Ministry in a Culture of Violence: Repairing the Breach

“Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.”

Isaiah 58:12

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Presiding Prelate
Dr. Stan McKenzie, Episcopal Supervisor
Reverend Johnny Ray Mitchell, Host Presiding Elder
Revs. Tyronda and Lish Burgess, Host Pastors
Joshua Chapel AME Church, Waxahachie, TX, Host Church

February 11-13, 2016

Southwestern Assemblies of God University
Waxahachie, Texas
**BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN**  
(FEBRUARY 14, 1760 - MARCH 26, 1831)

Bishop Richard Allen was one of the greatest Black religious leaders in American history. His leadership and organizational skills were phenomenal. Born ofslave parents in 1760 in Philadelphia, Allen taught himself to read and write after having been sold to another master in Dover, Delaware. There, with the permission of his master, he joined the Methodist Society and was soon heading the Society’s meetings. His owner’s offer to allow Allen to purchase his freedom spurred Allen to work as a day laborer, brick maker, and teamster. He worked until he had earned the 2000 Continental dollars it took to make good the offer. Allen served as a wagon driver during the Revolutionary War and in 1786, after serving as an itinerate preacher, he returned to Philadelphia to begin his ministry.

When Allen and Rev. Absalom Jones went to Philadelphia’s St. George Methodist Episcopal Church on a Sunday in November 1786, a new chapter in Black history unfolded. Allen had been organizing Black prayer meetings and encouraging greater Black attendance at St. George’s. As he told it: “when the colored people began to get numerous in attending the church, they moved us from the seats we usually sat on, ... and told us to go in the gallery. [The] meeting had begun and ... just as we got to the seats, the elder said, ‘Let us pray.’ We had not been long upon our knees before I heard considerable scuffling and low talking. I raised my head up and saw one of the trustees ... having hold of the Rev. Absalom Jones, pulling him up off his knees, and saying, ‘You must get up - you must not kneel here.’” Mr. Jones replied, “Wait until the prayer is over.” The trustee would not wait. At one service, before the service ended, every Black man, woman, and child, led by Allen, walked out of the church. It was the first mass demonstration staged by Blacks in America! As news of the demonstration spread, Blacks in Boston, New York, and other northern cities walked out of segregated White institutions and created their own. Five months later, in April 1787, Allen and Jones responded by creating the Free African Society. The Society’s varied features were those of a mutual aid society, a church, a political structure, and an insurance company.

Under Allen’s organization and leadership, by 1816, the AME church boasted a national membership, with Allen ordained as bishop – the first Black bishop in America.

Bishop Richard Allen died on March 26, 1831. Throughout his life, Allen continued to press vigorously for the abolition of slavery. He established himself as one of the giants of Black history and, indeed, of American history. The African Methodist Episcopal Church, **which he founded, is today** the oldest and largest formal institution in Black America.

The glorious labors and deeds of William Paul Quinn were so fruitful and Herculean that he towers over all his comperees. As a pioneer of the Church he was the St. Paul of African Methodism. As a young lad he was present at the Organizing Convention. He was the first to mount a horse and cross the Allegheny Mountains; he was present when the Western or Ohio Conference was organized in 1830. This rugged, itinerant prophet went everywhere preaching the Gospel and establishing Churches in the frontier region. He braved dangers; was in peril of his life often. Many times he was compelled to engage in physical combat when his services were interrupted by rowdies. He would whip them, and continue his task of beating the devil. Paul Quinn was endowed by God with a large, strong body, that fitted him for his Herculean task. It was this fearless intrepid ambassador of the Lord who led the advance of the Church in the wilderness through the western country to the far shores of the Mississippi. Associated with William Paul Quinn were several sacrificing men and women of God whose names will never be read by mortal eye, but are recorded in the Lamb’s Book of Life.
Welcome to Founder's Day 2016

Dreams do come true. Our Episcopal leadership had a dream decades ago of a Richard Allen stamp to honor this prophet who arose with a relevant message and mission. This mission started in a blacksmith shop in Philadelphia and is celebrated this month from North America, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and India. The dream came true on February 2, 2016, as the Richard Allen stamp was unveiled at Mother Bethel! If you haven’t gotten your stamps please do so immediately. Let’s make sure we purchase them all!

