

# The Seventh Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Church

James Levert Davis & Arelis Beevers Davis, Servant Leaders

## 2025 Mid-Year Meeting

Founder's Day Observance

Thursday, April 10 – Saturday, April 12, 2025

Florence Conference Center

3300 W. Radio Drive • Florence, SC 29501

# IGNITE!

Our Passion, People, and Purpose

*"From a  
Small Spark  
to a Mighty  
Flame"*

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and seen in Me,  
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(NIV)



# The Agenda & Schedule

## “IGNITE: Inner Growth”

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*Philippians 4:9 (NIV)*

### MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 (VIRTUAL PRE-MEETING)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
06:00 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.	<b>SED BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	SED Zoom Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 (ONSITE PRE-MEETING)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
04:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.	<b>COUNCIL OF PRESIDING ELDERS</b>	Hilton Garden Inn Conference

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
09:00 a.m. – 09:19 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: WORSHIP AND PRAISE</b> Coordinated by - <b>Rev. Darryl L. Lee</b> , SED Director Music Ministry	
09:20 a.m. – 09:25 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Prayers</b> Coordinated by - <b>Rev. Ralph Brown</b> , SED Coordinator Prayer Ministry, Conference Coordinators & Members	
09:25 a.m. – 09:35 a.m.	<b>GREETINGS</b> <b>Presiding Elder Allen Parrott</b> , <i>President of the Council of Presiding Elders</i> <b>Mother Arelis B. Davis</b> , <i>WMS Supervisor</i>	
09:35 a.m. – 09:49 a.m.	<b>FOCAL CHALLENGE – IGNITE: “INNER GROWTH”</b>	
09:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: And They Sang Hymns</b> <b>Dr. James Abbington</b> , Associate Professor of Church Music, and Worship at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia	
11:30 a.m. – 11:59 a.m.	<b>MINI BREAK</b> ( <i>Refuel, Relax, &amp; Refresh - On Your Own</i> )	
12:00 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	<b>THE STATE OF THE EPISCOPAL DISTRICT</b> <b>Bishop James L. Davis</b> , <i>Servant Bishop</i>	
01:00 p.m. – 02:29 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> ( <i>Refuel, Relax, &amp; Refresh - On Your Own</i> )	
02:30 p.m. – 02:44 p.m.	<b>IGNITE: Prayer, Worship, and Praise</b> Coordinated by – <b>Board of Examiners</b> , Candidates of All Annual Conferences and the SED and Conference Prayer Ministry	

02:45 p.m. – 04:44 p.m.

## BUSINESS SESSION 1

### I. CONFERENCE PREPARATION

- a. **Dates & Location of Annual Conferences** *(See page \_\_\_\_)*
- b. **Dates for Pastors Annual On-line Reports**
- c. **Dates for Pastor’s Video Recording** *(Dates and Times Subjected to Change)*
- d. **Annual Conference Committees Zoom Meeting**
- e. **ALL Clergy Sexual Misconduct On-line Training, and Background Check**
- f. **Background Check (Protect My Ministry)**

### II. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONGRESS

### III. PROJECTED BUDGET 2025-2026

04:45 p.m. – 04:59 p.m.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUESTS & CANDIDATES

05:00 p.m. – 06:25 p.m.

## DINNER BREAK *(Refuel, Relax, & Refresh - On Your Own)*

06:30 p.m. – 06:44 p.m.

## IGNITE: WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Coordinated by - **Rev. Darryl L. Lee**, SED Director Music Ministry

06:45 p.m. – 08:00 p.m.

## FOUNDER’S DAY OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE *(Attire – Church Appropriate)*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
06:00 a.m. – 07:00 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Love Feast</b>	
09:00 a.m. – 09:14 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: WORSHIP AND PRAISE</b> Coordinated by – <b>Board of Examiners</b> , Candidates of All Annual Conferences	
09:15 a.m. – 09:29 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Prayer Moment</b> Coordinated by - <b>Rev. Ralph Brown</b> <i>SED Coordinator Prayer Ministry, Conference Coordinators &amp; Ministry Members</i>	
09:30 a.m. – 10:14 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Study of the Word</b>	
10:15 a.m. – 11:14 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Political &amp; Community Involvement</b>	
11:15 a.m. – 11:29 a.m.	<b>MINI BREAK</b> <i>(Refuel, Relax, &amp; Refresh - On Your Own)</i>	
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	<b>IGNITE: Make it Real: The Plan for Political Engagement</b>	
12:21 p.m. – 01:44 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <i>(Refuel, Relax, &amp; Refresh - On Your Own)</i>	
01:45 p.m. – 01:55 p.m.	<b>IGNITE: Prayer, Worship, and Praise</b> Coordinated by – <b>Board of Examiners</b> , Candidates of All Annual Conferences - SED & Conference Prayer Ministry	

02:00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.	<b>BUSINESS SESSION 2</b>
02:00 p.m. – 02:45 p.m.	<b>Another Banking Opportunity</b>
02:45 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Accountability [All SED Accounts]</b> Rev. Kenneth Taylor, SED Accountant and Rev. Sonya Lybrand, SED Treasurer
03:31 p.m. – 04:29 p.m.	<b>IGNITE: Seventh Episcopal District Ministries &amp; Projects</b> The Vision Center, Rev. Dr. Charles Young, Property Manager The Seventh Episcopal District Remodeling Allen University
04:30 p.m. – 04:34 p.m.	<b>Announcements</b>
04:35 p.m. – 06:29 p.m.	<b>DINNER BREAK</b> <i>(Refuel, Relax, &amp; Refresh - On Your Own)</i>
06:30 p.m. – 06:44 p.m.	<b>IGNITE: WORSHIP AND PRAISE</b> Coordinated by – <b>Board of Examiners</b> , Candidates of All Annual Conferences - SED & Conference Prayer Ministry
06:45 p.m. – 08:00 p.m.	<b>MID-YEAR WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <i>(Attire – Church Appropriate)</i>

## SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
09:00 a.m. – 09:14 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Worship &amp; Praise</b> Coordinated by – <b>Board of Examiners</b> , Candidates of All Annual Conferences	
09:15 a.m. – 09:19 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Prayer Moment</b> Coordinated by - <b>Rev. Ralph Brown</b> <i>SED Coordinator Prayer Ministry, Conference Coordinators &amp; Ministry Members</i>	
09:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>IGNITE: Our Youth and Young Adult Roundtable</b> <b>SED</b> Coordinator - <b>Rev. Benjamin Pratt</b>	
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>CLOSING MEDITATION SERVICE</b> <i>(Led by the Young Adults)</i>	

