

## **2018 Annual Conference Schedule and Venues**

**September 11 – September 14**

**Florida Conference**

**153rd Session**

**September 10**

**WMS Annual Convention**

Greater Tanner Chapel AME Church

Quincy, FL

The Rev. Sterling Barkley, Sr., Host Pastor

The Rev. Lee E. Plummer, Host Presiding Elder

Bethel AME Church

501 W. Orange Avenue

Tallahassee, FL

The Rev. Dr. Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Site Host Pastor

**September 25 – September 28**

**South Annual Conference**

**128th Session**

**September 24**

**WMS Annual Convention**

Mt. Hermon AME Church

Miami Gardens, FL

The Hilton Miami Downtown

1601 Biscayne Blvd.

Miami, FL

The Rev. Michael K. Bouie, Host Pastor

The Rev. Vincent F. Mitchell, Host Presiding Elder

**October 2 – 5**

**Central Annual Conference**

**119th Session**

**October 1**

**WMS Annual Convention**

Mt. Olive AME Church

Orlando, FL

The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Crutcher, Host Pastor

The Rev. Valarie J. Walker, Host Presiding Elder

**October 16 – 19**

**West Coast Annual Conference**

**78th Session**

**October 15**

**WMS Annual Convention**

Greater Hurst Chapel AME Church

875 "O" NE Street, South

Winter Haven, Florida

The Rev. Ronnie L. Clark, Host Pastor

The Rev. Jimmy J. Thompson, Host Presiding Elder

**October 30 – November 2**

**East Annual Conference**

**143rd Session**

**October 29**

**WMS Annual Convention**

Greater Bethel AME Church

Hilton Hotel and Conference Center

1734 SW 34th Street

Gainesville, FL

The Rev. Karl V. Smith, Host Pastor

The Rev. Elizabeth E. Yates, Host Presiding Elder

**November 6 – 10**

**Bahamas Annual Conference**

**79th Session**

**November 6**

**WMS Annual Convention**

Cousin-McPhee AME Cathedral

Nassau, Bahamas

The Rev. Dr. Ranford A. Patterson, Host Pastor

The Rev. Howard Williamson, Host Presiding Elder

**Eleventh District Planning Meeting**

**November 14 – 16**

**The Rosen Centre Hotel**

**Orlando, Florida**

**Days of Sharing**

**Florida Conference**

December 1, 2018

11:00 am

St. James, Marianna

**Central Conference**

December 8, 2018

11:00 am

Allen Chapel, Daytona

**East Conference**

December 2, 2018

4:00 pm

New Bethel, Jacksonville

**West Coast Conference**

December 9, 2018

4:00 pm

Greater Mt. Zion, St. Petersburg

**South Conference**

December 15, 2018

5:00 pm

St. Paul, Ft. Pierce

## Conference Agenda and Daily Schedule

<b>Monday</b>	<b><i>Women's Missionary Society Convention</i></b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Opening Session</b>
12:00 p.m.	Annual Luncheon
2:00	Business and Institutes
	<b><i>Women in Ministry</i></b>
10:00 a.m.	Women in Ministry Meeting
	<b><i>Pre-conference Episcopal Meetings</i></b>
1:00 p.m.	Presiding Elders and Conference Stewardship Committees
3:00	Board of Examiners meets with Bishop
4:30	Bishop in private consultation with preachers by appointment
5:00	DINNER
7:00	<b><i>Missionary Witness, Night in White and Pinning Ceremony</i></b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Organization of Annual Conference</b>
	Roll Call, Transfers
	Lay Delegates Seated/Credentials
	Election of Conference Functionaries
	Conference Bounds
	Committee Assignments Completed
10:30	Reception of Public Officials and Fraternal Delegates
	Presiding Elders' Summary Reports
	Board of Examiners' Report
	Pastors' Reports
12 noon	<b><i>Clergy Spouses Luncheon</i></b>
1:45 p.m.	Conference Business
	Pastors' Reports
5:00	DINNER
6:55	<b><i>Opening Worship Service</i></b> (Black Vestments)
	The Annual Sermon
<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:15 a.m.	Devotion and Meditation
8:30	Conference Institute
9:30	Conference Business
	Reading of Minutes
	Pastors' Reports
	Ministerial Efficiency
	Request(s) for Superannuation
11:30 a.m.	<b><i>Ecumenical Service</i></b>
12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
2:45	Conference Business
5:30	DINNER
7:00 p.m.	<b>Sons of Allen "Be Joshua, Lead the People" Witness Night</b>

**Thursday**

8:15 a.m. Devotion and Meditation  
8:30 Conference Institute  
9:30 Conference Business

***Administrative Committee Reports***

Conference Trustees- Deeds, Abstracts, and Abandoned Property  
Conference Stewardship Committee  
Conference Adjustments  
Missions, Circuits and Stations  
Ministries to Youths and Young Adults  
Christian Education  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Church School

11:30 ***Services of Ordination, Superannuation, and Holy Communion***  
(White Vestments)

1:00 p.m. LUNCH  
3:00 Devotion  
Conference Business

***Literary Committee Reports***

State of the Church  
State of the Country  
Social Action and Community Development  
Living Well: Life In Balance  
Ecology, Temperance and Health

5:00 p.m. DINNER  
7:00 ***Lay Witness Night*** and Lay President's Report

**Friday**

8:30 a.m. Devotion and Meditation  
9:00 Conference Business  
Reading of the Minutes

***Literary Committee Reports***

Evangelism and Church Growth  
Christian Stewardship

***Component Reports***

Women's Missionary Society  
Young People's Division  
Sons of Allen  
Women in Ministry  
Ministers' Spouses Alliance

Lay Activities  
Debutantes and Masters Commission  
Treasurer, Finance Committee, and all Financial Reports  
Unfinished Business  
Disciplinary Questions

11:30            **Memorial Service** and Necrology Report

12 Noon            LUNCH

4:00 p.m.            DINNER

4:30 – 6:00            **Church School**

6:30            **Closing Worship Service** (Black Vestments)  
Bishop Preaching

**Conference Business**  
Report of the Statistician  
Resolutions

**Commissioning Service**  
Presentation of Certificates  
Reading of Appointments  
Benediction

## **Conference Agenda and Daily Schedule** ***Bahamas Conference***

### **Tuesday,**

7:30 p.m. Women's Missionary Society Witness  
Night in White

### **Wednesday**

6:45 p.m. Sons of Allen "Be Joshua, Lead the People" Witness Night

8:00 Lay Witness

### **Thursday**

7:30 p.m. ***Opening Worship and Holy Communion***

### **Friday**

9:30 a.m. Conference Institute

Business Session  
Organization of Conference  
    Roll Call, Transfers  
    Lay Delegates Seated/Credentials  
    Election of Conference Functionaries  
    Conference Bounds  
Conference Business  
Presiding Elders' Summary Reports  
Board of Examiners  
Pastors' Reports

Administrative and Literary Reports

12:00 Noon ***Service of Ordination***

2:00 pm ***Conference Business***  
Report of the Statistician  
Resolutions

6:15 -7:15 pm ***Church School***

7:30 p.m. ***Closing and Commissioning Service*** (Black Vestments)  
Bishop Preaching

***Commissioning Service***  
Presentation of Certificates  
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### **Saturday**

10:00 a.m. ***Youth Witness***