149th Session of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference Christian Debutantes Masters Commission Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, May 7, 2023 3:00PM

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church 220 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303



Sixth Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding Bishop Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson, Esquire., Episcopal Supervisor The Reverend Dr. Larry W. Hudson, Sr., Host Presiding Elder The Reverend Dr. David B. Rhone, Jr., Associate Presiding Elder The Reverend Dr. Keenan D. Hale, Sr., Associate Presiding Elder The Reverend Thomas Stegall, Associate Presiding Elder The Reverend John Foster, Ph.D., Host Pastor The Reverend Jai Haithco, Sr., Sixth Episcopal District Christian Education Dean

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Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference Christian Education Director Sister Felicia Y. Jones,

Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference CDMC Commissioner The Reverend Sidnetta Brown,

Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference CDMC Associate Commissioner

"Daily Magnify Christ"

Greetings from our Episcopal Leaders



Supervisor Christy Davis Jackson joins with me in welcoming you to the Atlanta-North Georgia Conference's Annual Debutante and Masters' Commission Ceremony. Your presence let's our graduating seniors know that you not only support but are proud of them and their accomplishments. We believe this is only one of many more accomplishments to come.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is committed to investing in the lives of our children, youth, and young adults. We believe this investment will provide dividends not only to the church, but to our youth. A future that is full of potential and promise. Today marks a major step in your journey.

We are proud of you and what you are doing with your lives. As you move forward, may you live up to the Christian values and principles that you have learned and taught. They will continue to bless your lives in the days to come. As the word says, "in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6)

Christy and I thank the Debutantes and Masters' Commissioners of the Atlanta-North Georgia Conference for all they have done to be a blessing to these young women and men, to help them as they move towards adulthood. A special word of thanks is extended to Sister Felicia Jones and Reverend Sidnetta Brown for their leadership, mindful that they have been undergirded by committed and faithful volunteers. Without all of you this celebration would not be held today.

We pray for you as you go forward, assured that with God's grace for each of you, the best is yet to come.

All God's best.

Yours and His,

Reginald T. Jackson Bishop

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Greetings,

Welcome to the Rights of Passage Ceremony of the Atlanta-North Georgia Conference. We are ecstatic that you havetaken time out of your busy schedule to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. It is my prayer that this monumental moment leaves an everlasting impression on the lives of our children and their families. The African Methodist Episcopal Church cares about our children and our youth. It is our desire thateach child has an opportunity to groom holistically and to excel in their life's calling.

Today, we celebrate our seniors, their accomplishments, and their introduction to Christian adulthood. Wecelebrate and we embrace your current and future contributions to the church, the community, and the nation. Let your witness of Christ reign on the college campuses, in the workplace and the armed forces. Remember, you are God's vessel to the world, let your light shine. Today, we pause to say to you, "Congratulations, for a job well done."

A special thank you is extended to the parents of each Debutante and Master. We need and appreciate yoursupport, commitment, and participation in this ministry. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care.

We are grateful for the many volunteers who give sacrificially and to all those who are contributing time, talents, and resources to the success of the commission. Thank you for pouring into the lives of our childrenas they prepare for their role in society as young Christian men and women. Thank you for planting seeds into their lives.

The ministry would not be complete without the leadership of our Annual Conference Debutantes and Masters' Commissioners. Thank you for ensuring that the CMDC Curriculum is implemented in the Augusta Georgia Conference. Thank you for coordinating each event and thank you for your sacrifices to make thisyear phenomenal.

Finally, to our Episcopal leaders, The Rt. Reverend Reginald T. Jackson and Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson, wethank God for your vision and the opportunity to serve under your leadership. Please continue to pray for our children as they progress through life.

