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OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.

Bishop Seth O. Lartey, Presiding

The PreludeCongregation in Meditation
The Processional Hymn“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

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| <p>1. <i>Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on
high; the cross of Christ your
King. ~Refrain~</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Bright youth and snow-
crowned age, Strong men and
maidens fair, Raise high your
free, exulting song, God's
wondrous praise declare.
~Refrain~</i></p> |
| <p>3. <i>Yes, on through life's long
path, Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night
and day, In gladness and in
woe, ~Refrain~</i></p> | <p>4. <i>Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array, As
warriors thro' the darkness
toil Till dawns the golden
day. ~Refrain~</i></p> |

~Refrain~

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing. Amen

The Call to WorshipBishop W. Darin Moore

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: His praises shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Unison: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

The InvocationBishop George W.C. Walker, Sr.

In the order of the universe we see Thy greatness, O God; in its mystery we discover our own littleness. Yet through Jesus Christ we know the greatness of Thy love which gives worth and meaning to our lives. Help us in faith to see You, in confidence to worship You, in love to serve You, and in all our ways to acknowledge You as Lord. In Jesus' name and Spirit we pray. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise*Bishop George D. Crenshaw*
“Come, Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song”

1. *Come, let us tune our loftiest song And raise to Christ our joy-ful strain, Worship and thanks to Him belong, Who reigns, and shall forever reign.*
2. *His sovereign power our bodies made; Our souls are His immortal breath, And when His creatures sinned, He bled, To save us from eternal death.*
3. *Burn every breast with Jesus love; Bound every heart with rapturous joy, And saints on earth, with saints above, Your voices in His praise employ.*
4. *Extol the Lamb with loftiest song; Ascend for Him our cheerful strain; Worship and thanks to Him belong, Who reigns and shall forever reign. Amen*

The Responsive Reading*Bishop Staccato Powell*
“Comfort My People” (Isaiah 40:1-5)

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God

People: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended.

Leader: That her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

People: A voice cries, “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

People: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

The Affirmation of Faith*Bishop Joseph Johnson*
“The Apostles’ Creed”

The Old Testament Lesson*Bishop Dennis V. Proctor*
Isaiah 53

The Gloria Patri

The New Testament Lesson*Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.*
John 1:1-14 (NLT)

The Morning Prayer*Bishop U.U. Effiong*
“When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus”

The Choral Selection *Alabama Florida Mass Choir*
“I Will Give Thanks to Thee, O Lord” (Anthem)

The Ministry of Kindness Offering (\$20.00 asking).....*Bishop Louis Hunter*
 The Music of Inspiration "I Just Want to Praise You"
 The Introduction of the Senior Bishop *Bishop Seth O. Lartey*
 The Presentation of Preacher*Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.*
 The Hymn of Preparation*Bishop Warren M. Brown*

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

1. *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*
2. *I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, No sudden rending of the veil of clay, No angel visitant, no opening skies; But take the dimness of my soul away.*
3. *Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind; I see Thy cross there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.*
4. *Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh: Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*
5. *Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The kindling of the Heaven descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame. Amen.*

The Sermon*Bishop Kenneth Monroe, Presiding Bishop Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District*

Sermon Scripture: John 1:10-13
“Grace, Unrecognized”

Premise: *Jesus came into the world as Grace (unmerited favor), but the world did not recognize Him. It’s a dangerous thing to take God’s grace for granted.*

When Grace is unrecognized:

1. *Repentance is ignored,*
2. *Righteousness is impeded,*
3. *Reconciliation is impaired,*
“It does not matter how far you are from God, His grace can find you, wherever you are.”

The Invitational Hymn“Jesus Is Tenderly Calling”

- 1. *Jesus is tenderly calling thee home-Calling today, calling to day; Why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam Farther and farther away? ~Refrain~*
- 2. *Jesus is calling the weary to rest Calling today, calling today; Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest: He will not turn thee away. ~Refrain~*
- 3. *Jesus is waiting; O come to Him now Waiting today, waiting today; Come with thy sins; at His feet lowly bow; Come, and no longer delay. ~Refrain~*
- 4. *Jesus is pleading; O list to His voice: Hear Him today, hear Him today; They who believe on His name shall rejoice; Quickly arise and away. ~Refrain~*

Refrain: Calling today; Calling today, Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today. Amen

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Offering(\$100.00).....Finance Committee

The Election of Officers*Bishop Mildred B. Hines*

President Bishop W, Darin Moore,

Motion, Bishop Dennis Proctor
Second, Bishop Darryl B. Starnes

Secretary – Bishop Kenneth Monroe

Motion, Bishop Darryl B. Starnes
Second, Bishop Staccato Powell

Assistant Secretary, Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.

