

THE FUTURE IS NOW...
TOGETHER MAKING OUR STRONG ZION STRONGER!



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"While our past is remarkable, I believe that our future has a brilliance of its own and it is now."

- AHB

"We are a strong church built on a consecrated life in the Triune God, communicating the Gospel, building strong churches, and revitalizing our community."

THE FUTURE IS NOW CAMPAIGN IS COMMITTED TO CHAMPIONING FOUR PILLARS:

SPIRITUAL FIDELITY(GOD FIRST)

**VITALITY IN MINISTRY, CHURCH
AND COMMUNITY**

TRANSPARENT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

MUTUALITY IN LEADERSHIP



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**THE VISIONARY
WHO DARES TO LIVE,
LEARN, AND LEAD**

SPIRITUAL FIDELITY (GOD FIRST)

Our past has been to put God first. Our history proves our reliance on God. Our future must be now to do so as well. I want to continue in that tradition as we refocus, revive, and renew our Zion, making this strong Zion stronger. I realized early in my ministry that the future does not depend on the current circumstances but rather it is determined by how we address the current realities. All of my pastoral appointments have reinforced this understanding. In my very first appointment, I was not told that the small church was expected to close; and even my second appointment I was assigned with a foregone conclusion that it would also close its doors. Yet as a result of our believing in God's ability to transform, both churches are strong today even thriving with a passion for spiritual disciplines, growth, and service. Under my pastorate both received connectional church growth awards, and recognition for ministry and service. Indeed, together we helped make our strong Zion stronger. When all things are in order we grow, the church grows and God provides increase.

VITALITY IN MINISTRY, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

We have a responsibility to pursue and realize the AME mission, which is a Biblical mission to impact the world. Only the love of God, love for people and vitality in ministry will stop and help heal the challenges we now face. Together, we must meet our reality and usher in the future where we stand, where we live, and where we worship in order to make our Zion stronger.

My collective years of ministry have demonstrated this vitality with creative Christian education programs, social justice ministries, grounded stewardship, and a global theme for building lives, families, church and community. From sports camps, after school programs, local and international missions, programs in the arts, and new trends in technology, lives and communities have been positively impacted and changed.

TRANSPARENT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Our future shall be built on a bedrock of transparent accountability. Transparency is not pointing fingers; instead, it is fully embracing our responsibility. I have heard over and over that the church must leave a legacy of hope and pride for our children and grandchildren. This requires that we earnestly institute fiscal accountability at all levels. The truth is that fiscal management reignites giving, increases resources, and protects the sacred, bringing solvency to the church. It promotes an environment of trust and helps to lessen both mismanagement and the mishandling of funds. However, transparent accountability requires the pew, the pulpit, and the Episcopal leadership to fully participate in an effort to secure our fiscal future.

MUTUALITY IN LEADERSHIP

Leadership must be shared. When I became a presiding elder I met with Lay who indicated that mutuality in leadership was needed at all levels. I have demonstrated a life ministry of giving voice to all that are a part of our Zion. We must recognize our diversity of gifts, talents and voices that represent the church. There is unique value in every person, age group, and culture; we must embrace our differences and use its strength to improve our witness and our work. Everyone is a contributor and potential leader.

Leadership is inclusive not exclusive, placing people above positions. We must continue to be committed to educating and training our pulpit, holding both lay leadership and ministerial leadership to highest standards. Our history speaks to the success of a Zion that was built on mutual leadership and respect of and need for strong leadership, training and access for all who seek it and policies for advancement and performance based promotions to ensure fairness. The future is now.

