

102nd Session Ohio Annual Conference
June 6-11, 2017
First A.M.E. Zion Church
873 Bryden Rd., Columbus, OH 43205

Opening Worship Service of Annual Conference June 6, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Arthur L. Holloway II, Presiding

The Processional - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The Call to Worship was read responsively (See Program)

Choral Response

The Hymn - Victory in Jesus

Responsive Reading - Romans 8:1-6 led by Rev. William Rankin

The Gloria Patri - Glory Be to the Father

The Affirmation of Faith - led by Rev. William Rankin

The Scripture Lesson - Matthew 26:19-29 read by Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.

The Prayer - led by Rev. Dr. Charles Tyler Sr.

The Response - Hear Our Prayer

The Choral Selection - First A.M.E. Zion Church Choir, Columbus, OH - He's a Rock in a Weary Land & God is My Everything

The Ministry of Kindness Offering

The Presentation of the Bishop - by Rev. Dr. Michael J. Posey, Presiding Elder - Columbus Cincinnati District

Bishop W. Darin Moore recognized our visitors:

Rev. Dr. Evelina Huggins, Presiding Elder Baltimore District

Rev. Leslie Barnett Davis, Philadelphia/Baltimore

Bishop Moore introduced the preacher, Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon, I Presiding Elder Cleveland District.

The Choral Selections were sung by St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church Choir - Praise The Lord and Jesus Paid It All.

The Communion Sermon

Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon, I, Presiding Elder Cleveland District

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Cleveland

Scripture - Matthew 26:26-29

Sermon Title - Lessons Learned at the Table

You have to be careful you never know who is sitting at the table with you (there were 12 different personalities at the table with Jesus)

It takes preparation and expectation to go to the table.

Jesus went to the table as a guest and then became the host. We go into God's house as guests but we should grow and become hosts in the house of God.

Lessons learned at the table are ones of Hope, Joy, Happiness, Peace and Understanding.

The Call to Christian Discipleship was given by Presiding Elder Simon

The Invitational Hymn - Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

The Offering \$50

The Offering Selection - Let it Rise

The Offertory - All Things Come of Thee

The Communion Hymn - Let Us Break Bread Together

The Holy Communion - Bishop W. Darin Moore, Celebrant

Presiding Elders - Concelebrants

The Fellowship Hymn and Handshake - It Is Well With My Soul

Announcements

9:00 AM Presentation by Rev. Dr. Leslie Barnett Davis

All persons requesting to be excused from Conference should be sent to the Presiding Elder and Conference Secretary

10:00 PM - Bishop W. Darin Moore, the 99th Bishop in Succession declared the Official Conference Opening of the 102nd Session of the Great Ohio Annual Conference.

Benediction by Presiding Elder Simon

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7:30 Breakfast

9:10 AM - Song "This is The Day"

Presentation by Rev. Leslie Barnett Davis, Pastor, Patterson-Asbury A.M.E. Zion Church, Baltimore, MD

Title - Focused to Become Fruitful

Rev. Davis shared her story about how God gave her the roadmap to take you out of the land of familiar. Her church was without a roof for 20 months and the membership declined.

She had to ask her church 3 questions

1. Why are we dying?
2. What are we going to do?
3. When are we going to do it?

You have to be Engaged in worship

Equipped by the Word

Empowered for Kingdom Work

In order for church to grow you have to follow Jesus' mandate in Matthew 28:19-20 to Go, Teach, Baptize and Make Disciples

Go outside and tell others to Come and See - John 1:39, 4:42

In her presentation, Rev. Barnett shared the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations

1. Radical Hospitality
2. Passionate Worship
3. Intentional Faith Development
4. Risk Taking Mission and Service
5. Extravagant Generosity

Bishop W. Darin Moore extended time for Questions:

Q. Did you change your hours of worship?

A. They worshiped at 9AM when they had to go somewhere else and they liked it.

Q. How did you advance your "Street Cred"?

A. By getting out in the streets

Q. Are you able to travel to help local churches with your presentation?

A. Rev. Barnett's willingness to preach is great, but if forced to go she would go because she loves to teach.

Bishop W. Darin Moore commented:

-Every one of us has people in our churches who have skill sets in their job that aren't being recognized and used in our church. You have to utilize their gifts in the church.

-Consider how you treat guests in your church, you can't expect them to act like church folk. Let the person who invited them introduce them.

