THE NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

PLANNING MEETING 2026







Preaching
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12
7PM

Rev. Sheryl SHIPMAN
Pastor
Bryant Chapel AME Church
Birmingham, Alabama

Workshop
FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 2[illegible]

Dr. William CAMPBELL SR.
Director of Global Kingdom Expansion
Second Episcopal District AME Church

8:30

Rev. Tomeko HARRIS
Pastor
Hardaway AME & Jones Chapel AME

Opening Service
FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 13
7

Rev. Dr. Bobby COX
Pastor
Bethel AME Church
Columbia, S.C.

Ordination Sermon
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14
11AM

Bishop Harry L. SEAWRIGHT
The 133rd Elected and Consecrated Bishop
SecondEpiscopalDistrict AME Church

November 11-14, 2026

SAINT JOHN'S AME CHURCH

807 Madison Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

- HOST PASTORS -

Reverend Roosevelt **WILLIAMS, III** | Reverend Shelia D. **WILLIAMS**

Renaissance Hotel and Spa Montgomery
201Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

AGENDA & SCHEDULE

The Planning Meeting
of the
Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

November 11-14, 2026

Conference Year Theme:
"Impact: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Churches, and Changing Communities" John 15:8

Quadrennial Theme:
The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28

AGENDA

Held at
Saint John's African Methodist Episcopal Church
807 Madison Avenue | |Montgomery, Alabama 36104
and
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center
201 Tallapoosa Street | |Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

Reverend Gloria A. Hall
Host Presiding Elder
Reverend Roosevelt Williams, III
Reverend Shelia Williams
Host Pastors

Ninth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church
2026
PLANNING MEETING
AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 11th
The Renaissance Hotel – Riverview Board Room

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Presiding Elders meet with the Bishop individually

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Presiding Elders Meet with Bishop

- ***Connectional Concerns***
  Retirement Services
  General Board Meeting and CONVO 2027
  General Conference 2028
  Connectional Meetings 2027

- ***Episcopal District Concerns***
  Daniel Payne College
  Episcopal District Meetings
  Inner District Retirement
  Brotherhood

- ***Matters of Episcopal District Governance and Policy***
  Church Insurance
  A Review of Appropriate Insurance Coverages for Church Property

- ***Annual Conference Series***
  Conference Dates and Sites
  2027
  2026 Closing of Annual Conferences
  Pastoral Appointments 2026
  Conference Institute
  Mid-Year Date Change for 2027

- ***Matters of Episcopal District Governance and Policy***
  Church Insurance
  A Review of Appropriate Insurance Coverages for Church Property

The Church in Fellowship

5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner with Presiding Elders and Spouses
Riverview 2

PLANNING MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 12th

Hotel Ballroom

9:00 a.m. — **The Church Working**
Plenary Session I
From the Bishop's Heart
All Clergy and Lay Please attend
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. — **The Component Meetings**

Board of Examiners
Hotel Ballroom

The Renaissance Hotel
Ministers' Spouses Alliance **(Riverview 2)**
Lay Organization **(Riverview 3)**
Young People's and Children's Division **(Riverview 4)**
Christian Debutante-Masters Commission **(Riverview 5)**

The Church in Fellowship
12:00 Noon — Lunch on your Own

The Church Working
1:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. — **Component Meetings**

The Renaissance Hotel
Nichols-Thomas-Grady Clergy Institute **(Riverview 8)**
Women in Ministry **(Riverview 6)**
Richard Allen Young Adult Council **(Riverview 7)**
Evangelism **(Riverview 2)**
Social Action **(Riverview 3)**
Health Commission **(Riverview 4)**
The Music Ministry **(Riverview 5)**
Sons of Allen **(Riverview 1)**

1:30 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

The Renaissance Hotel
Women's Missionary Society **Montgomery 7**

PLANNING MEETING AGENDA

Thursday – Continued
3:30 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

The Renaissance Hotel
Conference Trustee Board Meetings
Alabama River Region Annual Conference **(Riverview 6)**
Northwest Alabama Annual Conference **(Riverview 7)**
Southeast Alabama Annual Conference **(Riverview 3)**
Northeast Alabama Annual Conference **(Riverview 8)**
Southwest Alabama Annual Conference **(Riverview 5)**
M-SWAWO+PK Meeting **(Riverview 1)**

4:30 p.m.	**The Church in Fellowship** Dinner at Saint John's AME Church
6:00 p.m.	**Choir Rehearsal Saint John's Lower Level**
7:00 p.m.	**The Evening Glory Worship Service** **at Saint John's AME Church** **Reverend Sheryl Shipman, Pastor** **Bryant Chapel AME Church,** **Birmingham, Alabama**

