

## **COUNCIL OF BISHOPS**

### **African Methodist Episcopal Church**

July 30, 2018

RE: Council of Bishops AME V-Alert Statement

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



In 98 days, citizens across the United States will have the right and the responsibility to go the polls to elect federal, state and local officials. There is much at stake for our municipalities, states, and nation in this year's mid-term election. I do not have the words to convey how important this election is. Control of state legislatures, governor's offices, and control of the US Congress will be determined.

The outcome of elections across the country will be determined by you, the registered voters, who go to the polls and cast their ballots. Your vote represents your interest and participation in our democracy. It is your voice in our government. If each of us registers and votes, we will have tremendous power. It is not enough just to register, WE MUST REGISTER AND VOTE.

The bishops of the church ask each of you to focus your attention and give your commitment to the work of AME V-ALERT. This will help us to register, educate, organize and mobilize our citizens and communities to VOTE. The AME V-ALERT (<http://www.amev-alert.org>) Tool Kit and the AME Church Social Action Commission (<http://www.ame-sac.org>) website are available to assist you in creating your action plan to register and ensure all of our congregants and citizens vote. It is available to you, to be used.

Historically, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has met the challenges that are before us. If we register, educate, mobilize and vote, we can again rise to the occasion.

The Council of Bishops ask each of us, to be committed, responsible, register to vote and make our way to the polls to vote. Let's make the difference!

Yours and His,

Reginald T. Jackson, President, Council of Bishops

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Peace,  
Jeffery Cooper, General Secretary/CIO  
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