-Too many in church leadership are lazy - trying something different takes work.

-Work as a team, be creative and try something new. Young people today are visual. Find ways to be more visual in your service, it enhances what is written.

-Regarding Rev. Barnett traveling to our churches, we have the ability to purchase CD's and DVD's and take them back to our churches to share in bible study and other settings.

Bishop W. Darin Moore thanked Rev. Barnett for her presentation. She will present tomorrow morning with handouts.

Organization of the Conference

Bishop W. Darin Moore called for the Report of:

The Credentials Committee

The report was read by Rev. Francilla Allen. (See Report)

Rev. William Rankin moved to accept the report, second by Rev. Margretta Dobbs.
MOTION CARRIED.

Bishop W. Darin Moore called for the Report of:

The Rules Committee

The report was read by Rev. Arthur L. Holloway II. (See Report)

Bishop Moore asked that the rule be removed for the \$25 fine if a cell phone rings out loud. We know the rule is to have our phone silenced or turned off so we should see to it that it doesn't ring out loud.

Presiding Elder Simon moved to accept the report of the Rules Committee, second by Rev. Francilla Allen. MOTION CARRIED.

It was agreed unanimously to extend the bar to 5 rows and the Missionary Supervisor and Staff move to the Second Row.

Bishop W. Darin Moore called for the Report of:

The Nominating Committee

The report was read by Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Michael Posey

Secretary	Mrs. Karen Jones
Assistant Secretary	Rev. Rosalyne Mitchell-Martin
Statistician	Mrs. Marva Dodson
Chief Marshall	Rev. William B. Rankin
Marshalls	Rev. Marion G. Wheeler and Rev. Amos Goodwine Jr.

Presiding Elder Posey moved to accept the report of the Nominating Committee, seconded by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Stitt. MOTION CARRIED

Bishop Moore called for the Roll:

Roll Call

Mrs. Devieta C. Moore, Missionary Supervisor - **P**

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding Prelate - **P**

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P-Rev. Dr. Charles Tyler, Sr. - PE	P-Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon I - PE	P-Rev. Dr. Michael J. Posey - PE
P-Rev. Dr. William C. King, Jr.	P-Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker, Sr.	P-Rev. Arthur L. Holloway II
P-Rev. Rosalynne Mitchell-Martin	P-Rev. Anthony L. Flowers	P-Rev. Lawrence E. Spann
P-Rev. Amos Goodwine, Jr.	P-Rev. Dr. Rebecca Stitt	P-Rev. Andra` R. Ward
P-Rev. Marion Wheeler, Jr.	EX-Rev. Grady Barbour, Jr.	EX-Rev. Henrietta Williams
P-Rev. William B. Rankin	P-Rev. Randy Reed	Rev. Steven L. Carter
P-Rev. Linda Taylor	P-Rev. Emerald F. Hall	P-Rev. Tyrone A. Webb
P-Rev. Francilla Allen	A-Rev. Estella Hawkins	EX-Rev. Freddie L. Meadows
P-Rev. Phyllis Bush	P-Rev. Deborah Hines	P-Rev. Margretta L. Dobbs
P-Rev. Geraldine D. Williams	Rev. Willard Moore ®	P-Rev. Nadia N. Holloway
P-Rev. Darwin Hython	Dec-Rev. Vincent Galbreath ®	Ex-Rev. Katherine Spikes
EX-Rev. Willie Eva Peagler		Ex-Rev. Stephanie Johnson
P-Rev. Loretta Sanders ®		Ex-Rev. Torchy Brown
Rev. Robert S. Hickey, Sr. ®		Rev. Maxine Poindexter ®
Rev. Fletcher L. Hudson ®		Rev. David Ibokette ®
Rev. Dr. Odinga L. Maddox, Sr. ®		Dec-Rev. Otto Hurley ®
Rev. Rita G. Hickey ®		

WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

District Officers

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

EX-Mrs. Shannon Tyler

P-Mrs. Gloria J. Simms

EX-Mrs. Lavon Vicki Moore

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EX-Mrs. Michelle Twillie

EX-Mrs. Peggy Summerall

P-Mrs. Aretha Abrams

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P-Mrs. LaWanda Goodwine

P-Mrs. Eileen Butler

P-Rev. Nadia Holloway

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P-Mrs. Anna B. Crandell

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P-Miss Kimberly Speed

P-Mrs. Lucille Gooden

P-Mrs. Katie Logan

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EX-Mrs. JoAnn Harper

EX-Mrs. Carrie Rodgers

P-Judge Adele M. Riley

SACRED HEALTH:

