

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
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Boston District

Reaching Our Potential



The Presiding Elder's Report

2019-2020

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

To The Right Reverend Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding Prelate of the Northeastern Episcopal District;
To Mrs. D. Diane Proctor, Missionary Supervisor;
To Rev. Dr. Terry L. Jones, Sr., Presiding Elder of the Hartford District,
To Rev. Kenneth I. Lewis, Presiding Elder of the Nassau District,
To Rev. George C. Woodruff, Presiding Elder of the Midland District;
To Rev. Lloyd W. McKenzie, Presiding Elder of Technology, Logistics and Advancement;
to the Pastors, Ministers, Spouses, General, Conference and District Officers, Lay Delegates,
Visitors and Friends of this 176th New England Annual Conference, I greet you in the Marvelous
and Matchless Name of Our Lord Jesus the Christ!

I am blessed to submit my first report as Presiding Elder
of the Boston District.

First of all, thank you Bishop Proctor for the privilege to serve
and for not assigning me a pastorate. This may sound strange,
but it allowed me to travel the district on Sunday Mornings to
become reacquainted with the people I was assigned to serve.
In addition to their quarters, I was able to visit 13 of the
churches during Sunday Worship and the remaining two I
observed virtually (due to Coronavirus). In doing so I came to
find a people that are resilient! They've seen the best of times
and the worst of times but through it all they've learned to
trust in Jesus and depend upon His Word!



I started with the Vision, (what I hoped the Boston District will become when it's all
said and done), simply two words "Healthy Churches". Why? Because anything healthy
will grow naturally! And the mission of the Boston District is equipping the people of
God to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This year we embraced the Quadrennial theme of
"Reaching Our Potential". We realized early on that this will take Focus! I compelled
the people at our district planning meeting to "Quit Looking at Their Buts". Using the
scripture found in John 5:1-15, about the man healed at the pool of Bethesda. When he
was asked by Jesus, did he want to be well? The man responded with several
excuses/reasons or buts to why he couldn't receive his healing. All he needed to do that
day was SEE Jesus....Focus!

This year, once again, the Boston District has weathered storms of various kinds,
withstood the onslaught of the enemy's attacks, in addition to surviving both a
Pandemic and Pandemonium. Yet they stayed Focused on Jesus resulting in Praise!
They are a people of prayer and great faith – possessing loving hearts and generous
spirits. In this report you will see that every church (regardless of the congregational
size and budget) had some level of outreach to their communities while also having
influence within social, political and ecumenical realms. Many were blessed by their
ministries and generosity. They are the Big, Beautiful, Blessed and Bountiful Boston
District!



NORTH STAR

Newington, NH

Rev. Jeffrey M. McIlwain, Pastor

This diverse congregation is the only A.M.E. Zion church presence in the state of New Hampshire, and it represents us well. It is a joy to experience the music ministry of this church which is also in high demand in the area.

Rev. McIlwain completes his 17th year at North Star providing pastoral care not only for this charge but across ecumenical lines. He also serves as Chaplain of the Cumberland County Sheriff Department and is blessed with the gift of compassion that enables him to connect with souls that are troubled. While they've had their struggles this year, thank God the future shines bright for North Star.



STANLEY CHAPEL

Willimantic, CT

Rev. Herbert M. Jones, Pastor

When I think of Stanley Chapel I think of hope, hospitality and the 'Holy Horns'. This congregation, howbeit small in size is large in Spirit. It is a welcoming presence in this 'recovery' town and provides all that is needed to build that faith which is the substance of things hoped for. The music ministry featuring the 'Holy Horns' are always a blessing. Pastor Jones has a genuine love and concern for the people. God is doing great things at the Chapel.





NEW LIFE

Brockton, MA

Rev. Thomas K. Dickerson, Pastor

This great church on the hill located in the city of champions called Brockton have experienced a difficult year with the breakdown of an old boiler and other challenges. However, under the leadership of this efficient and committed pastor, they were able to overcome. Not only were they able to purchase a brand-new boiler, they remained intentional about liquidating their mortgage and serving the homeless community through several outreach programs. I salute Pastor Dickerson for being steadfast and God is still working in and through this church!

