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It's time to spread and share peace, love, and positivity among friends & family. We hope you enjoy our Annual Christmas Greetings Issue for the holiday season...

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*And A Blessed New Year*  
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**Merry  
Christmas  
and Happy New Year**



from **Bishop Dennis V. Proctor**,  
Missionary Supervisor **D. Diane Proctor**  
and the **North Eastern Episcopal District**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever! **Psalms 107:1**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

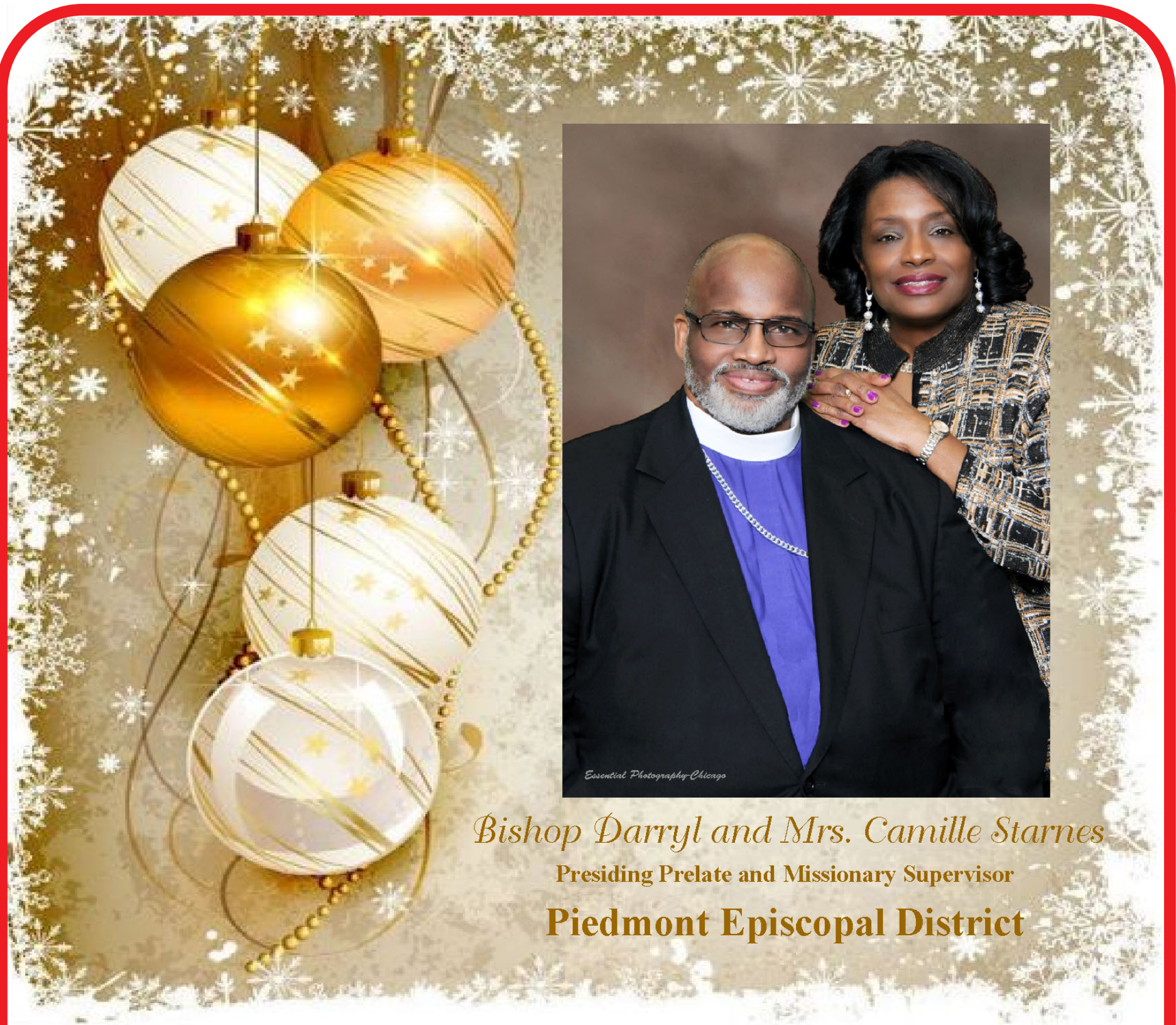


*From*

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*Bishop Darryl and Mrs. Camille Starnes*  
Presiding Prelate and Missionary Supervisor  
**Piedmont Episcopal District**

# Merry Christmas

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



As we celebrate the birth of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

# Jesus The Christ

May you be filled with HOPE,  
experience the PEACE that only  
the Lord can grant, and have a life  
overflowing with JOY!”



Bishop and Mrs.  
W. Darin Moore and  
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**BISHOP MICHAEL A. FRENCHER SR. &  
SUPERVISOR GELENIA A. FRENCHER**

ALONG WITH

THE MID-WEST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT WISH YOU A



*Blessed Christmas*

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Matthew 1:21 (NKJV)

'Glory to God in the highest  
heaven, and on earth peace  
among those whom he  
favors!' - Luke 2:14

**MERRY**  
*Christmas*  
*to all our Lion Family!*

Bishop & Mrs.  
George D. Crenshaw

Presiding Bishop & Missionary Supervisor  
of the Alabama-Florida  
Episcopal District





WISHING YOU TO BE FILLED WITH  
HIS LOVE AND WRAPPED IN HIS  
PEACE AS WE CELEBRATE THE  
MIRACLE OF HIS BIRTH.