P-Mrs. Lula Pittman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

***P-Dr. Monica J. Posey, Conference Director
- CED Board Chairman***

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

P-Mrs. Ruthie King

P-Miss Carrie McCall

P-Mr. John Logan

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P-Mrs. Karen Jones

EX-Dr. Mary Rice

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A-Mrs. April Braggs

P-Rev. Emerald F. Hall

DIRECTORS OF YOUTH:

EX-Mrs. Renee Seavers

P-Mr. Justin Crandell

P-EX-Ms. Nikiah Kerr

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P-Mrs. Carol Little

P-Mrs. Patricia Wilson

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- Conference Director

P-Mrs. Lucille Gooden

EX-Mrs. Marva Dodson

P-Mrs. Karen Foster

HOME MISSION WORKERS

PRESIDENT OF HOME MISSION WORKERS:

- Conference Director

P-Mrs. Lucille Gooden

USHERS

- Conference Director

EVANGELISM

- Conference Director

P-Rev. Linda Taylor

P-Rev. Lawrence Spann

MEN OF ZION (SOV)
- Conference Director

P-Rev. Arthur L. Holloway

LAY COUNCIL:
- Conference Coordinator

P-Mrs. Anita Rankin

P-Mrs. Patricia Lewis

P-Ms. Taletha Davis-Jones

Bishop Moore stated Superannuated Ministers do not have to be in attendance but he wants their name called to check on their welfare.

Bishop Moore asked Presiding Elder Posey to clarify the status of Rev. Steven Carter's membership if he left the Conference or if he is requesting a transfer to a church in Atlanta.

103rd Ohio Annual Conference

June 5-10, 2018

St. Paul AME Zion Church, Cleveland, OH

Rev. Dr. William C. King Jr. moved for the 2018 Ohio Annual Conference to be held June 5-10, 2018 at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Cleveland, OH, seconded by Rev. William Rankin, MOTION CARRIED.

104th Ohio Annual Conference

June 4-9, 2019

Wesley Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Akron, OH

Presiding Elder Posey moved for the 104th Ohio Annual Conference to be held June 4-9, 2019, second by Anita Rankin. MOTION CARRIED.

Anita Rankin moved for the 104th Ohio Annual Conference to be held at Wesley Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Akron, OH, second by Helen Carter-Snell. MOTION CARRIED

105th Ohio Annual Conference

June 9-14, 2020

St. Mark, Cincinnati, OH

Presiding Elder Posey moved for the 105th Ohio Annual Conference to be held June 9-14, 2020, second by Gloria Sims. MOTION CARRIED.

Rev. Dr. William C. King Jr. moved for the 105th Ohio Annual Conference to be held at Wesley Temple St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, Cincinnati, OH, second by Rev. William B. Rankin. MOTION CARRIED

2017-2018 Check Up Meetings

1st Check Up Meeting October 7, 2017 Ruth AME Zion, Erie, PA

2nd Check Up Meeting December 9, 2017 Joint Cyber Meeting due to the weather
(The Districts can decide if they want to go to one location or call in individually)
Presiding Elder Tyler said his only concern is the short turnaround to have monies reported.
Bishop Moore said he will meet with the Presiding Elders to talk about reporting Finances.

3rd Check Up Meeting April 21, 2018 St. Mark, Cincinnati, OH
Caribbean Night April 20, 2018

Ministry of Kindness Report (See Report Booklet)

The report was read by Presiding Elder Posey. Balance on hand \$1,418.00

Conference Treasurer's Report (See Report)

The report was read by Presiding Elder Tyler.

Revenue	\$233,362.32
Disbursements	\$222,260.53
Balance	\$ 11,101.79

Judge Adele Riley asked for the time period of the report. July 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr. asked if we are going to put money in a separate account for General Conference. Bishop Moore said he will meet with the Budget and Finance Committees before the end of this Annual Conference to discuss. We will have to start contributing to the Mid Atlantic Episcopal Budget when we come out of this conference.

Bishop Moore asked how reporting runs so we don't have gaps in financial reporting. Presiding Elder Tyler said, reporting runs from the day out of Conference until the Sunday before Conference.

