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Please keep this Worship and Service Bulletin for All Services during this Conference.

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1995 Evangelists All Day

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1995

7:30 a.m.

The New York Annual Conference
Women's Missionary Society's
Annual Meeting

12:00 Noon

The Women's Missionary Society's

Worship Service

Preacher: The Rev. Gloria Stephen

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Women's Missionary Society's
Business Session

7:30 p.m.

The Women's Missionary Society's
Involvement Night

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1995

8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

Roll Call and Organization
Appointment of Committees

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV. WILLIAM LEE FREEMAN Worship Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE...

INTROIT ...

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How lor
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* CALL TO WORSHIP...... The Rev. O'Neil Mackey, Si

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek
Thy good

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give for His redeeming grace!

Preserved by power Divine to full salvation here, Again in Jesus' praise we join, and in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we passed, Fightings without, and fears within since we assembled last

But out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love; And still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of His redeeming power.
Which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more;

Let us take up the cross, till we the crown obtain;

And gladly reckon all things loss, so we may Jesus gain.

Amen.

The Rev. Melvin Wpn

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Sweet Hour of Prayer"... AME Hymn No.)7

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC... Bethel AME Church Oir

SCRIPTURE...

The Old Testament... The Rev. Harold L Ruther'd

The New Testament... The Rev. Leroy R. J. Ie

* PREFACE TO
THE DECALOGUE... "From All That Dwell Below The Se"

* THE DECALOGUE... The Rev. S. Frank Emm

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end.

Amen

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, from whom every good and perfect gift has come, we remember Thy lowing kindness and Thy tender mercies and with grateful hearts we raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving unto Thee.

WE PRAISE AND THANK THEE, O GOD.

For the work we have done, for the truths we have learned and for all of those things in life which have lifted our hopes and aspirations and directed us toward Thee;

WE PRAISE AND THANK THEE, O GOD.

For the order and constancy of nature and the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, for summer and winter, for seedtime and harvest and for the varied gifts of loveliness and use that every season brings;

WE PRAISE AND THANK THEE, O GOD.

For the comforts of life: our homes, our friends, shared love, sympathy and for the general good will of all humankind;

WE PRAISE AND THANK THEE, O GOD.

For the gift of Thy Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and for the helps and hopes that come to us as His disciples;

WE PRAISE AND THANK THEE, O GOD.

For all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials and troubles by which we are moved to patience, self-knowledge and self-conquest, and brought into closer sympathy with our more oppressed brothers and sisters; for those difficulties which have lifted us and have drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ;

WE PRAISE AND THANK THEE, O GOD. AMEN.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	Bethel AME Church hoir
PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP	The Rev. Vernon I. owe
PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER	Bishop Philip R. Cusin
**SERMONIC HYMN" "I've A Message from the Lord"	The Rev. Robert A. Fown AME Hymn Nc2 15

I've a message from the Lord, Hallelujah!
 The message unto you I'll give;
 'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah!
 It is only that you "look and live."

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"Look and Live," my brother, live, Look to Jesus now and live; 'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live."

- I've a message full of love, Hallelujah!
 A message, O my friend, for you;
 'Tis a message from above, Hallelujah!
 Jesus said it, and I know 'tis true.
- 3. Life is offered unto you, Hallelujah!
 Eternal life thy soul shall have,
 If you'll only look to Him, Hallelujah!
 Look to Jesus, who alone can save,
- 4. I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah! To Jesus when He made me whole; 'Twas believing on His name, Hallelujah! I trusted, and He saved my soul.

**SERMON The Rev. Archie Cum	
**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	The Rev. Archie Cummings
**OFFERING	
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS	
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* BENEDICTION	The Rev. Archie Cummings

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** LET THE PEOPLE ENTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1995 (continued)

1:00 p.m. RECESS

2:45 p.m.
DEVOTIONS
The Department of Evangelism

3:00 p.m.
BUSINESS SESSION
Election of Delegates and Alternates to
The General Conference

5:30 p.m. RECESS

7:30 p.m.
HEADQUARTERS COMMITMENT NIGHT

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV. ERNESTINE M. WARD, Worship Leader

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP...... The Rev. Ernestine M. Wari

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' quest;

Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bidden all to come.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.

Come all the world! Come sinner, Thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

(ALL) OH COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD.

- - To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(REFRAIN) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Sun,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

- O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 To every believer the promise of God;
 The vilest offender who truly believes.
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
- Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath dom, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

> Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

> I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

(REFRAIN): I need thee, O I need Thee,
Every Hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour, Stay Thou near by, Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, Teach me Thy will; And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

- **SERMON ...
- ** INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP...
- ** OFFERING ...
- * OFFERTORY PRAYER ...
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS...

HOLY COMMUNION

> Break Thou the bread of life; Dear Lord to me, As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

O send Thy Spirit Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes, and make me see;
Show me the truth concealed within Thy word,
And in Thy book revealed I see the Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION Bishop Philip R. Cous i

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The Presiding Elde

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP....... AME Hymn No 525
"What A Fellowship"

 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms

(REFRAIN)

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

- O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 O, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
- 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?

 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
- * DOXOLOGY ...
- * BENEDICTION ...

* STAND
** LET THE PEOPLE ENTER

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1995

8:00 a.m.
DEVOTIONS
The Department of Evangelism

8:15 a.m.
CONFERENCE INSTITUTE
"Christian Stewardship"

9:00 a.m.
BUSINESS SESSION

12 Noon "HOUR OF POWER

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV. VERNON I. LOWE, Worship Leader

*	DOXOLOGY AME Hymn N0			
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"				

* CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Vernon II

This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O come, let us show forth our praises to God.