Motion, Bishop W. Darin Moore
Second, Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.

Treasury, Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.

Motion, Bishop Kenneth Monroe
Second, Bishop Seth O. Lartey

Chaplain, Bishop Darryl B. Starnes

Motion, Bishop Staccato Powell
Second, Bishop Kenneth Monroe

Assistant Chaplain, Bishop Seth O. Lartey

Motion, Bishop Darryl B. Starnes

Second, Bishop George D. Crenshaw

All motions carried.

Commendations to Bishop Hines were made by Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., after which the Passing of the Mantle from Bishop Hines to Bishop Moore followed.

Expressions of Honor to Bishop and Mrs. Moore were given by Dr. Audie Simon and Mrs. Tawanna McLendon

Presidential Remarks by Bishop W. Darin Moore, President of the Board of Bishops. The major emphasis for the next six months will be called: Operation Zion Votes, where all members will be encouraged to vote and encourage others to register and vote.

The Announcements/Notices were given by *Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.*

The Benediction was given by Bishop Kenneth Monroe.

The session ended at 1:15 P.M. The business session would convene at 3:15 P.M.

The Recessional



Thursday, July 19, 2018– 3:00 pm

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding

Session began at 3:20 P.M.

Devotional Prayer was given by Dr. Haven Anderson

The Reports (See Reports)

CFO-Finance Department*Dr. Shirley Welch*

Motion: Bishop G.E. Battle, Jr.

Second: Bishop K. Monroe

Unreadiness: Dr. G. Ray Coleman (commendations) “Rising vote of thanks.

Motion Carried.

Chief Operating Officer/*Mr. Herbert Watkins*
Business Manager

Motion: Bishop G. Crenshaw

Second: Bishop M.A. Frencher, Sr.

Motion Carried

Director, Department of Church.....*Reverend Dr. Otis T. McMillan*
Growth & Development

Motion: Bishop D.B. Starnes

Second: Dr. Eric Leake

Unreadiness: Bishop M.A. Frencher, Sr.

Motion Carried.

Chief Communications Officer/Editor, Star of Zion*Mrs. Addie Lisby*

Motion: Bishop G. Crenshaw

Second: Dr. Eric Leake

Unreadiness: Pastor Scot Moore

Motion Carried.

Zion Benefits Services*Dr. David Aiken*

Motion: Bishop S.O. Lartey

Second: Bishop S. Powell

Unreadiness: Many
Motion Carried

Greetings*The Reverend Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore, III - President
Hood Theological Seminary*

Global Missions and Pan Methodist Commission.....*Dr. Dwight Cannon
& Dr. Mary A. Love (Statement given by Bishop Kenneth Monroe)*

Dinner 5:20 P.M.

Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 7:00 pm
Bishop Mildred B. Hines, Presiding

The Welcome Program

The Prelude*Congregation in Meditation*

- The Call to Worship
- The Invocation
- The Hymn of Praise
- The Lesson from the Holy Scripture
- The Evening Prayer
- The Music of Inspiration

The Presentation of The Presiding Bishop

- The Acknowledgements
- The Response to Welcome
- The Evening Offering
- The Introduction of Preacher*Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.*

The Music of Preparation St. Peter A.M.E. Zion Church “Something Happens, When I Call You”

The Sermon.....*Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., Presiding Bishop
Mid-West Episcopal District*

1st Peter 1:1-9 (NLT)
“Our Highest Priority”

Premise: The salvation of souls should be our highest priority in the Church,

1. The saved are chosen by God,
2. The saved are born of God,
3. The saved are kept by God,
4. The saved are tested by God.
5. The saved are rewarded by God.

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Announcements

The Benediction *Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.*

Friday, July 20, 2018 – 9:30 am

Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding

Devotion: The session began at 9:30 A.M. with President Moore calling us to order. He called on Elder Hanna Broome to lead us in prayer.

