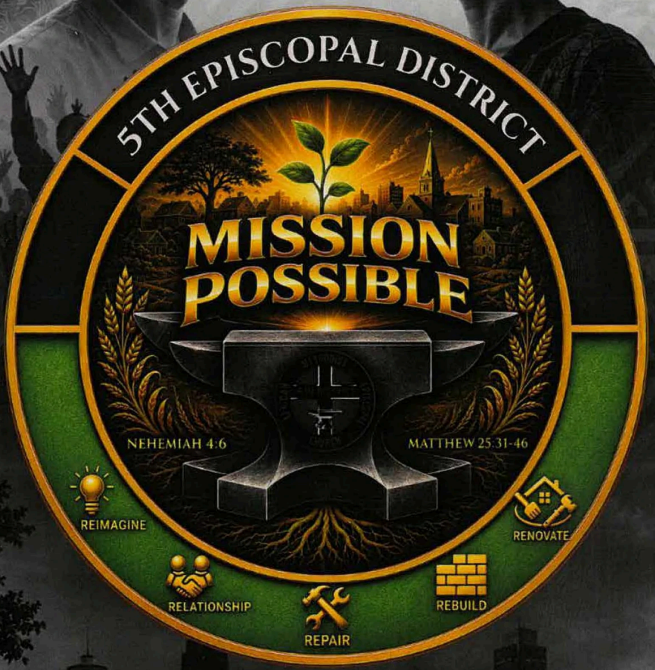
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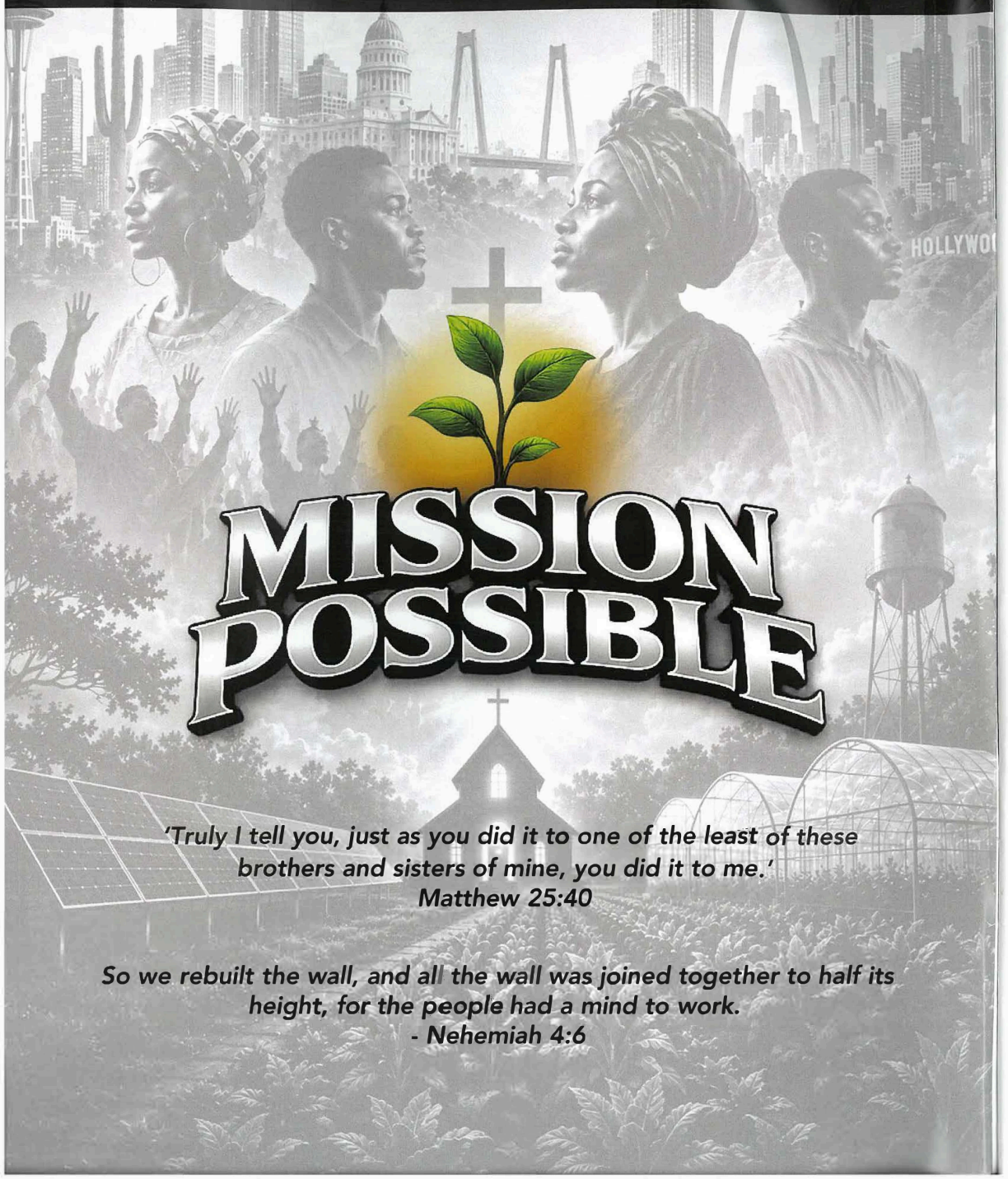


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'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
Matthew 25:40

So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.
- Nehemiah 4:6



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THE EPISCOPAL GREETING

Hallelujah 5th District!