# Love Peace & Joy

BISHOP & MRS.  
HILLIARD DOGBE  
PRESIDING PRELATE  
AND  
MISSIONARY  
SUPERVISOR  
OF THE  
WESTERN WEST  
AFRICA EPISCOPAL  
DISTRICT





*"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).*

*Merry & Christmas*  
**Prosperous New Year**



**Bishop Uduak U. Effiong & Mrs. Promise C. Effiong**  
Presiding Prelate & Missionary Supervisor  
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**The A.M.E. Zion Church Communications Department**

*Presents*

# *Christmas in Zion*

LET US CELEBRATE CHRIST TOGETHER THIS CHRISTMAS

FEATURING SPECIAL CHRISTMAS THEMED MEDITATIONS & PRESENTATIONS FROM VARIOUS  
A.M.E. ZION EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS

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God gave His greatest gift to us  
on that first Christmas day  
and may the wonder of it always  
guide and light your way...

Wishing you

*Joy & Peace*  
AT CHRISTMAS  
AND THROUGHOUT  
THE NEW YEAR

*Bishop Brian R. Thompson,  
Rev. Felica R. Thompson,  
Presiding Prelate  
& Missionary Supervisor  
of the  
Western Episcopal District*

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Eric L. Leake

*Holy* LOVE JOY PEACE &  
**GREETINGS**

During this season as we celebrate  
the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ



## Bishop George and Mrs. Iris Miller Battle

Retired \* Senior Bishop and Missionary Supervisor

Merry  
Christmas

May God fill your life with love, joy and peace. May your Christmas sparkle with moments of laughter and goodwill.

Our family wishes for you a new year full of contentment and joy.

Have a Merry Christmas.

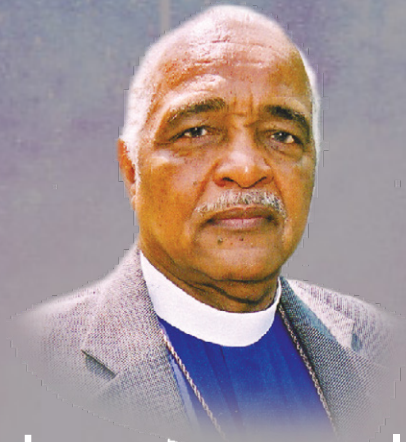


*Happy Holidays*

*Rejoice*

*As We Celebrate  
The Birth of Our Saviour*

**JESHUA**



Bishop Marsnall  
H. Strickland  
Elected 1992 - Retired 2004



*May your best gifts this holiday  
be of love, peace, Happiness.  
May the Grace & Peace of our  
Lord be with you.*

*Merry  
Christmas*

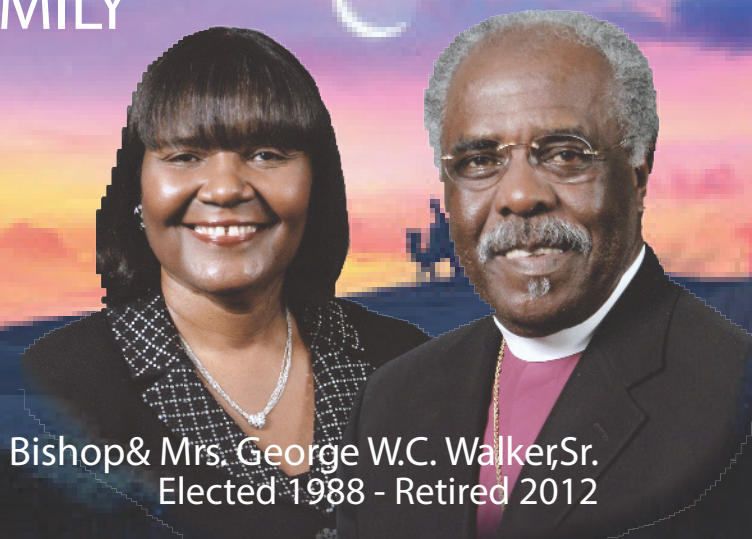


*Bishop & Mrs. Nathaniel Jarrett*  
Elected 1996 - Retired 2008

"For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulders. And His name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6

# Christmas Greetings

TO ALL OUR ZION FAMILY



Bishop & Mrs. George W.C. Walker, Sr.  
Elected 1988 - Retired 2012

WISHING ALL A MERRY

# Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

May you find peace, love,  
and the true spirit of the  
Holiday Season

Bishop & Mrs. S. Chuka Ekemam, Sr.  
Elected 1988 - Retired 2012



# Merry Christmas

*Wishing all of Zion  
peace, joy and prosperity  
this Holiday Season  
and in the coming year.  
God bless.*