Bishop Moore is happy to report he received an email from Shirley Welch stating the Ohio Conference is paid up in General Claims.

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Charles Tyler moved to accept Rev. Dr. Michael J. Posey as the Ministry of Kindness Treasurer, second by Rosa Alexander. MOTION CARRIED.

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Michael J. Posey moved for Rev. Dr. Charles Tyler Sr. to be the Conference Treasurer, second by Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon I
MOTION CARRIED.

Bishop W. Darin Moore recognized guests in attendance:

Presiding Elder Rev. Evelina Huggins

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Rita Colbert, Philadelphia/Baltimore Conference,
Washington District

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Stanley Dennison, Braddock District

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Myrtle Bowen, Philadelphia/Baltimore Conference,
Harrisburg District

Rev. Alyce Walker Johnson, Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, Philadelphia/Baltimore

Rev. Dr. Timothy Freeman, Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, DC

Rev. Dr. Adrian Nelson, Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church, Philadelphia/Baltimore

NOON DAY SERMON

June 7, 2017

Selection - How Great Is Our God

Scripture - Psalm 106 read by Rev. Loretta Sanders

Prayer - Rev. Tyrone Webb

Selection - I Love To Praise Him and What a Mighty God We Serve

Bishop Moore said, Awesome means - That which is filled with amazement. That is what God is. Worship isn't something we do, it's who we are, our entire being.

Introduction of the Preacher by Bishop Moore

Song - He's Sweet I Know

Scripture - Matthew 20:19

Sermon Title - Zion If You Love Me, Go! "Radical Hospitality"

When on the Mission Field we must:

1. Go - Tell Others
2. Testify - Tell someone what God has done
3. Teach - The Good News

The Good News is that Jesus said, I'll be with you always

Invitation to Christian Discipleship given by Rev. Wheeler

Bishop Moore said Rev. Wheeler preached with passion and authenticity.

The Great Offering will be on Thursday

Love Offering - \$25

Announcements

We will return from lunch at 2:30 PM for the Episcopal Address

Attire for Presiding Elders will be robes and all other clergy will wear collars if you have them. Due to short notice, in the future everyone will be robed for the Episcopal Address.

District Officers will be seated together

Missionaries on the left center

Ministers on the first 3 rows on the right center

Bishop Moore recognized the youth in great numbers. He thanked the Christian Education Department for putting together a Youth Camp.

Bishop Moore blessed the food

1:05PM - Benediction by Rev. Marion Wheeler

Lunch

2:30 PM - Devotions
Song - Oh, Magnify The Lord

Prayer - Dr. Tyler
Hymn #226 - Blessed Assurance
Introduction of Bishop Moore by Presiding Elder Simon

Episcopal Address
Rt. Reverend W. Darin Moore
(See Report)

Hymn - I am Thine O Lord

Bishop Moore acknowledged that on Friday, June 9th he and Mrs. Devieta Moore will be celebrating 33 years of marriage.

Bishop Moore thanked Ohio for being an amazing assembly of clergy and laity. He came to Ohio unaware of most of the people and he is impressed by their way of doing work with grace, dignity and responsibility. Ohio has a wonderful spirit. God is sending renewal because of your faithfulness. It speaks to your love of God and the Church.

In June 1979 Bishop Moore was 19 years old and a traveling minister under Bishop Shaw. 6 months later Bishop Shaw went home to be with the Lord. The title and scripture of Bishop Shaw's Episcopal Address then will be used today:

Title: Take Another Look
Scripture: I Kings 18:43 NLT

There's a big difference between eyesight and vision.
You can have excellent eyesight and poor vision.

Vision requires faith to be used to see beyond the natural eyesight. It takes faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Theme is Refocusing on our Purpose and will be used at all levels of the church.

Take Another Look At:

1. **Our Culture** - "It's All About Me" We used to need each other to survive, now we are slipping into idolatry thinking God is limited to our cell phones. We are disconnected as a community of faith.

"Trumpism" is a spirit, just like Pharoah, Herod and Cesar were spirits. Don't focus on the person so much that you ignore the spirit that keeps coming.

2. **Our Church** - We must confront the issues and reclaim our voice (don't suffer from prophetic laryngitis). Every church won't be a large church, but every church should be a healthy church.