We greet you with gratitude and holy expectation as we stand at the threshold of a new conference year. We give thanks for the ways God used you to rise up and sing until systems shifted, attitudes aligned, and the power of the Holy Spirit changed our outlook and our atmosphere. Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus and to take him at his word!

It is our prayer that we will keep taking care of our mental health and keep on singing as we move forward. We must be honest about what we are facing—and we must not be afraid.

There was a time when our District was home to more than 280 congregations. Today, we number 169, and that number continues to decline. Many of our churches face shrinking membership, aging infrastructure, strained resources, and an intergenerational bridge yet to be built. The conditions around us are worsening, and our pastors and congregations are often asked to do more, be more, and give more—while receiving less. Still, it is the power of God within us, our assignment, and our call that compels us to keep showing up and believing God.

It is into this reality that the Holy One reminds us: the Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church—to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all people through Christ's liberating gospel—is still possible. Our future depends on reclaiming the spirit of the Free African Society: to seek and save the lost and serve the needy through preaching, feeding, clothing, housing, uplifting, employing, caring, and encouraging economic advancement.

Mission Possible is more than a theme; it is our charge. We must look at what is in our hands and repurpose it for the present age. Through the use of social determinants of health and community asset mapping, we will reimagine and repurpose our church properties as centers of life, healing, and transformation. We will continue to serve those within our walls while reaching far beyond them.

We believe every church sits on sacred ground with untapped potential. Within our buildings are stories of faith, resilience, and sacrifice. Our work is to revive those stories and align our spaces with the real needs of our communities.

We will not shrink from this moment. We will rise—trusting that the God who has brought is this far by faith will lead us into what is next.

With blessed assurance: the mission IS possible.

In faith,

Bishop Francine A. Brookins
Supervisor Miriam J. Burnett











MISSION POSSIBLE!

THE MISSION

The mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word and deed. At every level of the Connection, and in every local church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church shall engage in carrying out the spirit of the Free African Society, out of which the AME Church evolved, that is, to seek out and save the lost, and serve the needy through a continuing prgram of (1) preaching the gospel (2) feeding the hungry (3) clothing the naked (4) housing the homeless (5) cheering the fallen (6) providing jobs for the jobless (7) administering to the needs of of those in prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, asylums and mental institutions, senior citizens homes, caring for the sick, the shut-in, the mentally and socially distrubed and (8) encouraging thrift and economic advancment.



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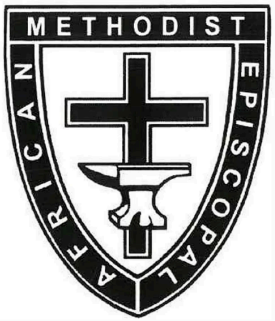






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2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

135TH SESSION PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
August 11 – 15, 2026
Location: Hotel Interurban Suites | Tukwila, WA

140TH SESSION DESERT MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE
August 25 – 29, 2026
Location: Marriott Pheonix | Chandler, AZ

162ND SESSION CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
September 8 – 13, 2026
Location: Hilton Sacramento Arden West

172ND SESSION MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE
September 22 – 26, 2026
Location: Marriott St. Louis Airport

19TH SESSION MIDWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 6 – 10, 2026
Location: Hilton Kansas City Airport

102ND SESSION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 20 – 25, 2026
Location: LAX Hilton | Los Angeles, CA

FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING
October 26-27, 2026
Location: LAX Hilton | Los Angeles, CA

NOTES REGARDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

- Wednesday is reserved for pre-conference events, including WMS convention. component meetings and prescheduled meetings with Bishop
- **Roll Call for each conference is on Thursday morning**. All should be present for the Conference Institute at 9am.
- Commissioning in California and Southern California is Sunday at 3pm; others conclude on Saturday.











YPD CONVENTION DATES
BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Southern California Annual Conference - August 8, 2026
Ward AME - 1177 W 25th St, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference - August 13-14, 2026
Hotel Interurban 223 Andover Park E, Tukwila, WA 98188

Desert Mountain Annual Conference - August 28-29, 2026
Marriott Phoenix Chandler 1600 Price Rd, Chandler, AZ

California Annual Conference - September 11-13, 2026
Hilton Sacramento Arden West | St. Andrews AME Church,
2131 8th St, Sacramento, CA 95818

Missouri Annual Conference - September 25-26, 2026
Airport Marriott St. Louis
10700 Pear Tree Lane, Edmundson, MO 63134

Midwest Annual Conference - October 9, 2026
Hilton Kansas City Airport
8801 Northwest 112th Street, Kansas City, MO, 64153