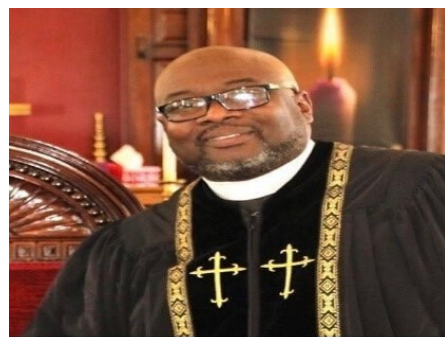


PRICE MEMORIAL

Pittsfield, MA

Rev. Benjamin Green, Pastor

This inter-generational congregation has grown numerically and spiritually as they continue to have a great impact on the community through social, ecumenical, civic, and political engagement. Under the leadership of this high energy teaching and preaching pastor, this church has learned to work together for the greater good of the Kingdom. Rev. Green completes his fourth year of travelling many miles to our Western most station located in the Berkshire Mountains. While this commute has been most challenging, God has rewarded his faithfulness with fruitfulness!





GOODWIN MEMORIAL

Amherst, MA

Rev. Betty Lou Carthon, Pastor

As a result of the ecumenical impact of this praying pastor and church members, the Interfaith Opportunities Network (ION) planned and executed a major fundraiser supported and embraced by the Pioneer Valley area community. The amount raised was \$35K to assist in needed repairs to the church building. Rev. Carthon has been faithful to her commitment in teaching and leading this congregation to a place of forgiveness and true worship. The music ministry continues to be a strength not only in Goodwin but also in their diverse community.



JOHN WESLEY

North Attleboro, MA

Rev. Robin Woods-Barrant, Pastor

As a result of the gifted teaching and leadership of this pastor, the loving John Wesley congregation, howbeit few in membership, continue to persevere in serving their community. The church is engaged in a Food Bank Ministry as well as other weekly outreach. Rev. Woods-Barrant, in addition to her church work, ministers to God's people in her capacity as a licensed clinical social worker and is often called upon to address current social issues.





RUSH MEMORIAL

Cambridge, MA

Rev. John F. Queen, Pastor

Pastor Queen has completed his first year at this charge. Rush has experienced a physical reconstruction and spiritual renewal. This transformation was the result of the leadership's prayer initiative and has led to the tearing down of physical walls, as well as spiritual strongholds. Poised for numerical growth, this ministry possesses key elements for an evangelistic thrust that is compelling Gospel preaching and anointed praise and worship!



HOOD-SHAW MEMORIAL

Providence, RI

Rev. Nakeida Bethel-Smith, Pastor

Rev. Bethel-Smith completes her first year at this charge located in the Capital City of Rhode Island. This is the third leadership change for Hood-Shaw during this quadrennium. However, this warm and welcoming congregation is enthusiastic about their new leadership and are supportive of the pastor's vision. This is evident by the many enhancements that were made to the structure as well as their willingness to sustain genuine love throughout all of their shifts. This pastor brings to the ministry many gifts that include teaching, deliverance and healing. All needed for such a time as this. She is also a powerful prophetic preacher in great demand. Hood-Shaw is in good (anointed) hands!





ST. LUKE CHRISTIAN

Dorchester, MA

Rev. Roxie T. Coicou, Pastor

Rev. Coicou has completed her 5th year as pastor of this charge. She was instrumental in the coming together of area churches in order to work for the greater good of their community. She is active on Boards relative to Youth Academics and Social Issues especially in the area of Trauma studies. This has been a challenging year for this congregation however they managed to pay off the loan for the siding on the church building, install carpet throughout the sanctuary and make other needed repairs. Well done Rev. Coicou! We praise God for your leadership in the city of Boston.



