

2018





African Methodist Episcopal Church
Fifth Episcopal District



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A Holy Nation!

2018 Annual Conference Booklet

**YEAR THREE:
The Season of Pentecost**

Scripture:

**St John 20: 19-22 NRSV
Acts 2: 1-21 NIV**

**Bishop Clement W. Fugh
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A HOLY NATION!

SCRIPTURES: *Nehemiah 8: 1 – 10; I Peter 2: 1 – 10*

QUADRENNIAL CALENDAR [2016 – 2020]

2016 – 2017



YEAR ONE – LENT

Season of Purification and Penance

Themes: Advent; Lent; Be-attitudes; Decalogue; Forgiveness; Resurrection

Color: Blue

Logo: Water – Free flowing; From Jesus' side

2017 – 2018



YEAR TWO – EPIPHANY

Season of Training/Reordering Ministry

Themes: Restoring the Temple Order – Roles of Priest, Prophets, Pastors; Deacons, Lay (Lagos); Regard for the HOLY – House and things

Color: White

Logo: Candle

2018 – 2019



YEAR THREE – PENTECOST

Season of Spiritual Renewal/Revival

Themes: **The Great Commission; The Pentecost Event; Paul's Missionary Enterprise; Seeking the Lost; Intentional about Evangelism**

Color: Red

Logo: Flame

2019 – 2020



YEAR FOUR – KINGDOMTIDE (ORDINARY TIME)

Season of Growth - Concentration on the Local Church

Themes: Care of the Local Congregation; Edifice; Community; Mission; Advocate for something/someone; "Latch onto a Cause that has eternity in it and let it lift you." (The late Bishop Howard Thomas Primm)

Color: Green

Logo: A blooming flower OR Butterfly

CHALLENGE: WALK IN THE VISION! TALK OF IT OFTEN! LET IT BE!



Praise the Lord Saints!

The 2018-2019 Series of Annual Conferences begins Year Three of the Fifth Episcopal District's Quadrennial Calendar, the commencement of the *Season of Pentecost*, as we continue to strive to live out our destiny as *a Holy Nation*.

We began the Quadrennial with the *Season of Lent*, a time of reflection, of repentance, of redemption, and of restoration. Free from the transgressions of our past, having forgiven others of their trespasses against us, together we move forward "without the weight that bears us down."

Year Two, the *Season of Epiphany*, a year of study, of training, of illumination and enlightenment, as we set out to *Restore the Temple Order*, culminated in the Epiphany Training Institute, held in Glendale, AZ. It was there, through workshops, Bible study, Christian fellowship, and anointed preaching, we came to understand how all of the parts of the church are fitly joined together "so that the body, of which Christ is the Head, may be build up into a spiritual house." (Ephesians 4: 12)

The Season of Pentecost is our season of spiritual renewal and revival. Two pivotal events will command our attention and enlighten us as we usher in the *age of the professing church*. First, we will explore the significance of Jesus' meeting with His disciples following the crucifixion when they were in hiding. Next we will delve into the rich treasures that unfold "when the Day of Pentecost is fully come."

Join me on Friday morning of your Annual Conference as I again stand among you to cast the vision for the year's work.

The symbol for *Pentecost* is a flame.

The color for *Pentecost* is red.

Our prayer for *Pentecost* is, "Thy Kingdom, come!"

Sincerely,

Bishop Clement W. Fugh
Presiding Bishop
Fifth Episcopal District AME Church



YEAR THREE: The Season of Pentecost

**Scripture Reference: St John 20: 19-22 NRSV
Acts 2: 1-21 NIV**

- ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”
- ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”
- ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.
- ¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
- ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
- ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.
- ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.
- ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.
- ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”
- ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?
- ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b]
- ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
- ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”
- ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”
- ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”
- ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
- ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!
- ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.



- ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
- ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- ²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



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Pacific Northwest District

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Rev. Roosevelt Lindsey



2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

Pacific Northwest Conference

Tuesday, August 7 – Saturday, August 11

Host Pastor and Church:

Rev. Lonnie Mitchell

Bethel, Spokane, Washington

Desert Mountain Conference

Tuesday, August 28 – Saturday, September 1

Host Pastor and Church:

Rev. Sherielyn Curry Lasley

Greater Bethel, Phoenix, AZ

California Conference

Wednesday, September 5 – Sunday, September 9

Host Pastor and Church:

Rev. Anthony Hughes

St. Paul, Berkeley, CA

Midwest Conference

Wednesday, September 19 – Sunday, September 23

Host Pastors and Churches:

Revs. Brenda Hayes & Karla Cooper

Ebenezer, Kansas City, MO

Allen Chapel/St. John, Kansas City, MO

Southern California Conference

Wednesday, October 17 – Sunday, October 21

Host Pastor and Church:

Rev. Dwaine A. Jackson

Bryant Temple, Los Angeles, CA

Missouri Conference

Wednesday, October 24 – Sunday, October 28

Host Pastor and Church:

Rev. Dr. Roger Richardson

Christ Our Redeemer, St. Louis, MO

An Evening with WMS

Sunday, October 28

Planning Meeting

Monday, October 29 – Tuesday, October 30

Host Pastor and Church:

Rev. Dr. Roger Richardson

Christ Our Redeemer, St. Louis, MO



DAILY AGENDAS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Finance Committee
Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon

WMS Luncheon

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WMS Convention
WIM Convention

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bishop meets with Congregation Reps (as needed)

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bishop meets with Presiding Elder's (dinner)

7:00 p.m.