Friday, November 13th
Saint John's AME Church

7:00 a.m.	**The Church in Fellowship** Breakfast Saint John's AME Church
9:00 a.m.	**Morning Glory Worship Service** **Reverend Tomeko Harris** **Pastor, Hardaway AME & Jones Chapel AME**
10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	**The Church Working** **Plenary Session II** **Mr. Robert Turner** **Beyond the Pews:** **The Layperson's Role In Growing the Church**
11:15-12:15 p.m.	**Reverend Maurice Wright, II** **Because We Are Here:** **Turning Vision into Action** **And Action into Impact**

12:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m..	**Ms. Carol Reach** **The Importance of Church Insurance** **Church Mutual Insurance Company**
12:45 p.m.	**The Church in Fellowship** Lunch at St. John's AME Church
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	**Dr. William Campbell** **"Transformers: Rise of the Renewed Pastor"** **Flaming Fire Ministries** **Second Episcopal District, AME Church**
3:30 p.m-4:00 p.m.	**Reverend Brian Blackwell, Executive Director** **Department of Retirement Services** **Updates of Retirement Benefits**
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	**Dinner at St. John's AME Church**
6:00 p.m.	**Choir Rehearsal Saint John's Lower Level**
7:00 p.m.	***The Opening Worship Service*** ***Reverend Dr. Bobby Cox*** ***Pastor, Bethel AME Church*** ***Columbia, South Carolina***

Saturday, November 14th
Saint John's AME Church

8:00 a.m.	Devotion
8:15 a.m.	Ninth Episcopal District Budget
8:45 a.m.	Episcopal District Calendar Review
9:00 a.m.	Component Reports Limited to 2 minutes each)

11:00 a.m. ***The Service of Ordination and The Sacrament of Holy Communion***
Bishop Harry L. Seawright
The 133rd Elected and Consecrated Bishop
African Methodist Episcopal Church

1:00 p.m.
Reading of Appointments
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2026-2027 Episcopal District Calendar
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
"IMPACT: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Churches, and Changing Communities"

DECEMBER 2026	
December 11-12	**Women's Missionary Society State Meeting** Saint John AME Church, Birmingham **Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr**. will preach on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 PM
December 11-12	**Connectional Lay Organization Virtual Meeting—Saturday, Dec. 12th At 10:00 a.m. Bishop McAllister presents "The Making of a Bishop" workshop at 11:00 a.m. Registration $35.00**
December 19	**Christmas Around the District** **9:00AM Northwest Alabama Annual Conference** **Location: TBD** **1:00 PM Alabama River Region** **Location: TBD** **6:00 PM Northeast Alabama Annual Conference** **Location: TBD**
December 21	**Christmas Around the District** **Southwest Alabama Annual Conference** **Location and Time TBD**
December 22	**Christmas Around the District** **Southeast Alabama Annual Conference** **Location and Time TBD**
December 25	**Christmas Day**
December 31	**New Year's Eve**
JANUARY 2027	
January 1	**New Year's Day**
January 8-9	**Ninth Episcopal District Women in Ministry Planning Meeting** St. Paul AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama Rev. Agnes Lover, Host Pastor Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. to preach January 9 at 12:00 noon
January 15	Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Observed

January 22-23	Ninth Episcopal District YPD Leadership Training Institute (LTI) Location: Bethel AME Church, Mobile, Alabama
FEBRUARY 2027	
February 1	Birthday of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner
February 7	**Worship Service St. John AME Church, Aurora, Illinois** Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jesse Hawkins Preacher: Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
February 11	Birthday of the Reverend Jerena Lee
February 13	**Founder's Day African Methodist Episcopal Church** **Ninth Episcopal District Founder's Day Celebration** **10:00AM Founder's Day Worship Bishop Dwayne Walker** **1:00 PM Symposium Dr. Dennis Dickerson** **Location: TBD**
February 14	**Birthday of Bishop Richard Allen** **Birthday of Frederick Douglass**
MARCH 2027	
March 5-7	**Bloody Sunday Weekend** **Historic Brown Chapel AME Church, Selma, Alabama** **Host Pastor: Rev. Leodis Strong**
March 10-14	**Ninth Episcopal District Midyear Meeting** **Host Church: Hines Chapel AME Church, Dothan, Alabama** **Host Pastor: Rev. Paul Horn**
March 19-20	**Sons of Allen Men of Valor Conference** **Bishop McAllister to preach March 20th at 12:00 noon** **Host Church: Gaines Chapel AME Church, Atmore, Alabama**
March 20	**WMS Northeast Alabama Institute**
March 21	**Palm Sunday**
March 28	**Easter Sunday Morning Worship** **Saint John AME Church, Huntsville, Alabama** **Host Pastor: Rev. Maurice Wright** **Preacher: Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.**
APRIL 2027	
April 3	**WMS Northwest Alabama Institute**
April 10	**WMS Alabama River Region Institute**

