



**51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session**  
of the  
**GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM**

*From Legacy to Mission:  
A Call to Prophetic, Educational and Social Engagement*

**Orange County Convention Center**  
**Orlando, Florida**  
**Cape Town International Convention Center**  
**Cape Town, South Africa**  
**July 6-10, 2021**

**Bishop John F. White**, General Conference Commission Chairperson  
**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie**, Program Committee Chairperson  
**Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.**, Senior Bishop, Host  
**Bishop Anne Henning Byfield**, President, Council of Bishops  
**Dr. Richard Allen Lewis**, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer  
**Rev. Dr. Jeffery Cooper**, General Secretary/Chief Information Officer

The General Conference Commission voted to have the 51<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church called the “Orlando Hybrid” as it will comply with all federal, state, local laws and the Florida Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control’s guidelines.

Point of contact information for emergencies, concerns and where to call/go for assistance will be given to Delegates, Alternates, and Registered Observers.

- Full vaccination is strongly recommended for all attendees. All attendees must take personal responsibility to be masked, stay self-aware of how you feel daily, be observant of crowding in the hallways and elevators which will be marked, and follow the directions of the posted safety protocols.
- Each Pre-General Conference Committee will meet in its own sanitized individual room of no more than 250 persons in Orlando and in South Africa. Delegates and Chaplains from Episcopal Districts 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 will be meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in a setting previously approved by the South African government. They will be connected virtually with all applicable safety protocols in place.
- Each Episcopal District, and Chaplains will be in designated individual sanitized rooms of no more than 250 persons, masked, and physically distanced. Registered Observers will be in sanitized exhibit halls that will be set at less than 30% of the seating capacity; therefore, social distancing will not be a problem.
- Main stage events such as worship services, business sessions and special presentations will be streamed virtually to each Episcopal District, Chaplains, and Registered Observer rooms.
- All worship services including the Opening Worship Service, Morning Manna, Episcopal Address, Communion Service, Retirement of Bishops and General Officers, Installation of General Officers and Judicial Council, and the Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops will be streamed on YouTube, AME Church website ([www.ame-church.com](http://www.ame-church.com)), and Facebook Live.
- During the General Conference, Delegates will have voice and voting in real-time, in both Orlando, Florida and Cape Town, South Africa.

# GENERAL CONFERENCE PRE-ACTIVITIES

## Orlando EDT

## South African Time SAST

### June 30- July 5, 2021

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

**Revision Committee**  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST  
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

### July 3-5, 2021

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT  
2:00 pm – 12 Noon EDT

**Credentials Committee**  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST  
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

8:00 am – 12 Noon EDT  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

**Rules Committee**  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST  
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