WMS Event – Worship / Program

9:00 p.m.

Committee / Component Meetings

THURSDAY

6:00 a.m.

Conference Breakfast

6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

WIM Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

WMS Executive Board Meeting

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Devotion with Meditation

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Business Session

Call to Order

Roll Call

Organization

Finance Committee (Elect)

Trustees (Elect)

Judiciary Committee (Elect)

Ministerial Efficiency Committee
(Appoint)

Other

Presiding Elder Summaries

Report of Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Hour of Power – WIM Preacher

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Business Session

7:00 p.m.

Opening Worship Service

Annual Sermon (Black Robes)

FRIDAY

6:00 a.m.

Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Morning Devotion with Meditation



9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Casting the Vision - YEAR THREE: The Season of Pentecost Bishop Fugh
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Business Session – Pastor’s Reports
12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Ecumenical Hour of Power Service
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lunch
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Literary Reports
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Lay Witness (Educational Emphasis)

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Church School / Bible Study
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Business Session – Unfinished Business Disciplinary Questions
10:00 a.m.	Consecration, Communion, and Commissioning Service*

*Note: Pacific Northwest Conference will close on Saturday with appointments.

YDP Convention – August 17-18, 2018 at Walker Chapel, Renton.



DESERT MOUNTAIN

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Presiding Elders
Finance Committee
Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WMS Luncheon
WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Congregation Reps (as needed)
WMS Event – Worship / Program
Committee / Component Meetings

7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Devotion with Meditation
Business Session
Call to Order
Roll Call
Organization
Finance Committee (Elect)
Trustees (Elect)
Judiciary Committee (Elect)
Ministerial Efficiency Committee
(Appoint)
Other
Presiding Elder Summaries
Report of Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Hour of Power – WIM Preacher
WIM Lunch
Business Session
Opening Worship Service
Annual Sermon
(*Black Robes / No Communion*)

FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

12:00 Noon – 2:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WIM Breakfast
Morning Devotion with Meditation
Casting the Vision - YEAR THREE: The Season of Pentecost
Bishop Fugh
Business Session – Pastor's Reports
Ordination / Communion Service
(*White Robes*)
Lunch



3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Literary Reports

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Education Emphasis (Lay in Charge)

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Church School / Bible Study

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Business Session – Unfinished Business

Disciplinary Questions

10:00 a.m.

Consecration / Commissioning Service*

*Note: Desert Mountain Conference will close on Saturday with appointments.



MIDWEST / MISSOURI

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Presiding Elders
Finance Committee
Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WMS Luncheon
WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Congregation Reps (*as needed*)
WMS Event – Worship / Program
Committee / Component Meetings

7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

WIM Breakfast
Devotion with Meditation
Business Session
Call to Order
Roll Call
Organization
Finance Committee (Elect)
Trustees (Elect)
Judiciary Committee (Elect)
Ministerial Efficiency Committee
(Appoint)
Other
Presiding Elder Summaries
Report of Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Hour of Power – WIM Preacher
WIM Lunch*

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Business Session
Opening Worship Service
Annual Sermon
(*Black Robes / No Communion*)

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Devotion with Meditation
Casting the Vision - YEAR THREE: The Season of
Pentecost

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Fugh
Business Session – Pastor's Reports
Hour of Power
Lunch
Business Session – Literary Reports



7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Education Emphasis (Lay in Charge)

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Church School / Bible Study

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Business Session – Unfinished Business

Disciplinary Questions

10:00 a.m.

Ordination Service / Holy Communion

(White Robes)

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Component Meetings

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m.

Closing Worship and Commissioning Service

*Note: Missouri Conference will not have a luncheon



CALIFORNIA / SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Presiding Elders
Finance Committee
Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WMS Luncheon
WMS Convention
WIM Convention
Bishop meets with Congregation Reps (as needed)
WMS Event – Worship / Program
Committee / Component Meetings

7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Devotion with Meditation
Business Session
Call to Order
Roll Call
Organization
Finance Committee (Elect)
Trustees (Elect)
Judiciary Committee (Elect)
Ministerial Efficiency Committee
(Appoint)
Other
Presiding Elder Summaries
Report of Board of Examiners

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Hour of Power – WIM Preacher
WIM Lunch
Business Session
Opening Worship Service
Annual Sermon
(*Black Robes / No Communion*)

FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

WIM Breakfast
Morning Devotion with Meditation
Casting the Vision - YEAR THREE: The Season of
Pentecost

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7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Business Session – Pastor's Reports
Hour of Power
Lunch
Business Session – Literary Reports
Education Emphasis (Lay in Charge)



SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Church School / Bible Study

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Business Session – Unfinished Business

Disciplinary Questions

10:00 a.m.