Let His name continually be in my mouth.

(All) The Lord's name be praised.

Amen.

How great the wisdom, power and grace
Which in redemption shine!
The heavenly host with joy confess
The work is all divine,
The work is all divine, The work is all divine.

Before His feet they cast their crowns —
Those crowns which Jesus gave —
And with ten thousand thousand tongues
Proclaim His power to save,
Proclaim His power to save, Proclaim His power to save.

They tell the triumphs of His cross,
The sufferings which He bore;
How low He stooped, how high He rose,
And rose to stoop no more,
And rose to stoop no more, And rose to stoop no more.

INVOCATION	The Rev. Joseph Robinso
CHORAL RESPONSE	
**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	The Cho
SCRIPTURE LESSON	The Rev. Kenneth W. Newkir
* GLORIA PATRI	
**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	The Cho
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THE PREACHER	Bishop Philip R. Cousi
**SEMONIC HYMN	The Rev. Micah D. Chandle
"Lift Him Up"	AME Hymn No. 22

How to reach the masses, those of every birth For an answer Jesus gave the key; "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."

(REFRAIN)

Lift Him up, Lift Him up,
Still he speaks from eternity:
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth
Will draw all men unto Me."

Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see; Trust Him and do not doubt the words that He said, "I'll draw all men unto Me."

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see; Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught, "I'll draw all men unto Me."

- **SERMON...
- ** INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP...
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- **ANNOUNCEMENTS...
- * DOXOLOGY...
- * BENEDICTION ...

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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1995 (continued)

1:00 p.m. ... Recess

2:45 p.m.
DEVOTIONS
The Department of Evangelism

3:00 p.m. BUSINESS SESSION

5:30 p.m. ... Recess

7:30 p.m.
LAY ORGANIZATION NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995

8:00 a.m.
DEVOTIONS
The Department of Evangelism

CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

9:00 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION

12 Noon
"HOUR OF POWER"

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV. EDNA PARKER, Worship Leader

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP...... The Rev. Edna Pair

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name be praised.

The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship Him in spirit and in truth.

We have come into His presence with singing, and into His courts with praise.

O come let us worship and praise Him. WITH PRAISE.

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, 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! Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE ... "Spirit of the Living God" ... AME Hymn No. 61"

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Cho

SCRIPTURE LESSON The Rev. Eloise Averha

* GLORIA PATRI...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER Bishop Philip R. Cousi

More about Jesus would I know,
 More of His grace to others show,
 More of His saving fulness see,
 More of His love who died for me.

(Refrain) More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus; More of His saving fulness see, More of His love who died for me.

- More about Jesus, let me learn, More of His holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me.
- More about Jesus; in His Word, Holding communion with my Lord; Hearing His voice in every line, Making each faithful saying mine.
- More about Jesus on His throne, Riches in glory all His own; More of His kingdom's sure increase; More of His coming, Prince of Peace.

**SERMON...... The Rev. Jo-An Owgs.

**OFFERING ...

* OFFERTORY PRAYER ...

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

* DOXOLOGY ...

* STAND
** LET THE PEOPLE ENTER

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995 (continued)

1:00 p.m	Recess
2:45 p.m	
3:00 p.m.	The Business Session
5:30 p.m	
7:30 p.m.	Youth Night
	Sponsored By
The Departi	ment of Christian Education

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1995

8:30 a.m. Conference YPD Annual Meeting All Day

Devotions. Department of Evangelism
9:00 a.m. The Business Session
9:30 a.m. The Memorial Service

10:00 a.m.
ORDINATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1995

8:00 a.m. CHURCH AT STUDY

The Conference Church-School Superintendent will conduct a model Church-School at the seat of the Annual Conference. All superintendents, teachers, and scholars in the Conference are expected to be present for this "once a year" experience.

SUNDAY - SCHOOL Mrs. Ann Owens White

LESSON SCRIPTURE. 2 Corinthians 8, 9

PRINTED TEXT. 2 Corinthians 9: 1-15

GOLDEN TEXT. 2 Corinthians 9:6

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6

10:00 a.m.

CLOSING

AND

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV. WILLIAM LEE FREEMAN, Worship Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE ...

> God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way; Lead us from night to never ending day, Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory laud, and praise be ever Thine.

AMEN.

* DOXOLOGY. AME Hymn No. 64
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

* CALL TO WORSHIP...... The Rev. O'Neil Mackey, S

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

> To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all my go in.

(Refrain) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

- O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 To every believer the promise of God;
 The vilest offender who truly believes,
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives,
- Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS ...

* PREFACE TO DECALOGUE ...

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by every tongue.

* DECALOGUE (Summary)...... The Rev. Dolores Jacobs

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

* GLORIA PATRI...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference (

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> 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 heavily they go, To reach eternal joys.

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

**SERMON......Bishop Philip R. Cn
Presiding Es
First Episcopal Ct
African Methodist Episcopal Ch

**INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP...

OFFERING ...

- **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS ...
- **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS...
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS...

THE COMMISSIONING

A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify
A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage To do my Master's will.

Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Amen.

THE GIVING OF CERTIFICATES TO CONFERENCE OFFICERS ...

"Go, preach My Gospel," saith the Lord.
"Bid the whole earth My grace receive.
Explain to them My sacred word;
Bid them believe, obey and live."

NOTES FROM THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove My gospel true By all the works that I have done And all the wonders ye shall do."

He spake, and light shone round His head,
On a bright cloud to heaven He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread
The grace of their ascended God.

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE ...

- **THE READING OF
 APPOINTMENTS Bishop Philip R. C1

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

* BENEDICTION Bishop Philip R. On

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