



2023 ANNUAL Conference

JULY
16-19



Presiding Prelate
Bishop Sylvester Williams Sr.
Third Episcopal District

SE MISSOURI-ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN REGION

Milwaukee District - Rev. Dr. Tiggs Washington, Host Presiding Elder
Chicago District - Rev. Willie Dockery, Presiding Elder
St. Louis District - Rev. Janci Finkley, Presiding Elder

KANSAS—MISSOURI REGION

Kansas District - Rev. Anthony Hill, Presiding Elder
Missouri District - Rev. Dr. Patricia Havis, Presiding Elder

MICHIGAN-INDIANA REGION

Detroit & Mid-Michigan Districts - Rev. Dr. Twana Harris, Presiding Elder
Gary District - Rev. Dr. Curlee Adams, Presiding Elder

A Formal Celebration is planned for July 16
More Details Forthcoming

Host Church - St. Matthew C.M.E. Church
Host Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard D. Shaw

Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel
509 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI, 53203

Sunday, July 16, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Annual Conference Banquet

Master of Ceremony: Drs. Richard & Toni Shaw

**Hilton Milwaukee City Center
509 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203**

In lieu of Communion Offering, Please purchase Banquet Tickets (\$100)
(See your Elders for tickets)

Guests:

Music: St. Matthew CME Church Choir

Communion

Chief Celebrant:

Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr.

Soloist:

Mrs. Gabrielle Washington, First Lady, Milwaukee District

Homily:

Rev. Richard McDuffie, Pastor, Lane Tabernacle, St. Louis, MO

Sharing of the Elements: Dr. Tiggs Washington, Presiding Elder, Milwaukee District

Monday, July 17, 2023

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

(Registration is \$100.00 per person)

The Joint Business Session

(All Annual Conferences)

8:00 – 8:15 A.M.

Devotion

Michigan Indiana

8:15 – 11:00 A.M.

- ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS
- ROLL CALL OF LAY DELEGATES
- ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY AND STAFF
- SETTING OF THE BAR OF THE CONFERENCE

- SELECTION OF CONFERENCE ORDERLIES
- ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE PROGRAM
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
- DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS
THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE OF THE C.M.E. CHURCH, 2010
- SECTION A. CONFERENCE RELATIONS 1-23,
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MINISTERIAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE
- SECTION B. STATISTICS 24-42, PAGES 61-62
STATISTICS
- SECTION C. FINANCE 43-49, PAGES 63
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- SECTION E. MISCELLANEOUS 51-53, PAGES 63-64
RECORDS CLERK

11:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Leadership Training School

Topic: Lay/Clergy: United on the Strategic Plan

Leadership Training School Deans:

Dr. Marris Seymore, Dean, Kansas Missouri Region

Dr. Claudia Dunlap, Michigan Indiana Region

Rev. Renee Johnson, Dean, SE Missouri, Illinois & Wisconsin Region

Annual Conference Lay Leaders:

Mr. James Wesley, Kansas Missouri, Region

Atty. Barbara Bouknight, Michigan Indiana, Region

Mr. Russell Gantt, SE Missouri, Illinois & Wisconsin Region

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch

2:00 – 2:30 P.M.

Joint Memorial Service

Laity, Missionaries, Spouses, Clergy

2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Leadership Training School

3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Breakout Sessions

Joint Board of Finance, Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Department, Economic Development Committee, Stewardesses, Missionaries, Commission on Social Concerns, Lay Ministry, Ministerial Examination Committee, Department of Christian Education, Young Adults, and the Board of Evangelism & Mission

7:00 P.M. – 8.30 P.M. KING AND QUEEN PAGEANT – Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Sheryl Wesley, Kansas Missouri
Rev. Joyce Redfern, Michigan Indiana
Rev. Judy Escro, SO E Missouri, Illinois & Wisconsin

Music:

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
(Registration is \$100.00 per person)

8:00 – 8:15 A.M. Devotion Kansas Missouri

8:15 – 11:00 A.M. The Joint Business Session
(All Annual Conferences)

- **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES**
- **THE TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Montagga Wright**
Rev. Willie Weaver
Dr. David L. Bryant
- **ELECTION OF TREASURER**
- **ELDER'S REPORTS/CHARACTER**
- **SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN INDEX AND THE MISSIONARY**
- **MESSENGER**
- **ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORTS**
- **PASSING THE BUDGET**
- **RECEIVING OF LAY PLEDGES**

11:00 – 12:30 P.M. Leadership Training School

12:30 – 2:00 P.M. Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

SERVICE OF RETIREMENT/WORSHIP

Led by **MINISTERS' SPOUSES, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS DEPARTMENT**

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES: ELDERS

Retirees

Kansas Missouri

Michigan Indiana

SE Missouri, Illinois & Wisconsin – **Rev. Mary Crockett**

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Conference Business Session

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION/COMMISSIONING

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Presiding Elders/Committee on Ministerial Examination

Music: 3D Choir

THE ORDINATION SERMON: Senior Bishop Paul A. G. Stewart, Retired

ORDINATION SERVICE

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS

READING OF THE PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE