For the year ended December 31, 2016 (With Comparative Totals for 2015)



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Report of Independent Auditors

Connectional Budget Department Audit Committee: CONNECTIONAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

Charlotte, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Connectional Budget Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets—cash basis as of December 31, 2016, and the related statement of support, revenue, and expenses—cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether

due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Connectional Budget Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as of December 31, 2016, and its support, revenue, and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Report on Supplementary Information

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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assessments received from episcopal districts, cash and cash equivalents and expenses disbursed found on pages 13-16 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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John W. Spann Jr. C.P.A. Charlotte, North Carolina

Charlotte, North Caron

June 20, 2017

CONNECTIONAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Year Ended December 31, 2016

ASSETS

	Asse	essment Fund	General nference	M	linisters' linimum ary Fund		nnectional dowment	In	vestment Fund	R	Capital eserve & ntingency	Total
Checking	\$	1,422,278	\$ 46,874	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,469,153
Investment Contracts Buildings and Land		14,492,500	 -		634,829		798,740 -		119,201		120,018	 1,672,788 14,492,500
Total Assets		15,914,778	 46,874		634,829		798,740		119,201		120,018	17,634,441
			<u>LIAI</u>	BILIT	TIES AND	NET	ASSETS					
Current Liabilities												
Portion due within 1 year		259,400	-		-		-		-		-	259,400
Long Term Liabilities Note Payable												
Mortgage Payable		2,242,540	-		-		-		-		-	2,242,540
Total Liabilities		2,501,940	-		-		-		-		-	2,501,940
Net Assets												
Unrestricted:												
Operating		13,412,838	-		-		-		-		-	13,412,838
Board Designated			46,874		634,829		798,740		119,201		120,018	1,719,663
Total Net Assets		13,412,838	46,874		634,829		798,740		119,201		120,018	15,132,501
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	15,914,778	\$ 46,874	\$	634,829	\$	798,740	\$	119,201	\$	120,018	\$ 17,634,441

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ASSESSMENTS FUND

12020011211	101	2016	2015
		2016	 2015
RECEIPTS			
Assessments Collected	\$	7,573,995	\$ 7,500,204
Other Receipts (MD property sales)		-	3,000,000
Vision Focus (CSL)		-	43,015
Bank of America Grant		-	100,000
Other Receipts		_	337,016
Total Receipts	\$	7,573,995	\$ 10,980,235
DISBURSEMENTS			
Connectional Claimants	\$	2,027,879	\$ 1,817,374
Administration		683,251	747,806
Departmental Support		637,963	620,000
Educational Institutions		1,858,371	1,948,371
*ZBS (Retired Pastor's Fund)		402,667	273,923
ZBS (Widows/Widowers Fund)		300,000	300,000
ZBS (Death Benefits Insurance)		-	138,239
Publication House & Periodicals		109,000	124,000
Ecumenical and Social Concerns		151,844	177,992
Reserve Fund		25,000	170,000
Connectional Debt Service		363,466	753,190
Legal Fees		45,218	15,109
Mother AME Zion church		40,000	40,000
Board of Lay Activities		-	8,000
Hood Scholarship		_	20,000
Theological Scholarship		_	20,000
Non-Budgeted (Incr. Death Benefits Ins.)		70,000	5,720
Pan Methodist		70,000	12,600
Vision Focus (Church School Literature) BofA Grant		_	43,015
Other Receipts		_	100,000
other receipts		<u>-</u>	 3,337,016
Total Disbursements	\$	6,714,659	\$ 10,672,356
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$	859,336	\$ 307,879
Cash, Beginning	\$	562,943	\$ 255,064
Cash, Ending	\$	1,422,279	\$ 562,943
* Includes Death Income as Denefits			

^{*} Includes Death Insurance Benefits

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GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND

