



# Fifth Episcopal District News

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

*Bishop Teresa E. Snorton, Presiding Prelate*

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## Florida Fall Accounting Meeting Highlights

The Florida Region Fall Accounting meeting was held December 2-3, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront. Bishop Snorton opened the meeting with a meditation focused on the meaning of the Christmas season. The rest of the day included a presentation on the strategic initiatives, including the first "Drive-In and Clean" event at Phillips Chapel CME Church, Oakman, AL. Earlier in the morning, CME General Secretary for Christian Education, Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield, met with the Sub-committee chairs for the upcoming Connectional Youth and Young Adult Conference. Friday evening ended with a powerful sermon by Rev. Dr. Vanesse Burns, pastor of Carter Tabernacle CME Church.

Saturday morning was devoted to reports from the various departments and ministries. The presiding elders made their reports, followed by a report of the total finances from the Joint Board of Finance. Presentations were then made to Bishop Snorton and the Presiding Elders expressing holiday greetings. The meeting ended with a challenging and informative sermon by Rev. Dexter Harris, pastor of Stewart-Isom CME Church, Tampa, on the 10 Commandments of Money.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Alabama Regions to Hold Fall Meeting

The Fall Accounting Meeting of the three Alabama Regions will be held December 9-10 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery, AL. Friday will be devoted to presentations including strategic planning, disaster preparedness and voter registration. Mr. Jerome Grey of the Alabama Democratic Conference will make a special presentation on the upcoming presidential election. Friday night will offer a special celebration of the retirement of Presiding Elder William Wallace from the Birmingham District. His successor, Presiding Elder Lilly Rainey will preach.

The rest of the meeting will include Department meetings and reports, Presiding Elders' District financial reports and other conference business. It will conclude with a sermon by Rev. Donald Craig, pastor of the St. Paul CME Church in Gordonsville.

### ***Thank you!***

Thanks to all who participated in the "Drive In and Clean event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Phillips Chapel, Oakman. A powerpoint presentation with photos will be posted on the Fifth District website of the day's work!

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