

# 152<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Annual Conference

September 17-21, 2019

## MEMOIRS LITERARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Salutation: As we lift our eyes to our Lord Savoir Jesus the Christ! We the committee welcome you to this miraculous occasion. We not only take this opportunity to acknowledge those whom God placed in our lives for a season, but also to show gratitude for their journey to be present with the Lord.

We the Committee have gather together with a humble heart not to mourn their loss, on the contrary to celebrate the lives and contributions to the realm that our beloveds have transitioned from church militant, to church triumphant. We acknowledge our co-workers in Christ, our love ones, and our acquaintances have fought a good fight, that they are now present with the Lord.

Opening Hymn		Rev. Helen Burton
Invocation		Rev. Darian Banks
God's Words	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	Rev. Christina Reed
Roll Call of those Who Transitioned		
Bishop McKinley Young		Rev. Madonna Gray
Rev. Donald Spiller		Rev. Avaurn Staples
Mrs. Martha Cummings		Sis. Joyce Booker
Deaconess Geneva Jeffries		Rev. Hazel Kelly



**The Right Reverend Frank Madison Reid, III, Presiding Prelate**

**Mrs. Marlaa Hall Reid, Episcopal Supervisor of Missions**

**The Reverend Dr. Eric L. Brown, Host Presiding Elder, The Allegheny-Scranton District**

**The Reverend Alton B. Dillard, Co-Host Presiding Elder, The West Virginia District**

**The Reverend Dr. James H. McLemore, Co-Host Presiding Elder, The Pittsburgh District**

**The Reverend Dr. James H. Harris, Sr., Host Pastor**

**Mrs. Marsha Washington and Mr. Andre Nelson, Conference Co-Chairpersons**

## **THE CANDLE CEREMONY**

We the Memoir Committee recommendations to 152nd Session of the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Annual Conference:

1. We the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church must speak reconciliation to all those God place in our lives. Each season is the opportunity to reach millions through reaching one. We must fight against the flesh that is self-boasting and sinful, with the help of God. "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." (2 Chronicles 7:13-15 NIV)

2. We the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church must dedicate our lives to living in this earthy body by work, walk, and deeds according to 2 Corinthians 5: 9-11 "So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience." (NIV)

3. We the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church must reach all people by enriching the Christian memorandum throughout this earthy realm to renovate our bodies in preparations for our heavenly vessel. "So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister." "It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall." (Romans 14:12, 13 & 21 NIV)

Closing Prayer

Sister Wanda Duncan

Committee Members:

Clergy: Hazel Kelly, Darian Banks, Madonna Gray, Helen Burton, Christina Reed, Avaurn Staples

Lay Persons: Joyce Booker, Wanda Duncan, Leolor Powe