RECEIPTS	2016	 2015
Allocation	\$ 200,000	\$ 250,000
Registration	265,250	4,000
Public Offerings	44,613	-
Registration Product Sales	9,510	-
Souvenir Journal	18,477	-
Google Grant	13,500	-
Meal Plan and Luncheon	12,410	-
Bible Logos Software	5,737	-
Visit Greensboro	15,000	-
Exhibit Revenue	6,600	-
Reimbursement (Lomax-Hannon)	-	90,000
Increase in Market Value	2,192	-
W&R Investment	299,610	
Total Receipts	\$ 892,899	\$ 344,000
DISBURSEMENTS		
Operation Expenses	\$ 72,600	\$ 901
GC Program Committee	1,500	_
Decrease in Market Value	-	5,915
Department of Public Affairs	8,996	39,500
Codification Committee	14,723	_
Voting	10,830	_
Department of Records & Research	21,810	_
Shipping	7,222	_
Overseas Travel	150,817	_
Technology	11,570	7,500
Domestic Travel	146,557	-
Meals and Luncheon	296,093	-
Lodging	317,955	-
Host Episcopal Area	9,500	-
Printing/ Programs & Reports	46,479	2,913
Honorariums	38,000	_
Registration Products	29,834	-
Audio-Visual	79,200	-
Connectional Budget Office	19,383	-
Bank Analysis Fees	1,686	253
Equipment Rental & Setup	6,966	-
Other De'cor, etc	7,524	-
Compilation Committee	993	-
Google Grant	11,746	_
Withdrawal W&R investment	299,610	_
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,611,594	\$ 56,982
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (718,695)	\$ 287,018
Cash, Beginning	\$ 765,569	\$ 478,552
Cash, Ending	\$ 46,874	\$ 765,569

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MINISTERS' MINIMUM SALARY FUND

RECEIPTS	 2016	 2015
Increase in Market Value	\$ 3,390	\$ -
Reinvested Funds	-	214,500
Transfer from Connectional Endowment Fund (W&R)	28,963	
Total Receipts	\$ 32,353	\$ 214,500
DISBURSEMENTS		
US Trust/BOA Investments		
Decrease in Market	-	6,450
Waddell & Reed / Edward Jones	_	
Total Disbursements	\$ 	\$ 6,450
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 32,353	\$ 208,050
Cash, Beginning	\$ 602,476	\$ 394,426
Cash, Ending	\$ 634,829	\$ 602,476

CONNECTIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

RECEIPTS	2016		2015
Allocation	\$	25,000	\$ 50,000
Interest Income - Waddell & Reed		-	-
Replace Withdrawals		-	370,000
Increase in Market Value		6,034	
Total Receipts	\$	31,034	\$ 420,000
DISBURSEMENTS			
Decrease in Investment (W&R)	\$	299	\$ -
Transfer to Minister's Minimum Salary (W&R)		28,963	-
BOA Investment (Loan Payoff)		-	292,000
Transfer to Assessment Fund		-	-
Withdrawal Fees		-	-
Decrease in Market		<u>-</u>	10,709
Total Disbursements	\$	29,262	\$ 302,709
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$	1,772	\$ 117,291
Cash, Beginning	\$	796,968	\$ 679,677
Cash, Ending	\$	798,740	\$ 796,968

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INVESTMENT FUND

RECEIPTS	2016		2015
Proceeds from Other Investments	\$	-	\$ -
Increase in Market Value		5,107	
Total	\$	5,107	\$ -
DISBURSEMENTS			
Withdrawal/Other Investments	\$	50,000	\$ -
Withdrawal/Corporate Headquarter		100,000	-
Loan Payoff/BOA		-	1,000,016
Decrease in Market		_	 7,495
Total	\$	150,000	\$ 1,007,512
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$	(144,893)	\$ (1,007,512)
Cash Beginning		264,094	1,271,606
Cash, Ending	\$	119,201	\$ 264,094

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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

RECEIPTS	 2016		2015
Allocation Interest Income Total Receipts	\$ 9	\$	60,000 9 60,009
DISBURSEMENTS Total Disbursements	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 9	\$	60,009
Cash, Beginning	60,009		-
Cash, Ending	\$ 60,018	\$	60,009

CONTINGENCY FUND

	2016		2015	
RECEIPTS	¢		ф	<i>c</i> 0.000
Allocation	\$		\$	60,000
Total Receipts	\$	-	\$	60,000
DISBURSEMENTS		-		_
Total Disbursements	\$	-	\$	
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$	-	\$	60,000
Cash, Beginning		60,000		-
Cash, Ending	\$	60,000	\$	60,000

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Note 1-Organization and Purpose

The African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion Church (Church) is a worldwide religious organization composed of member churches which are collectively referred to as the Connection. The Church is governed by a General Conference which meets every four years and is composed of delegates from twelve districts.

At each meeting of the General Conference, a budget is approved for the ensuing four year period for all departments and institutions of the Church, its benevolent causes, projects and claimants. The budget defines the assessment made against each district and the various causes and purposes for which the monies will be disbursed.