Despite this victory we stand in the wake of the deaths of unarmed black men, teens and children in Ferguson, New York and too many places in between. The harsh threats that the police practiced over 50 years ago in Selma and what is happening today reminds us there is still much work that needs to done.

We find ourselves in an uneasy position. These events have shaken us out of our fantasyland of a secure post-racial society. It has exposed the underbelly of hatred, fear and implicit bias that still exist in America.

In the heat of the night in Charleston, South Carolina, nine people were killed in the sacred sanctuary of Emanuel AME church. They were not selling single cigarettes, playing music too loud in a parking lot, running from police officers, hiding from outstanding warrants, or outside playing with toy guns. They were in church praying and studying the Bible; and pastor, Clementa Pinckney, the entire ministerial staff, and several faithful members tragically died. There were so many bullet holes in the lower sanctuary that the church will never be the same.

The tragedy broke our hearts, but it did not break our spirit. When Dylan Roof was arraigned, Anthony Thompson, the husband of slain Myra Thompson who received her license to preach that night, reportedly said “We forgive you.” As Dr. Martin Luther King once said, “unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

We must rise to be Isaiah 58:12 people – Rebuild, Repair and Restore the streets where we worship and live. We must inconvenience ourselves for the sake of justice. The embers of frustration and anger burn brightly. We must harness that anger into strategic action that fight against this retreat from justice and fair play.

Praise God for the ministry of hospitality of Joshua Chapel, under the leadership of Rev. Tyronda Burgess, Presiding Elder Johnny R. Mitchell, the Greater Fort Worth District, and our home team administrative staff who help to make sure things go as smoothly as possible.
Let’s go to work. Let’s use the foundation of our African Methodist heritage to rebuild the foundations from our past, and to restore and rebuild our communities in our future. God then promises that we can have a full life even in the emptiest places.

Supervisor and I are appreciative of your prayers, cards, plants and flowers. They have been encouraging during this season of our lives.

By the Grace of God,

Vashti Murphy McKenzie †
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Presiding Bishop
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016
(ATTIRE: BUSINESS/BUSINESS CASUAL)

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  Bishop and Presiding Elders Meet  Room 2011
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  Bishop, Presiding Elders & Finance Committee Meeting  Room 1071
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  Texas State Board of Examiners (Chairs, Deans and Secretaries)  Room 2039
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  Texas State Board of Examiners  Room 2039
   (Board Members, Instructors and Students)
3:00 PM – 4:00PM  Legislation Task Force Meeting  Room 2011
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  COMPONENTS MEET
   Greeters/Ushers/Nurses  Room 1016
   Stewardesses  Room 1067
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Strategic Planning Committee  Room 2011
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM  Tenth Future Inc.  Room 2047
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM  Walk Through for Communion  HCC Auditorium
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM  Sound Check Choir  HCC Auditorium
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  Dinner (on your own)

7:00 PM  SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT  HCC Auditorium
REPAIRING THE BREACH REVIVAL
   Rev. Dr. Michael Bell, Sr., Preacher
   Allen Chapel AME Church, Washington, DC
   (All program participants: White Robes)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016
(ATTIRE: BUSINESS/BUSINESS CASUAL)

6:00 AM – 8:45 AM  Breakfast (on your own)  HCC Auditorium
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM  Praycation  HCC Auditorium
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM  Praise and Worship  HCC Auditorium

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM  Opening Plenary
   Bishop John Hurst Adams, Presenter  HCC Auditorium

