

# James Blackman Sr.

was elected on June 17, 2026, during the 41<sup>st</sup> General Conference to serve as the General Secretary of the Ministry to Men for the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, where he is deeply committed to empowering, encouraging, and elevating young men into disciplined, purpose-driven leaders grounded in faith, service, and excellence. His ministry vision is centered on the belief that when men are equipped with spiritual foundation, personal accountability, and leadership development, they can transform not only their own lives but also their families, churches, and communities. Through mentorship, teaching, and hands-on engagement, he seeks to create pathways for young men to discover their identity, embrace their purpose, and lead with integrity.

James is a dedicated and active member of Taylor Chapel CME Church, where he has served faithfully in multiple leadership roles, including former Steward Board Vice Chair and current Trustee Board Chair. His leadership extends throughout the connectional church, having served as Lay Leader and District Assistant Secretary within the Mobile District CME Church. At the regional level, he currently serves as Trustee and Chair of the Title, Deeds & Abstracts Committee for the Southeast Alabama Region, and is a former Regional Secretary. His connectional leadership continues within the Fifth Episcopal District, where he serves as Vice President of the Trustee Department.

Beyond the church, James demonstrates an unwavering commitment to civic engagement, mentorship, and community service. He is a dedicated member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Omicron Lambda Chapter, where he hold/ has held key leadership roles including Director of Public Relations, Education Committee member, Charitable Foundation Director, and former Chapter Secretary. He is also a Past Master of Cedar Grove Lodge #722 under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama. His advocacy and community involvement include active membership with the Mobile County NAACP #5044, where he contributes to advocacy initiatives and serves as Chair for the Community Education Equity and Civic Engagement Committee. Additionally, he serves on the Economic Development Committee for the Boys & Girls Club of Mobile and volunteers as a youth mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters, where he has supported fundraising efforts and volunteer recruitment initiatives.

Professionally, James serves as Controller with ST Engineering Pensacola Aerospace Engineering, where he coordinates departmental operations, manages vendor relationships, and supports infrastructure and logistics projects with a focus on efficiency and fiscal responsibility. He is also co-owner and former Healthcare Coordinator/Administrator of Loves Elderly & Disabled Homecare LLC, where he managed care services, staff development, and operational growth.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Faulkner University and has completed additional leadership studies at Arizona State University, obtaining a Master's in Education, further strengthening his capacity to lead and serve effectively.

At the heart of his work and calling is his family. James is a devoted father to his daughter, **Madison S.**, and his son, **James Antuan II**, and a committed partner to **Francis**. His love for his family fuels his passion for mentoring and developing young men, as he strives to model and instill values that build strong families and lasting legacies.

Through every role he serves, James Blackman Sr. remains steadfast in his mission to empower, encourage, and elevate others, leaving a meaningful and lasting impact on the church, community, and future generations.