President Moore then called on Bishop Proctor to make a statement for the Board of Bishops.

A statement from the Board of Bishops was given by Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Chair of the Board of Christian Education that the Board has chosen Br. Brenda Smith as the General Secretary of Christian Education.

The Reports

General Secretary – Christian Education*..Dr. Brenda L.G. Smith*

Motion: Bishop Proctor

Second: Bishop Hines

Unreadiness:

Motion Carried.

President Moore asked that we pause for a moment of silence in the memory of Dr. Kathryn Brown.

President Moore then admonished the Council to encourage our churches to use our own literature.

General Secretary –Auditor*Reverend Dr. J. Elvin Sadler*

Motion: Bishop Hines

Second: Bishop Frencher

Unreadiness: Tracey and Morrow

Motion Carried.

The President then called upon the Senior Bishop to make presentation regarding Connectional Budget Board. Bishop Monroe read the statement regarding permission to pay down liquidating the Varick Renaissance Center to pay it off by 2020 General Conference. No allocated funds will be touched.

Bishop Battle, the Board of Bishops, and the Connectional Budget Board recommends the plan.

Motion to approve:
Motion: Greg Smith
Second: Johnathan Fields
Motion Carried.

The President called for the report of the W. H. & O. M. Society

International President – W. H. & O. M. Society*Dr. Sandra Gadson*
Executive Director– W. H. & O. M. Society*Mrs. Rosetta Dunham*
Treasurer’s Report – W. H. & O. M. Society*Mrs. Jacqueline French*
Motion: Bishop Kenneth Monroe
Second: Mrs. Florena Johnson
Motion Carried.

Director of Public Affairs*Reverend George E. McKain, II*
Motion: Bishop Battle
Second: Bishop Starnes
Motion Carried.

President Moore ask for Dr. Ramon Hunt pray for the survivors and the families of those who lost in the boat tragedy in Branson, Missouri.

Acting President – Clinton College*Reverend Dr. Lester A. McCorn*
(A status report of the College was given to the Board of Bishops and received)

President – A.M.E. Zion*Dr. Charles Wesley Ford,*
University College

Motion: Bishop Proctor
Second: Bishop Lartey
Unreadiness: Dr. Benjamin Lartey
Motion Carried:

President – Hood-Speaks*Reverend Dr. D.J. Ekpo*
Theological Seminary (presented by Bishop Effiong)

Motion: Bishop Frencher

Second: Bishop Lartey

Motion Carried.

Coordinator – Lomax-Hannon Junior College...*Reverend Dr. Claude Shuford*

Motion: Bishop Lartey

Seconded: Bishop Crenshaw

Motion Carried.

President – Connectional Lay Council*Dr. Mary Matthews*

Motion: Bishop Frencher

Second: Dr. David Aiken

Unreadiness: Dr. Yvonne Tracey

Motion Carried.

President Moore ask for summary reports from the following:

- ✓ President Livingstone College is operating at one of the highest levels of operations and is in the black.
- ✓ Clinton College Bishops Hines stated that a progress report has been made to the Board of Bishops and will be given later to the Council
- ✓ Manager – Camp Barber*Bishop Dennis V. Proctor*
(No activity, New feasibility assigned to determine future usage.)

Executive Director – Harriett Tubman Home*Ms. Karen Hill*
(Bishop Proctor gave a summary of the activities of the Home. The full report is on the website.)

All reports having been given, President Moore called for the announcements.

Final remarks were given by the President regarding Philippians 4:4 (The Message). We are blessed. He presented Bishop Battle.

He asked us to celebrate Bishop Moore for his leadership and recognition around the world and for his stellar and the leadership of the Board of Bishops and how privileged they have to serve the Church. His challenge to the Church is to Seek First the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things will be added unto you> Matthew 6:33

He then asked us to sing “God be with you til we meet again”.

Benediction was given by the Senior Bishop. The business session was closed at 1:11 P.M.

Closing worship service will begin at 7:00 P.M. this evening.