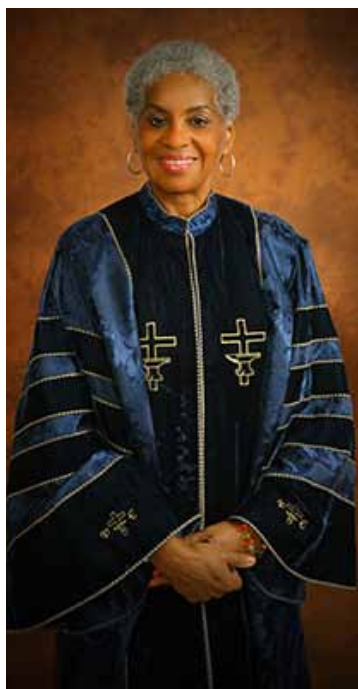


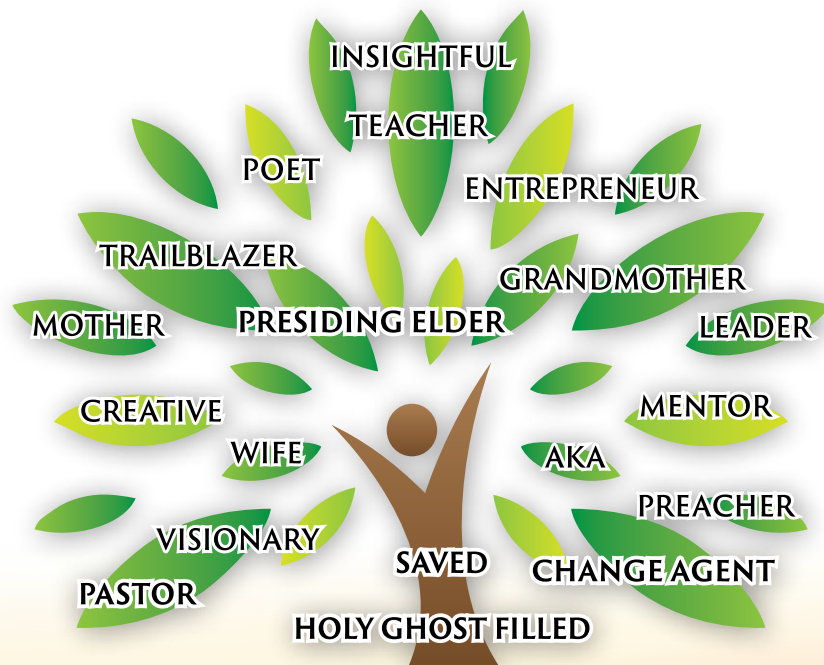


MY HOPE FOR THE CHURCH

My hope for the church is that we will once again love beyond our anger, live beyond our viewed limitations, expect the unexpected, recognize we are one, and, not destroy ourselves, strengthen our weak resignations, and recapture the spirit of our ancestors, who built great cathedrals, and schools, initiated great human rights reforms, leading people to salvation, restored broken communities, leaving an authentic legacy because they knew God is powerful, awesome, and can do anything more than we can ask or think according to the power of God working in us.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MINISTERIAL/PASTORAL EXPERIENCE:

Licensed to preach: 1976; Itinerant Deacon 1978; Itinerant Elder 1980.-Director of Christian Education, Indianapolis, IN -Pastorate: Bethel AME Church, Bloomington, IN (1983-1989); Robinson Community AME Church, Indianapolis, IN -1989-1999 (1st woman pastor); St. Paul AME Church, Detroit, MI -1999-2004

(1st woman in the AME Church to be assigned to a church with a members of close to 1000; Presiding Elder, South District, Indiana Annual Conference -2004-2009 (first woman to be Presiding Elder whose father was a Presiding Elder; 1st woman Presiding Elder in 4th District); Presiding Elder, North District, Indiana Annual Conference -2009-present

AME EXPERIENCE

Christian Education Director; Women in Ministry Coordinator; Board of Examiners; Finance Committee; Board of Trustees; Ministerial Efficiency Committee; 4th District Christian Education Chair; 4th District