### July 5, 2021

8:00 am – 4:00 pm EDT

**Health Commission Training**  
Orange County Convention Ctr  
Orlando, Florida

2:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST

8:00 am – 10:00 am EDT

**MCAM – Hymn Workshop**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm SAST

*\*Virtual - Pre-Recorded & Streamed to Facebook, Youtube, and Website*

**11:00 am EDT \*ZOOM**

**General Conference Commission**  
Orange County Convention Ctr  
Orlando, Florida

**3:00 pm SAST**

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EDT

**Orientation of Delegates**  
Orange County Convention Ctr  
Orlando, Florida

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm SAST

**General Conference Committees**

**Immediately Following Orientation of Delegates**

Orange County Convention Ctr  
Orlando, Florida

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT

**11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District**  
*\*Virtual Ticketed Banquet*

11:00 pm – 12:30 am SAST

# GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Orlando EDT**

**South Africa Time SAST**

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Day 1**

<b>5:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>11:30 am SAST</b>
<b>5:45 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>The Intercessory Prayer</b> <i>Bishop Sarah Francis Davis Prayer Group</i>	<b>11:45 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Reverends Robert and Ann Champion Shaw, 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually to Social Media platforms and in Delegation Rooms</i>	<b>12:00 pm – 12:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am EDT</b>	Processional Line Up	<b>1:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:30 am EDT</b>	<b>Praise and Worship</b> MCAM Connectional Praise Team (Live)	<b>1:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:45 am EDT</b>	<b>Proclamation</b> <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson</i> The Grand Processional	<b>1:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:00 am – 11:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Opening Worship Service</b> <i>Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Preaching</i> <i>*Streamed Live from the Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	<b>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner Break	<b>5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>11:00 am EDT</b>	<i>The Virtual Mall Opens</i> <i>*Available Online</i>	<b>5:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:40 pm EDT</b>	Seating of the Delegations	<b>6:40 pm SAST</b>
<b>1:00 pm – 5:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session I</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>7:00 pm – 11:10 pm SAST</b>

<b>1:00 pm – 2:10 pm EDT</b>		<b>7:00 pm – 8:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Senior Bishop, Presiding</i>	
	Credentials Committee Report	
	Rules Committee	
	General Conference Commission	
<b>2:10 pm – 2:20 pm EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>8:10 pm – 8:20 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:20 pm – 4:20 pm EDT</b>		<b>8:20 pm – 10:20 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Presiding</i>	
	Election Committee	
	Election of the Episcopal	
	Committee Chairperson	
<b>4:25 pm – 5:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>Episcopal Address</b>	<b>10:25 pm – 11:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Gregory Ingram</i>	
	<i>*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.</i>	
<b>5:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>A Word from Our Sponsors</b>	<b>11:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Church Mutual</i>	
	Announcements	
	Adjournment	
<b>5:15 pm EDT</b>	Dinner	
<b>6:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Open</b>	
<b>6:45 pm – 8:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>AME HBCU GOSPEL NIGHT</b>	
	<i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	
	<i>Featuring Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah</i>	
	<i>Dr. Michael Sorrell, President Paul Quinn College</i>	
	<i>Gospel artist J. J. Hairston</i>	
	<i>14 AME Colleges, Universities and Seminaries</i>	
	<i>Sponsored by Church Mutual</i>	
<b>8:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Episcopal District Delegation Meetings</b>	
	<b>General Conference Committee Meetings</b>	

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – Day 2**

<b>Cape Town Delegation</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
Auxiliary Meetings	
<i>*Virtual Replay of AME HBCU Night</i>	

<b>5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>12:00 Noon SAST</b>
<b>6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Reverend Susan Buckson, 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms</i>	<b>12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:55 am EDT</b>	Seating of the Delegations	<b>12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Business Session II</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 8:50 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson Introduction</i> <i>The Honorable Val Demings, 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District</i> General Secretary/CIO Treasurer (CFO) AME Publishing House The Christian Recorder	<b>1:00 pm – 2:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:50 am – 9:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>2:50 pm – 3:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>9:00 am – 10:30 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Paul M Kawimbe, Presiding</i> Commission on Statistics and Finance (First Report)	<b>3:00 pm – 4:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>10:30 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<i>Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding</i> Revisions Committee (First Report) Episcopal Committee (First Report)	<b>4:30 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon EDT</b>	Announcements/Adjournment	<b>6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner <b>Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 1)</b> <i>Sponsored by Social Action Commission</i> <i>*Streamed Live in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms.</i>	<b>6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>1:25 pm EDT</b>	Seating of the Delegations	<b>7:25 pm SAST</b>

<b>1:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session III</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>7:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop David R. Daniels, Presiding</i> Reports: Revisions Committee (Second Report)	<b>7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:45 pm – 2:50 pm EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Stand and Stretch</b>	<b>8:45 pm – 8:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:50 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr., Presiding</i> AME, Inc. The Future Fund	<b>8:50 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>4:00 pm EDT</b>	Announcements Adjournment	<b>10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>4:00 pm – 5:30 pm EDT</b>	Dinner <b>Eat and Greet Candidates Forum (Round 2)</b> <i>Sponsored by The Social Action Commission</i> <i>*Streamed Live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>10:00 pm – 11:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>General Officer’s Council Dinner</b>	
<b>6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>Episcopal District Meetings/Auxiliary Meetings</b>	