Lunch

Friday, July 20, 2018 – 3:00 pm
Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding

Devotion

The Reports

Dinner

Friday, July 20, 2018 – 7:30 pm
Bishop W. Darin Moore, Presiding

MusicAlabama/Florida Episcopal District Choir

The SermonReverend Sandra C. Sistare, Pastor
Steele Hill African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Lancaster, SC

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Offering

The Announcements

The Benediction

Sunday, July 22, 2018 – 10:00 am

Service of Holy Communion

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding

The Prelude Congregation in Meditation

The Processional Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

1. *Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore; Lift up
your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
2. *Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our
stains, He took His seat
above; Lift up your heart, lift
up your voice; Rejoice, again
I say, rejoice.*
3. *His kingdom cannot fail, He
rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell Are
to our Jesus given; Lift up your
heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
4. *He sits at God’s right hand
Till all His foes submit, And
bow to His command, And
fall beneath His feet; Lift up
your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
5. *He all His foes shall quell, And
all our sins destroy; Let every
bosom swell With pure
seraphic joy; Lift up your
heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
6. *Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up To
their eternal home; We soon
shall hear the archangel’s
voice; The trump of God shall
sound, Rejoice. Amen*

The Call to Worship Bishop Nathaniel Jarrett

**Leader: We will praise the Lord with our whole heart. We will
worship in His Holy Temple!**

*People: We will praise the name of the Lord for His loving-
kindness and for His tender mercies.*

**Leader: As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the
sons and daughters of God.**

*Unison: The Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are the
children of God who have come to worship Him.*

The Invocation*Bishop Warren M. Brown*
Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in You. Breathe over us, O Holy Spirit, that we may receive serenity of heart, quietness of spirit, high and holy purposes for our lives, and a steadfast will to follow them. May it be in our lives as when it was said of old, “Let there be light: and there was light.” Ever may the light of Christ shine more clearly in and through our lives. Amen!

The Hymn of Praise.....“And Are We Yet Alive”
1. *And are we yet alive, And see each other’s face? Glory and praise to Jesus give, For His redeeming grace.* 2. *What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed, Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last!*
3. *But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love; And still He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.* 4. *Then let us make our boast Of His redeeming power, Which saves us to the uttermost, Till we can sin no more. Amen.*

The Affirmation of Faith*Bishop U.U. Effiong*
“The Apostles’ Creed”

The Old Testament Lesson*Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.*
The Gloria Patri
The New Testament Lesson*Bishop Staccato Powell*

The Morning Prayer*Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.*
The Choral Selection

The Ministry of Kindness Offering*Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam*
The Music of Inspiration

The Presentation of Preacher*Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.*

The Hymn of Preparation“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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| <p>1. <i>Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.</i></p> <p>3. <i>When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Bear me through the swelling current; Land me safe on Canaan’s side; Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee. Amen</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing waters flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield. Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield.</i></p> |
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The Sermon*Bishop Mildred B. Hines, Presiding Bishop South Atlantic Episcopal District*

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship*Bishop W.C. Walker, Sr.*

The Communion Offering*Finance Committee*
The Offertory

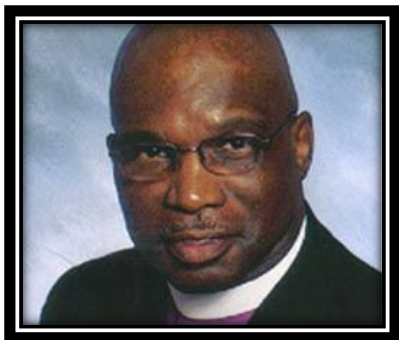
The Sacrament of Holy Communion*Bishop W. Darin Moore, Celebrant*
Bishop George D. Crenshaw, Concelebrant
Bishop Hilliard Dogbe, Concelebrant
Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr. Concelebrant

The Announcements/Notices*Bishop Kenneth Monroe*

The Fellowship

The Benediction*Bishop Mildred B. Hines*

The Recessional



Bishop Kenneth Monroe

Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe began his life and ministry in the small town of Red Springs, NC. He received his elementary and secondary education from the public schools of Red Springs. He was baptized and became a member of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Zion

Church of Red Springs and was later called to preach at the age of seventeen. Desiring to continue his education, he was encouraged and led to attend Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC. He received both the deacon and elders ordination by Bishop W. A. Hilliard in 1972 and 1974 respectively. Upon the completion of his undergraduate studies at Livingstone College and receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Studies, he entered Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC. In December 1976, he graduated from Duke University Divinity School with a Masters of Divinity Degree. In October 2003, he received the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT.