Planning Meeting - October 23-24, 2026
Hilton LAX Airport, Los Angeles, CA 90007



The Fifth Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church



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OCTOBER 6 - 10, 2026

HOSTS

The Rev. Benjamin R. Finnell, St. John AME Church, Omaha, NE
The Rev. Irene Prince, Quinn Chapel AME Church, Lincoln, NE
The Rev. Juliet Hemphill, Bethel AME Church, Omaha, NE
The Rev. Jacqueline Ford, Allen Chapel AME Church, Omaha, NE

The Rev. John E. Cager, III, Host Presiding Elder
The Rev. Karla J. Cooper, Ed.D. Co-Host Presiding Elder

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Hilton Kansas City Airport
8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153

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THE ANNUAL SERMON

The Rev. Irene B. Prince
Quinn Chapel AME Church, Linconln, NE

THURSDAY NOON WIM HOUR OF POWER

The Rev. May Etta Hall, Pastor
St. John AME Church, Topeka, KS
Coordinator, Midwest Women In Ministry

THE ORDINATION SERMON

The Rev. Kelvin T. Calloway, Pastor
Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles, CA

THE CLOSING AND COMMISSIONING SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Presiding Prelate











19th Session of the
MIDWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

2:00 pm	WMS Registration, Credentialing, and Mission Project

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	WMS Convention
11:00 am	Bishop meets with Presiding Elder, Finance Committee, and Board of Examiners
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	WIM Convention
3:00 pm	Bishop's pre-scheduled meetings with Pastors/Congregations
7:00 pm	**WMS Worship Service (Night in White)**
9:00 pm	Committee and Component Meetings



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

8:30 am	Devotion – Board of Examiners
9:00 am	***Conference Institute - AME Freedom Summer***
10:00 am	Business Session I – Roll Call, Organization & Pastors Reports
12:00 Noon	**WIM Hour of Power** *Preacher: Rev. May Etta Hall*
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch
2:30 pm	Business Session II – Pastors' Reports
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner Break
7:00 pm	**Opening Worship Service** *Preacher: The Rev. Irene Prince*
9:00 pm	**9:00 pm** Welcome Reception



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

8:30 am	Devotion – Mindful Movements (WMS & WIM)
9:00 am	***Conference Institute Organizing Against Mass Incarceration*** *The Rev. Dr. W. Taft Harris, Jr.*
10:00 am	Business Session III – Reports Con't
12:00 Noon	**The Service of Ordination and Communion** *Preacher: The Rev. Kelvin T. Calloway*
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Break
2:00 pm	YPD Convention begins
7:00 pm	**Lay Witness Night**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:00 am	Church School/Bible Study *Exhorter Michael Vanross*
9:00 am	Closing Business Session YPD Activity/Convention
10:00 am	**The Closing Worship and Commissioning Service** *Preacher: Bishop Francine A. Brookins*



ANNUAL CONFERENCE LITERARY COMMITTEES



STATE OF THE CHURCH
Pastors: Rev. Edward Walzer, Rev. Carmi Woods, Rev. Rachel Williams Glenn, Rev. Everett L. Fletcher, and Rev. Clifton St. James.
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Delegates: Bethel/KCMO, Ebenezer/KCMO, St John/Omaha, Power of Faith/KCMO, Trinity/KCKS, Gilbert Memorial/KCMO, Quinn Chapel/Lincoln, Willis Chapel/KCMO, St John/Topeka, and Ward Chapel/Cain-Grant/KCMO.



TEMPERANCE
Pastors: Rev. Irene Prince, Rev. Bridget Mitchell, Rev. Shirley Heermance, Rev. Lucilla Miller, and Rev. Stacie Roberson Mason
Delegates: Bethel/Macon, Grant- Lovell/Moberly, St. Paul/Independence, and Halls Chapel/Newton

EVANGELISM
Pastors: Rev. Victoria Parker-Mothershed, Rev. Juliet Hemphill, Rev. Lucilla Miller, Rev. Everett L. Fletcher, and Rev. Akiki Kabagarama.
Delegates: Allen-St John/KCMO, Allen Chapel/Omaha, Historic St. Mark's/Topeka, Ward Chapel/Junction City, St. Paul/Independence. and Bethel/Manhattan.



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
Pastors: Rev. Rachel Williams-Glenn, Rev. May Etta Hall, Rev. Jacqueline Ford, Rev. Dr. V. Gordon Glenn, IV, Rev. Irene Prince, and Rev. Lucilla Miller.
Delegates: Mariah Walker/KCMO, Gilbert Memorial/KCMO, and Grant/Wichita.

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Pastors: Rev. Irene Prince, Rev. Clifton Neal St. James, Rev. Jacqueline Ford, Rev. Robbin Davis, and Rev. Benjamin R. Finnell.
Delegates: Grant/Wichita, St. Paul/Wichita, Mt Olive/Emporia, Trinity/KCK, Bethel/Manhattan, St Matthew/Boonville, Gilbert Memorial/KC, and St. Luke/Lawrence.