Dean of Board of Examiners. President 5th District YPD and host of the Connectional YPD Quadrennial, Los Angeles; Official Youth Observer, 1972 General Conference (inaugural group); Member of Connectional Youth Ministry, and sponsored bill which passed for full inclusion of youth in the church with then Rev. McKinley Young, Rev. James C. Wade, and others. This bill allowed young people to be delegates to the General Conference, and Members of the Connectional Commissions; Preached/ Lectured at Women's Missionary Conventions and Executive Boards; Connectional YPD Conventions, Connectional Women in Ministry Quadrennials, Christian Education Congresses, Connectional Music and Arts Quadrennial, Connectional Evangelism Conference, Connectional Stewardship Conference and General Conferences, Member of Board of Directors of Payne Theological Seminary; Adult Sunday School writer for the AME Sunday School Literature; Treasurer, Connectional Women In Ministry; Second Vice President, Connectional Women in Ministry; Connectional Parliamentarian, Connectional Presiding Elder's Council; Wrote the Prayer Booklet for the 2008 General Conference; Preached or Lectured at Episcopal Districts 1-13, 14, 15, 16, 19, and AME India;

PERSONAL AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

1st Woman to preach Indiana Annual Sermon; 2nd Woman to preach Michigan Annual Sermon; 1st Woman to preach 4th District Midyear; 1st Woman Host of the 4th District Founder's Day Weekend; 1st Woman to host the Indiana and Michigan Annual Conferences. Award for 25 years of Excellence for Health Initiatives: Indiana Women Foundation: HIV/ AIDS; Jarena Lee Preaching Award; Named one of eight ministers who help shaped history in the state of Indiana by the Indianapolis Recorder; Wrote the litany for Mrs. Rosa Parks' funeral in Detroit; Wrote the litany for Congresswoman Julia Carson's

funeral in Indianapolis. 1st African American Female president of Indiana Commission on Human Equality; Desmond Tutu Center of Reconciliation, Peace and Healing; Hoosier Power and Light (Environment Stewardship); Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; First Female President of Central Indiana Ministerial Alliance; NACCP; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Indiana Healthy Marriage and Family President.

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science Degree: Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Master's of Divinity Degree: Newburgh Theological Seminary, Newburgh, IN; Master's of Divinity Degree: Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; Doctor of Minister Degree: Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio; Doctor of Divinity Degree: R.R. Wright School of Religion, Johannesburg, South Africa;

PUBLICATIONS

Books: Let The Worship Begin; The Essence of My Existence; Odyssey-A Girl's Mentoring Program; Pamphlets: Now That You Belong; Now That You Are Saved; Understanding the African Methodist Order of Worship; Numerous Training Manuals and or DVD and Articles in national publications. CD: Flowing Essence: Spoken Word; Various Sermons

FAMILY

Seventh Child to Dr. Herman William Henning, AME Pastor and Presiding Elder; and Mattie Elizabeth Henning, Life Missionary; Married 38 years to Ainsley M. Byfield; Mother of Michael Ainsley Byfield; Grandparent of four. Granddaughter of AME Preacher; Henry Henning: Siblings: Dr. Herman William Henning, Sr., The Rt. Rev. C. Garnett Henning, Mrs. Ethel Yvonne Henning Parks, Former Episcopal Supervisor, Rev. John P. Henning, Pastor (Deceased): George Miller Henning (Deceased).

I NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE IS NOW
MOVEMENT. YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

PRAY FOR...

- Rev. Dr. Henning Byfield and family daily
- The Campaign and Victory in 2016
- No lack of every good thing
- The AME Church and its leadership
- North District Indiana Annual Conference and all persons involved in the campaign

PROVIDE...

- Encouragement to the AME Delegates to vote for Byfield for Bishop and why
- Opportunities to discuss the candidate with others
- Resources, persons, fund raising to undergird the campaign; give and raise money for campaign

PARTICIPATE BY...

- Volunteering at meetings, booths,
- Direct work on the campaign (office, mailings, callings etc.
- Being present at meetings
- Spreading the word that Henning Byfield is a candidate worthy of election
- Believing that the Future is Now and Together we can make our strong ZION stronger

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