His pastoral experience include the Taylor's Chapel and St. Mary A. M. E. Zion Churches, Kittrell, NC; Union Oak A. M. E. Zion Church, Hope Mills, NC; Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church, Southern Pines, NC; Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Kansas City, MO; and the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Hartford, CT. He has served as the Presiding Elder of the Kansas City District, which includes congregations in Kansas City, MO; Kansas City, KS; Des Moines, IA and Omaha, NE. From 2001-2004 he served as Presiding Elder of the Nassau District of the Bahamas Island Annual Conference.

In July 2004, he was elected the 95th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He was assigned the Western West Africa Episcopal District which included the countries of Ghana, Togo, Liberia and Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). In December 2005, he was given the responsibility to supervise the Kentucky and Missouri Annual Conferences.

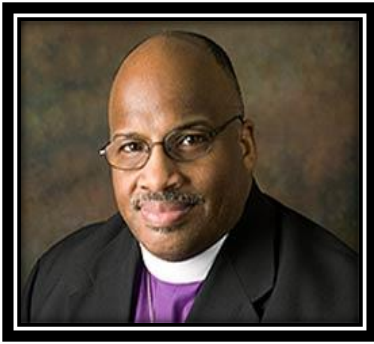
In October 2006, he completed the construction of the Janie Speaks Hospital, Afrancho, Ghana. From 2008 -2016 he served as the Presiding Bishop of the South Atlantic Episcopal District – A. M. E. Zion Church (Pee Dee, Palmetto, South Carolina and Georgia Annual Conferences);

In December 2012 he was assigned the Central North Carolina and Virgin Islands Annual Conferences. He currently serves as the Presiding Bishop of

the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District inclusive of the Albemarle, Cape Fear, Central North Carolina, North Carolina, Virgin Islands Annual Conferences.

He serves as the Secretary – Board of Bishops – A. M. E. Zion Church; Chair of the Board of Trustees @ Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC; Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC; Chair of the Board of Global Missions and Chair of the Connectional Presiding Elder’s Council – A. M. E. Zion Church. He serves as a member of the Pan-Methodist Commission and a member of the World Methodist Council. He is also a Life Member of the NAACP.

He is the third son of the late Paul and Hazel Monroe of Red Springs, NC. He has been married to the former Sheila Wells since May 24, 1975. They are the parents of three children, Erica Green (Michael) of Kansas City, MO; Kevin (Lachelle) of Kansas City, KS and Adria of Charlotte, NC, eight grandchildren; Destiny, Devin, Armond, Jayden, London, Kamryn, Emaiya and Myauni). He strives to live by the theme he has embraced as a means of inspiration and motivation for the past thirty years, “Making the Impossible Possible with God”



Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.
Mid-West Episcopal District

Born in Hampton, Virginia, but raised primarily in Knoxville, TN, he was greatly impacted by the Christian nurture of his grandfather, the late Reverend Dr. J. A. Babington-Johnson and the First A.M.E. Zion Church, Knoxville, where his grandfather was the organizing pastor. He gave his life to Christ at age 15. Two

years later, after excelling in academics and athletics (football, basketball, baseball, and track), he graduated from Fulton High School and entered the ministry. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC in 1979, the Master of Divinity Degree from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury in 1982, and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL in 1998. He was ordained a deacon in 1977, an elder in 1979, and was consecrated a bishop in 2008. His ministry has concentrated in six areas: pastoring, evangelism, teaching, community outreach, the episcopacy and writing.

PASTORATES included MT Moriah/MT Ararat Circuit, Richburg and Bascomville, SC; Greater Warner Tabernacle, Knoxville, TN; Thompkins Metropolitan, Chattanooga, TN; Spottswood, New Britain, CT; Metropolitan, Birmingham, AL; Evans Metropolitan, Bennettsville, SC; and Wesley, Harrisburg, NC, where he was the organizing pastor.

EVANGELISM: He has served as Director of Evangelism for the Knoxville District, the Tennessee Conference, the Alabama/Florida Episcopal District, and The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church for twelve years. He has served as the Vice-President of the Evangelism Program Ministries Unit of the National Council of Churches of Christ and is presently the chairman of the Wesleyan Commission on Evangelism and the Secretary of Evangelism for North America for World Methodist Evangelism.