Yours in His Service,

Sandie L. Brown



BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

THE REVEREND JOHN FOSTER, Ph.D. - SENIOR PASTOR

April 23, 2023

Sis. Felicia Jones Commissioner, Atlanta North Georgia Conference Christian Debutante Masters Commission 220 Auburn Avenue Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Commissioner Jones:

It is with great pleasure that the Big Bethel AME Church family welcomes the Christian Debutante Masters Commission (CDMC) to the 149th Session of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference. The CDMC is a pillar of training to our young people which has consistently produced role models over the years. We are honored to host this years CDMC program and activities.

The CDMC is truly a blessing to our young people and to the very future of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

May God continue to bless and keep your organization.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.

Senior Pastor

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May 7, 2023

Greetings to Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson, Esquire, DMC Commissioners, the 2023 Class of Debutantes, Masters, Sub-Debutantes, Sub-Masters and Allenites,

The North Atlanta District of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference congratulates you as you become young Christian adults during this glorious service of spiritual transformation. You have reached a significant milestone. We urge vou to remember the religious principles and values which you have learned. Let them guide you as you will be faced with many decisions during your adult life. Always prayerfully consider all the options before making your decisions. Remember to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

May the Lord's richest blessings be granted unto you as you "Daily Magnify Christ."

The Pastors and Members of the North Atlanta District join me in expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Commissioners, Parents and Relatives of this beautiful Class of 2023 for their continued commitment, support, love, and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Presiding Elder Larry W. Hudson, Sr.

The Best Is Yet To Come

South Atlanta District

Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference

To Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Supervisor Christy Jackson, Esq, and the DMC Chairperson Felecia Jones,

We are delighted to bring greetings to this great class of debutantes and masters. Shakespeare said "we are all players on the stage of life." Tonight, we celebrate your coming onto the stage of life.

We praise God for the wonderful accomplishments you have already made in your life. It is your season to make your dreams and destinies your faith realities. We are extremely excited about your visionary leadership you are providing to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the world to come.

Always remember to "seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." Our prayer is that God will continue to energize, encourage, and empower you on your spiritual journey.

Again, on behalf of the entire South Atlanta District, we congratulate you and salute you on reaching this great milestone.

Sincerely,

David 98. Phone, Jr.

Elder David B. Rhone, Jr., D. Ed. Min. Presiding Elder, South Atlanta District



Rev. Dr. Keenan D. Hale, Sr. Presiding Elder



May 7, 2023

Greetings Commissioners, Debutantes & Masters of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference,

On behalf of Dr. Vickey Hale, the pastors and laity of the West Atlanta District, I wish to congratulate you on a successful 2023 Christian Debutante-Masters Commissioning Ceremony.

I especially would like to salute Micah Green, Jacquez Jones, Rachel King, and Naomi Pope the West Atlanta District Debutantes and Masters of 2023. You have worked hard these past twelve years and are now ready to move on to the next phase of your life – just a hint: you have only just begun. As you prepare for this next level on your Christian journey into adulthood, remember those who encouraged, prayed, and nurtured you along the way – your A.M.E. Church family. We are still here for you to offer guidance as mentors, role models or friends.

Thank you also to Sister Patricia Williams the West Atlanta District Commissioner for your tireless work this year for the West Atlanta District and the Christian Debutante-Masters Commission. You can now get some rest. Also, I would be remiss if I did not recognize all the West Atlanta District Local Commissioners who provided support whenever and wherever it was needed to make this program a success.

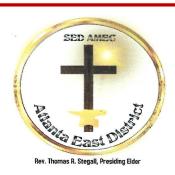
1 Corinthians 13:11 says it best, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." I urge all the Debutantes and Masters to not only read and study this verse, but to commit it to memory. It will be your guide on the path to adulthood. Finally, remember that as you were once the ones watching others complete this process, today the young people are watching you. Be the example that they need to see. May God richly bless you.

Peace and blessings,

Dr. Keenan D. Hale, Sr.

Rev. Dr. Keenan D. Hale, Sr. Presiding Elder, West Atlanta District

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Greetings to:

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson, Episcopal Supervisor of Women and Children Ministries; Commissioners: Ms. Sandie L. Brown, Mrs. Felicia Y. Jones, and Rev. Sidnetta Brown, District, and Local Commissioners, all other Committee Persons, Parents, and the 2023 class of Debutantes, Masters, Sub-Debutantes, Sub-Masters, Allenites.