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Delegates: Ward Chapel/Junction City, Grant/KCKS, Halls Chapel/Newton, St. Paul/Wichita, and Bethel/KCMO.

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THE DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who are the preachers admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are admitted or readmitted to full connection?
4. Who have been elected and ordained Deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?
8. Who are the supernumerary Preachers?
9. Who are the superannuated Preachers?
10. Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference?
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and Conversation?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to The Christian Recorder and also the AME Review, The Voice of Missions, The Journal of Christian Education, The Secret Chamber, or The Missionary Magazine?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the Departments or the church publications?
16. Lay Organization
    - Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization?
    - If not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
17. Missionary Society:
    - Does each station, circuit, or mission in this Annual Conference have a Women's Missionary Society?
    - If not, what stations, circuits, or missions do not have a Women's Missionary Society?
18. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
19. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?











MISSION POSSIBLE LITANY

Leader: People of God, we gather to worship the One who says, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: Our churches stand in the middle of neighborhoods you love. Yet we confess that we often feel afraid of our neighbors, unsure of their stories and unsure of ourselves.

People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: The needs around us feel too big; the brokenness feels too deep. We feel too small, too tired, too powerless to make a difference.

People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: But you, O God, are greater than our fear. You are already at work on our streets, in our schools, in our homes, and in every heart.

People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: Jesus, you promise that when we care for "the least of these," we meet you face to face. As we worship, teach us to trust your power more than our fear.

All: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible. Amen.



THE MEMORIAL LITANY

For all the saints who, from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: Since the close of our last Annual Conference, seats have become vacant, family circles have been broken, and congregations have diminished in number by the visitation of the angel of death. With heavy hearts and weeping eyes we mourned our members and remembered those loved ones who have moved into the arms of God. By faith today we pause to celebrate and remember those who have transitioned to the church triumphant.

The Roll Call

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, these are they who have run the race and finished their course this Conference Year. We thank God for their labors and faithful witness.

- Announce the names of deceased Bishops. Supervisors, General and Connectional Officers
- Announce the names of deceased ministers and spouses
- Announce the names of the deceased lay persons who were delegates at the last Annual Conference
- Invite people to call out names on their hearts

O God, we thank and praise You for the love, life and labor of our deceased colleagues and loved ones. We thank You for their faithful witness in word and deed. Allow us to be inspired to emulate what was good in them that we too might see your face in the land of perfect day. We pray in the name of the One who took the sting from death and victory from the grave, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Congregational Song - Hymn 509 *When All My Labors and Trials are O'er*

The Benediction
Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. - Jude 24, 25













Opening Worship October 8, 2026

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADER **The Reverend Benjamin R Finnell**, *St John Omaha*

Midwest Conference Music Director Paul Sims

The Prelude . . . . . .

The Processional . . . . . .

Holy, Holy, Holy Hymn 25

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Doxology . . . . . .

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Call to Worship . . . . . .**The Reverend Juliet Kent Hemphill,** *Bethel AME, Omaha*

Leader: People of God, we gather to worship the One who says: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."
People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: Our churches stand in the middle of neighborhoods you love. Yet, we confess that we often feel afraid of our neighbors, unsure of their stories and unsure of ourselves.
People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: The needs around us feel too big; the brokenness feels too deep. We feel too small, too tired, too powerless to make a difference.
People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: But you, O God, are greater than our fear. You are already at work on our streets, in our schools, in our homes, and in every heart.
People: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible.

Leader: Jesus, you promised that wen we care for "the least of these," we meet you face to face. As we worship, teach us to trust your power more than our fear.
ALL: Lord, open our eyes to you and to our neighbors. We believe the mission is possible. Amen

Opening Hymn . . . . **The Reverend May Etta Hall**, *St John, Topeka*

Are We Yet Alive Hymn 304

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for His almighty grace.

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here, again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past, fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

But out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love; and still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above.

The Invocation . . . . . **The Reverend Robin Henderson, PhD**, *Grant-KCK*

The Choral Response

Ministry in Music . . . .**Midwest Annual Conference Choir**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament . . . . . **The Reverend Jacqueline Ford**, *Allen Chapel, Omaha*

The Epistle . . . . . **The Reverend Clifton Neal St. James**, *Greater New Bethel-KCK*

The Gospel . . . . . .**The Reverend Shirley Heermance,** *St John-Topeka*

Summary of the Decalogue . . . . **The Reverend Clarence Franklin**,**DMin** *Bethel- KCMO*

From All That Dwells From all that dwells below the skies, Let thy creator's praise arise, Let thy redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

Minister: *He said to them, you shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Benevolent Offering . . . . Finance Committee

Welcome & Presentations . . . . . Host Churches

Ministry in Music . . . . . Midwest Annual Conference Choir

Introduction of the Bishop . . . . . .The Reverend John E Cager, III, *Presiding Elder Midwest North*

Introduction of the Preacher . . . . . The Right Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Esq.
Presiding Prelate 5th Episcopal District | A.M.E. Church