TEACHING: He has lectured at workshops, institutes, conventions, and retreats throughout the country and overseas. He has served as an instructor at the Unity Theological Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee; as the Dean of the Hartford District School in New Britain, Connecticut; as an Adjunct Professor at the Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama; and as an Adjunct Professor at Hood Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: He has served as board member, Eastside YMCA, Knoxville, TN; vice-chairman, Board of Directors, Urban Services

YMCA, Chattanooga, TN; Interim-Director, Inner City Ministries, Chattanooga, TN; vice-chairman, Board of Directors, OIC, New Britain, CT; board member, Friendship Homeless Shelter, New Britain, CT; Incorporator, Wheeler Clinic, Plainville, CT; member, Christian Coalition of Connecticut; chaplain, Connecticut Department of Corrections; consultant, Black Family Ministries Project; and trustee, Lomax-Hannon Junior College, Greenville, AL; Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC; and Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury.

EPISCOPACY: In 2008, he was consecrated the 96th Bishop in the line of succession; and for four years served as the Presiding Prelate of the Southwestern Delta Episcopal District, which comprises Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Mississippi, Texas, and West Tennessee-Mississippi Conferences. In 2012, he became the Presiding Prelate of the Mid-West Episcopal District, which comprises Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, and Trinidad-Tobago Conferences. He also served as Presiding Prelate of the Albemarle Conference of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District. He was re-appointed to the Mid-West in 2016. He has served as Chairman of the following Administrative Boards: the American Bible Society, Health and Social Concerns, Public Relations and Historical Society, Worship and Ritual, and Church Growth and Development. He is one of our church's representatives on the National Council of Churches of Christ and on the Pan Methodist Commission. In 2016, he was elected as the North American Officer to the World Methodist Council Steering Committee for the 2016-2021 quinquennium.

WRITING: He has authored several books. His most recent books include the following: *Not Ashamed of the Gospel; An Evangelism Training Manual* (2009); *21st Century Christians Under Construction: A Discipleship Training Manual* (2011); and *For the Perfecting of the Saint: A Handbook on Small-Group Discipleship* (2013).

FAMILY: He is married to Sis. Camille Cullom Starnes, who is the daughter of an AME Zion Pastor, a native of Knoxville, a local preacher, and a graduate of Livingstone College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies. She served in the Church School Literature Department for eleven years, before becoming a Missionary Supervisor. They are the proud parents of three beautiful children: Reverend Alicia Courtney (Reverend Rodney), Millicent, and Darryl Jr. and seven adorable grandchildren, Mya, Malachi, Kaiyon, Benjamin, Caleb, Jayelle and Chloe.



Reverend Sandra C. Sistare, Pastor, Steele Hill A.M.E. Zion Church

A native of Van Wyck, SC, the daughter of the late Betty Massey Crawford and Robert L. Crawford, Sr. a Graduate of Indian Land High School and USC with a focus on Religious Studies and Business Administration. Reverend Sistare has been in the Preaching Ministry for 37 years, and the Pastoral Ministry for 29 years.

Reverend Sistare's ministry began at White Oak AME Zion Church, Lancaster District, of the Pee Dee Conference under the leadership of the late Reverend Marvin Bell in 1981. She has traveled extensively throughout the Connection and has served the Church in many capacities...

- Pastor of Tabernacle AME Zion Church, York-Chester District, South Carolina Conference 1989-2000 (11 years)
- Pastor of Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church, Gastonia, N.C. South Carolina Conference 2000-2006 (6 years)
- Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Zion Church, Catawba, SC, South Carolina Conference 2006-2011 (5 Years)
- Currently Pastoring Steele Hill AME Zion Church, Pee Dee Conference since 2011.
- Served as Delegate to four General Conferences since 2004.
- Served as District Secretary, York-Chester District and Conference Secretary of the South Carolina Conference.
- Served as District Director of Evangelism, South Carolina Conference from 1994-2011

A member of the NAACP.

Reverend Sistare enjoys, reading, writing, and traveling. She is a mother of 3 grown children and a grandmother.

Favorite Scripture is Proverbs 3:1-6