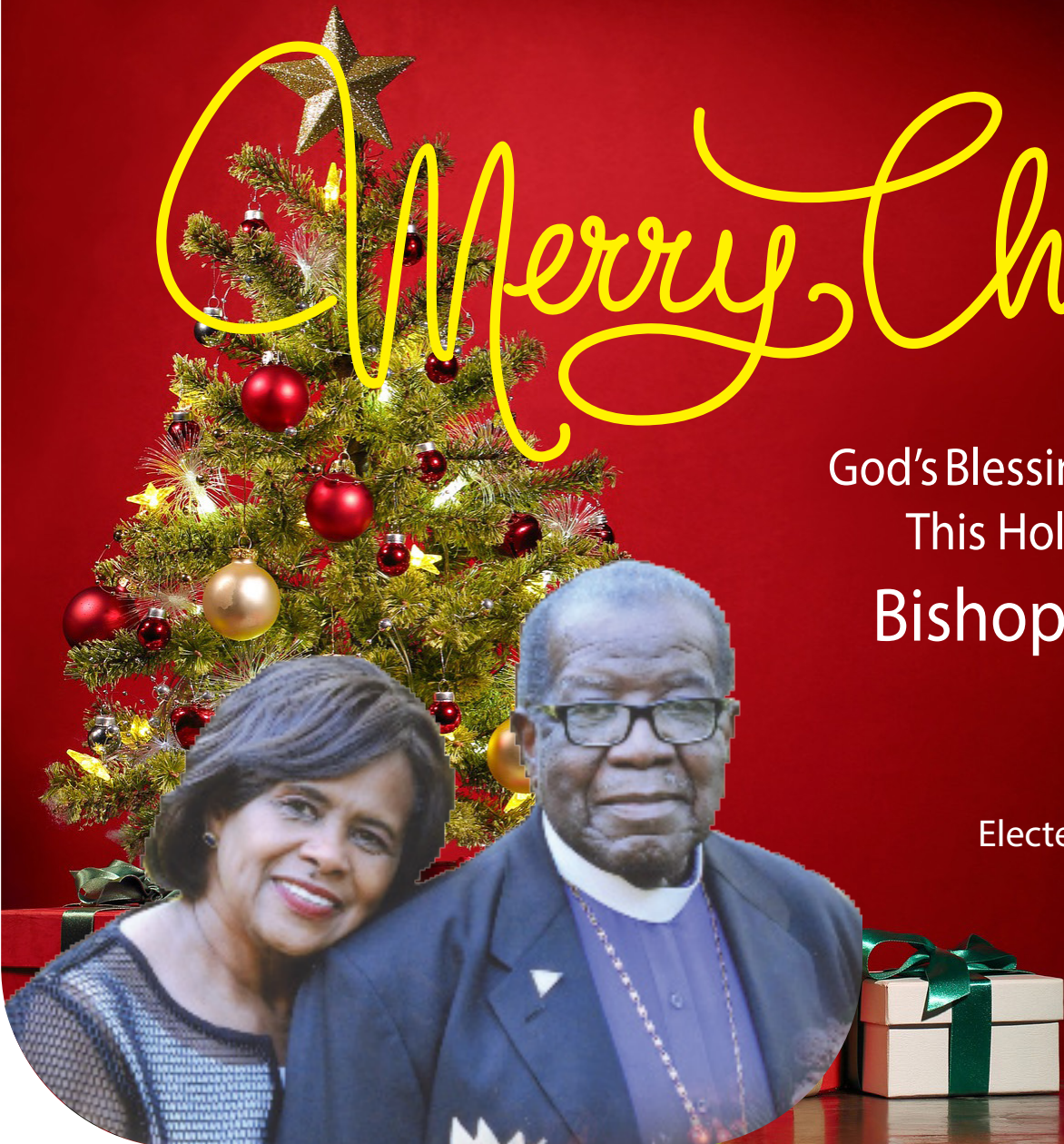
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Elected 1996 - Retired 2012

# Merry Christmas

God's Blessing Upon You and Your Family  
This Holiday Season

**Bishop & Mrs. Joseph  
Johnson**

Elected 1992 - Retired 2004





# Blessed Christmas to all!

from The A.M.E. Zion Publishing House



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# Merry Christmas *Greetings*

from the Department of Records and  
Research of the African Methodist  
Episcopal Zion Church



*Rev. Dr. & Mrs. J. Elvin Sadler*

GENERAL SECRETARY- AUDITOR

We would like to take a moment  
to wish you and your family

*a very*  
**Merry Christmas!**

During this season, we will be celebrating  
Hope, Joy, Love, and Peace.

Our prayer is that all four of these would fill your lives  
in every way this Christmas and beyond.



**Rev. Al and Marguerite Hamilton**  
Chief Financial Officer



# MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL MISSIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



**REV. DR. D.B. CANNON**

Executive Director of the Department of Global Missions  
Editor-in-Chief for The Missionary Seer

# Merry Christmas

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the love, joy and peace of Christ surround you and your families during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year



from Rev. Patrick A. Barrett, II  
& the Christian Education Department



# Merry Christmas

from

the Department of Church Growth and Development

*"But the angel said to them,*

*"Do not be afraid.*

*I bring you good news that will  
cause great joy for all the  
people.*

*Today in the town of David a Savior  
has been born to you;  
HE is the Messiah, the Lord"*

Luke 2:10 - 11 (NIV)

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The Freedom Church

WISHING

MERRY

*Christmas*

TO ALL ZION



Rev. George E. McKain

Director of Public Affairs & Social Concerns



# Season's Greetings

May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill, And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy.



**Dr. & Mrs. David  
Aiken, Sr. & the Zion  
Benefits Services  
Inc.**



# THE STAR OF ZION

May God's love, joy and peace be with you during this holiday season. [StarofZion.org](http://StarofZion.org)

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

The Kent Family



Sis. Gloria Joyner-Johnson  
Office Assistant  
The Communications Department  
The A.M.E. Zion Church



Rev. Sam Brown  
Managing Editor, The Star of Zion

Mr. and Mrs. Kent, the entire Kent Family, and  
YOUR A.M.E. Zion Communications Department

May the light of the Christmas night sky  
lead you to the path of a stronger faith  
and caring soul, and become a beacon of endless joy  
to the people around you.

