

SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# MID-WINTER GATHERING 2019

*(Founder's Day and Mid-Year Convocation)*



## “ADVANCING THE KINGDOM”

*Modeling Authentic Kingdom Living*





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FEBRUARY 21 – 23, 2019

RENAISSANCE PORTSMOUTH-NORFOLK WATERFRONT HOTEL

425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA

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**“Advancing the Kingdom”**

*“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness  
and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Matthew 6:33





# Daily Agenda & Schedule

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

| <u>TIME</u>           | <u>EVENT</u>   | <u>ROOM</u>   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| 09:00a.m. – 10:15a.m. | Conference Board of Examiners  | Amphitheater (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)  |
| 09:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. | Women's Missionary Society (YPD)   | Holley Ballroom (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)   |
| 10:15a.m. – 11:15a.m. | ERT (Economic Readiness Team)  | Admiral Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)  |
| 10:15a.m. – 11:15a.m. | RED, Inc. Board of Trustees  | Commodore Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)  |
| 11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. | <b>Components and Ministry Meetings</b> <i>(If you were unable to complete your business meeting, you have another opportunity on Friday afternoon from 5:00 – 5:45pm – in the same assigned rooms)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clergy Meeting</li> <li>Women in Ministry</li> <li>CONN M-SWAWO+PK's</li> <li>Lay Organization</li> <li>Sons of Allen</li> <li>2<sup>ND</sup> District Budget Committee</li> <li>Christian Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christian Debutante &amp; Master RAYAC</li> </ul> </li> <li>Social Action</li> <li>Evangelism</li> <li>Nehemiah Ministry</li> <li>Theological Scholarship Fund</li> </ul> | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)<br>Lee Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)<br>Holley Ballroom (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)<br>Madison Ballroom (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)<br>Amphitheater (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)<br>Admiral Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)<br>Washington Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor) |
| 12:05p.m. – 12:25p.m. | <b>General Assembly</b><br><b>KINGDOM WORTHY PRAISE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60-SECOND WITNESS – Revs. Brent Edwards &amp; Sheleta Fomby - Evangelism District Coordinators</li> </ul>   | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)   |
| 12:30p.m. – 01:25p.m. | OVERVIEW FOCUS – “ADVANCING THE KINGDOM” ..... Dr. Lee P. Washington<br>Reid Temple AME Church, Glenn Dale, MD   |   |
| 01:30p.m. – 03:00p.m. | LUNCH BREAK <i>(On your own)</i>   |   |
| 01:30p.m. – 03:00p.m. | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION - LEGACY LUNCH</b>   | Holley Ballroom (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)   |
| 03:00p.m. – 03:15p.m. | <b>General Assembly</b><br><b>KINGDOM WORTHY PRAISE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60-SECOND WITNESS – Revs. Brent Edwards &amp; Sheleta Fomby - Evangelism District Coordinators</li> </ul>   | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)   |













## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

| TIME  | EVENT   | ROOM  |
|---|---|---|
| 03:15p.m. – 05:15p.m.   | <b>ADVANCING THE KINGDOM - MIRRORING</b><br><b>Reverend Derrell E. Wade</b> , <i>Cheerleaders for the Process</i><br><i>Macedonia AME Church, Suffolk, VA</i>   | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)   |
| <p><i>Over 200 years ago, Bishop Richard Allen and others founded our denomination, the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Our Church thrived through slavery, reconstruction, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. But over the last few decades our churches experienced a decline. Unfortunately, many local churches struggled to follow the great commission, gain new members and/or maintain financial stability. In an effort to reverse these trends, most Second District churches participated in mirroring.</i></p> <p><i>Mirroring allowed local churches to evaluate what they are doing and how they can do it better. Mirroring reports and ratings provided a visual picture that identified areas of strengths and weaknesses. Based upon the mirroring reports, today's panel will present an overview and make recommendations. They will share best practices and methods to improve conversions, accessions, stewardship, spiritual growth and openness to change. You are encouraged to listen and engage the panelist. Ultimately, it is anticipated this discussion will be a catalyst that advances the kingdom in each local church.</i></p> |   |   |
|   | <b>MIRRORING PANEL DISCUSSION</b><br><b>Rev. Dr. Linda Mouzon</b> , <i>Facilitator</i><br><i>Pastor, Fair Haven AME Church, Curtis Bay</i>  | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)   |
| "CATCHING FISH"   | <b>Reverend Evelyn G. Dunn</b><br><i>Presiding Elder of the Southern District</i><br><i>North Carolina Annual Conference</i>  |   |
| "INSPIRING OWNERSHIP"   | <b>Reverend George Barnes</b><br><i>Pastor, Elevation AME Church, Baltimore, MD</i><br><i>Baltimore Annual Conference</i>   | <b>Dr. Flavia Walton</b><br><i>Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, DC</i><br><i>Washington Annual Conference</i>                         |
| "FORGING CHANGE"  | <b>Reverend Dr. Matthew Bonner</b><br><i>Associate Pastor, Allen AME Church, Silver Spring</i><br><i>Washington Annual Conference</i>   | <b>Reverend Dr. Patrice H. Fields</b><br><i>Pastor, St. Matthew AME Church, Burlington, NC</i><br><i>North Carolina Annual Conference</i> |
| "EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES"   | <b>Reverend Dr. Douglas Powe</b><br><i>Director, Lewis Center for Church Leadership</i><br><i>Wesley Theological Seminary</i>   | <b>Reverend Dr. Kwasi Keni</b><br><i>Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University</i>   |
| "PLANTING STRATEGICALLY"  | <b>Reverend Dr. JoAnn Browning</b><br><i>Co-Pastor, Ebenezer AME Church, Ft. Washington</i><br><i>Washington Annual Conference</i>  | <b>Bro. Arvelle Moore</b><br><i>Bethel AME Church, Spring Hope, NC</i><br><i>North Carolina Annual Conference</i>                         |
| 05:20p.m. – 06:45p.m.   | <b>DINNER BREAK</b> ( <i>On your own</i> )  |   |
| 05:30p.m. – 06:30p.m.   | <b>Pre-Scheduled Consultation Session with the Bishop</b><br><i>(Please request your scheduled appointment through Mrs. Janet Benjamin-Sessions will be 10-15 minutes only)</i>   | Commodore Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)  |
| 06:45p.m. – 09:00p.m.   | <b>KINGDOM WORTHY OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br><b>Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III</b> , <i>Preacher</i><br><i>Ecumenical Officer and Urban Affairs and the Presiding Prelate of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal District</i><br><i>African Methodist Episcopal Church</i> |   |

