

# CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL 2022

JULY 25 - 27, 2022



CONCORD CONVENTION CENTER

# PROGRAM

**EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL**

5400 John Q. Hammonds Drive NW  
Concord, North Carolina 28027

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TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

*Worship Service*  
**CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL PROGRAM 2022**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr., Presiding

***THE PRELUDE***

**Congregation in Meditation Processional Hymn**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

All Hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saved you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Go spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all. Amen.

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The Call to Worship ..... *Bishop Marshall H. Strickland, I*

**Bishop:** Seek the Lord while He may be found.

**People:** Call upon Him while He is near

**Bishop:** Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

**All:** Let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

The Invocation ..... *Bishop Warren M Brown*

*Gracious Father, send forth Thy Holy Spirit into our act of praise and thanksgiving, that we like Jesus, may be lifted up from the mundane of this world to heavenly heights. In the Name of our Ascended Savior, Jesus. Amen.*

### ***THE HYMN OF PRAISE***

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove ..... *Bishop Hilliard Dogbe*

Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love, in these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below, fond of these earthly toys;  
Our souls, how heavenly they go, to reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs, In vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion rise.

And shall we then forever live, at this poor dying rate?  
Our love, so faint, so cold to Thee, and Thine to us so great.

Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers'  
Come shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

Responsive Reading ..... *Bishop George D. Crenshaw*

**Bishop:** From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the Church.

**People:** And when they had come to him, he said to them: You know from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you.

**Bishop:** Serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews.

**People:** And how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house.

**Bishop:** Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** and see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there.

**Bishop:** Except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

**All:** But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy.

### ***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***

The Apostles' Creed ..... *Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.*

The Old Testament Lesson..... *Bishop George W. C. Walker, Sr.*

The Gloria Patria ..... *Mother A.M.E. Zion Church*

The New Testament Lesson ..... *Bishop Seth O. Lartey*

The Epistle.....*Bishop S. Chuka Ekemam, Sr.*

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**THE PRAYER HYMN**

From Every Stormy Wind That Blows ..... Bishop Nathaniel Jarrett, Jr.

From every stormy wind that blows, from every swelling tide of woe,  
There is calm, a sure retreat, tis found beneath the mercy seat.

There is a place where Jesus sheds, the oil of gladness on our heads;  
A place than all beside more sweet, It is the blood bought mercy seat.

There is a scene where spirits blend, where friend holds fellowship with friend;  
Thou sundered far, by faith they meet, around one common mercy seat.

Ah, there on eagle wings we soar, where sin and sense molest no more;  
For heaven comes down our souls to greet, and glory crowns the mercy seat.

Morning Prayer..... Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr.

**CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM**

Ministry of Kindness Offering ..... Bishop Uduak U. Effiong

Announcements/Notices ..... Bishop Eric L. Leake

**MUSIC OF INSPIRATION**

Introduction of the Preacher ..... Bishop Kenneth Monroe  
*Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District*

Hymn of Preparation ..... Bishop Joseph Johnson

**O Thou In Whose Presence**

O Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call  
my comfort by day and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation my all.  
Where doth Thou dear Shepherd resort with Thy sheep, to feed them in pastures of love,  
Say why in the valley of death should I weep, or alone in this wilderness rove.

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O why should I wander an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert for bread?  
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrow they see, and smile at the tears I have shed.

Restore my dear Savior, the light of Thy face; Thy soul cheering comfort impart;  
And let the sweet tokens of pardoning grace, bring joy to my desolate heart.

He looks and ten thousand of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for His word,  
He speaks and eternity filled with His voice, reechoes the praise of the Lord.

Sermon ..... Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Bishop Dennis V. Proctor

### **Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Why should I tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why  
should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me?

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me. Tho we  
have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

**Refrain:** Come Home (Come Home), Come Home. Ye who are weary come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling O sinner come home.

Offering ..... Bishop W. Darin Moore

### **Offertory**

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

**THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS**

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

Recessional ..... Congregation in Meditation

**LUNCH**

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, 3:00 P.M.

Devotion ..... Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding

**REPORTS**

General Secretary-Auditor ..... The Reverend J. Elvin Sadler, DMin  
Executive Director, Church Growth & Development

..... The Reverend Dr. Eleazar Merriweather

Chief Financial Officer ..... The Reverend Al C. Hamilton

Chief Operating Officer & Business Manager ..... The Reverend Julius Walls

Chief Communications Officer ..... Mr. Darin Kent

General Secretary of Christian Education ..... The Reverend Patrick Barrett

Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer of Global Missions,

Editor Missionary Seer ..... The Reverend Dwight B. Cannon, DMin

Executive Director, Zion Benefits Services ..... Dr. David Aiken

Director of Public Affairs and Social Concerns

..... The Reverend Dr. George E. McKain

**DINNER**

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

**Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding**

Welcome Program .....Piedmont Episcopal District  
Introduction of the Preacher ..... Bishop Kenneth Monroe  
Sermon ..... Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr.

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Benediction ..... Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022, 9:30 A.M.

Devotion .....Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding

**GREETINGS**

President of Livingstone College .....College Designee  
President of Hood Theological Seminary .....Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore

**REPORTS**

President, Clinton College ..... Dr. Lester McCorn  
President, A.M.E. Zion University ..... Dr. Benjamin Lartey  
President, Hood-Speaks Theological Seminary .....Dr. Uduak Ubom  
Coordinator, Lomax-Hannon Junior College.....The Reverend Dr. Claude Shuford  
President, Connectional Lay Council ..... Mr. Joseph King Davis, Jr.

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The Devotion ..... Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding

### REPORTS

Executive Director, Harriet Tubman Home..... Miss Karen Hill

Manager, Camp Barber

Pan Methodist Commission..... Dr. Maurice Harden

President, W.H.& O.M. Society ..... Mrs. Sandra Crowder

Executive Director, W.H.& O.M. Society ..... Mrs. Rosetta O. Durham

Treasurer, W.H.& O.M. Societ..... Ms. Verdelle Cunningham

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### MUSIC

### INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Sermon ..... Reverend Dr. Daran H. Mitchell

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Benediction ..... Dr. Mitchell



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