*Peace  
and blessings  
for  
this  
Christmas  
and  
the coming  
New Year*



Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder, International President,  
and the Executive Board  
Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society

**“As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, it is our prayer your heart be filled with joy and peace. May these holiday blessings linger in your home and stay with you throughout the year, and the blessing of knowing Christ enrich your life.”**



*Merry Christmas*

**from the Executive Board of the  
Connectional Lay Council  
Joseph King Davis, Jr., International President**

*Unto us a Child is Born ...*

*Merry  
Christmas  
and a Blessed  
New Year*

*from*

*Rev. Dr. Charbreen Batten Mapson*

*&*



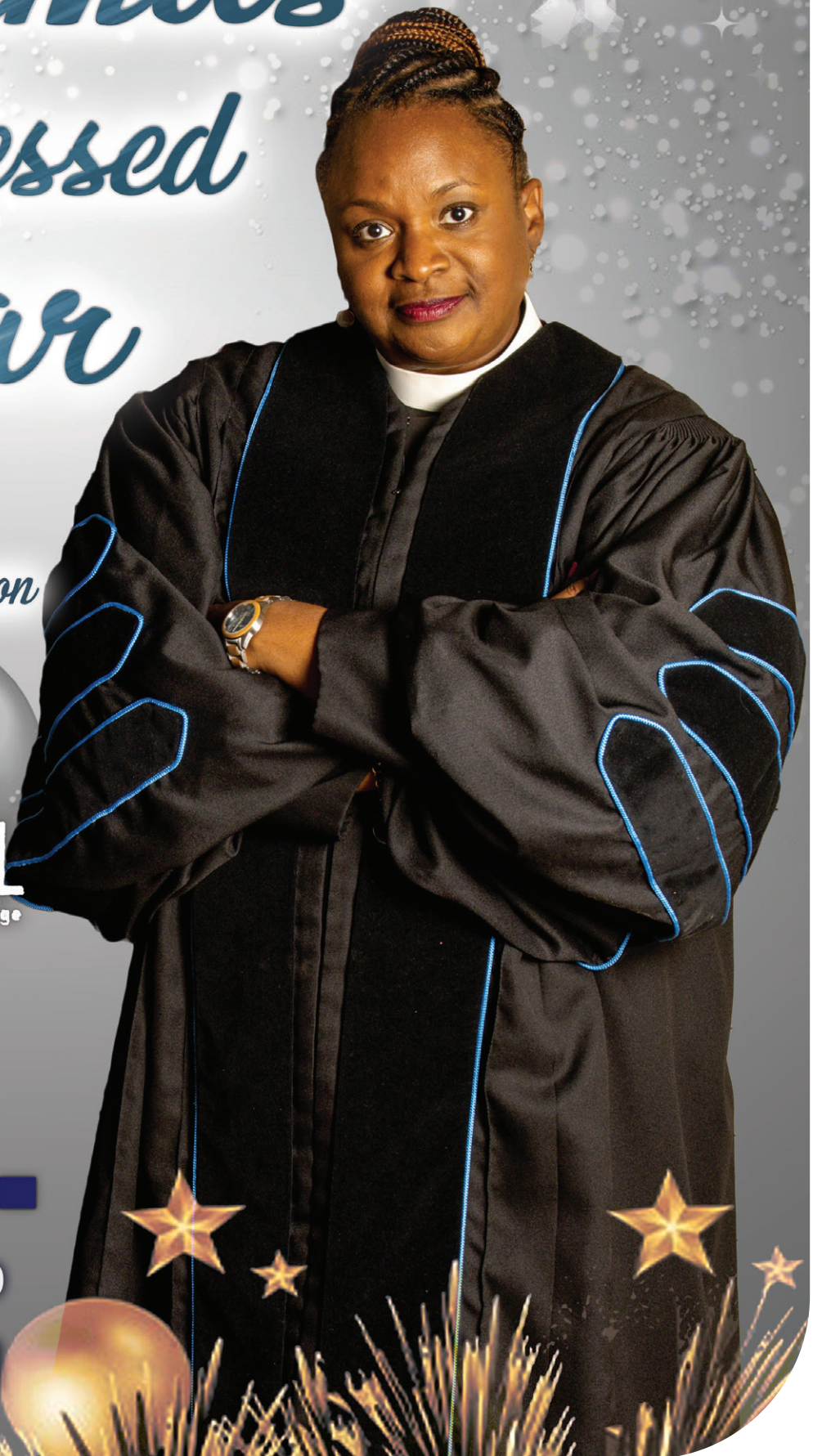
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# *MERRY* *Christmas*



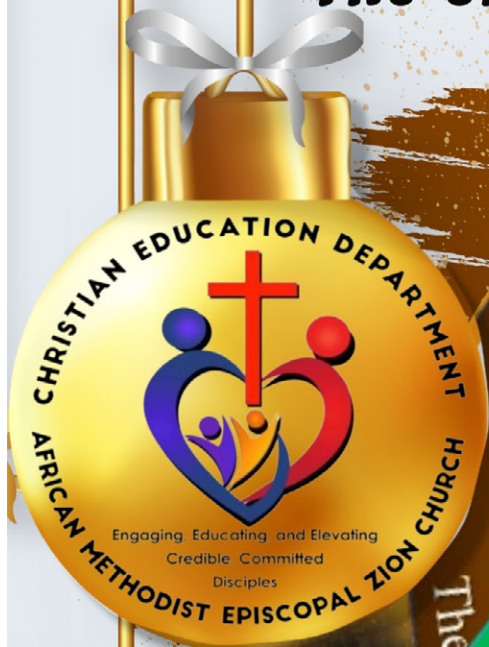
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# MERRY Christmas