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

| <u>TIME</u>           | <u>EVENT</u>  | <u>ROOM</u>                                 |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| 07:30a.m. – 08:30a.m. | BREAKFAST <i>(On Your Own)</i>  |   |
| 08:30a.m. – 09:45a.m. | BIBLICAL STUDY “MODELING AUTHENTIC KINGDOM LIVING”<br>✚ <b>Rev. Barrington B. Ross</b> , Teacher<br><i>Pastor, Pearson AME Church, Yanceyville, NC</i>  | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) |
| 09:45a.m. – 10:00a.m. | KINGDOM WORTHY PRAISE<br>60-SECOND WITNESS – <i>Revs. Brent Edwards &amp; Sheleta Fomby - Evangelism District Coordinators</i>  | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) |
| 10:15a.m. – 12:15p.m. | MODELING AUTHENTIC KINGDOM LIVING<br><b>Dr. Olu Brown</b> , Presenter<br><i>Founder &amp; Senior Pastor, Impact Church, East Point, GA</i>  | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) |
| 12:30p.m. – 02:00p.m. | LUNCH BREAK <i>(On Your Own)</i>  |   |
| 02:00p.m. – 02:15p.m. | General Assembly<br>KINGDOM WORTHY PRAISE<br>✚ MY 60-SECOND WITNESS – <i>Revs. Brent Edwards &amp; Sheleta Fomby - Evangelism District Coordinators</i>   | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) |
| 02:15p.m. – 04:00p.m. | TRADITIONAL, CONTEMPORARY, FREE FLOW – CHURCH DISCUSSION<br><b>Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Braxton</b> , Overview/Facilitator<br><i>Presiding Elder of the Potomac District<br/>Washington Annual Conference</i> | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) |
|                       | <b>Reverend Dr. Calvin Sydnor</b> ..... TRADITIONAL<br><i>Retired General Officer – AME Church</i>  |   |
|                       | <b>Reverend Tony Lee</b> ..... CONTEMPORARY/FREE FLOW<br><i>Pastor, Community of Hope AME Church, Temple Hill, MD</i>   |   |
|                       | <b>Sister Danielle Hipkins</b> ..... CONTEMPORARY/FREE FLOW<br><i>Member, Brown AME Church, Baltimore, MD.</i>  |   |
|                       | <b>Sister Cynthia Bryant Pitts</b> ..... THE UNITED KINGDOM<br><i>Member, Empowerment Temple AME Church, Baltimore, MD.</i>   |   |
| 04:00p.m. – 04:30p.m. | ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS 2019<br>✚ SUMMER SUMMIT PRESENTATION<br>○ Christian Education Congress..... Dr. Bester Joyce Bonner<br>Mrs. Robin Porter Smith   | Portsmouth Ballroom (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) |
| 04:30p.m. – 06:30p.m. | DINNER BREAK <i>(On your own)</i><br><i>(YPD Meeting)</i>   | Amphitheater (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)        |
| 07:00p.m. – 09:00p.m. | WMS DORCAS EXTRAVAGANZA   |   |

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

| <u>TIME</u>           | <u>EVENT</u>   | <u>ROOM</u>                                       |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| 07:30a.m. – 08:30a.m. | <b>BREAKFAST</b> <i>(On Your Own)</i>  |   |
| 08:30a.m. – 09:00a.m. | <b>General Assembly</b><br> <b>Kingdom Worthy Praise</b> <i>(Led by 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal District YPD)</i><br> <b>MY 60-SECOND WITNESS</b> – <i>Revs. Brent Edwards &amp; Sheleta Fomby - Evangelism District Coordinators</i>   | <b>Portsmouth Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</b> |
| 09:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. | <b>BUSINESS SESSION</b><br><b>EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b><br><b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Administration Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Conference Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Nehemiah Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Jonathan Weaver</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Education Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Louis Charles Harvey</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Quadrennial Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Disaster Relief Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Harold Haynes</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Residence Proceeds Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District UNCF Fund ..... <i>Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice</i><br> 2 <sup>nd</sup> District RED, Inc. .... <i>Rev. Dr. Vanetta Brice</i><br> AME Empowerment Center ..... <i>Rev. Robert Hodges</i><br><i>Mrs. Bessie Walker</i> | <b>Portsmouth Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</b> |
| 11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. | <b>CLOSING EMPOWERMENT MEDITATION</b><br><b>Reverend Sheleta Fomby</b><br><i>Hemingway Memorial AME Church, District Heights, MD</i>   | <b>Portsmouth Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</b> |