

**The 2024 CME Unity Summit
September 1-6, 2024 –Dallas, TX**

Theme: “Facing Now: Making Good Trouble”

“Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those buying in temple, and he turned over the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.” (Mark 11:15-NRSV)

Schedule

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Travel Date

**Monday, September 2 – Thursday,
September 5, 2024**

CPE & Chaplains, 8 am-8 pm Daily

Monday, September 2, 2024

**General Connectional Board in Session
10:00 AM -8:30 PM**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

**General Connectional Board in Session
9:30 AM -3:30 PM**

**Meeting of Commissions
4:00 PM -5:30 PM**

**Service of Holy Communion
6:30 PM -8:45 PM**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Unity Summit

9:00 AM -10:15 AM

**The Bold Steps Initiatives and the 2024 Unity
Summit Overview**

**Bishop Marvin Frank Thomas, Sr, Unity Summit
Committee Chairperson**

10:15 AM -10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM -12:00 PM

Plenary and Keynote Address:

**Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President and
General Secretary, National Council of the
Churches of Christ in the USA**

12:00 PM -2:00 PM Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Department Executive Board Meeting

2:00 PM-3:15 PM: *Making Good Trouble*

Roundtable:

**Mr. Anthony Smoaks, Sr., Convener
Reverend Dr. Reginald Barnes –Organizing Biblical Mandate -Dr. Jeremy Williams
Civil/Social Activism-
Reverend Amber Lowe-Woodfork**

3:00-5:00 PM

**Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Department Workshop
Annual Meeting and Election**

**3:30 PM -5:00 PM: Resources for Ministry
Presentation: "State of Giving in the Black Church"
Mr. Ron Pulliam-Givelify**

**Special Presentation and Training:
Pastor Mike McBride: Square One Project**

3:30-5:30 PM

**Department of Lay Ministries
Connectional Usher Training (Off-site at Dorruth Boyd's local CME Church)**

Recess

6:45 PM -8:45 PM

Connectional Music and Arts Ministry

8:30 PM Evening Recess

Thursday, September 5, 2024

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CME Chaplains Breakfast and Meeting

7:00 AM -8:30 AM

8:30 AM-9:15 AM
Centering Moments

Department of Lay Ministries
General Session: *"I Will Build My Church,*
Laity the Body & Life of the Local Church"

9:15 AM -5:00 PM
Presiding Elders Council Training and Meeting
Presiding Elders Council-Reverend Jetson Maness

9:15 AM -11:15 AM
Plenary: *"The CME Church Making Good Trouble"-*
***CME Scholar* (Reverend Shea Thompson)**

10:00 AM-Noon
Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers
Department
"Chat & Chew" Workshop

11:15 AM -11:30 AM
Break

11:30 AM -1:00 PM: Taking the 2024 General
Elections Seriously
The Commission on Social Justice and Human
Concerns
Bishop Charley Hames, Jr.

1:00 PM -3:00 PM: Lunch

3:00 PM -5:00 PM: Departmental Classes/Meetings

Christian Education and Formation
Class/Meeting *"Formation of A People To Vote"*
Evangelism: *"Prioritizing the Ballot"* Acts 6:3

Women's Missionary Council: *"Facing Now:*
***Making Good Trouble"*!**

Lay Ministries
Trustee Training: *"I am a Trustee, Now What?"*
3:00-4:00 PM

**Communication and Information Technology (CIT)
“Facing Now and Embracing New Digital Resources
For Local Churches”**

4:00-5:00 PM

Lay Ministries

**Steward and Stewardess Training:
“Igniting the Flame”**

6:30 PM -7:30 PM

**Evening of Recognition and Celebration:
Bishop Denise Anders-Modest**

7:30 PM -8:30 PM:

**Departmental Classes / Meetings
Men to Men’s Ministry**

Lay Ministries

Christian Laity, “Your Voice, Your Vote”

Friday, September 6, 2024

International Attire Dress Day

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Breakfast

7:00 AM -8:30 AM

**Phillips School of Theology Alumni Association
Reverend Marvin Lue, President**

8:30 AM -9:30 AM

**International Worship Service
Bishop Lawson Adjei**

9:30 AM -11: 30 AM

**The Sankofa Moment- Looking Backward:
Bishop Othal H Lakey, Retired
Looking Forward-Dr. Jermaine Marshall**

**11:30 AM -12:00 PM: The Send Off
(Bishops Thomas, Adjei & Modest)**

12:00 PM Adjournment