The Sermonic Selection . . . . Midwest Annual Conference Choir

The Annual Sermon . . . . . .The Reverend Irene Prince,
Quinn Chapel—Lincoln, NE; Mt. Olive AME Digital Community

Invitation to Christian Discipleship . . . . . .The Reverend Steven A. Cousin, Sr, *Trinity-KCK*

Offering . . . . . .Bishop Francine A. Brookins/Finance Committee

Announcements . . . . . Host Churches

The Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Benediction . . . . . .The Reverend Edward E. Walzer, Jr, *Ward Chapel Cain Grant KCMO*



A SERVICE OF WORD, ORDINATION

AND HOLY COMMUNION

October 9, 2026

A SERVICE OF WORD, ORDINATION
AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Worship Leader: **The Reverend Pamela Myrtis Hughes**, *St Paul, Wichita*

The Procession
The Doxology
The Call To Worship. . . . . .**The Pamela Myrtis Hughes, DMin**, *St Paul, Wichita*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, everything has been made ready for ordination and consecration and, the table is spread!
People: We have come to meet the Living God, who is beyond our intellectual comprehension and is yet as close as our breath.

Leader: Everything has been made ready, we will lay on hands, break the bread and pour the wine.
People: We have gathered to celebrate the risen Christ, who is God with us and, nevertheless, the One to come.

Leader: Everything has been made ready! The corrective, encouraging and prophetic Word will be preached.
People: We have assembled to be revived by the life-renewing Holy Ghost, who empowers our search for shalom in this unfriendly world.

Leader: In the preached Word, the ordination, the consecration and the bread and wine we will receive strength for the journey.
All: Everything has been made ready. Thanks be to the risen Christ. Hallelujah!

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP & PRAISE .....*"Come, We That Love the Lord"* Hymn #520
Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known, Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King, But children of the heavenly King; May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. **(Refrain)**

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets, Before we reach the heavenly fields, Before we reach the heavenly fields, Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. **(Refrain)**

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. **(Refrain)**

The General Confession

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoing the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Declaration of Pardon. .. . .**The Reverend Irene Prince**, *Quinn Chapel-Lincoln; Mt Olive Digital Community*

Minister: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to You with true repentance and sincere faith; have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord*.

The Collect . . . . . **The Reverend Juli Boyd**, *Power of Faith, KCMO*

Almighty God who by thy divine providence hath appointed diverse orders of ministers of thy church, and didst inspire thine apostles to choose to the order of deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with other mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy holy name and the edification of thy church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture

The Epistle-1Timothy 3:8-13. . . .. The Reverend Rachel Williams-Glenn, *St Luke, Lawrence, KS*

For Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel—St Luke 12:35-38. . . . . .The Reverend Steven A Cousin, *Trinity, KCK*
Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen.

The Welcome, Felicitations and Announcements

Giving As Worship. . . . . Finance Committee

The Presentation of the Bishop. . . . . .**The Reverend Rodney Moody**, *Ebenezer, KCMO*

The Presentation of the Preacher. . . . . .**Bishop Francine A. Brookins**, **Esq.,** *Presiding Prelate 5th District AME*

The Sermonic Selection. . . . . .Midwest Annual Conference Choir

The Preached Word. . . . . .The Reverend Kelvin T. Calloway, DMin *Bethel, Los Angeles*

The invitation to Receive Christ. . . . . .

The Consecration of Deaconesses

Elder: Reverend Mother in God, I present these holy women to be consecrated Deaconesses.

Bishop: Take heed that these women you present be proper persons to perform the work of a Deaconess, and that they be of sober minds, modest in all their ways and possessed of large charity.

Elder: They have been examined and are believed to be well qualified to enter upon the sacred duties of Deaconesses.

Bishop: It becometh the Deaconess that she shall be pious, chaste, temperate in all things, modest, humble, industrious. and devout, as she is to serve the Church of God and to His praise and glory. Throughout the history of the Church, God has been pleased to call and qualify certain women for the gentle and holy service of ministering to the Church and the ministry. Such women were Deborah, Mary, the Holy Mother, Eunice, Lois, Priscilla, Lydia, and Phoebe. And in the latter days He has been pleased to own and bless the labors of Sister Sarah Gorham and many others. May the Lord bless and acknowledge these persons according as He has blessed the ministration of all holy women. May they withdraw themselves from all worldly cares and vocations and give themselves up entirely to the ministrations of the Church and to suffering humanity.

Then shall the Bishop inquire of the candidates(s) as follows:

Bishop: Have you duly considered the sacredness, the exactions and responsibilities of the office which you have come to enter?

Answer: I have considered them all.

Bishop: Are you determined to observe all the rules for a Deaconess, give yourself up to such life and duties as these rules require, and keep yourself unspotted from the world, and all its vanities and frivolities?

Answer: I am so determined.

Bishop: Will you be governed by the Discipline of the A.M.E. Church and subject to the direction given in the discharge of the duties of your office?

Answer: I will be so governed.

