

JULY 26



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S.E. MISSOURI, ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN REGION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026



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SE MISSOURI, ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN REGION
Sunday, July 26, 2026
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Service Of Holy Communion

, Liturgist

THE PRELUDE

The Musicians

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE PROCESSIONAL

"Holy, Holy Holy"

**--- The Choirs, Stewardesses, Ministers' Wives, Missionaries,
Minister's Spouses, Ministers, Presiding Elders, The Bishop**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal Of The CME Church, No. 2

1. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and ever
more shalt be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and
sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sin and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against Thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we many hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord"

"Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace"

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

THE ABSOLUTION (Then the Minister Shall Pray Saying)

O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all of them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all sins, confirm and strength us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT (Prayer For Purity)

(The Minister and People Shall Say:)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATION

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

THE TRISAGION (The Minister Shall Say:)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Amen.

THE COLLECT

(The Minister and People Shall Say:)

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

(After a brief silence, the Minister and People Shall Pray saying:)

We do not presume to come to this Thy table O merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OFFERING

The Joint Board of Finance

THE PRESENTATION OF VISITORS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

THE COMMUNION SERMON

THE CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Da'Henri Thurmond, Sr., Chief Celebrant

THE INVITATION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who made there (by His oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying. "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise after supper He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

THE BISHOP AND ASSISTING MINISTERS SHALL RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD' S PRAYER

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF ACCEPTANCE

MINISTER: O Lord and Heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants desire Thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins.

And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

ALL: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill toward humankind. We praise thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord, God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God, the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the glory of God the Father.

THE FELLOWSHIP HYMN

“I Know It Was The Blood”

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop Da’Henri Thurmond, Sr.

Monday, July 27, 2026
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

(Registration is \$100.00 per person)

Business Session

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Morning Devotion

Meditation

9:00 – 10:15 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, 2022
- SECTION A. CONFERENCE RELATIONS 1-23, PAGES 48-50
MINISTERIAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE
- SECTION B. STATISTICS 24-42, PAGES 50-51
STATISTICIAN
- SECTION C. FINANCE 43-49, PAGES 51
JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE
- SECTION D. INSURANCE 50, PAGE 51-52
- SECTION E. MISCELLANEOUS 51-53, PAGES 52
RECORDS CLERK

10:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Compelling Preaching

Rev. Dr. Joseph Gordon

11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Break

11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Church Growth

Rev. Dr. David Bryant

12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Joint New Birth/Worship Service

Led by the Laity

Preacher:

3:30 P.M.– 5:00 P.M. Breakout Sessions

Ministers, 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

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. KING AND QUEEN PAGEANT – Board of Christian Education

Min. Chandra Lee, SE MO, IL & WI Region Director
Min. Brittney Crutcher, 3D Director

8:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. Missionary March

Mrs. Linda Lewis, SE MO, IL & WI Region President

9:30 P.M. Break-out Sessions (Cont.)/Election of Clergy Delegates

***TUESDAY, July 28, 2026
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE***

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

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Morning Devotion
Meditation

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Business Session

- **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES**
- **THE TREASURER'S REPORT – Rev. David 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 CLERGY AND LAY PLEDGES

10:00 A.M – 11:00 A.M.

Missionary Quadrennial Election

11:00 – 12:00 P.M. CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENTS

Led by MINISTERS' SPOUSES, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS DEPARTMENT

RECOGNITION OF RETIREE: Presiding Elder Janci Finkley
Presiding Elder Tiggs Washington

RETIREEES: Rev. Seteria Austin
Rev. Betty Blue
Rev. Dr. T. Marcellus Thomas

MID DAY WORSHIP
Preacher:

12:00 – 2:00 P.M. Lunch

2:00 – 5:00 P.M. Conference Business Session Cont.

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION/COMMISIONING

WORSHIP LEADERS: Presiding Elders/Committee on Ministerial Examination

THE ORDINATION SERMON:

ORDINATION SERVICE

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS

READING OF THE PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER/BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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