 9-18, preached from the subject "Not as Originally Planned". He made three (3) observations:

When things don't go as we originally planned:

1. We need to examine the events that led to the current situation. Continue to have praise to God even on the journey and remember that all God has done.

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2. Sometimes you have to work for your blessing.
3. Remind ourselves we still have the victory.

Rev. Delmar Lytle extended the altar call and the conference sung a hymn, prior to Bishop Moore asking for the Conference's indulgence to complete the business before it. Bishop then called for the **Admissions Report Part 2**. Rev. Damon Carver moved that Bro. Stanley C. Broadie, Sis. Darlene R. Counts, Sis. Delores P. Guy, and Jennifer L. Carter-Pose be received into Full Connection, which was seconded by Rev. Mark Thomas. The motion carried.

**SATURDAY CLOSING SESSION**

The **Holy Orders Committee** elected the following persons as Deacons: Sis. Sherlita Beck, Sis. Netasha Glenn, and Sis. Veronica Oney. Dr. Alvin Durant moved that they be elected deacons, second by Dr. Myrtle Bowen. The motion carried.

The **Holy Orders Committee** elected the following persons as Elders: Rev. Jeanette Banks, Rev. Beverly Jones, Rev. Carolyn McGee and Rev. Rev. Quatanna Brown. Dr. Alvin Durant moved that they be elected Elders, second by Dr. Frances Draper. The motion carried.

Bishop Moore having received all reports called for those persons requesting retirement to come forward and share any expressions they may have with the Conference. The following persons requested retirement: Rev. Ida Ositelu, Rev. Leon Copeland, Rev. Charles Smith, Rev. Dr. Iris Keys, Rev. Dr. Clarence Cross, Rev. Daryl Taylor, and Rev. Beverly Taylor. Dr. Alvin Durant moved that the so named persons be moved to the Superannuated rolls, seconded by Dr. Christopher Zacharias. The motion carried.

Bishop W. Darin Moore the 99<sup>th</sup> Bishop in the line of succession in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church stood and declared, "**Let the Characters be examined**".

Ministers on the Philadelphia District's characters were confirmed by Presiding Elder Michael King and Mrs. Patricia Griffin moved that their characters be passed for the 2019-2020 Conference year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rhema Pouncy and the motion carried.

Ministers on the Eastern Shore District's characters were confirmed by Presiding Elder William E. Kelly. Dr. Timothy Freeman moved that their characters be passed for the 2019-2020 Conference year. The motion was seconded by Rev. Thomas Sweatt and the motion carried.

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Ministers on the Harrisburg District's characters were confirmed by Presiding Elder Myrtle Bowen. Dr. France Draper moved that their characters be passed for the 2019-2020 Conference year. The motion was seconded by Presiding Elder Michael King and the motion carried.

Ministers on the Baltimore District's characters were confirmed by Presiding Elder Evalina Huggins. Mrs. Katherine Burrell moved that their characters be passed for the 2019-2020 Conference year. The motion was seconded by Rev. Thomas Sweatt and the motion carried.

Ministers on the Washington District's characters were confirmed by Presiding Elder Rita J. Colbert. Presiding Elder Myrtle Bowen moved that their characters be passed for the 2019-2020 Conference year. The motion was seconded by Rev. Leo McNeil and the motion carried.



Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins, Secretary

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### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday Morning Worship Service followed the program as printed with the following participants sharing in the service. The Invocation by Rev. Joshua Walker, the Scripture by Dr. Christopher Zacharias, the Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Mary E. Johnson, and the morning prayer by Dr. Frances Draper. A medically distressing situation arose and Presiding Elder Colbert called on Elders of the conference to read scriptures of healing as the medical team gave aid. The music ministry from the St. James AMEZ Church and the Conference Choir rendered the music, while the liturgical dance ministry from the Union Wesley AME Zion Church ministered. The ministry of kindness appeal was given by Rev. Thomas Sweatt.

Bishop W. Darin Moore preached from the Scriptural text Acts 3:1-10 using the subject “Such as I have”. Bishop Moore observed that there was a broken man at a beautiful gate...

1. Some are burdened into brokenness
2. Some behave themselves into brokenness
3. The man in the text was born into brokenness

Stop being focused on what you don't have and focus on what you do have. A deficit mentality will always result in a deficient ministry. Following the sermon, Bishop Moore extended a powerful altar call. Following the altar call the Conference Director of the Lay Council, Mrs. Katherine Burrell with the assistance of Mr. Gilbert Turner presented the recipients of the Samantha Wormley Memorial Scholarship. To date they have helped 83 young people with \$174,500 in scholarships. This year awardees Mr. Kennedy Corley, Ms. Rachel Means, Mr. Matthew Watkins and Ms. Brianna Smith each received \$2500. Mrs. Shirley Richardson the Chair of the Courtesy Committee gave the Courtesy Report. A motion to adopt the report was made by Rev. Lowell Williams, seconded by Dr. Timothy Freeman. The motion carried.

Bishop Marshall H. Strickland gave The Charge to the ministers. Following the charge Bishop Moore gave love gifts to the retiring preachers and incentive grants in the amount of \$1000.00 were given to St. Lucille, Alleyne (\*Rev. Ruffin and wife had baby), S. G. Spottswood, Scott and Small Memorial. The General Conference Delegate certificates were presented by Bishop Marshall H. Strickland. Bishop Moore asked Dr. Alvin Durant the Chair of the Conference Trustees to ensure that all Trustees received their certificates. The appointments were read with several changes (See Appointments), followed by Bishop W. Darin giving the benediction. The 190<sup>th</sup> Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference adjourned at 3:17 p.m.



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