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM  COMPONENTS MEET
   Clergy/ Lay  HCC Auditorium
   Chief of Police Robert Severance III, Presenter
   10th District and Annual Conference Trustee  Room 2047
   Lay Organization Executive Committee  Room 1016
   WMS Executive Committee  Room 2014
   Christian Education Committee/Super Summer Convocation  Room 2039

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  Mid-day Revival  HCC Auditorium
   Rev. Dr. Ronnie Brailsford, Preacher
   Bethel AME Church, Columbia, South Carolina
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The Right Reverend John Hurst Adams is the 87th Elected and Consecrated Bishop. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia, South Carolina and in 1947 earned an A.B. degree in history from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Subsequently, he earned his Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) degree and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) degree from Boston University School of Theology in 1952 and 1956, respectively. Adams also studied at Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary, as well.

As a seminary student, Adams was assigned to the pastorate of Bethel AME Church in Lynn, Massachusetts. Upon graduating, he served on the seminary teaching faculty at Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University in Ohio. In 1956, Adams was selected to serve as President of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas during which time he also served as campus pastor to all the students. In 1972, Adams was elected and consecrated as the 87th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church after a prophetic ministry at First AME Church in Seattle, Washington and Grant AME Church in Los Angeles, California. At the time of his retirement in 2004/2005, Adams had served as Bishop of five separate Episcopal Districts to include his home district of South Carolina from 1992 to 2000. He was Senior Bishop of the AME Church from 1988 until his retirement.

Adams served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Allen University, Edward Waters College and Morris Brown College. In addition, he served as transitional Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Atlanta University Center. He founded and was the Chairman Emeritus of the Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. (CNBC). He has been active with the Joint Center on Political and Economic Studies, Transafrica, National Black United Fund, King Center Development Board and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The Reverend Dr. Michael E. Bell, Sr., the Pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church, in Washington, D.C., is a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park (Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology), Howard University’s School of Divinity (Master of Divinity Degree), and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University (Doctorate of Ministry).

Pastor Bell, has served in 4 churches prior to being appointed to Allen Chapel — Bazil AME Church (Cockeysville, Maryland), Bethel AME Church (Centerville, Maryland), Shiloh AME Church (Galveston, Texas), and St. Paul AME Church (Dallas, Texas). Pastor Bell is a community activist and is committed to a philosophy that encourages the church to be actively involved in shaping the community and servicing its residents. Pastor Bell is an anointed preacher.

His gifted style of preaching has taken him across the United States, Bermuda, and Africa. Since coming to Allen, Pastor Bell has established new ministries and commissions, many of which were distinctly designed to fit the needs of the community.
The Reverend Dr. Ronnie E. Brailsford, Sr. is the pastor of Historic Bethel AME Church of Columbia, South Carolina and has provided over 30 years of faithful and visionary leadership in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Brailsford answered the call of God on his life to preach the Gospel, love God’s people, and serve all. His commitment, dedication, and determination to serve are undergirded by his faith in God and the fact that he has been called, anointed and appointed by God to serve this present age.

Dr. Brailsford graduated from the University of South Carolina (Bachelor of Science), Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) (Master of Divinity), and United Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry).

Prior to his present pastorate, he served as pastor of Amanda Flipper A.M.E. Church, Decatur, Georgia; associate pastor at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church, Atlanta, GA.; and pastor of Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church, Gray Court, SC. His rich and varied professional background is strewn with numerous academic, professional and community awards and honors.

A leadership that is defined by perpetual motion and progress has continued during his tenure at Bethel. Also during his tenure more than 1,900 persons have joined the church; and over $8,000,000.00 (eight million) in assets have been added to the church, including a $3,000,000.00 new school building project completed in 2008.

Called to spread God’s Love to all people, the Reverend Stephen Green strives daily to live a courageous through his commitment to social justice, as one of the nation’s youngest leading human and civil rights activist. Currently, he serves as the National Director of the Youth and College Division of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation’s oldest, largest and most widely respected grassroots civil rights organization. In this role, he oversees an army of more than 30,000 young activists across 800 active youth councils and college chapters throughout the nation.