**Thursday, July 8, 2021– Day 3**

	<b>Cape Town Delegation</b> <b>/Auxiliary Meetings</b> <i>*Replay of late evening events</i>	<b>11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened</b> <b>Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>12:00 Noon SAST</b>
<b>6:15 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Reverend Zwelile S. Thwala, 18th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms</i>	<b>12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:55 am EDT</b>	Seating of the Delegations	<b>12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 12 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Business Session IV</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>

<b>7:00 am – 8:00 am EDT</b>		<b>1:00 pm – 2:00 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes Reports: Judicial Council	
<b>8:00 am – 8:10 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 2:10 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:10 am – 9:10 am EDT</b>		<b>2:10 pm – 3:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding</i> Reports Department of Annuity, Investments & Insurance Department of Research and Scholarship Department of Christian Education Department of Church Growth and Development Connectional Lay Organization	
<b>9:10 am – 10:10 am EDT</b>		<b>3:10 pm – 4:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Julius McAllister, Sr. Presiding</i> Reports Department of Global Witness & Ministry SADA Women’s Missionary Society Revisions Committee (Third Report)	
<b>10:10 am – 11:10 am EDT</b>		<b>4:10 pm – 5:10 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop John F. White, Presiding</i> Commission on Statistics and Finance (Second Report) Music and Arts Ministry Annual Conference Boundaries Economic Development	
<b>11:10 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>		<b>5:10 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
	<i>Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding</i> Episcopal Committee (Second Report)	
<b>12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>A Word from Our Sponsors</b> Announcements Adjournment	<b>6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner Auxiliary Events/ Meetings	<b>6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SAST</b>



**1:30 pm – 4:30 pm EDT      Business Session V      7:30 pm – 10:30 pm SAST**  
*\*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.*

**1:30 pm – 2:45 pm EDT      7:30 pm – 8:45 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding*  
Reports  
Strategic Planning - Anvil/AME Next  
Educational Institutions  
Music and Christian Arts Ministry  
Annual Conference Boundaries  
Economic Development  
Public Relations  
Social Action  
Sons of Allen  
CONVO  
Health Commission  
Overseas Development/AME India  
Revisions Committee  
(Fourth Report, no new legislation  
with Financial implications)

**2:45 pm – 3:25 pm EDT      Memorial Service      8:45 pm – 9:25 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Stafford Wicker, Worship Leader*  
*\*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.*

**3:25 pm – 3:30 pm EDT      Praise and Worship      9:25 pm – 9:30 pm SAST**  
MCAM Connectional Praise Team  
*\*Streamed Live from Main Hall to Delegation Rooms and digital platforms.*

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm EDT      Service of Word and Sacrament      9:30 pm – 11:00 pm SAST**  
*Bishop Samuel Green Sr., Preaching*  
Announcements  
Adjournment  
Benediction

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm EDT      Dinner**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EDT      Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings**

**6:30 pm EDT      Auxiliary Meetings/Programs**

### **Friday, July 9, 2021 – Day 4**

**Cape Town Delegation      11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST**  
**/Auxiliary Meetings**

*\*Virtual Replay of Late Evening Events*

<b>5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>12:00 Noon SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b> <i>Rev. Cindy Rudolph, 4th Episcopal District</i> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and digital platforms</i>	<b>12:00 Noon – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:55 am EDT</b>	Seating of Delegations	<b>12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<b>Business Session VI</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>1:00 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 8:30 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes Reports: Commission on Stewardship and Finance (Third Report) Revision Committee (Fifth Report)	<b>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:30 am – 8:40 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>2:30 pm – 2:40 pm SAST</b>
<b>8:40 am – 9:40 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding</i> WIM Theological Institutions Episcopal District Projects Women in Ministry RAYAC	<b>2:40 pm – 3:40 pm SAST</b>
<b>9:40 am – 9:50 am EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>3:40 pm – 3:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>9:50 am – 10:50 am EDT</b>	<i>Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield</i> Episcopal Committee (Third Report)	<b>3:50 pm – 4:50 pm SAST</b>
<b>10:50 pm – 12:00 Noon EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford, Presiding</i> Quadrennial Theme Richard Allen Award Revisions Committee (Sixth Report) General Conference Committees Report	<b>4:50 pm – 6:00 pm SAST</b>

