

51st Quadrennial Session
of the
GENERAL CONFERENCE
African Methodist Episcopal Church

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

*From Legacy to Mission:
A Call to Prophetic, Educational and Social Engagement*

Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
July 6-10, 2021

Bishop John F. White, General Conference Commission Chairperson
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Program Committee Chairperson
Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Host Bishop

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Senior Bishop
Bishop Anne Henning Byfield, President, Council of Bishops
Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Cooper, General Secretary/Chief Information Officer

The General Conference Commission voted to have the 51st Quadrennial Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church called the “Orlando Hybrid” as it will comply with all federal, state, local laws and the Florida Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control’s guidelines.

Point of contact information for emergencies, concerns and where to call/go for assistance will be given to Delegates, Alternates, and Registered Observers.

- Full vaccination is strongly recommended for all attendees. All attendees must take personal responsibility to be masked, stay self-aware of how you feel daily, be observant of crowding in the hallways and elevators which will be marked, and follow the directions of the posted safety protocols.
- Each Pre-General Conference Committee will meet in its own sanitized individual room of no more than 250 persons in Orlando and in South Africa. Delegates from Episcopal Districts 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and Chaplains will be meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in a setting previously approved by the South African government. They will be connected virtually with all applicable safety protocols in place.
- Each Episcopal District, Chaplains and Registered Observers will be in designated individual sanitized rooms of no more than 250 persons, masked, and physically distanced.
- Main stage events such as worship services, business sessions and special presentations will be streamed virtually to each Episcopal District, Chaplains, and Registered Observer rooms.
- All worship services including the Opening Worship Service, Morning Mana/Master Classes, Episcopal Address, Communion Service, Retirement of Bishops and General Officers, Installation of General Officers and Judicial Council, and the Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops will be streamed on YouTube, AME Church website (www.ame-church.com), and Facebook Live.
- During the General Conference, Delegates will have voice and voting in real-time, in both Orlando, Florida and Cape Town, South Africa.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRE-ACTIVITIES

Orlando EDT

South African Time SAST

June 30- July 5, 2021

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| 8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Revision Committee | 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida | 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |

July 3-5, 2021

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| 8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Credentials Committee | 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 2:00 pm – 12 Noon EDT | Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida | 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |

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| 8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Rules Committee | 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando, Florida | 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |

July 5, 2021

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| 8:00 am – 4:00 pm EDT | Health Commission Training | 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |
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| 8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT | MCAM – Hymn Workshop | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST |
| | (Virtual) | |

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| 9:00 am – 11:00 am EDT | General Conference Commission | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST |
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| 10:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | General Conference Committees | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
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| 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Orientation of Delegates | 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |
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| 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT | 11th Episcopal District | 11:00 pm – 12:30 am SAST |
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**Welcome and Banquet
(Virtual Pre-Recorded)**

GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Orlando EDT

South Africa Time SAST

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Day 1

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| 5:45 am – 6:15 am EDT | Intercessory Prayer | 11:45 am – 12:15 pm SAST |
| 6:00 am – 6:45 am EDT | Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded) | 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am EDT | Processional Line Up | 1:00 pm SAST |
| 7:30 am EDT | Praise and Worship Begins (Streamed Live) 11 th District Choir/Praise Team and/or MCAM Praise Team | 1:30 pm SAST |
| 7:45 am EDT | Proclamation Processional Begins (Streamed Live) | 1:45 PM SAST |
| 8:00 am – 11:00 am EDT (Streamed Live) | Opening Worship Service | 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT | Lunch/Dinner Break | 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST |
| 11:00 am EDT | Mall Richardson Opens (Available Online) | 5:00 pm SAST |
| 12:40 pm EDT | Seating of the Delegations | 6:40 pm SAST |
| 1:00 pm – 5:10 pm EDT 1:00 pm – 2:10 pm EDT | Business Session I Roll Call Credential Committee Report Rules Committee General Conference Commission | 7:00 pm – 11:10 pm SAST 7:00 pm – 8:10 pm SAST |
| 2:10 pm – 2:20 pm EDT | Wellness Break | 8:10 pm – 8:20 pm SAST |