## The Christian Education Department



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**MERRY**  
*Christmas*

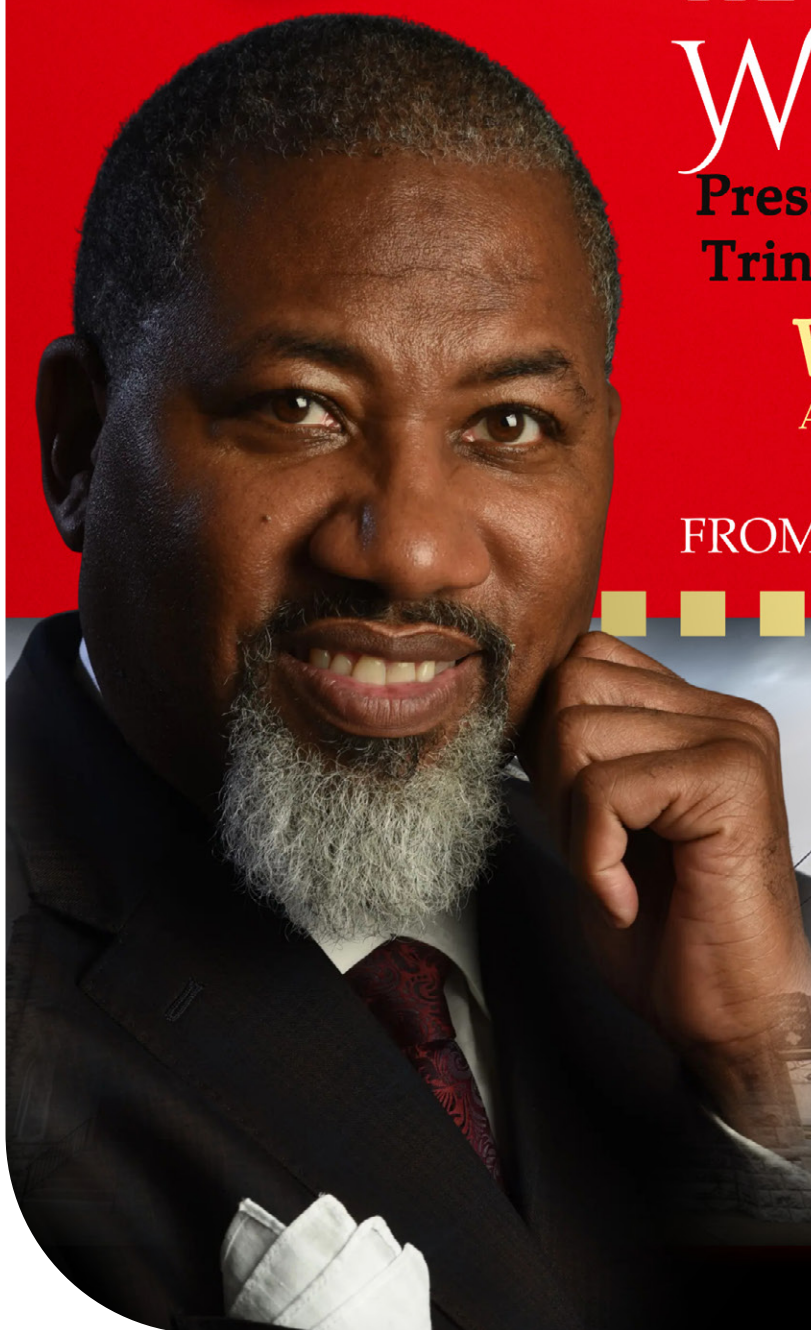
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St. Louis, Missouri

FROM THE PASTOR, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS



Continued Blessings of  
*Peace and Joy*  
during this season of  
Advent, Christmas, and the coming year!