April 17	**WMS Southwest Alabama Institute**
April 24	**WMS Southeast Alabama Institute**
MAY 2027	**No events currently scheduled**
JUNE 2027	
June 12	WMS/YPD Quadrennial Meeting Saint Paul AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama Rev. Dr. Agnes Lover, Pastor
June 20	Emanuel Nine Remembrance
June 20-24	**Ninth Episcopal District Christian Education Congress** **Alabama A & M University, Huntsville, Alabama** **Host Church: St. John AME Church, Huntsville, Alabama** **Guest Preacher, Reverend Jamal Bryant Wednesday, June 23rd**
June 28-30	**AME Church General Board and Council of Bishops** The Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, Los Angeles California
June 30-July 1	**AME Church Convo** The Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, Los Angeles California
JULY 2027	
July 7-9	**21st Quadrennial Convention of the Young People's and Children's Division (YPD)** Hilton Anatole Hotel, Dallas Texas
July 11-14	**21st Quadrennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS)** Hilton Anatole Hotel, Dallas, Texas
July 21	**The Fifth Episcopal District (Alabama) of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church has invited Bishop McAllister to preach at their Communion Service at 11:30 a.m.** **Location TBD**
AUGUST 2027	
August 8-11	**Connectional Lay Organization 40th Biennial Session** **Sandton Convention Centre** **Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa**
SEPTEMBER 2027	
September 15-17	**Alabama River Region Annual Conference** **Host Church Saint John's AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama** **Host Pastors Rev. Roosevelt Williams and Rev. Shelia Williams** **Host Presiding Elder Rev. Gloria A. Hall**

September 29 thru October 1	**Northwest Alabama Annual Conference** **Host Church Saint John AME Church, Birmingham,** **Alabama Host Pastor Rev. Ronald Sterling** **Host Presiding Elder Rev. Dwight Dillard**
October 13-15	**Southeast Alabama Annual Conference** **Host Church Parks Chapel AME Church, Dothan, Alabama** **Host Pastor To Be Determined** **Host Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Denson**

October 20-22	**Northeast Alabama Annual Conference** **Host Church Gaines Chapel AME Church, Phenix City, Alabama** **Host Pastor Rev. Gregory McLeod** **Host Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Letitia Watford**
October 27-29	**Southwest Alabama Annual Conference** **Host Church Bethel AME Church, Mobile, Alabama** **Host Pastor Rev. Brandon Thornton** **Host Presiding Elder Rev. Charles Lewis**
NOVEMBER 2027	
November 10-13	**Ninth Episcopal District Planning Meeting** **Hines Chapel AME Church, Dothan, Alabama** **Reverend Paul Horn, Host Pastor**
November 19-20	Lay Organization Annual State Meeting Bishop McAllister to preach November 19 at 6:00PM Location: To Be Determined
DECEMBER 2027	
December 10-12	Women's Missionary Society State Meeting Location To be Determined

2027 Annual Conference Schedule and Venues
Ninth Episcopal District A.M.E. Church
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
18th Session of Annual Conferences

Alabama River Region Annual Conference
Date: September 15-17, 2027
Host Church: St. John's AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama
Host Pastors: The Reverend Roosevelt Williams,
The Reverend Shelia Williams
Host Presiding Elder: The Reverend Gloria A. Hall

Northwest Alabama Annual Conference
Date: September 29-October 1, 2027
Host Church: Saint John A.M.E. Church, Birmingham, Alabama
Host Pastor: The Reverend Ronald Sterling
Host Presiding Elder: The Reverend Dwight Dillard

Southeast Alabama Annual Conference
Date: October 13-15, 2027
Host Church: Parks Chapel A.M.E. Church, Dothan, Alabama
Host Pastor: To Be Determined
Host Presiding Elder: The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn Denson

Northeast Alabama Annual Conference
Date: October 20-22, 2027
Host Church: Gaines Chapel A.M.E. Church, Phenix City, Alabama
Host Pastor: The Reverend Gregory McLeod
Host Presiding Elder: The Reverend Dr. Letitia Watford

Southwest Alabama Annual Conference
Date: October 27-29, 2027
Host Church: Bethel A.M.E. Church, Mobile, Alabama
Host Pastor: The Reverend Brandon Thornton
Host Presiding Elder: The Reverend Charles Lewis

2027 YPD and WMS Annual Days

Alabama River Region Annual Conference
YPD Annual Day: Saturday, September 11
WMS Annual Day: Tuesday, September 14

Northwest Alabama Annual Conference
YPD Annual Day: Saturday, September 25
WMS Annual Day: Tuesday, September 28

Southeast Alabama Annual Conference
YPD Annual Day: Saturday, October 9
WMS Annual Day: Tuesday, October 12

Northeast Alabama Annual Conference
YPD Annual Day: Saturday, October 16
WMS Annual Day: Tuesday, October 19

Southwest Alabama Annual Conference
YPD Annual Day: Saturday, October 23
WMS Annual Day: Tuesday, October 26

The Ninth Episcopal District Planning Meeting will be held
November 10–13, 2027
Hines Chapel AME Church
Dothan, Alabama
Reverend Paul Horn, Host Pastor