Moreover, Stephen is an ordained minister in the AME Church, alumnus of Morehouse College, Atlanta Georgia and currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois.

Robert Severance III has served as Chief of Police for Cleburne, Texas since 2012. He holds Texas Master Peace Officer and Instructor certifications, a Master’s Degree in Professional Development, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is the recipient of the 2014 Innovation Award from the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Rob also served as Interim City Manager and Deputy City Manager. Before coming to Cleburne, Rob served 22 years with the Grand Prairie Police Department where he was a commanding officer in every bureau within the agency.
Mrs. Frankie L. Batts

A life-time member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Frankie Batts has served in a myriad of positions in the various churches of which she has been a member. She has worked as a steward, member of the stewardship and finance commission, announcing clerk, Sunday School teacher, YPD director, officer in the Women’s Missionary Society, delegate to several annual conferences and alternate delegate to a general conference. Additionally, Mrs. Batts is a member of Church Women United and serves on the 10th District Paul Quinn College Committee.

Mrs. Batts began her career as an educator in the Fort Worth Independent School District teaching 3rd and 6th grades. During her tenure in Fort Worth ISD, she has worked as director of elementary schools, executive director of the North East Instructional Support Team, and assistant superintendent of elementary schools. In addition, she has served as a consultant for the Council of the Great City Schools, a Darden/Curry Partnership for the University of Virginia. In this capacity, she assisted school districts in Delaware, Indiana, and New Mexico with improving student achievement for minority, low socioeconomic, special education, limited English speaking, and bilingual education students.

Mrs. Batts is currently a member of Baker Chapel AME Church. Among her many affiliations is the NAACP, Phi Delta Kappa International Honor Society, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Honorable Charles “Chuck-Hatchet” Beatty

The Honorable Charles Beatty’s living motto is “Give something back!” He has been giving back to his community, the youth, and the University of North Texas in many unselfish ways. Councilman Beatty is a retired executive with the Boy Scouts of America. He has held various professional positions with the Boy Scouts over the last 30 years in Dallas and St. Louis. He initially served as District Executive in Dallas, Field Director and Director of Urban Scouting in St. Louis and Dallas.

Besides his dedication to the youth through his career as a Boy Scout Executive and founder of the Waxahachie Boys & Girls Club, Councilman Beatty has worked tirelessly on the Waxahachie City Council since his election in 1995. When re-elected in 1997, he was selected as mayor of Waxahachie and served for five (5) consecutive years, longer than anyone in the history of Waxahachie. He was re-elected to the City Council in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, and was a candidate for Ellis County Judge in 2006.

We are very proud of Honorable Beatty’s accomplishments and extremely proud of his dedication to give back to his community, state, University of North Texas—his alma mater, and to youth. He is a role model for youth and adults and a reflection of the quality produced by the City of Waxahachie and the University of North Texas. Mr. Beatty is a widower and the proud parent of two children, Lauren Odette and Charles Brandon and grandfather to Emory Odette Lacey and Blair Alexandria Lacey.
Mrs. Evelyn Love Coleman

Mrs. Evelyn Love Coleman has served her community as an educator and administrator for thirty-one years. She is often quoted as saying, “I don’t have thirty-one years of experience; I have thirty-one years of varied experiences.” She began her career with Waxahachie Independent School District as a teacher at Marvin Elementary School. In 1976, she was assigned to T. C. Wilemon Jr. High School to teach students with mild learning disabilities. In 1988, she became an assistant principal at Waxahachie Jr. High School. She then moved to Turner Middle School in 1990 when she was named principal. During her tenure as principal, Mrs. Coleman was selected to serve on the Texas School Improvement Initiative Peer Review Team which is responsible for reviewing school districts’ improvement plans, testing achievements, curriculum programs, and other operations. In 1998, Mrs. Coleman became the director of curriculum for grades K-6 for Waxahachie ISD and worked tirelessly in that position until her retirement.

