



Bishop, Presiding Elders and Pastors Meeting

**Birmingham Region
North Central Alabama Region
Southeast Alabama Region**

Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton, Presiding

Sunday

September 27, 2020

3 pm central time



Opening Prayer

**Rev. Johnnie Nelms
Garner-Bass CME Church
Phenix City, AL**



Agenda

- **Opening Prayer**
 - **Roll Call**
 - **Opening Remarks**
 - **The On-going impact of the Pandemic**
 - **Guidelines for Re-opening**
 - **Sustaining Ministry**
 - **Voter Engagement and the Elections**
 - **Disaster Response**
 - **Fall Meeting**
 - **Announcements**
 - **Closing Prayer**
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Opening Remarks

KUDOS

to

- The faithful
- The brave
- The innovators
- The persistent
- Those who have survived COVID19 or ministered to those with the virus



CRITIQUE

Of those who

- ❖ Stayed in your comfort zone
- ❖ Refused to learn anything new
- ❖ Neglected the flock
- ❖ Neglected the “call”



The Ongoing Impact of the Pandemic

- COVID-19 transmission is still an issue in Alabama
- Tests done 1,111,239 (out of population of 4.9 million = 20%)
- Cases 152,321
- Hospitalizations 16,852
- Deaths 2,501
- Only 3 counties with less than 100 cases (Wilcox, Sumter and Perry)
- Alabama's "Safer At Home" order
- Statewide Mask order in effect until October 2, 2020
- Churches (Non-Work Gatherings) 6 ft Social Distancing required

Fifth District Guidelines for Reopening

Prior to re-opening

- Complete checklist and submit to Presiding Elder
- Follow any additional guidance from the Presiding Elder and/or Bishop

If you re-open:

- Masks required of all
- Social Distancing seating and interactions
- All other precautions are a “must”
- Keep an attendance roll





What to do if someone in the congregations gets the virus or is exposed to someone who has it?

1

Ask members to please notify the pastor if they get a positive test or are exposed to someone who has a positive test

2

Encourage those exposed to quarantine and get tested

3

Notify all members who may have been in attendance at a worship service or church event/meeting with that person

4

Suspend services and meetings if necessary



**Questions or
comments?**



Sustaining Ministry During the Pandemic

- **Plan, Plan, Plan**
- **Meet with officers on a regular basis**
- **Make sure the financial obligations of the church are maintained**
- **Use electronic giving as one of your options for stewardship**
- **Make sure the building is cared for while closed**
- **Enhance your skill level**
- **Improve the quality of your virtual worship service**
- **Expand your interactions/communications with the congregation**
- **Engage in outreach ministry**
- **Engage in “productive” self-care**
 - [APT resource](#)

Resources

- **Electronic Giving**
 - **Givelify.com**
 - **Cash app**
 - **PayPal.com**
- **Academy for Public Theology**
www.academyforpublictheology.com
- **Presiding Elders**
- **TheCMEChurch.org**

Virtual and Video Platforms

- **Zoom**
- **YouTube**
- **Facebook Live**
- **Google Meet**
- **Microsoft Teams**
- **WebEx**
- **FreeConferenceCall.com**



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Voter Engagement

The CME Church Call to Action

October 8 – 11 @ 6:30 pm Eastern

*The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Connectional Call to Action
Virtual Gatherings*

*"Discipleship in Real Time:
Responding to the Call to Action"*

October 8-11, 2020

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THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN MINISTRY
VIRTUAL GATHERING | 6:30 PM / EST

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THE DEPARTMENT OF LAY MINISTRY
VIRTUAL GATHERING | 6:30 PM / EST

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THE CONNECTIONAL YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
VIRTUAL GATHERING | 6:30 PM / EST

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THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS
VIRTUAL GATHERING | 6:30 PM / EST

****Log In & Other Relevant Information Will Be Forthcoming****



Bishop Marvin Frank Thomas, Sr., Coordinator
Bishop Kenneth W. Carter, Chair of the College of Bishops
Bishop L.L. Reddick, III., Senior Bishop

THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE COMMISSION ON THE CONCERNS OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY

*Call to Action
Virtual Worship
"From Suffrage to Salvation"
Celebrating Women's Right To Vote*



Rev. Denise Anders Modest,
Coordinator, The Commission on the
Concerns of Women in Ministry



Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Shorton,
Presenter &
Chair of The Commission on the
Concerns of Women in Ministry

*October 8, 2020
6:30pm Eastern Time*

Zoom details to follow



Voter Engagement

RESOURCES

- Faith in Action Alabama
- Greater Birmingham Ministries
- Souls to the Polls
- Get Out the Vote



ACTIONS

Voter Registration – ends Oct 19 in Alabama

Absentee Voting – now at your local courthouse or other designated place. In person, need ID, through November 2nd

Election Day – November 3rd

- Provide rides to the polls
- Provide water and snacks

Disaster Response

- Pray
- Check with those impacted to see what they need
- Check your insurance coverage
- Create or update your emergency plan
- Donate
 - Checks payable to “CME Department of Finance” for “Disaster Response”
 - Mail to Bishop’s Office
PO Box 13383
Birmingham, AL 35202





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2020 VIRTUAL FALL MEETING

December 4-5, 2020

October 15th – Pre-registration begins

Deadline to settle with your Presiding Elder -TBD by Elder

APT Classes for Ministers on Trial – November dates to be Announced via email

Tuesday, December 1st – all monies to be receipted by Treasurer in order to be included in the report

VIA ZOOM

Friday, December 4th – Joint Board Final Settlement with Elders

Saturday, December 5th – 9 am central – 1 pm central (10-2 eastern)

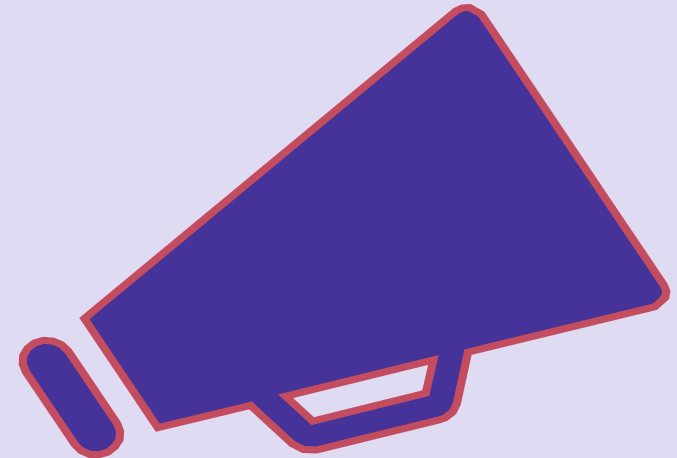


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Announcements



Closing Prayer
Rev. Veronica Brown
St. John CME Church
Birmingham (Ensley), AL



THANK YOU!