EVANS MEMORIAL

Norwich, CT

Rev. John C. Gentry, Pastor

Due to recent renovations to the fellowship hall, Evans was able to host two major gatherings for the district with excellence and grace. Under the leadership of this gifted pastor and the financial support of the members, Evans was able to pay off a large property tax bill while coming round with every conference asking. Pastor Gentry teaches the unadulterated Word of God. He is consistently in touch with his congregation. He makes sure they are spiritually fed and have all their essentials especially during the pandemic. This is a very loving and giving church not only to their community but to this Elder as well.





GARDNER MEMORIAL

Springfield, MA

Rev. Samuel R. Saylor, Sr.

Rev. Saylor, with his Mission Minded Spirit, continues to inspire the Gardner Church to minister beyond the walls. In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic the pastor established faith initiatives with area churches. Their outreach was not limited to domestic ministry. They also established a direct relationship with citizens of South Africa to work with the poor. The strength of this congregation is their love for God and care for the people of God and the less fortunate.



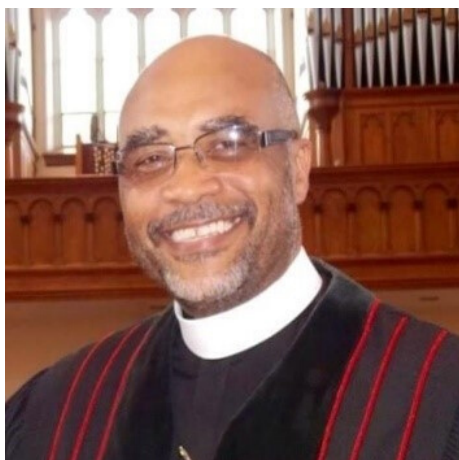
GREEN MEMORIAL

Portland, ME

Rev. Kenneth I. Lewis, Jr., Pastor

Rev. Lewis completes his 17th year as pastor of this diverse congregation. This year he launched the 'Thursday Night Live' worship encounter designed to deepen the spiritual lives of the membership. Green has an excellent media ministry that allowed for ease of transition during this pandemic season and beyond. Pastor continues to represent the people well by serving on several boards and community agencies. Under the dynamic and mature leadership of this pastor, Green Memorial continues to grow deeper while reaching higher. And the praise and worship is phenomenal!





WALLS CLARKE TEMPLE

New London, CT

Rev. Lloyd W. McKenzie Jr., Pastor

Walls Clarke is a loving and faithful congregation poised for growth. Through the wise leadership of Rev. McKenzie, attention to unity and community has brought this congregation to a new level of service. They were able to bless the community with a Thanksgiving Dinner in addition to the spreading of the Gospel. Pastor and people work well together which enabled them to maintain worship and fellowship through the pandemic and see increase therein. God is still blessing this union.



BELMONT

Worcester, MA

Rev. Clyde D. Talley, Pastor

Clearly Rev. Talley believes in collaboration. As the face of the church in the community, this gifted pastor has connected Belmont to area colleges, agencies and support systems statewide to help those that are in need. It is reported that since their services started streaming live, Belmont has averaged about 900 viewers. I was blessed to attend the first service of the year which was also a Healing and Deliverance Service. Many were healed, delivered and set free! It was evident that God is still moving by His Spirit at Belmont!





COLUMBUS AVENUE

Boston, MA

Rev. George C. Woodruff, Pastor

Rev. Woodruff completes his first year as the pastor of this congregation. I salute him for it was not easy coming in new and having to right away host the first Check Up Meeting. But he came right in and took hold of the charge with wisdom and grace. He recognized that there is a spirit of community and love in this church and together they moved forward and hosted the New England Conference with excellence. He also led them to the liquidation of a previous large utility bill and several outreach efforts including a Phenomenal Food Give Away to the community during the pandemic. All of these efforts promote the Rediscovering of Columbus. Well done Saints... Sail on!



Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!



Boston District Departments



We have been blessed in the Boston District to have some of the most gifted and committed district officers in all of Zion. This year we were able to participate in a number of mass meetings, workshops, programs, fellowships and teaching opportunities.

With the distancing issues, even before the Coronavirus, it was sometimes challenging for us to all come together. But these officers, by the grace of God, managed to persevere and find ways for us to take care of denominational initiatives while edifying the people and worshiping God. I am truly grateful to all of them for their faithfulness and labors of love.