Mrs. Coleman is a member of Greater Community First Baptist Church, Dallas where she serves as a teacher in the Adult Sunday School Department, teacher and advisor of the Young Adult Women’s Ministry, deaconess, member of the Sanctuary Choir, facilitator for women’s ministries conferences, workshops, and retreats, and member of the kitchen staff.

In addition to all of her other duties, Mrs. Coleman is frequently invited to speak at various church and civic conferences, retreats, and banquets. When asked how she finds time to meet all of these obligations, she simply responds, “To God be the glory!”

The Honorable Donald R. Walker

The Honorable Donald Walker is an active member of the Baker Chapel AME Church where he serves on the Steward Board, Stewardship and Finance Committee and sings with the Mass Choir and the Voices of Praise.

Donald serves as the Chief, Information Technology for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District. Prior to serving as the Chief, Information Technology, he served as the Regional Information Officer for the Southwestern Division Office of the Corps of Engineers.

He currently serves as a Board Member of the Tarrant County Housing Development Corporation whose goal is to provide affordable housing across Tarrant County. He currently serves as NAACP ACTSO mentor and president of the Southeast Tarrant County Optimist Club.

In 1986 Mayor Walker served as a member of the Fort Worth Advisory Committee for the development of a strategic water plan for the area. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Municipal League and President of Texas Municipal League Region 8.

Donald currently serves as a Director on the Corps of Engineers Credit Union Board. Donald has served as a United Negro College Fund Volunteer and a Junior Achievement Volunteer.

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Worship Leader

The Reverend Tyronda Burgess
Host Pastor, Joshua Chapel AMEC, Waxahachie

The Praise and Worship

The Proclamation

“The Praise and Worship Team”

The Processional

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” (Hymn 572)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
   He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
   He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
   His truth is marching on.

   Refrain
   Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
   Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory!
   Glory! Hallelujah!
   His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps;
   They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
   I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
   His day is marching on.
   (Refrain)

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
   He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
   O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
   Our God is marching on.
   (Refrain)

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
   With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
   As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free!
   While God is marching on.
   (Refrain)

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within
Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek Thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
Leader:  Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

People:  For the Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Leader:  Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

All:  O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.  Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth sing praises.

The Hymn of Praise

“**We Praise Thee, O God**” (Hymn 97)

1. **We praise Thee, O God!** for the Son of Thy love,  
   For Jesus Who died, and is now gone above.

   *Refrain*  
   Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;  
   Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.

2. **We praise Thee, O God!** for the Spirit of light,  
   Who hath shown us our Savior, and scattered our night.  
   [Refrain]

3. **All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,**  
   Who hath borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain.  
   [Refrain]

4. **Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love,**  
   May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.  
   [Refrain]

The Prayer

“**Anointing Fall on Me**”

The Choral Response

Anointing fall on me  
Anointing fall on me  
Let the power of the Holy Ghost  
Fall on me  
Anointing fall on me

The Old Testament

Isaiah 58:9-12, MSG  
The Reverend Dr. Ida Keener  
Presiding Elder, San Antonio District

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-2, MSG  
The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Emanuel  
Presiding Elder, Austin Capital District

The Gospel

Matthew 11:7-15, NKJV  
The Reverend Mittie Muse, Sr.  
Presiding Elder, Tyler District

The Preface to the Decalogue

“**From All That Dwell**”

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung: Through every land by every tongue.
The Decalogue (Abridged)

Minister: And God spoke all these words saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Choral Interlude

"Nearer My God"

Minister: And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri

Leader: "Prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed," so the poet reminds us, and so we have honored the dead in vigils of remembrance, emotional prayers, heartfelt tributes, scripture-based homilies, fervent eulogies, thoughtful soliloquy, and appropriate words spoken by public officials, but something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil!

