

"A Holy Nation"

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding Bishop

CASTING THE VISION

GOAL: "A Holy Nation!"

SCRIPTURES: *Nehemiah 8: 1 – 10; I Peter 2: 1 – 10*

QUADRENNIAL CALENDAR

2016 – 2017



YEAR ONE - LENT

Season of Purification and Penance

- Themes: Advent; Lent; Be-attitudes; Decalogue; Forgiveness; Resurrection
- Color: Blue
- Logo: Water – Free flowing; From Jesus' side

2017 – 2018



YEAR TWO - EPIPHANY

Season of Training/Reordering Ministry

- Themes: Restoring the Temple Order – Roles of Priest, Prophets, Pastors; Deacons, Lay (*Lagos*); Regard for the HOLY – House and things
- Color: White
- Logo: Candle

2018 – 2019



YEAR THREE - PENTECOST

Season of Spiritual Renewal/Revival

- Themes: The Great Commission; The Pentecost Event; Paul's Missionary Enterprise; Seeking the Lost; Intentional about Evangelism
- Color: Red
- Logo: Flame

2019 – 2020



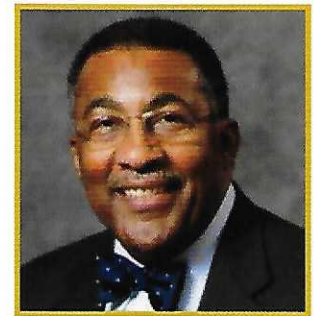
YEAR FOUR - KINGDOMTIDE (ORDINARY TIME)

Season of Growth - Concentration on the Local Church

- Themes: Care of the Local Congregation; Edifice; Community; Mission; Advocate for something/someone; "Latch onto a Cause that has eternity in it and let it lift you." (The late Bishop Howard Thomas Primm)
- Color: Green
- Logo: A blooming flower OR Butterfly

OCTOBER 31, 2016

GREETINGS SAINTS!



“Ain’t it funny how time slips away?”

It seems as though it was just yesterday when the Presiding Elders Council, and representatives from Women in Ministry and of the Fifth District Lay Organization met with me to talk about the upcoming Annual Conference Series. The six Annual Conferences that constitute the Fifth Episcopal District have now passed, and we gather today to plan for the ensuing year.

In each of the several Annual Conferences, I was granted time to Cast the Vision for the work that the Lord has for us in the Fifth District this Quadrennial. This was not a responsibility that I could or would delegate. I wanted you to hear it from me just as I received it from the mouth of God.

I Peter 2: 9, tells us that we are A Holy Nation. If we are to walk into our destiny, then the journey must begin somewhere. To that end, the Lord revealed to me a Quadrennial Calendar for 2016-2020 divided into four Seasons. Each Season moves us closer to the fulfillment of who we are in Christ.

This meeting marks the commencement of the first of those Seasons. It is the Season of Lent. The Season of Lent is a period of purification and penance. The themes are those of Advent – the coming of Christ; of Lent – the Passion of Christ; and of Easter - the Resurrection. “Therefore, if any person be in Christ they are a new creation: old things have passed away; behold all things are become new.”
(II Corinthians 5: 17 NKJV)

The color for the Season of Lent is blue. It is symbolic of water and all of its properties for cleansing, for healing, for refreshing. The logo is a rainbow, the sign of the Lord’s covenant with the descendants of Noah written in the heavens by the finger of God promising that He will never again give up on His creation.

I invite each of you to join me in the journey toward our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Clement W. Fugh
Bishop