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| 2:20 pm – 4:20 pm EDT | Election Committee Election of the Episcopal Committee Chairperson | 8:20 pm – 10:20 pm SAST |
| 4:25 pm – 5:10 pm EDT | Episcopal Address (Streamed Live) | 10:25 pm – 11:10 pm SAST |
| 5:10 pm EDT | A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment | 11:10 pm SAST |
| 5:15 pm EDT | Dinner | |
| 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm EDT | AME HBCU GOSPEL NIGHT (Virtual Pre-Recorded) Featuring Gospel artist, J. J. Hairston 14 AME Colleges, Universities and Seminaries | |
| 8:00 pm EDT | Episcopal District Delegation Meetings General Conference Committee Meetings | |

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Day 2

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| | Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings (Virtual Replay) | 11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT | Intercessory Prayer | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST |
| 6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT | Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded) | 12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 6:55 am EDT | Seating of the Delegations | 12:55 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Business Session II | 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am – 8:50 am EDT | Call to Order Treasurer (CFO) General Secretary/CIO Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance | 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm SAST |

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| 8:50 am – 9:00 am EDT | Wellness Break | 2:50 pm – 3:00 pm SAST |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am EDT | Commission on Statistics and Finance (Budget) (First Report) | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST |
| 10:00 am – 11:00 am EDT | Revisions Committee (First Report) | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST |
| 11:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Episcopal Committee (First Report) | 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 12 Noon EDT | Announcement/Adjournment | 6:00 pm SAST |
| 12 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT | Lunch/Dinner Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 1) <i>Sponsored by Social Action Commission</i> (Streamed Live) | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST |
| 1:25 pm EDT | Seating of the Delegations | 7:25 pm SAST |
| 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Business Session III | 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm EDT | Call to Order Reports: Revisions Committee (Second Report) | 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm SAST |
| 2:30 pm – 2:40 pm EDT | Wellness Break | 8:30 pm – 8:40 pm SAST |
| 2:40 pm – 4:00 pm EDT The Future Fund | AME, Inc. | 8:40 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |
| 4:00 pm EDT | Announcements Adjournment | 10:00 pm SAST |
| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm EDT | Dinner Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 2) <i>Sponsored by Social Action Commission</i> (Streamed Live) | 10:00 pm – 11:30 pm SAST |
| 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT | Episcopal District Meetings /Auxiliary Meetings | |

Thursday, July 8, 2021– Day 3

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| | Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings | 11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT | Intercessory Prayer | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST |
| 6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT | Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded) | 12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 6:55 am EDT | Seating of the Delegations | 12:55 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Business Session IV | 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am – 8:00 am EDT | Call to Order Reports: Judicial Council & Appeals | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm SAST |
| 8:00 am – 8:10 am EDT | Wellness Break | 2:00 pm – 2:10 pm SAST |
| 8:10 am – 9:10 am EDT | Reports AME Publishing House <i>The Christian Recorder</i> Department of Research and Scholarship Department of Christian Education Department of Church Growth and Development Connectional Lay Organization Department of Global Witness & Ministry SADA Women’s Missionary Society | 2:10 pm – 3:10 pm SAST |
| 9:10 am – 10:10 am EDT | Revisions Committee (Third Report) | 3:10 pm – 4:10 pm SAST |
| 10:10 am – 11:10 am EDT | Commission on Statistics and Finance (Second Report) Music and Arts Ministry Annual Conference Boundaries Economic Development | 4:10 pm – 5:10 pm SAST |
| 11:10 am – 12 Noon EDT | Episcopal Committee (Second Report) | 5:10 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 12 Noon EDT | A Word from Our Sponsors | 6:00 pm SAST |