Leader: "Tragedies are common place," so writes the composer — and the choirs sing, and following the tragedies, vigils were called in Newtown, Aurora, New York, Sanford, Jacksonville, North Charleston, Charleston, St. Louis, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Washington, DC, Blacksburg, Roanoke, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Umpqua, and in sympathizing cities, villages and hamlets around the world, for the senseless deaths of mostly young victims — unarmed. That's why something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil!

Leader: "Shall we pray?" some sincere soul will rhetorically ask for very good reasons. Prayer centers the spirit, calms the mind, sharpens the thought, makes the vision keen, quickens the will, puts a laser beam on a problem. At the end of the Vigil, when the “Amen” has been said and sung, something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil!

Leader: "Pray as if everything depended on God; act as if everything depended on us," so says the thoughtful theologian. It is putting feet to our faith, power to our prayers, urgency to the present concern, momentum to the Movement. "I received no answer" says Frederick Douglass, "until I prayed with my legs." Something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil!

Leader: Vigil is the starting place. The sequence begins in theological reflection, the upward glance, deference to the Creator; marching orders for a parade route out of bondage and oppression to a Promised Land. Next steps include consensus building for political, social, economic solutions. Something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil!
Leader: After the Vigil, Vigilance, to be daily examples of love and peace, faith and hope, maturity, responsibility and excellence, so that succeeding generations will be motivated to become what they see in us – after we have prayed, not merely inspired by what we say. Something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil

Leader: After the Vigil, Vigilance, for legislative cures, legal remedies, exercising the franchise to vote in every election, to hold lawmakers and public officials accountable. Something must follow the prayer meeting — ACTION.

People: Vigilance follows the Vigil

Leader: After the Vigil, Vigilance, against racism. Race is unavoidable. Racism is a decision and optional. Hate is a horrible heritage; injustice is a terrible legacy, intolerance is a hindrance to freedom; indifference is the precursor to decay, apathy is the door to destruction; hopelessness is a path to collective misery.

People: Prophetic ministry beckons us — again — to the Press, to the Polls, to the Precincts, to the Markets, to the School Boards, to the Statehouse, to the Capitol, to the White House — to express our Pain, to have our voices heard, our ideas considered, our demands met. Vigilance follows the Vigil!

(A Litany by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., 2015)

The Sacrificial Offering

The Finance Team

The Presentation of the Supervisor

Mrs. Judith B. Redd
President, 10th Episcopal District WMS

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Reverend Chuma Okoli
Presiding Elder, North Houston District
President, Presiding Elder’s Council

The Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Presiding Prelate, 10th Episcopal District

The Sermonic Selection

The Choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Michael Bell, Sr.
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church
Washington, DC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Opening Offering

The Finance Committee

The Offertory Response

“All Things Come of Thee”

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Announcements

The Reverend Lish Burgess, Jr.
Bethel-Salter AMEC, Cleburne

The Communion Interlude

“The Sermon Selection” (Hymn #530)

Let Us Break Bread Together The Choir

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

THE HOLY SACRAMENT

The Solicitation

Bishop Vashti McKenzie

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, 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.

The General Confession

The Reverend Damon Blakely
St. James AMEC, Fort Worth

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your 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 Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Collect

The Reverend Kenneth Franklin
Wesley Chapel AMEC, Forth Worth

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect

The Reverend Dr. Sherryl Matlock
Historic Allen Chapel AMEC, Fort Worth

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 Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of Adoration

The Reverend Mae Smith
Mt. Olive AMEC, Mineral Wells

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

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high.” Amen.