Ordination Service / Holy Communion

(White Robes)

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Component Meetings

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m.

Closing Worship and Commissioning Service



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**127th SESSION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE
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Annual Sermon
Closing Commissioning Sermon

Rev. Anthony Steele
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE SONGS

Song of The Season

—COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING #7—

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayers attend; Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence, evermore: Thy sovereign majesty,
May we in glory see, And to eternity, Love and adore.
Amen.



—O SPREAD THE TIDINGS ‘ROUND #199—

O spread the tidings ’round, wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound.
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!

The long, long night is past; the morning breaks at last;
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,
As o’er the golden hills the day advances fast!
The Comforter has come!

Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come!

O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine
To wondering mortals tell the matchless grace divine -
That I, a child of hell, should in His image shine?
The Comforter has come!

Refrain:

The Comforter has come! The Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from heaven, the Father’s promise given,
O spread the tidings ’round, wherever man is found:
The Comforter has come!

Amen.



—AND ARE WE YET ALIVE—

And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give,
For His redeeming 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 conflicts have we passed,
Fighting 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.

Then let us make our boast,
Of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost,
Till we can sin no more.

Amen.



—A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE—

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live,
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare,
A strict account to give!
Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thy self-rely Assured,
If I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Amen.



—GO PREACH MY GOSPEL—

Go, preach my Gospel, saith the Lord,
Bid the whole earth my grace receive,
Explain to them my sacred Word
Bid them believe, obey and live.

I'll make my great commission known,
And ye shall prove my Gospel true,
By all the works that I have done,
And 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,
Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.

While thus ye follow My commands,
I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted in My hands;
I can destroy and can defend.

Amen.



—LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING—

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty,
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we meet Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



COMMISSIONING SCRIPTURE

St. Matthew 28: 18 – 20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



LITANY

THE MEMORIAL LITANY

- Leader:** This evening we celebrate and remember those members of the Annual Conference and Connectional Leaders who have died since we last gathered together.
- Bishop:** We give thanks to You O God for servants of the Connectional Church who this year have finished their labors... (announce the list) **Absent from the Body.**
- People:** **Present with the Lord.**
- Leader:** We give thanks to You O God for ordained and unordained members of this Annual Conference who this year have finished their labors... (announce the list) **Absent from the Body.**
- People:** **Present with the Lord.**
- Bishop:** We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work...(speak their names aloud) **Absent from the Body.**
- People:** Present with the Lord.
- All:** **O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once again meet face to face. Amen.**



THE RETIREMENT SERVICE ORDER FOR THE RETIREMENT OF PREACHERS

The Statement of Purpose

In the Name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, let us enter into this observance of the retirement of preachers from active work in the ministry of the church. Let us pray.

The Invocation

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our work, begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name, and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presentation of Preacher(s)

Bishop Fugh, The _____ Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this session the completion of the active service of _____. As secretary of the Annual Conference, I present to you this/these faithful ministers for recognition and honor, in appreciation of their untiring labors in the Christian ministry.

The Response

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Psalm 126:6)

The Statement of Achievement

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. (Hebrews 11:1-2)

The Tribute

Presiding Elder or Colleagues

The Response of the Retiree(s)

The Closing Remarks

Presiding Bishop

The Benediction



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
 - a. Does each station, circuit or mission in this Annual Conference have a Lay Organization?
 - b. If not, which stations circuits or missions do not have a Lay Organization?
17. Women's Missionary Society:
 - a. Does each station, circuit or mission in this Annual Conference have a Women's Missionary Society?
 - b. If not, which stations, circuits or missions do not have a Women's Missionary Society?
18. When shall this Annual Conference next meet?
19. Where shall your next Annual Conference be held?
20. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

YEAR THREE: THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks (about fifty days) after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called 'the church.' Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus, Pentecost is the church's birthday!

The event is recorded in the New Testament Acts of the Apostles. "When the day of Pentecost had come, the first followers of Jesus were all together in one place. All of a sudden a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak".

Peter stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events in light of the prophesy of the Prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out His Spirit on all flesh, empowering diverse people to exercise divine power. Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise. When the assembly asked what they must do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around, and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 3000 persons were added to the church that day.

The Dove and Fire (flames) are symbols of the Holy Spirit.

During this Season, allow the Spirit of the Risen Lord transform your life!

*Clement W. Fugh
Presiding Bishop*