Lay Council



Sis. Carolyn Brown
District President



Boston District Departments

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society



Mrs. Althea Michel
District President

Ms. Theronda Myers
YAMS Coordinator

Mrs. Adrienne Farrar-Brewer
Chairperson of Life Members Council

Mrs. Sharron McClain
Superintendent of Buds of Promise

Ms. Xylecia Gentry
Secretary of Youth (Y'S)

Ms. Kimberly Wilson
Secretary of Supply

Mrs. Yvonne West Green
Director of Mission Education



Boston District Departments



Christian Education



Dr. Sibyl Brownlee
Director

Rev. Mark Anthony Cornish
Director of Adults

Ms. Alyssa Lewis
Director of Young Adults

Ms. Amber Brown
Director of Youth

Mrs. Denise Means
Director of Children

Ms. Aiyanna Williams
President of Youth Council

Ms. Amber Brown
President of Young Adult Council



Other District Officers



Sis. Janie Tarver

District Prayer Coordinator

Ms. Kimberly Wilson

Balm in Gilead/HIV Health Director

Mrs. Luvina Busby

National Council of Negro Women

Mrs. Kathy Williams

World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church
Women Church Women United

Mr. Willie Wheeler

President of Ushers

Mrs. Gabriella Saylor

Minister's Spouses President

Mr. Charles Brownlee

Men of Zion



Boston District Happenings



**SATURDAY
23
MAY 2020**

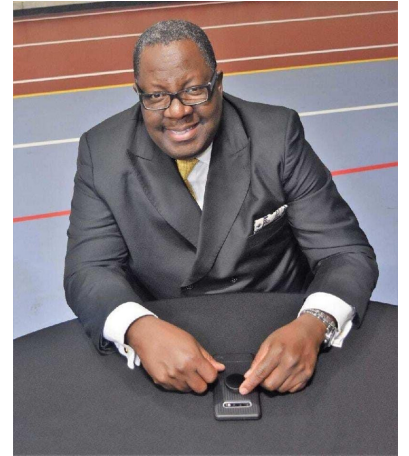
Boston District CONFERENCE

Lay Meeting: 9:00 AM
Prayer: 9:30 AM
District Conference: 10:00 AM

ZOOM INFO:
 Meeting ID: 846 9631 8523
 Password: AMEZ

Host
Jacqueline M. King
Presiding Elder

Boston District Happenings



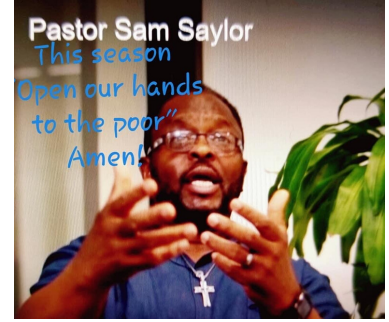
Welcome Service
SATURDAY
09.14.19 | 4PM

GUEST PREACHER | BISHOP HOWARD V. WILLIS JR.
 Greater ML Pisgah Baptist Church | Washington DC

PASTOR JOHN QUEEN & LADY ALISHA QUEEN
 Rush Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church | 82 School Street | Cambridge, MA 02139



Boston District Happenings





In closing, thank you Bishop Dennis V. Proctor and Mrs. D. Diane Proctor for entrusting me with this appointment and for your support.

To my Presiding Elder Colleagues throughout Zion (especially the two pictured above) thank you for your shared wisdom, patience and words of encouragement. It meant more to me than you know.

To the Big, Beautiful, Blessed and Bountiful Boston District. This year has been some journey. Thank you for following me and for trusting God. I didn't SEE it at first but Ecclesiastes 7:8 tells us that "The end of a thing is better than its beginning. The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." At the end of this conference year, thank God I SEE and now believe we both are coming out better than when we started.

But wait, there's more...

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 tells us "... Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

God has more for the Boston District and if we stay focused, we shall SEE it and receive.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jacqueline King