Then shall the person(s) to be consecrated kneel
The Bishop, taking each candidate by the hand, shall shall say to her:
Bishop: Be thou consecrated to the office and work of a Deaconess in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Sponsor place the bonnet on head of candidate.

The Presentation of Deacons

Elder: (Dean) Reverend Father in God, I present unto you this person /these persons to be ordained Deacon(s).

Bishop: Take heed that the person (s) whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the church.

Elder: I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them to be so.

Bishop: Members of the conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of these person presented to be ordained Deacon(s) for which they ought not be admitted to that office, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

The Ordination of Deacons

Bishop: Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the office of the ministry in the church of Christ, to serve God for the promotion of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answer: I trust so.

Bishop: Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: I do believe them.

Bishop: Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed and serve?
Answer: I will.

Bishop: It appertains to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service and especially when they administers the Holy Communion, to help him/her in the distribution thereof and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth and, in the absence of the Elder, to baptize. Furthermore, it is his/her office to search for the sick, poor, and. impotent that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer: I will do so by the help of God.

Bishop: Will you frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of you families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

Answer: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and with their godly admonition?

Answer: I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

The Ordinand(s) kneeling and the Bishop lays on hand

Bishop: Take thou authority to execute the office of a deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bible is presented to the Ordinands

Bishop: Take thou authority to read the Scriptures and to preach the same in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
People: Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

The Communion Hymn There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood, Hyn #255

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who for Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered; a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly ask You, and grant that we receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood: who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and give it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of

me.” Likewise, after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, “Drink all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Elements Shared

The Lord’s Prayer

The Hymn of Fellowship and Celebration

The Doxology

The Benediction



Closing and Commissioning October 10, 2026

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMISSIONING

Worship Leader: **The Reverend Juliet Kent Hemphill**, Bethel-Omaha

Music Director **Paul Sims**

The Processional . . . . . ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** Hymn 4

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall: Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all; Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all; Go spread your trophies at His feet, And crown Him Lord or all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all; To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all; We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all. A-men.

The Call to Worship . . . . . The Reverend Carmi V. Woods, *First AME-KCK*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new son; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: We lift every voice and sing for justice, hope, and liberation!

Leader: Let us worship the God of the oppressed — in spirit and in truth — the One who journeys with the weary, strengthens the struggling, and blesses the work of liberation.

People: With faith and hope, we are sent out to serve, to seek justice, and to build a world rooted in God's love.

Leader: Not by might, nor by power, but by God's spirit.

ALL: Here we are to worship, here we are to let God's praises ring!

Opening Hymn: . . . . . **The Reverend Stacy Evans,** *Power of Faith, KCMO*

How To Reach The Masses Hymn 221

How to reach the masses, those of every birth, For an answer Jesus gave the key; "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

Refrain: Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see; Trust Him and do not doubt the words that He said, "I'll draw all men unto Me." **[Refrain]**

Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew, Preach the gospel simple full and free; Prove Him and you will find that promise is true, "I'll draw all men unto Me." **[Refrain]**

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see; Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught, "I'll draw all men unto Me." **[Refrain]**

The Invocation. . . . . The Reverend Vernon Winfrey, *Campbell Chapel, Atchison, KS*

The Prayer Response

The Scripture

Old Testament. . . . . The Reverend Debra Whitlock-Lax, DMin*Allen-St John, KCMO*

Epistle. . . . . The Reverend Jane Burns, *Gregg Tabernacle, KCMO*

New Testament. . . . . The Reverend Everett Fletcher, *St Paul, Independence, MO*

From All That Dwells

From all that dwells below the skies, Let thy creator's praise arise, Let thy redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

Summary of the Decalogue. . . . . .The Reverend Bridget Mitchell, St Matthews, Booneville, MO

He said to them, you shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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Offering. . . . . Midwest Conference YPD
Ministry of Music. . . . . The Midwest Conference Choir
Worship Through Giving . . . . . .Finance Committee
Presentation of the Bishop. . . . . The Reverend Karla J Cooper, EdD *Presiding Elder Midwest South*

Sermonic Selection. . . . . Midwest Conference Choir

The Preached Word. . . . . .Bishop Francine A. Brookins, Esq., Presiding Prelate, AME 5th District

Invitation to Discipleship. . . . . The Reverend V. Gordon Glenn, ThD *Grant-Wichita*

The Final Announcements. . . . . .

The Resolution Committee Report . . . . . .

The Finance Committee Final Report . . . . . .

The Award and Certificate Presentations . . . . .**The Reverend Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH** | *Episcopal Supervisor of Missions 5th Episcopal District | A.M.E. Church*

. . . . . .**The Right Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Esq.** | *Presiding Prelate 5th Episcopal District | A.M.E. Church*

THE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Commissioning Hymn . . . . . .**Go, Preach My Gospel Hymn 220**

Go, preach My Gospel, saith the Lord, Bid the whole earth My grace receive; He shall be saved that trusts My word, He shall be damned that won't believe.

