

The Legacy Committee

of the Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church



Dear Second Episcopal District:

Congratulations to the members of the Second Episcopal District for your dedication, determination and unwavering faith in not only wholeheartedly embracing the Episcopal vision but running with it to make that vision a reality!

With the idea of acquiring shared wealth, we successfully created an Economic Readiness Team (ERT) led by Rev. Dr. Lee P. Washington, Pastor Emeritus of Reid Temple AME church and Rev. Loxley O'Connor of Kingdom Fellowship AME church. As a result of the Second Episcopal District's faithfulness, we have acquired the first property. The financial resources gained as a result of the purchase will reduce the assessments for 50 churches. To ensure total transparency and buy-in of clergy and lay, the ERT is comprised of representatives from each of the five Conferences.

Historically, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has always engaged in economic development. This wealth building that began over two centuries ago by our esteemed Founder, Bishop Richard Allen, served as stepping stones to revenue streams that allowed the African Methodist Episcopal Church to establish colleges, seminaries, and K-12 schools; create affordable housing; and establish outreach centers, houses of worship, and shopping centers. Revenue from these institutions helped to advance social justice; supported ministries to the least of these; built hospitals; and created a better future for congregants and the communities we serve.

Attempting to capture this momentous occasion in the life of the church, Dr. Washington stated “The purchase and ownership of revenue generating properties by the Second Episcopal District under the visionary leadership of Bishop James Davis will help meet the financial assessments from the General Church. Subsequently, the fulfilled vision offers a creative alternative stewardship approach to lessen the financial burdens on local congregations. The new stream of revenue will allow for Pastors and their congregations to redirect restricted funds previously reserved to pay the budget to establish and fund ministry enterprises in the local church.”

Thank you, Second Episcopal District, for answering the clarion call and moving into action! You have bragging rights and much to give God praise for! If you haven't yet, make a commitment today to join us in this most auspicious Spirit-led venture. If you've already partnered with us, we pray your continued financial support and prayers. Deuteronomy 8:18 says “But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” Let's claim our inheritance while building financial stability for future generations.

The Second Episcopal District - Second to None! By God's GRACE we can and we will!

Reverend Fisk Thomas Cokely