*Love,*

Dr. Daran, Rev. Lynn, and Bro. Caylen Mitchell





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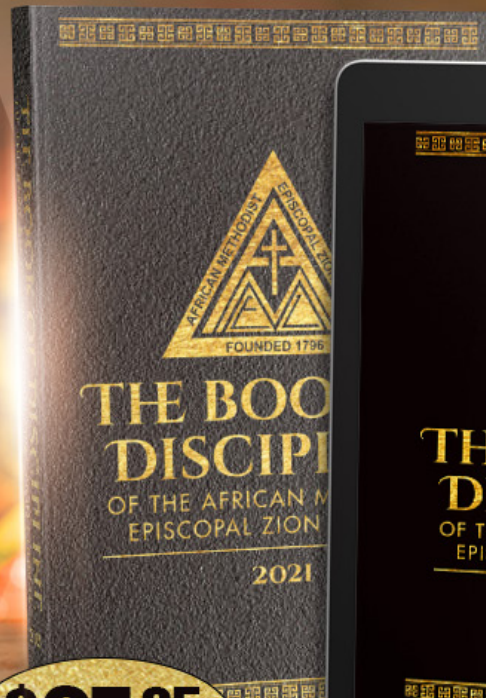
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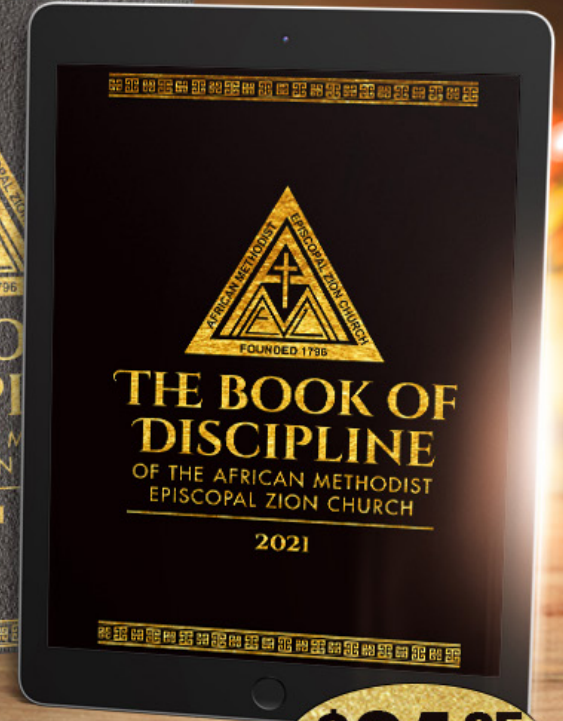
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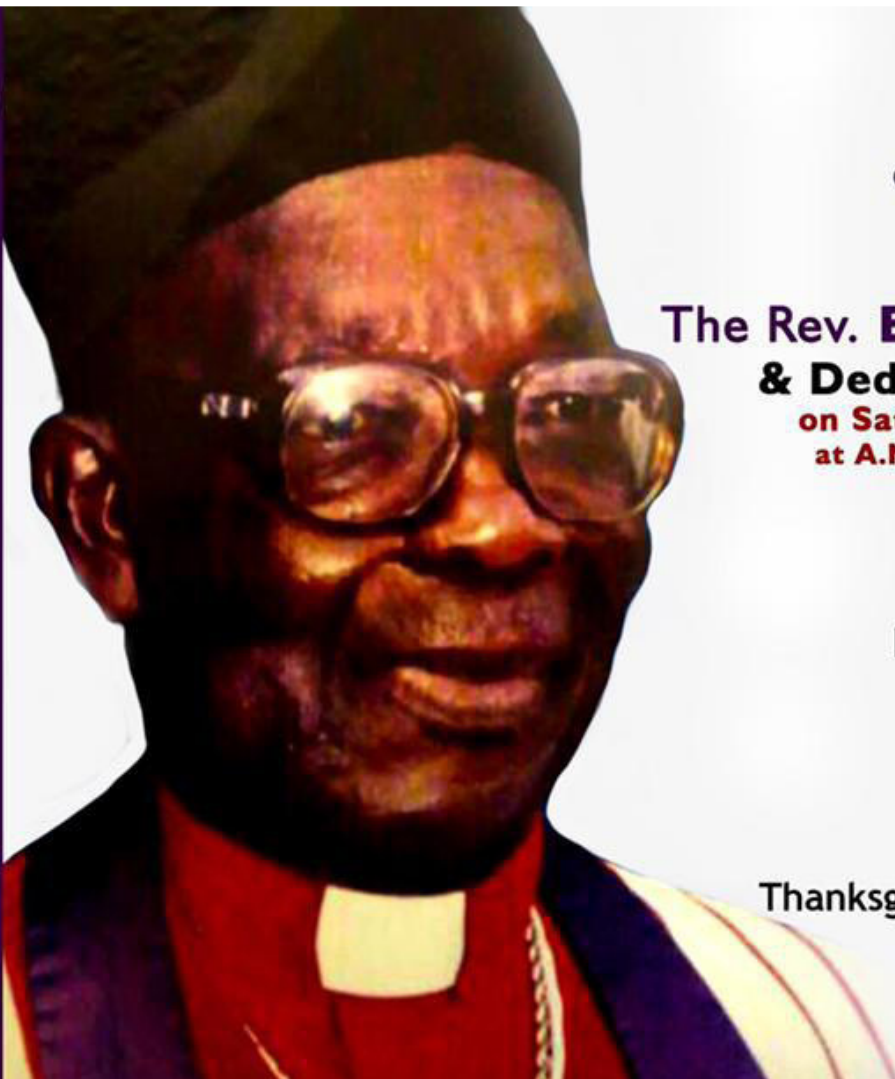
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**on Saturday December 17, 2022 at 10:00 am  
at A.M.E. Zion Church, Living Hope Society, Tegbi**

Attire: All White

— *Other Activities* —

Friday, December 16, 2022  
**Night of Hymns and Reflections**  
6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, December 17, 2022  
**Wreath Laying at Graveside**  
6:00 am

Sunday, December 18, 2022  
**Thanksgiving Service @ Living Hope Society - Tegbi**  
9:00 am  
**Beach Jamboree @ Ashiata Beach**  
1:00 pm

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WITH PEACE AND JOY IN THE NEW YEAR.



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**Christmas**  
& Happy New Year

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful,  
Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting  
Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

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On Behalf of  
**Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue**  
& The Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church family



**Merry Christmas**  
and a  
**Blessed New Year**

May you experience God's Peace, Joy, and Love during  
this holiday season!