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| | Announcements Adjournment | |
| 12 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT | Lunch/Dinner Auxiliary Events/ Meetings | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST |
| 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT | Business Session V Reports: Strategic Planning - Anvil/AME Next Educational Institutions Music and Christian Arts Ministry Annual Conference Boundaries Economic Development Public Relations Social Action Sons of Allen CONVO Health Commission Overseas Development/AME India Revisions Committee (Fourth Report, no new legislation with Financial implications) | 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm SAST 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST |
| 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm EDT | Memorial Service (Streamed Live) | 8:45 pm – 9:15 pm SAST |
| 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm EDT (Streamed Live) | Praise and Worship Begins MCAM Praise Team | 9:15 pm – 9:30 pm SAST |
| 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm EDT | Worship Service and Holy Communion (Streamed Live) Announcement/Adjournment Benediction | 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm SAST |
| 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm EDT | Dinner | |
| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EDT | Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings | |
| 6:30 pm EDT | Auxiliary Meetings/Programs | |

Friday, July 9, 2021 – Day 4

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| | Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings | 11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT | Intercessory Prayer | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST |
| 6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT | Morning Mana (Virtual Pre-Recorded) | 12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 6:55 EDT | Seating of Delegations | 12:55 pm SAST |

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| 7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT | Business Session VI | 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am – 8:30 pm EDT | Call to Order Minutes Reports: Commission on Stewardship and Finance (Third Report) Revision Committee (Fifth Report) | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm SAST |
| 8:30 am – 8:40 am EDT | Wellness Break | 2:30 pm – 2:40 pm SAST |
| 8:40 am – 9:40 am EDT | WIM Theological Institutions Episcopal District Projects Women in Ministry RAYAC | 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm SAST |
| 9:40 am – 9:50 am EDT | Wellness Break | 3:40 pm – 3:50 pm SAST |
| 9:50 am – 10:50 am EDT | Episcopal Committee (Third Report) | 3:50 pm – 4:50 pm SAST |
| 10:50 pm – 12 Noon EDT | Quadrennial Theme Richard Allen Award Revisions Committee (Sixth Report) General Conference Committees Report | 4:50 pm – 6:00 pm SAST |
| 12 Noon EDT | Announcements Adjournment | 6:00 pm SAST |
| 12 Noon – 1:45 pm EDT | Lunch/Dinner | 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm SAST |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Business Session VII | 8:00 pm – 10:00 am SAST |
| 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT | Call to Order Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh Report) | 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm SAST |
| 3:05 pm – 3:10 pm EDT | Wellness Break | 9:05 pm – 9:10 pm SAST |
| 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Retirement Service of Bishops and General Officers (Streamed Live) | 9:10 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |

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| 4:00 pm EDT | A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment | 10:00 pm SAST |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm EDT | Dinner | |
| 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT | Auxiliary Events/ Programs: (Virtual Pre-Recorded) Christian Debutante Ball/ Christian Debutante Masters Commission Dedication Ceremony | |
| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EDT | Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings | |

Saturday, July 10, 2021 – Day 5

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| | Cape Town Delegation /Auxiliary Meetings | 11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT | Intercessory Prayer | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST |
| 6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT | Morning Master Class (Virtual Pre-Recorded) | 12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST |
| 6:55 am EDT | Seating of Delegations | 12:55 pm SAST |
| 7:00 am – 11:00 am EDT | Business Session VIII Call to Order Election Committee Election of Bishops and General Officers | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST |
| 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT | Lunch/Dinner Council of Bishop Lunch with Bishops-Elect | 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST |
| 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Business Session IX Revisions Committee (Final report) Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations | 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |

Resolutions
Unfinished Business

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| 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm EDT | Installation General Officers and Judicial Council (Streamed Live) | 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm SAST |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT | Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops (Streamed Live) | 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST |
| 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EDT | Business Session X Assignment of Episcopal Leadership Adjournment | 11:00 pm – 12:00 am SAST |

Sunday, July 11, 2021 - Day 6

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| 7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT | Church School for All Ages Department of Christian Education |
| 7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT | Council of Bishops Breakfast and Meeting Supervisors Breakfast General Officers Council Breakfast |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am EDT | Organization of the General Board |

