

### Afternoon:

- 1:15 – 2:45 – Lunch Break
- 2:45 PM – 5:00 PM – Mental Health Ambassadors training
  - Mental Health Ambassador's training
  - 5<sup>th</sup> District Choir Rehearsal
  - Rest time

### Evening: Entering the Season of Reflection

- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM: "From Dust to Divine: Ash Wednesday Worship Service"

For more information, please call the church office. Please visit the church website for more details.

**Hotel block link:** Room rate \$202.09 per night includes all room taxes.

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50946077/owner/50954/home>

### Eventbrite link:

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## 2025 Midyear Convocation Information

And are we yet alive and see each other's face? Whew!!! It has only been a few months since we gathered for the Planning Meeting, and so much has happened! 2025 has started off with much unexpected tragedy and transition. The Month of March is, in some ways, a long time away ... depending on what happens next.

By God's grace we pray we will be able to come together and be together for our Midyear Gathering. In Divine providence, the meeting dates were moved up this year, into Holy Week. We will open on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and our closing worship service will be a service of ashes at 7pm on Ash Wednesday. Bishop John R. Bryant has agreed to be our preacher.

Carrying on with our theme of Mental Health, Music and Mission, the Gathering will be filled with essential trainings. Some of our trainers include General Officer Roderick D. Belin and Chaplain A'Shellarien Addison, and there's still more to come!

We have spoken with the restaurant about the quality of the food in the lunch buffet, and about the menu choices. They have agreed to make some changes. You can purchase your discounted meal tickets through Eventbrite as we have in the past. We encourage you to try it one more time!! (smile)

If you are unable to attend in person, we will truly miss your physical presence. You may participate in most events virtually with the registration fee of \$50.00, as you have in the past. In person registration is FREE!

Please logon to Eventbrite to purchase your meal tickets or complete registration for virtual attendance. In the meantime, may our great God keep you safe from all hurt, harm and danger and provide for your every need. See you soon!

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## 2025 MIDYEAR CONVOCATION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

- 1-5pm Component Meetings (1-3, 3-5)
- 2PM Bishop and PE's
- 6-8 Welcome Event

### TUESDAY

#### **Morning:**

- 8:30 AM – 9:00AM – Prayer time
- **9:00AM – 11:45 PM: Leadership Training - Trustees, Stewards, and Class Leaders in the AME Church**
- 12:00 PM – 1:00PM – Hour of Power

#### **Afternoon:**

- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Lunch
- 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM: Resisting Project 2025
- **3:15 PM – 4:00 PM: Health & Security Training**
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Component Meetings
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: Dinner break

#### **Evening:**

- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM – “Evening of Elegancy” Lay Scholarship Fundraiser

### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### **Morning:**

- 8:30 -9:00 AM – Prayer Time
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Component Reports
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Economic Development Fund
- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Mission Possible
- 11:15 – 1:15: Mirror of the Soul - Mental Wellness Play and reflections