Merry  
*Christmas*  
& Happy New Year

Joy Williamson-Foster

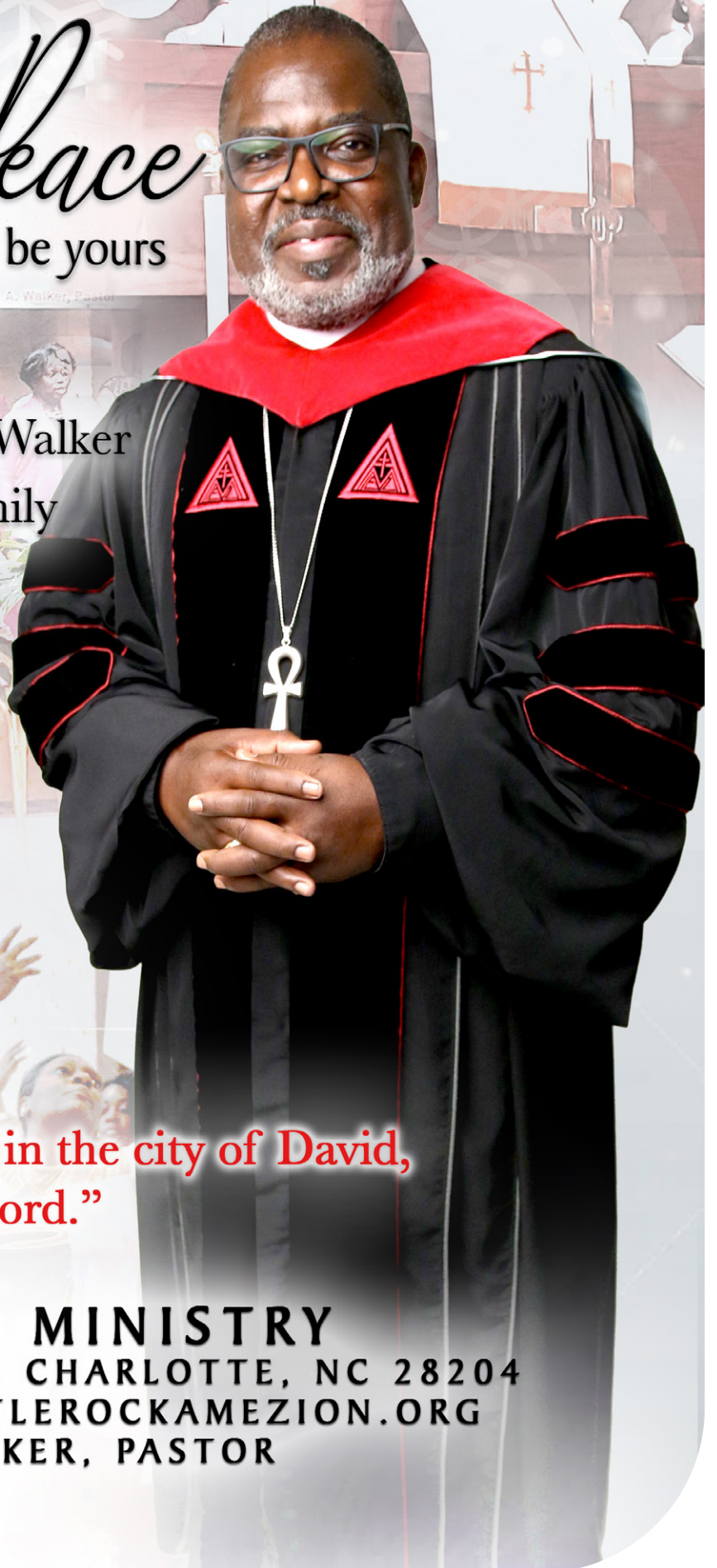
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*Love, Joy and Peace*  
that Jesus brings be yours  
today and always!

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**“For unto you is born this day in the city of David,  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

**Luke 2:11**

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My name is Karlease Smalls and I am a candidate for **Connectional Coordinator of YAMS** of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society.

My platform The Smalls **EFFECT**

**Empowering**

**Faith**

**Fellowship**

**Engaging**

**Community**

**Together**

Only God's grace will sustain and help us to maintain.

May your hearts be overfilled with love and compassion in this season.

**Peace and Blessings**



MERRY  
*Christmas*

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



*And the Word was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us.*

JULIAN PRIDGEN AND FAMILY



WISHING YOU & YOUR FAMILY

*Merry  
Christmas!*

FROM DR. EVALINA HUGGINS



“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward all.”

Luke 2:14



REVEREND ELDREN

# MORRISON

FOR BISHOP 2024

**Though it's been a challenging season for many, I pray that each of you can find a glimmer of hope in knowing that Immanuel is the reason for the season. God is with us, and that makes the difference in everything.**

**From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!**

**“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”**

**~Isaiah 7:14**

**Eldren, Stachia,  
Ava, and Ian Morrison**





*Sending wishes of  
warmth, joy, and tranquility  
this Holiday Season*

**Nehemiah 2:17-18  
Let's Arise and Build Together**

**Season's Greetings from  
The Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church Family  
and  
Reverend Gary D. Adams, Sr.**

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*



*We pray that your season and  
year are filled with lots of peace,  
hope, joy and love.*

**Rev. Jimmie and Rev. Dr. Melanie Miller  
and Our Family**



## LITTLE ABOUT EFFIE B. WOODARD

Working in the criminal justice system as a Assistant Clerk of Court for 37 years has provided me with the essential skills of being an accurate transcriber, good listener, and detail oriented.

Additionally, I bring to the office of Recording Secretary my experience of serving as Recording Secretary in my local church, the Dunn-Lillington District, Central NC Conference Lay Council, and served as chief recording secretary at the last three Quadrennial WHOMS Conventions.

## ABOUT MY FAMILY

Blessed to have been married 47 years to Cecil Woodard Jr. (deceased). Two grown sons; Troy (Cheryl) and Stephen (Jessica). Five grand children; Alysha, Troy Jr., Alisha, Meisha, and Faith. One great-grandchild Asher.

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- ✓ Served 8 Years as the Second Vice President of Connectional Lay Council
- ✓ President of Local Church Hospitality Committee
- ✓ Current 2nd Vice President of Lay Council of Central NC Conference
- ✓ President of Parent Body (Life Matron with "A Heart for Overseas Missions"

“ Without an awareness of your strength its almost impossible for you to lead effectively.