We must have passionate, authentic worship. When we are passionate, we are not loud, but enthusiastic. We plan and evaluate. We are intentional in God getting the glory. The Word is rooted in scripture with practical application. Jesus Christ is Lord. We must have a serious systematic study of scripture - Deepen priority of bible teaching and preaching. Have an Outward focus - turn our gaze on the outside and do what we do with enthusiasm.

3. **Our Calling** - Pastors, churches don't need you to retire before you retire. Churches want energetic and engaged pastors.

Laity, change takes risk but it is risky not to change. When you become comfortable you are sliding into decline. Don't become lazy and uncomfortable - try something different.

This is a team effort - partner with your pastor. Don't let folk that don't come to church try to tell you how to run the church.

Create a dynamic environment with a healthy congregation no matter what the size.

Look at our Culture, Our Church, Our Calling. Look at Jesus!

Presiding Elder Posey moved to receive this prophetic, stirring, full of wisdom, experienced, Episcopal Address by the 99th Bishop in Succession, Second by Presiding Elder Tyler.

Un-readiness - Presiding Tyler spoke on behalf of the Akron District and Ohio Conference by saying, this is another Call to Worship to stand up for those who don't have a voice. Thank you for challenging us to go back and fight for the poor. There's work to be done.

Rev. Walker said this was an inspirational, instructional and powerful Address challenging us to examine ourselves, accept the challenge and Thank You.

Rev. Holloway said Thank you and Thank God for Blessing us.

MOTION CARRIED.

Love Offering received in whatever amount you choose to give

Bishop Moore asked Presiding Elder Colbert to preside until he returns.

Song - Oh Give Thanks

Presiding Elder Reports

Cleveland District - Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon I gave a PowerPoint Presentation. Rev. Dr. Curtis Walker Sr. moved to accept the report, Second by Rev. Randy Reed. Presiding Elder Simon thanked the Cleveland District for the Appreciation they gave him.

MOTION CARRIED.

Akron District - Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Charles Tyler Sr. gave a Video Presentation. Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon I moved to accept the awesome report, Second by Rev. Dr. William C. King Jr.

MOTION CARRIED.

Columbus/Cincinnati District - Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Michael J. Posey gave a PowerPoint Presentation. Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Audie V. Simon I moved to accept this fine and marvelous report, Second by Rev. Margretta Dobbs.

MOTION CARRIED.

4:37 PM - Closing Prayer and Blessing of the food by Rev. Dr. Rita Colbert.

THE ANNUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

June 7, 2017

7:00 PM

Rev. Francilla Allen Presiding

Praise & Worship - First A.M.E. Zion Church - Songs: I Just Want to Praise You and More Than Anything.

The Call to Worship led by Rev. Francilla Allen and read responsively

The Choral Response - The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Invocation - Rev. Francilla Allen

Choral Response - Hear our Prayer O Lord

Hymn of Praise - Great is Thy Faithfulness

Responsive Reading - Isaiah 55:1-7 by Rev. Darwin Hython

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Margretta Dobbs

Selection - First A.M.E. Zion Church Choir - Song: Blessed Assurance

Scripture - Joshua 5:10-12 read by Rev. Tyrone Webb

Prayer - Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker, Sr.

Prayer Response - Have Thine Own Way

Introduction of the Preacher by Bishop Moore

Selections - St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Dayton, OH Choir - I've Come To

Worship & What Do You Call Him

Praise Dance by St. Paul, Dayton Youth - Wade In the Water

Praise Dance - That's Why I Praise You - The Anointing on this young lady caused a praise break like none other as the Holy Spirit moved throughout the sanctuary.

The Sermon by Rev. Lawrence Spann, Pastor St. Paul Dayton, OH

The Scripture - Joshua 5:10-12 with a focus on verse 12

The Title - When Your Blessings Stop

Everything is alright when all is good

What do you do when it's not?

No matter what you're going through, God is Faithful

What do you desire from God when you've gotten what you need from God?

Do you desire greater?

Wait on God with Faith and have delight in your heart

Invitation to Christian Discipleship by Rev. Lawrence Spann

Selection - Available

Offering - \$50

Selection - O Give Thanks

Announcements

Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30

Bishop Moore is hosting breakfast with the Home Missions and Conference Workers during Breakfast. He will arrive at 8:00

9:35 PM - Benediction by Rev. Lawrence Spann

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