I'll make your great commission known, And ye shall prove My Gospel true, By all the works that I have done, By all the wonders ye shall do.

Go heal the sick, go raise the dead, Go cast out devils in My name; Nor let My prophets be afraid.

Teach all the nations My commands; I'm with you till the world shall end; All power is trusted to My hands, I can destroy, and I defend.

He spake, and light shone round His head; On a bright cloud to Heav'n He rode; They to the farthest nations spread The grace of their ascended Lord.

Prayer . . . . . .

Scripture . . . . . **Matthew 28:18-20 | NRSVUE**

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has be given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Reading of the Appointments . . . . . .**The Right Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Esq. |**
Presiding Prelate 5th Episcopal District | A.M.E. Church

The Doxology & Benediction . . . . . .**The Right Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Esq. |**
Presiding Prelate 5th Episcopal District | A.M.E. Church

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African Methodist Episcopal Church
Fifth Episcopal District
Women's Missionary Society
19th Session of the Midwest Annual Conference
Women's Missionary Convention
Convention Host Church: Nebraska AME Churches
Airport Hiton, KCMO
October 6-7, 2026

2026 WMS Annual Day Schedule

As We Rise Up and Commit to ReConnect

Scripture: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will do it." Psalm 37:5

<u>Tuesday</u> evening: 3:00 PM to 6 PM

- Registrant Check-in (no on-site registration)

- Credentials Verified (all signatures required)

Pajama Jama 7PM to 9 PM

<u>Wednesday</u>:

8:00 am – 8:45 am Registrant Check in, and signed credentials (no on-site registration)

9:00 am Tanner Turner Memorial (place white cover-up)

9:15 am Devotion and Greetings

9:30 am Call to Order & Roll Call | Conference President & Rec Secretary

9:45 am Introduction of the Supervisor and Episcopal President

10:00 am "WMS Year at-a-Glance" Video Report

10:15 am "YPD "What about the Children" Video Report

10:30 am Delegate Obligations, Nominating Committee Report and Candidates Statements

11:00 am Break

11:15 am – Registration, and Credential reports

Election of Quadrennial Delegates– Supervisor Burnett

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12:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm Workshop – 2nd Vice President, Freddie Agnew

2:00 CONFERENCE OUTREACH PROJECT – (on-site)

2:45 pm Adjournment/Dinner on your own

5:30 pm WMS Extravaganza Line up – Rhonda Green

6:00 pm WMS Extravaganza - 1st Vice President's program, Ternilia Hayward

Cleo B. Love Hall of Recognition Inductees Ceremony

New Members, Associates and YAM Pinning Ceremonies

Offering

Program - Bad Girls of the Bible

Closing Remarks – Episcopal Supervisor, Rev. Miriam J. Burnett, MD, MPH

Bishop Francine A. Brookins, esq., Presiding Prelate

Thursday:

8:00 AM Bishop's Roll Call

Note

10:00 A M, October 17th, 2026 First Executive Board Virtual Meeting

MIDWEST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world.
MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!
We are to share the word and the work of missions and make a difference in our communities.
ReActivate • ReOrganize • ReConnect

Workshop schedule
October 7th, 2026

8:30 AM-9:30	**Doors open for Registration**
9:30-10:30	**Opening Prayer & Business**
10:30-11:00	**Session I: LaTasha Simpson**
11:00-11:30	**Session 2: Rev. Tracy Woods**
11:30- 12:00	**Session 3: Darion Jefferson**
12:00-1:30	**Lunch Break**
1:30-3	**War Story Lounge**

After lunch, we are going to take a moment to breathe, laugh, and simply enjoy one another's fellowship. Since warfare can be exhausting, we will gather in our **War Story Lounge**, where we'll share:

- Funniest ministry moments
- Embarrassing church stories
- Lessons we've learned along the way
- "I Almost Quit" testimonies
- What kept us standing and serving

Sometimes laughter is healing, and our testimonies remind us that we are never fighting alone.

Thursday Hour of Power
Attire: Black Suit or dress with WIM Stole or a Touch of Lavender:

Call to Worship:	**Rev. Jacqueline Ford**
Opening Song:	**WIM Choir**
Prayer:	**Rev. Juli Boyd**
Scripture:	**Rev. Robin Henderson**
Introduction of Speaker:	**Rev. Shirley Heermance**
Selection:	**WIM Choir**
Speaker:	**Rev. May Hall**
Invitation:	**Rev. Rachel Williams Glenn**
Offering:	**Rev. Bridget Mitchell**
Remarks:	**Presiding Elder Karen Anderson** **Bishop Francine Brookins**
Benediction:	

MIDWEST ANNUAL CONFERNCE
LAY ORGANIZATION

LAY WITNESS NIGHT
OCTOBER 9, 2026
7:00PM

AN EVENING OF SONGS & STORIES
SPECIAL GUEST – ANGELA WILDFLOWER

Timothy Goff, Worship Leader
MWCLO Chaplain

GUEST
MS. ANGELA WILDFLOWER

Angela Wildflower is a Broadway, & television, actress, vocalist, and teaching artist whose career spans stages and screens across the country. Her credits include *Motown the Musical* on Broadway, acclaimed regional productions of *The Color Purple* and *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*, with television appearances on *Power Book III: Raising Kanan*, *Atlanta*, Poker Face, Russian Doll, Roxanne, Roxanne, *Blue Bloods & more*. Known for her powerful voice, emotional storytelling, and dynamic stage presence, Angela brings audiences an engaging blend of music, theatre, and story.



