Welcome to the Nation State of South Carolina!

Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.
Supervisor Phyllis N. Green

The Right Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr., 125th Elected and Consecrated Bishop African Methodist Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop of the 7th Episcopal District.

The Rt. Rev. Samuel L. Green, Sr., is the son of the Late Reverend and Mrs. Henry E. and Irene W. Green, born August 31, 1960 in Tampa, Florida. Bishop Green was nurtured by his late parents in strong religious and moral values, along with his sister Minerva Green Miller and four brothers; Retired Master Sergeant Paul Green and the Reverend Drs. Henry, John and David Green.

He is the father of three sons: Adam, Samuel, and Stephen.

Bishop Green was reared in the state of Florida, where he received his formal education. Like the prophet Samuel in the Old Testament, the Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green Sr. was very young when he first realized his calling into the ministry. No supernatural acts of God were necessary to compel him to serve. “There was no light or anything like that,” Bishop Green said. “It was just an assurance that I had that this was what God wanted for me to do with my life.” By the time he was 17, he was already preaching and touching the lives of others, but Bishop Green faced challenges in his early walk. Living in a way that pleased the Lord was a challenge for him as a teenager. He felt pressure to join his friends in activities that he knew would undermine his spirituality. He also faced doubt and criticism because of his youth, inexperience and desire to revolutionize the structure of the church.

Bishop Green has been inspired to take daring new approaches, including more open worship and a ministry specialized for individual needs. Under Bishop Green’s direction, St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church in Orlando, Florida, added a daycare facility and preparatory school. He served the church from 1988 to 2004, and in honor of his dedication to furthering the kingdom of God; the church renamed the Family Life Center to the Samuel L. Green Sr. Family Life Center during his final month there. He has also held pastorates at two other Florida churches: Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Green Cove Springs and Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in St. Petersburg.

Over three decades after accepting his calling, the same passion to lead others to a closer relationship with Jesus exists within Bishop Green’s soul. He is one of the 21 active elected and consecrated bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, served as the
Presiding Bishop of the 12th District, which encompasses Arkansas and Oklahoma, and now serves as the appointed Presiding Bishop of the 7th Episcopal District. He views the church as a proponent of change. In his opinion, meeting the needs of the community is a priority, from housing to job training to educating our youth.

Bishop Green has a special interest in reaching out to the youth in a way that allows them to express themselves and offers them a refuge within the church from negative influences, such as gangs. One of his recent projects is the rejuvenation of the young adult and youth ministries. Under Bishop Green’s guidance the credibility of the AME Church’s only Junior College, Shorter College has been restored. Upon Bishop Green’s arrival to the 12th Episcopal District, Shorter College was unaccredited. However, on October 29, 2013, Shorter was awarded Full Accreditation Status from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). TRACS is an accrediting agency, which is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE), the Council for Higher Education (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (NCAHAE). Attaining the status of full accreditation qualifies the institution for access to higher levels of resources and support, such as: Facilitates the college’s participation in the Arkansas Library System Qualifies the institution for full recertification by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education as one of its 17 private independent institutions.

Signature projects within the 12th Episcopal District include adoption of Simone’s Home in Little Rock, Arkansas. Simone’s Home is a community based residential program for girls 12-18 years old in long term foster care. Simone’s Home provides a safe, family-style environment. The maximum occupancy at the facility is six, and runs like any other household — the girls attend public school, participate in sports and extracurricular activities. Some of the girls may even hold part-time jobs.

The WMS consistently provides personal care items for the girls as well as necessities for the day-to-day operation of the program. They also hosted an annual Christmas Party for the staff and residents, worked alongside the Connectional YPD to redecorate one of the living spaces so the girls could have a more comfortable TV/relaxing area, and planted fresh flowers along the front porch area. Supervisor Green continues to receive updates from the Executive Direc
The sisters of the Seventh Episcopal District Women’s Missionary Society welcome you with a smile on their face and love in their hearts as we stand together to continue the work of missions.

Commission on Social Action
Sister Genell J. Tarte
Episcopal 1st Vice President

We continue to be committed to raising awareness and responding to the concerns of people here at home and globally. We are working diligently to plan and execute global initiatives and opportunities to improve the conditions of those in dire need. We strive to increase the visibility and reputation of the Women’s Missionary Society, as a powerful advocate for social action, justice and change. We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world.