**EFFIE B. WOODARD**  
CANDIDATE FOR  
W.H.O.M.S.  
RECORDING  
SECRETARY

## EFFECTIVE

Leadership skills that have got results in various departments of Zion.

## CHURCH AFFILIATION



I'm a life long member of Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, Broadway, North Carolina. Member of the Dunn-Lillington District, Central North Carolina Conference, Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District.

## OTHER QUALITIES

I strongly believe that my knowledge, ability, and experience shall enable me to fulfill the role of recording secretary and afford me the privilege to become a member of this powerful and multinational department, the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society Executive Board.



### DEACONESS

Deaconess at my local church  
Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church



### COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Member of National Council of Negro Women



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dunn-Lillington District C.E.D. Director  
Served on CNC C.E.D. Board



### CONNECTIONAL

Served as Southeastern Regional Vice President of the Assembly of Christian Educators (8 years)

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF  
WOMENS AND HOME OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

**RECORDING**  
*Secretary*



*For unto us  
a child is born,  
unto us  
a Son is given.*



*Merry  
Christmas*

*With Love, April C. Davis,*

Charlotte District Superintendent of the Buds of Promise,  
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May all the blessings of God  
fill your hearts with Joy,  
Love and Peace  
at Christmas  
and always.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men*

Rev. and Mrs. Todd N. Jarrett  
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*Wishing our Zion family a brilliant Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!*

# Merry CHRISTMAS



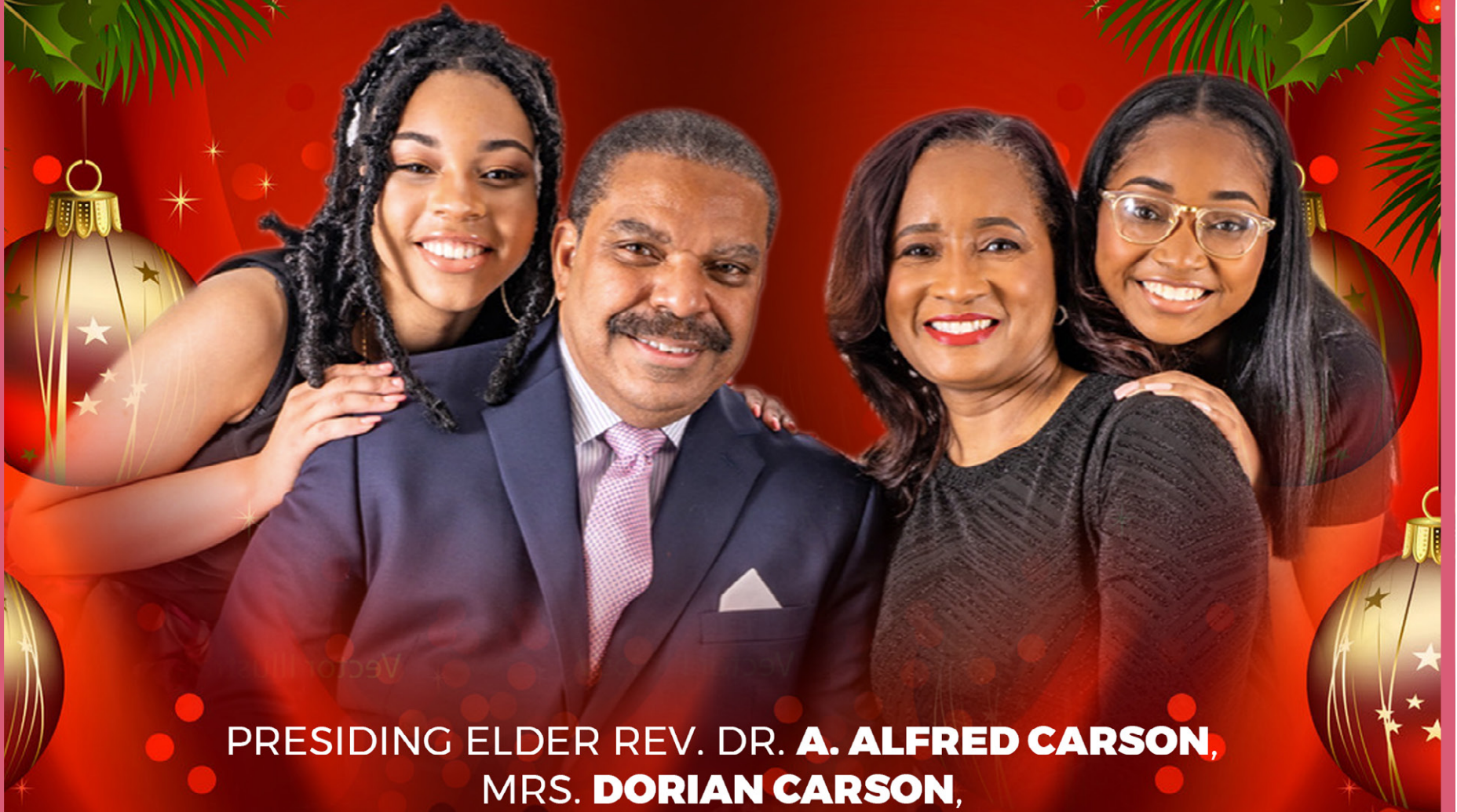
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THE SIMON TEMPLE CHURCH FAMILY.

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# Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS  
INDESCRIBABLE GIFT - **2 CORINTHIANS 9:15**



PRESIDING ELDER REV. DR. **A. ALFRED CARSON,**  
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