The Prayer of Humiliation

Bishop John Hurst Adams

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your 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 blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.
The Prayer of Consecration  
Bishop Vashti McKenzie

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby 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 command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your 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 broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” Likewise after supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, “Drink all of it, 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 often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.” Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer  
The Reverend Angela Walker
Greater Edwards Chapel AMEC, Palmer

The Benediction  
The Reverend Marlon Jones
Greater Allen Temple AMEC, Grand Prairie
PRAYCATION
Friday, February 12, 2016
8:00 am

The Reverend Joni Russ
Bethel AMEC, San Antonio
Worship Leader

The Praise and Worship
The Praise Team
The Prayer
The Reverend Dwayne Hysmith, Sr.
Greater Garth AMEC, Dallas
The Scripture
The Reverend Gwen Simmons
Adams Chapel AMEC, Harker Heights
The Introduction of the Preacher
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
The Sermonic Solo
The Reverend Delois Evans Mitchell
Greater Fort Worth District
The Morning Message
The Reverend Challis Bradford
Smith Chapel AMEC, Dallas
The Morning Sacrificial Offering
The Finance Committee
The Invitation and Prayer Challenge
The Reverend Joni Russ
Bethel AMEC, San Antonio
The Benediction
The Reverend Maggie Crawford-Thomas
Greater Wesley AMEC, Kendleton

OPENING PLENARY
Friday, February 12, 2016
9:00 am

The Reverend Sylvester D. Patton, III
Grant AME Worship Center, Austin
Worship Leader

The Praise and Worship
The Praise Team
The Invocation
The Reverend Linda Carmen-Bryant
Bethel AMEC, San Antonio
The Scripture
The Reverend Dr. Sharon Grant
Greater Ball Tabernacle AMEC, San Antonio
The Presentation of the Speaker
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Presiding Prelate, 10th Episcopal District
The Presentation
Bishop John Hurst Adams
87th Elected and Consecrated Bishop, AMEC
The Announcements
The Reverend Lish Burgess, Jr.
Bethel-Salter AMEC, Cleburne
MID-DAY HOUR OF POWER
Friday, February 12, 2016
12:00 pm

The Reverend Damon Blakely,
St. James AMEC, Fort Worth
Worship Leader

The Call to Worship
The Reverend Dr. Marjorie Hamilton-Scott
St. Luke AMEC, Garland

Leader: God of life, every act of violence in our world, in our communities, between me and others, destroys a part of your creation.
People: Stir in my heart a renewed sense of reverence for all life.

Leader: Give me the vision to recognize your spirit in every human being, however they behave towards me.
People: Stir in my heart a renewed sense of reverence for all life.

Leader: Make possible the impossible by cultivating in me the fertile seed of healing love.
People: Stir in my heart a renewed sense of reverence for all life.

All: May I play my part in breaking the cycle of violence by realizing that peace begins with me. Lord you are my peace!

The Prayer
The Reverend Darrell Caldwell
Bethel AMEC, Dallas

The Scripture
Jeremiah 29:4-8
The Reverend Phoebe Whitcomb
Allen Chapel AMEC, Athens

The Selection
The Choir

The Presentation of the Preacher
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Presiding Prelate, 10th Episcopal District

The Sermonic Selection
The Choir

The Sermon
The Reverend Dr. Ronnie Brailsford
Pastor, Bethel AME Church
Columbia, SC

The Invitation
The Reverend Mittie Muse, Jr.
Ebenezer AMEC, Tyler

The Offering
The Finance Committee

The Announcements
The Reverend Lish Burgess, Jr.
Bethel-Salter AMEC, Cleburne

The Benediction
The Reverend N. Jordan Mkwanazi
Metropolitan AMEC, Austin
The Reverend Dr. William Campbell
Anderson Chapel AMEC, Killeen
Worship Leader

The Praise and Worship

The Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship you with open hearts, raised voices, inquiring minds and prayerful attitudes.
People: God of Vision and imagination we praise you!

Leader: We come to grow in a faith that makes ordinary lives extraordinary miracles.
People: God of surprises we praise you for the impossible dreams that become reality.