Missionaries are on the move working very hard to make a difference in the Seventh Episcopal District. Each conference has reported on many of the wonderful programs that are being done on all levels.

Areas and Conferences are working hard in their preparation and implementing of the Sustainable Development Goals given to us by the NGO. The focus for each conference will be the transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDG’s) which we have used for the past fifteen years as a guideline for our global mission outreach. We continue to support and know that the work of the WMS-NGO is imperative to our mission work. We look forward to seeing how the transition effects and affects the WMS, internationally and locally.

In the months of March, April and May missionaries were busy with outreaches to Transform Lives and Build Communities. Monetary gifts were given The March of Dimes and Relay for Life. Missionaries from each conference participated in March for the Cure Rallies and Relay for Life Rallies and activities.

On Mother’s Day many churches participated in “Fistula Awareness” and collected funds that will be donated to AME-SADA. June was Men’s Health Awareness Month. Churches were asked to register again this year with PHEN (Prostate Health Education Network). They have lots of resources, activities and materials that can be used by your church to promote Prostate Cancer Awareness. Father’s Day PHEN Rallies were sponsored by several churches across the District. The WMS was a part of the Seventh Episcopal District’s Ecumenical Service remembering the Mother Emanuel AME Church Nine and honoring the survivors on June 17, 2016.

Our Christian Life Skills Curriculum is continuing to be presented throughout the Seventh Episcopal District to our young people. Respect and Responsibility are the first two life skills. The curriculum on “Responsibility” has been shared with each conference and we are hoping to see it used by all components.
The Commission on Mission Education and Interpretation would like to report the following accomplishments during the 2016 Conference year. We started our year off with our annual Women’s Missionary Society Retreat. Our retreat was held February 5-7, 2016, at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC. Our theme was The Legacy of Christian Women—Transforming Lives. During our retreat, we recognized Heart Awareness Month by wearing red on Friday. We then had an informative workshop discussing how to transform lives economically followed by a spirit filled opening worship experience. Later that evening, our Young Adult Missionaries had an energetic empowerment workshop just for them. On Saturday, we sported our Fresh Fire Attire as we listened to more informative workshops with a special forum that included our former Episcopal Supervisors and Connectional President. The Young Adult Missionaries had a Paint Your Heart Out painting...
They had a wonderful time and it was standing room only. During our down time we were able to socialize and play various board/card games, and we topped it off with the viewing of the movie War Room. On Sunday Morning we gathered together to worship and recommit ourselves to the work of missions. I would like to thank our Episcopal Leadership, President Anderson, Executive Board, Retreat Committee and all of the 1,054 registered attendees. You are the wind beneath my wings!

Our Director of Promotion and Missionary Education reports a total of 1,725 orders of the Mission Education Curriculum. This years’ theme “Survival of the Male in an Ever Changing World” focuses on the call for action for all those that read it, to encourage and assist all men to overcome adversity and impact the policies that create inequity. The topics for August include: America the Beautiful, African American Male Initiative (AAMI), and Anger Management. We encourage all societies on all levels to read, study, and discuss the lessons on a regular basis.

We would also like to report that 189 copies of the WMS magazine has been order for the conference year.

Our Corresponding Secretary continues to develop and publish an engaging and enlightening newsletter. The March 2016 Issue 15 can be found on the Episcopal District’s website. The July 2016 Issue will be posted at the close of this Congress. She continues to work on an e-blast email system as well as an Episcopal WMS Website. Remember to submit your work in mission to your conference president for future newsletters.

Again, thank you for all that you do for the work of Missions and remember no mission is Impossible...we say Mission Possible!

Commission on Membership
Sister Jamesetta Lovett
Episcopal 3rd Vice President

About fifty Seventh Episcopal District Young Adult Missionaries and seasoned Missionaries gathered at Allen University on Saturday, June 11th for our first SED YAM Empowerment Conference. Motivational Speaker, Roxy Hall, of SHeEnergy a Division of Vanguard Solutions Consulting, LLC presented GET SHenergized! This highly engaging, interactive event incorporated all dimensions of SHEwellness through motivational messages, empowerment exercise and team building activities. Our WMS ladies participated in "What's Your FLAVA Personality Test where

UPCOMING HEALTH MISSION PROJECT:

Young Adult Missionaries will register with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Inc. and partner as an Advocate, encouraging awareness within their Local Societies and communities.
As ONE in Mission, Young Adult Missionaries across the Seventh Episcopal District participate in the Connectional Health Mission Project, Put on Purple™ for lupus awareness. May 10th is World Lupus Day. Each local society was asked to observe Saturday, May 14th as the official Put on the Purple Day and spread awareness throughout their various communities. Members wore purple on Sunday, May 15th and shared information to build awareness of lupus to improve early diagnosis and treatment of this unpredictable and misunderstood disease, and ensure that people with lupus are aware of the support and resources available to help them manage the disease.

everyone discovered if they were spicy, salty mild or tangy, and how understanding your FLAVA will help you communicate more effectively. Everyone left motivated, empowered and SHEnergized, ready to return to their churches and communities and transform lives. The Columbia Conference President, Felita Grady-Davis, Third Vice President, Latarsha Lorick-Cleckley and Member at Large, Jessica Burke served as excellent host. We look forward to a bigger and better event next year.
UPCOMING MENTAL HEALTH MISSION OBJECTIVE/GOAL:

As One in Mission we will address and confront Mental Health concentrating on Stress Management and Suicide Awareness.

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10 (conduct Memorial Services and Candlelight Ceremonies to remember those who died from suicide, distribute publications about suicide awareness and prevention, and conduct training courses about suicide and depression awareness)
It is with great pleasure to report that since our Mid Year Conference, we have continued our efforts of training, service and fellowship. Some of our accomplishments are:

1. A group of YPD’ers and Directors from around the state gathered at Mother Emmanuel AME Church, for worship. It was a time of remembrance, prayer and fellowship. We wanted our young people to understand that love conquers all. Also, in accordance with our Christian principles, we do not return evil for evil.

2. Two of our YPD’ers, Caleb Sprowl and Nikole Rivers attended the Clementa Pinckney 4-H Leadership Training at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. They attended workshops on leadership, public speaking, and networking. They had a wonderful time networking, meeting new friends and conversing on what it takes to be a leader and white water rafting on the Oconee River.


4. We promoted Voter Registration and “Get Out the Vote” Drives throughout the District. We are emphasizing that all of our young people should register, vote and encourage their parents to vote. We have an area set up for registering persons to vote during Leadership Congress.

5. We participated in the Rededication of Chappelle Auditorium and the opening of the Richard F. Norris Performing Arts Center at Allen University.

6. We attended the Bicentennial Celebration of the AME Church and the 50th Session of the General Conference of the AME Church.

7. We have completed the Seventh Episcopal District YPD website. We are social media friendly with very active Facebook, Twitter, email, and Snap Chat accounts.

Again, we want to welcome our Episcopal leadership, The Right Reverend Samuel L. Green Sr., Presiding Prelate, Supervisor Phyllis N. Green and the entire Green Family. We thank them for their interest and support of our young people. We also want to thank our Directors, officers, YPD’ers and the WMS on all levels of the Seventh Episcopal District.

Please continue to pray for the young people of the Seventh Episcopal District as they make their way through the coils and turns of life and prepare for the upcoming Annual Youth Witness Day Programs within each conference, as they continue to “Grow, Glow and Go for Christ.”
The 50th Quadrennial Convention of the General Conference the African Methodist Episcopal Church was spiritual, informative and spectacular. I am so appreciative of the opportunity to attend.

The elections were held on Monday July 11th. Candidates for the Episcopacy were joined on stage by their sponsors and representatives. The arena was electric with anticipation as delegates prepared for the awesome task of selecting new church leadership.

South Carolina native Bishop Harry Lee Seawright, of the 2nd Episcopal District was elected and followed by Bishop Micheal Leon Mitchell of the 11th district.

Bishop Anne E. Henning Byfield, the fourth woman elected to the Episcopacy of the church was elected on the second ballot. Bishop Byfield is from the 4th Episcopal District.

The Seventh Episcopal District, left its mark by electing Bishop Ronnie E. Brailsford the 136th elected and consecrated Bishop of the Church. We know Bishop Brailsford and Supervisor Carolyn Brailsford will lead the 20th District to new levels of service and growth. The 20th District encompasses the countries of Malawi and Zimbabwe. Bishop Brailsford was elected on the second ballot.