<b>12:00 Noon EDT</b>	Announcements Adjournment	<b>6:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:00 Noon – 1:45 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner	<b>6:00 pm – 7:45 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session VII</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker, Presiding</i> Call to Order Report: Revisions Committee (Seventh Report)	<b>8:00 pm – 9:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>3:05 pm – 3:10 pm EDT</b>	<b>Wellness Break</b>	<b>9:05 pm – 9:10 pm SAST</b>
<b>3:10 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Retirement Service of Bishops and General Officers</b> <i>Bishop James Davis, Preaching</i>	<b>9:10 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>4:00 pm EDT</b>	A Word from Our Sponsors Announcements Adjournment	<b>10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>4:00 pm – 6:00 pm EDT</b>	Dinner	
<b>6:00 pm – 7:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>Christian Debutante Ball/ Christian Masters Commission Dedication Ceremony</b> <i>*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms</i>	
<b>7:30 pm – 9:00 pm EDT</b>	Episcopal District Delegation and Committee Meetings	

**Saturday, July 10, 2021 – Day 5**

	<b>Cape Town Delegation</b> /Auxiliary Meetings	<b>11:00 am – 12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>5:30 am – 6:15 am EDT</b>	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	<b>11:30 am – 12:15 pm SAST</b>
<b>6:00 am – 6:55 am EDT</b>	<b>Morning Manna</b>	<b>12:15 pm – 12:55 pm SAST</b>

*Rev. Matthew Watley, 2nd Episcopal District*

*\*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms*

<b>6:00 am</b>	<b>Delegation Rooms Opened Temperature and Badge Check</b>	<b>12:00 Noon SAST</b>
<b>6:55 am EDT</b>	Seating of Delegations	<b>12:55 pm SAST</b>
<b>7:00 am – 11:00 am EDT</b>	<b>Business Session VIII</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i> <i>Bishop Frank M. Reid, III</i> <i>&amp; Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Presiding</i> Call to Order Minutes Election Committee Election of Bishops, General Officers and Judicial Council	<b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT</b>	Lunch/Dinner <b>Council of Bishop Lunch with Bishops-Elect</b>	<b>5:00 pm – 6:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session IX</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>	<b>6:30 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>12:30 pm – 1:30 pm EDT</b>	<i>Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Presiding</i> Revisions Committee (Final report) Council of Bishops and Episcopal District Nominations Resolutions Unfinished Business	<b>6:30 pm – 7:30 pm SAST</b>
<b>1:30 pm – 2:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Installation General Officers and Judicial Council</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms.</i>	<b>7:30 pm – 8:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Closing Worship Service and Consecration of Bishops</b> <i>Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Preaching</i> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms and on digital platforms.</i>	<b>8:00 pm – 10:00 pm SAST</b>
<b>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm EDT</b>	<b>Business Session X</b> <i>*Streamed live to all Delegation Rooms.</i>  <i>Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, Presiding</i> Assignment of Episcopal Leadership  Adjournment	<b>11:00 pm – 12:00 am SAST</b>

**Sunday, July 11, 2021 - Day 6**

**7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT**      Church School for All Ages  
   Department of Christian Education  
*\*Pre-Recorded virtually shown in Main Hall and on digital platforms*

**7:30 am – 9:00 am EDT**      Council of Bishops Breakfast and Meeting  
   Supervisors Breakfast

**9:00 am – 10:00  
am EDT**                              Organization of the General Board