

*The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Seventh Annual Unity Summit*

Theme:” “A Way Forward: Vibrant Worship”

Thursday, August 15th

9:00 AM -9:00 PM Local Committee on Site Preparations

Friday, August 16th

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Local Committee

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM College of Bishops

9:00 AM - 9:00PM Unity Summit Staff

Saturday, August 17th

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Local Committee

9:00 AM - 9:00PM College of Bishops

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Unity Summit Staff

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Registration Preparation (Packs)

Sunday, August 18th

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Local Committee

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM College of Bishops

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Unity Summit Staff (Walk Through)

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Registration Preparation

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Exhibits (Set Up)

Monday, August 19th

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM College of Bishops

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Unity Summit Staff

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Exhibits

9:30AM - 12:30 PM The Presiding Elders’ Workshop/Meeting

10:00AM -12:00 PM General Officers Meeting

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Registration for Summit

2:15 PM - 4:00 PM Presiding Elders’ Workshop

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Service of Holy Communion, Senior Bishop L. L. Reddick, III

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Tuesday, August 20th

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| 8:30 AM | Registration |
| 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Morning Centering Moments led by the 2 nd Episcopal District |
| 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Opening General Session: Unity Summit Overview Bishop Marvin Thomas and Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield |
| 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM | The Defining Address: Dr. James Abbington, Associate Professor of Music and Worship Candler School of Theology |
| 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Lunch |
| 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM | Class Sessions |

"Making the Hymnal Your Friend in Worship"

Rev. Dollie Howell Pankey

An overview of the hymnal as a congregational songbook, a theological tool, a devotional resource, a musical tool, and a worship planning tool to enliven worship.

We are one!: Intentional Intergenerational Worship

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(Formation, Planning and Implementation)

As most of our church memberships are comprised of four to six generations, this forum will discuss adjusting our mindset and exploring methods for developing intentional intergenerational worship experiences. Vibrant worship should minister to each group represented in our churches with “on purpose” excitement!

Reaching Collegiate/Young Adult in (Worship)

Rev. Leon Parker

Studies show millennials are rapidly leaving the church and are more likely to not affiliate with any form of principled spiritual practice. This is an urgent time not only in predominately African American congregations, but in the body of Christ at large. We must aggressively engage young adults/collegiate ministries and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of this world. This session will teach congregations, leaders, and community partners to stay #LIT L-lead I-innovate and T-transform. Using the #LIT Principles you can leverage best practices for increasing young adult engagement, employ innovative strategies/programming, cultivate vibrant worship experiences and develop transformational leaders to serve the church and beyond.

Banging Worship 101

Dr. Geraldine Daniels

Explore ways to have dynamic worship

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Worship Design as a Spiritual Practice

Mr. Kenneth A. Pettigrew

How do churches create impactful and theologically centered worship on a weekly basis?

This workshop would explore the creation of regular practices for the local church to engage in worship creation that acknowledges tradition and movement of the Spirit in new worship practices. Attendees would have an opportunity to explore new tools for collective worship design, worship resource creation, and congregational gifts inventories that will support the new work done in the local church.

Laity Engaging in Vibrant Worship

Dr. Cliff Harris

This will be an inter-active session that will focus on the necessity for laity to *prepare* for and *engage* in vibrant worship. The CME Order of Worship will be *highlighted* in a way that will provide insight into the need for congregants to understand, embrace, and enthusiastically participate in the worship experience. Further, emphasis will be placed on the fact that *the spirit for vibrant worship starts in the heart* and should begin to manifest itself *before a call to worship is given*.

Revitalizing Worship

Dr. Charley Hames

For years, many congregations have battled over which style of worship to embrace — traditional, contemporary, or blended. However, this "worship war" is commenced on a misunderstanding of what those outside our congregations seek from worship, and deep confusion about what worship really is. It is much deeper than style, but a transcendent reality to engage humanity into the presence of God. "Revitalizing Worship" will challenge you to reimagine what worship is and how we become faithful to worship God in spirit and truth!

***Artisans in the Temple: Crafting and Developing Creative
Worship Elements—Part 1***

Rev. Amina McIntyre

Often congregations desire to integrate the arts within worship, but lack the skills or direction to start. This class will discuss God as Creator and introduce worship possibilities, various artistic genres and models and guidelines for creating intentional relevant works that aid in bringing souls to Christ. Participants are encouraged to create worship elements and will also receive resources to assist in their planning.

Worship Renewed: A Discipleship Model

Dr. Carmichael Crutchfield

One of the ways in which we are formed into the likeness of Jesus the Christ is worship. It is not only a major part of our spiritual formation, but essential for those who would be disciples. In this session learners will explore some of the aspects of worship as they relate to discipleship.

Technology and Worship

Dr. Theresa Duhart

Technology can be used to assist with providing more meaningful, engaging and vibrant worship experiences and serve as a bridge to connect with congregational members. The sessions will help ministry leaders and congregations to plan for and implement technology tools and resources, use social media for connecting with members, visitors and seekers online, and explore giving solutions.

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| 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM | General Connectional Ministries Departments Meet (CEF, Missionary, Evangelism, Lay, MTM, Minister Spouses) |
| 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Recess |
| 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Evening Worship: Covenant Worship Service Seventh Episcopal District |

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

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| 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Morning Centering Moments led by the 3 rd Episcopal District |
| 9:30 AM - 11:45 AM | Class Sessions |

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Building on the previous class, participants will rehearse, practice and implement their worship elements and present them. The first hour will focus on final preparation of the worship elements. The second hour the class will invite guests worship as the congregation and experience the integration of creative elements into the worship experience.

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| 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM | Lunch |
| 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | General Connectional Board Registration |
| 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM | “Table Manners for Radical Worship” Reverends Erika Dunbar and Jeremy Williams |
| 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM | Commission Meetings |

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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Connectional Music and Arts Ministry in Concert
Reverend Valencia Ender, Coordinator

Thursday, August 22, 2019 Senior Bishop L.L. Reddick III, Chair

9:00 AM -10:00 AM Morning Centering Moments led by Chaplains
10:00 AM - 12:15 PM General Connectional Board Meeting
12:15 PM - 2:15 PM Lunch
2:15 PM - 5:00 PM General Connectional Departmental Meetings
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Ministers and Lay Council Worship Service
7:30 PM Ministry of Fellowship: Explore the City of Phoenix

Friday, August 23, 2019 General Connectional Board, Senior Bishop L.L. Reddick, III

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Morning Centering Moments led by the 4th Episcopal District
9:00 AM - 11:00AM General Connectional Board Meeting
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Installation of Chair of College of Bishops
1:00 PM Closing and Commissioning Service
Senior Bishop L. L. Reddick, III
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Staff Evaluation