Bishop Stafford Wicker of the 6th Episcopal District was elected on the 3rd ballot.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid III was elected on the fourth and final ballot.

Dr. George Flowers was elected Executive Director, Global Witness and Ministry without competition by a unanimous ballot cast by the General Church Secretary.

Other General officers elected by the casting of a unanimous ballot were Dr. Richard F. Lewis Treasurer, CFO of the AME Finance Department, Dr. Jeffrey Cooper, General Secretary and Chief Information Officer of the AME Church Dr. Jerome Harris, Executive Director, Department of Annuity Investments and Insurance, and Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown, Historiographer. Executive Director, Department of Research and Scholarship.

Rev. Dr. Garland Pierce, a McCormick, SC native, was elected the Executive Director of the Department of Christian Education. Dr. Pierce is insightful and will bring a new perspective to that very special ministry of the church that undergirds all other ministries. Dr. Pierce faced a crowded field, and was elected on the second ballot.

Rev. Roderick Belin was elected as the President and Publisher of the AME Sunday School Union. Mr. John Thomas was elected the Editor of the Christian Recorder, the nation’s oldest publication. Dr. James C. Wade was elected the Executive Director of the Department of Church Growth and Development. These gentleman were elected on the first ballot.

Rev. Eduardo Curry was elected to serve on the Judicial Council of the Church. His experience will only enhance the work that the Council does in the life of the Church. Judge Curry was elected on the third ballot.
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The Women’s Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Prayer Breakfast was held on Thursday, July 7, 2016 of the Quadrennial Convention in Philadelphia, PA. The Prayer Breakfast theme was “Continuing the Legacy” 1874 -2016. An Extraordinary Past, A Phenomenal Presence, An Incredible Future. The breakfast highlighted Connectional Presidents from Sarah Allen to our current President Shirley Cason-Reed.

The Welcome was a poem entitled, “Beautiful Black Women.” The breakfast included a Monologue of Mrs. Sarah Bass Allen. During the Legacy Breakfast, each Episcopal District was represented by three WMS Legacy Honorees, that included a Past Honoree, Present Honoree and Future Honoree (YAM). Each of the honorees were presented with a certificate of recognition and the Sarah Allen signature necklace.

The Seventh Episcopal District Honorees were as follows. The Past Honoree was Sister Alonial D. Bradford, Central Conference, Liberty Hill AME Church, Manning, SC. Sister Bradford is an 87-year-old Life member whom has been an active missionary for the past sixty (60) years, she still works as a volunteer in her local high school. Sister Bradford Served as a Sojourner in Ghana in 1998 and as a member of the 800 Ladies’ Choir that traveled to South Africa.

The Present Honoree was Sister Vallery C. Smith, Piedmont Conference, St. Paul AME Church, Cokesbury, SC. Sister Smith established the Vallery C. Smith Denim and Lace Luncheon to honor Life Members & Torch-lights for dedicated service and continuous support of missions. She established the “IT” Projects: Coat-It, Book-It, Fan-It, this project provides coats to the homeless, books to after school programs & libraries, and fans to local organization, i.e., Salvation Army, for persons without air condition in their home.

The Future honoree was Sister Myra H. Singleton, South Carolina Conference, St. James AME Church, Summerville, SC. Sister Singleton Served as the Banner Committee Chairperson for the 18th WMS Quadrennial Conference. She promotes and supports WMS recruitment initiatives and serves as a mentor to young adult missionaries.

The honorees were given celebratory tributes in song, dance and music. It was a beautiful celebration that highlighted the many contributions of phenomenal women of the AME church. Nothing captured this more than the poem used in this celebration. We were all created to make a difference. Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don’t strive to make your presence noticed, just make you absence felt. Author Unknown.
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Sis. Myrtis Cusack, Conference YPD Director

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Sis. La Shonda Wilson, Conference YPD Director

South Carolina Conference
Sis. Victoria Stokes, Conference WMS President
Sis. Loretta Gadson-Washington, Conference YPD Director

Piedmont Conference
Sis. Bessie Williams, Conference WMS President
Sis. Mary Wideman, Conference YPD Director

Central Conference
Sis. Josephine Mitchell, Conference WMS President
Sis. Gwendolyn Barnes-Brown, Conference YPD Director

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