Leader: We come longing to be future-pulled and not past-driven.
People: God of yesterday, today and tomorrow we praise you!

Leader: We come seeking a kinder future for all who suffer armed with faith alone.
People: God of the Oppressed we praise you!

Leader: We come, the gifted and the strong, bearing the infirmities of the weak.
People: God of Hope and Promise, we praise you!

All: We come longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us the courage to risk anew to reach for the
impossible dreams made possible by your power. God of Possibility, we praise you!
(The Reverend Joan Brown Campbell, 2013 Revised)

The Opening Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (Hymn 571)

1. Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
   Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
   Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
   Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
   Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on 'till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
   Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed.
   We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
   We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
   Out from the gloomy past, 'till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
   Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path we pray.
   Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, Where we met Thee,
   Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
   Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our Native Land.
The Prayer

The Prayer Response

The Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-5

The Scripture Response

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Habakkuk 1:1-5

The Scripture Response

The Liturgical Dance

The Founder's Day Liturgical Dancers

The Offertory Response

The Finance Team

The Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie

The Sermon

The Sermonic Selection

The Choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Michael Bell, Sr.
Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church
Washington, DC

The Altar Call

The Evening Offering

The Finance Committee

The Announcements

The Reverend Lish Burgess, Jr.
Host Pastor

The Benediction

The Reverend William O. Kelly
Lee Chapel AMEC, Dallas
THE CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE
Saturday, February 13, 2016
10:30 am

The Reverend Mittie Muse, Jr
Ebenezer AMEC, Tyler
Worship Leader

The Praise and Worship
The Praise Team

The Prayer
The Reverend Lamar Jones
Mt. Zion AMEC, Italy

The Selection
The Choir

The Old Testament
\textit{Amos 9:11-15}
The Reverend Desmond Thomas
Anderson Chapel AMEC, Killeen

The New Testament
\textit{Acts 15:12-18}
The Reverend Deshun Johnson
Saint Paul AMEC, Dallas

The Liturgical Dance
The Founder’s Day Liturgical Dance Ministry

The Bridge Awards
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
Presiding Prelate, 10th Episcopal District

The Introduction of the Preacher
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie

The Sermonic Selection
The Choir

The Sermon
The Reverend Stephen Green
National Director of the Youth and College Division
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

The Altar Call

The Closing Offering
The Finance Committee

The Announcements
The Reverend Lish Burgess, Jr.
Bethel-Salter, Cleburne

The Benediction
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
## Upcoming Events

### May 2016
- **May 12-14, 2016**: Spring Convocation, Houston, Texas
- **May 28, 2016**: Bishop McKenzie’s Birthday

### July 2016
- **July 6-13, 2016**: General Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### August 2016
- **August 4-6, 2016**: Super Summer Convocation, Waco, Texas
- **August 30, 2016**: Bishop and Supervisor’s 48th Anniversary

### September 2016
- **September 13-17, 2016**: Northwest Texas Annual Conference (Baker Chapel AME Church, Host Church), Fort Worth, Texas
- **September 27-October 1, 2016**: North Texas Annual Conference (St. Paul AME Church, Host Church), Dallas, Texas

### October 2016
- **October 6, 2016**: Supervisor McKenzie’s Birthday
- **October 11-15, 2016**: Southwest Annual Conference (Metropolitan AME Church, Host Church), Austin, Texas
- **October 25-29, 2016**: Texas Annual Conference (St. Paul AME Church, Host Church), Houston, Texas

### November 2016
- **November 17-19, 2016**: Planning Meeting, Dallas, Texas
TenthFuture, Inc. Golf Tournament

... Benefitting Paul Quinn College and Communities in Texas

May 11, 2016
8:00 am

Quail Valley Golf Course
2880 La Quinta
Missouri City, Texas 77459
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Registration Cost for each Golfer is $125
(includes tournament play, lunch
and a souvenir gift.)

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