The Connectional Budget Department by authority of the General Conference serves as a clearinghouse for the receipt and disbursement of these monies. The Department is located in Charlotte, N.C. in the A.M.E. Zion Corporate Headquarters Building owned by the Church.

Note 2- Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting- The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Connectional Budget Department and do not include the accounts of other church organizations or departments. The accounts of the Connectional Budget Department are maintained on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Consequently, support and revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned or obligated and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligations are incurred.

Basis of presentation- The assets and Net Assets of the Connectional Budget Department are reported in two self- balancing fund groups as follows:

Expendable funds-Expendable funds include the Assessments Fund which is available for the general purposes and operations of the Church as well as funds that have been designated by the General Conference for the following specific purposes:

General Conference Fund – expenses to be incurred in connection with the General Conference

Capital Reserve and Contingency Funds – reserves for emergencies and undesignated needs.

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Note 2- Summary of Significant Accounting Policies-continued

Nonexpendable funds- Nonexpendable funds include the Ministers' Minimum Salary Fund which is being accumulated to provide a financial base to support, at some future point, a minimum salary program for ministers of the Church.

None of the funds carry any donor restrictions.

Investments- Investments are presented in the financial statements at fair market value. Cash and investments include demand deposits, money market investment accounts and highly liquid investments maturing within 90 days of purchase.

Use of Estimates- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3- Concentration of Credit Risk

The department maintains the bulk of its checking accounts and certificates at two banks; FDIC insurance covers \$250,000 of these balances. At December 31, 2016, the Department had \$1,219,153 in excess of FDIC coverage.

Note 4- Mortgage Payable

The department, on behalf of the A.M.E. Zion Church, had a credit facility with Bank of America with maximum principal amount of \$6,668,182.29. The facility was to be used by Hood Theological Seminary and Clinton Junior College for renovations and new construction. Interest was at "Bank of America's Prime Rate". As of December 31, 2016, the outstanding balance is \$0.

The Connectional Budget Department of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church acting on behalf of "The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church assumed a loan in the amount of \$4,125,191 with Wells Fargo bank, whose original borrowers were The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Department of Ministerial Relief, Inc. ("Ministerial Relief") and The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Brotherhood Pension Service, Inc. On April 17, 2015, the balance of this loan was paid off and \$3,891,040 balance was refinanced as a term loan with Bank of America. The outstanding principal balance of this note shall bear interest LIBOR floating rate plus 2.75 percentage points. Principal of \$64,850 and interest payments on the note commenced on July 17, 2015 and due every quarter, and ending on April 17, 2022.

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Note 4- Mortgage Payable -continued

Scheduled maturities of mortgage payable principal payments not including interest are as follows:

Period Ending December 31, 2016		incipal nount
2017	\$	259,400
2018	φ	259,400
2019		259,400
2020		259,400
2021		259,400
2022		1,204,940
	\$	2,501,940

Note 5- Fair Value Measurements

Included in the accompanying financial statements are certain financial instruments carried at fair value. These instruments include: Investment Contracts and Marketable Securities.

The fair value of an asset is the amount at which that asset could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties, that is, other than in a forced or liquidation sale; similarly, the fair value of a liability at which the liability could be transferred in a transaction between willing parties. Fair values are based on quoted market prices when available. When market prices are not available, fair value is generally estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, incorporating current market inputs for similar financial instruments with comparable terms and credit quality.

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Note 5- Fair Value Measurements -continued

All financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value have been classified, for disclosure purposes, based on a hierarchy defined by FASB ASC No. 820, Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures. The Hierarchy gives the highest ranking to fair values determined using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and the lowest ranking to fair values determined using methodologies and models with unobservable inputs, as follows:

Level 1 - Values are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs include quoted prices for similar asset or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices from willing to trade in markets that are active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by market data for the term of the instrument.

Level 3 – Certain inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the organization's best estimate of what hypothetical market participants would use to determine a transaction price for asset or liability at the reporting date.

Note 6- Building and Land

The value of building and land are carried on the books of the department as follows:

Hood Theological Seminary – Loan & Renovation	_	5,500,000
<u> </u>	Φ	14,492,500

Note 7- Subsequent Events

As required by FASB ASC No. 855, Subsequent Events, Subsequent Events have been evaluated by management through June 20, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be released.