Announcements:

Pre Conference Musical Trinity AME Church ***October 4, 2026*** *at 3p*

October 6, 2026 WMS registration and check-in 3p-6p

October 7, 2026

Component	Time	Location
WMS	8a-5p	Kansa B
WIM	8a-5p	Kansa A
Sons of Allen	5p-6p	Kansa A

October 8, 2026

Component	Time	Location
Clergy Family	7a-8a	Kansa A

Box Lunches available immediately after Hour of Power **Kansa B**

Bishop & Guests Kansa A

Welcome Reception Immediately following Opening Worship **Kansa CDE**

October 9, 2026

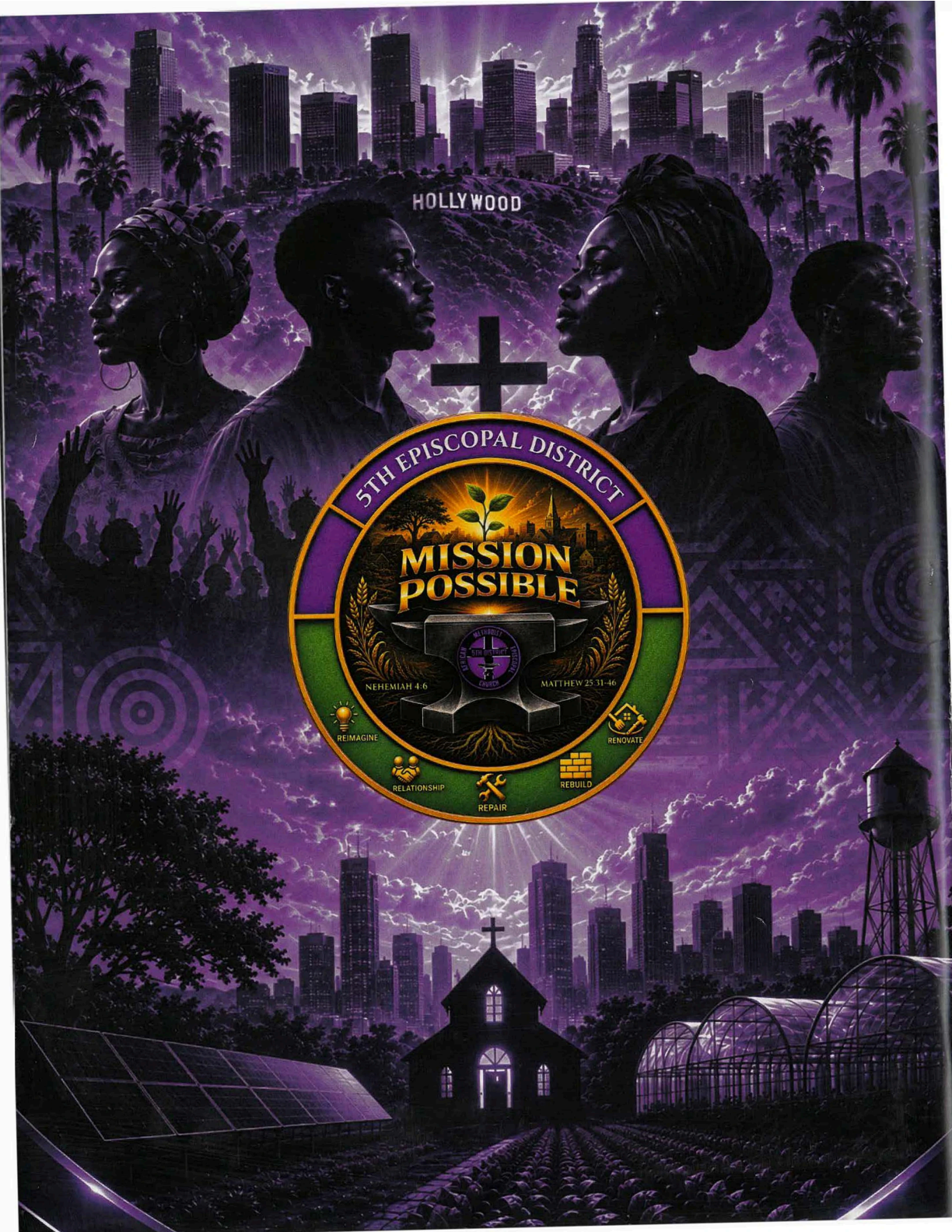
Lunch TBA

YPD Convention **Kansa CDE**

Hospitality Salon C (during the entirety of the conference)

Prayer Room Salon E (during the entirety of the conference)

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