Supplemental Information

CONNECTIONAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED FROM EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS

Episcopal District	istrict Presiding Bishop		2016
Piedmont	Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.	\$	1,285,899
Eastern North Carolina	Bishop Kenneth Monroe		1,151,291
Mid-West	Bishop Darryl B. Starnes		812,216
North Eastern	Bishop Dennis V. Procotor		1,309,919
South Atlantic	Bishop Mildred B. Hines		494,798
Mid-Atlantic	Bishop W. Darin Moore		1,398,524
Alabama - Florida	Bishop Seth O. Lartey		837,239
Southwestern Delta	Bishop Michael A. Frencher		126,020
Western	Bishop Staccato Powell		158,089
Central-Southern Africa	Bishop George D. Crenshaw		-
Western West Africa	Bishop Hilliard Dogbe		-
Eastern West Africa	Bishop U. U. Effiong		
	Total	\$	7,573,995

CONNECTIONAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

ASSESSMENTS FUND Bank of America	\$1,422,278
Total Assessments Fund	\$1,422,278
GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND Bank of America	¢46 074
Bank of America	\$46,874
Total General Conference Fund	\$46,874
INVESTMENT FUND / Headquarters Contingency Fund & Other Investment	
Waddell & Reed	\$119,201
Total Investment Fund	\$119,201
MINISTERS' MINIMUM SALARY FUND	
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	\$605,866
Waddell & Reed	\$28,963
Total Ministers' Minimum Salary Fund	\$634,829
CONNECTIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND	
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	\$798,740
Total Connectional Endowment Fund	\$798,740
CONTINGENCY FUND	
Bank of America US Trust	\$120,018
Total Contingency Fund	\$120,018
Total Cook 9 Cook Emirate	
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$3,141,941

CONNECTIONAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES DISBURSED

CONNECTIONAL CLAIMANTS	
Bishops' Salaries	\$ 609,667
Episcopal Assistance	185,958
Episcopal Travel	231,029
Parsonage Exclusion	137,392
Retired Bishops Package	257,834
General Officers Package	605,999
Total	\$ 2,027,879
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Connectional Budget Office:	
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$ 90,238
Telephone	2,600
Corporate Center Rent	124,401
Legal and Accounting	7,050
Retirement Benefits	4,000
Insurance	 8,080
Subtotal	\$ 236,369
Liability Insurance	\$ _
General Conference Allocation	250,000
Travel and Sustentation	39,823
Retired General Officer's	32,000
General Secretary's Office	56,500
Judicial Council	18,750
Bishops' Widows Travel	1,994
Social Security Tax	47,815
Total	\$ 683,251
DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT	
Church Extension	\$ 15,000
Christian Education	105,000
Home Missions	90,000
Overseas Missions	87,963
Evangelism	90,000
Connectional Lay Office	25,000
Public Relations Office	15,000
Health and Social Concerns	10,000
Eastern West Africa	50,000
Western West Africa	50,000
Central-Southern Africa	 100,000
Total	\$ 637,963

CONNECTIONAL BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES DISBURSED (CONT.)

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS		
Livingstone College	\$	729,621
Hood Theological Seminary		375,000
Clinton Junior College		450,000
Lomax-Hannon Junior College		200,000
A.M.E. Zion University		51,250
Hood/Speaks Seminiary		52,500
Total	\$	1,858,371
MINISTERIAL RELIEF	\$	300,000
BROTHERHOOD PENSION	\$	402,667
PUBLICATION HOUSE AND PERIODICALS		
Historical Society and Quarterly Review	\$	15,000
Publication House		24,000
Church School Editorial Section		37,500
Star of Zion - Editor		32,500
Total	\$	109,000
ECUMENICAL AND SOCIAL CONCERNS		
Camp Barber		
Camp Dorothy Walls		
Ecumenical Memberships	\$	45,661
Harriet Tubman Home		76,250
Ecumenical Representation		27,933
Zion's Office/Inter-Church Center		2,000
Total	\$	151,844
RESERVE FUNDS	\$	25,000
CONNECTIONAL DEBT SERVICE		363,466
<u>LEGAL FEES</u>		45,218
MOTHER AME ZION CHURCH		40,000
BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES		
HOOD SCHOLARSHIP		
THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP		
PAN-METHODIST		
NONBUDGETED		70,000
		6714650
TOTAL EXPENSES DISBURSED	_ \$	6,714,659

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