It is a great honor to stand with the host of Christian leaders to celebrate this special occasion with the alluring and gifted youth of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Many are searching for role models with eccentric and exceptional skills in today's society. Today each one of you is a representation of promise and purpose. Your future is filled with endless possibilities to be unique and contributive Christian young people.

This ceremony is a dedication that provides a peek into your future, encouraging you to see yourself in the best situations and always reach for life's highest achievements. The Atlanta East District joins me in expressing our thanks and appreciation to everyone who makes up this special day. Let us give God all the praise and glory for this fantastic opportunity to be a part of this ministry.

In Christ,

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Atlanta North Georgia Conference Christian Debutante Masters' Commission

With great JOY we greet the Class of 2023 of the Christian Debutante Masters' Commission. It has been an honor to be a part of your journey as you prepared for today's Ceremony. We have witnessed your spiritual and personal growth as you sacrifice your time in participating in the Classes and Seminars for AME Church History, Biblical Studies, Health and Wellness, Stewardship & Finance, Church Etiquette and College Tour to the University of Tuskegee. Your spiritual journey has brought you to this "Rites Of Passage" where we applaud you and your accomplishments. As you continue on this journey through life we ask that you continue to keep God's guidance through your Christian walk.

Your journey toward Christian adulthood, keep God first in everything you do and remember the training you have received from your parents, your family members, and your church family. God has placed people in your lives to love you, to encourage you, to guide you, and hold you accountable. Remember to always trust God.

Psalm 28:7 - The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him.

A warm-hearted "Thank You" to our CDMC Parents, Clergy, and Local Churches who have supported and encouraged their young people to be a part of this celebratory occasion. We thank God for you and pray his continued blessings upon you and your families.

We express our sincere gratitude to the devoted Atlanta North Georgia District and Local Commissioners for their commitment in preparing our Debutantes, Masters, Sub-Debutantes and Sub-Masters, Allenites & Pre-Allenites for this magnificent day.

A heart of gratitude and appreciation is extended to our Episcopal Leaders. The Right Reverend Reginald T. Jackson and Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson, Esquire, Episcopal Supervisor, Presiding Elders and District Consultant, Sis. Sandie L. Brown and Reverend William Thomas, Jr., Sixth Episcopal District Commissioners, We thank you for your outstanding leadership and for the opportunity to serve.

To the Host Pastor, Reverend John Foster, Ph.D., and First Lady Sis. MaryAnn Foster, the Big Bethel family, the Atlanta North Georgia Conference Clergy, District and Local Commissioners and Laity, we thank God for your faithfulness to the CDMC. We are certain that God will continue to shower His blessings upon this ministry of the AME Church.

Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

To God Be the Glory!

Sis. Felicia Y. Jones Conference Commissioner

Reverend Sidnetta Brown Conference Co-Commissioner



DEDICTATORY CEREMONY

Sunday, May 7, 2023

MASTER OF CEREMONY

Reverend Reginald Cleaver, Jr.

Pastor, Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church

The Introduction of Special Guests

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land

The Invocation
The Words Of Welcome/Occasion
The Offertory Appeal
The Offertory Response"All Things Come of Thee"
All Things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee. Amen.
THE CONGRATULATORY TRIBUTE
Pre-Allenites/Allenites
Sub-Debutantes & Sub-Masters
The Presentation of the 2022 Class of Debutantes & Masters (Congregation, please remain seated)
Commentators
Sister Paige Thomas Big Bethel A.M.E. Church /CDMC Alumna Class of 2021
The Congratulatory Remarks & Special Acknowledgements
Sister Felicia Y. Jones Atlanta North Georgia Conference CDMC Commissioner

Sister Sandie L. Brown
Christian Debutante Master Commissioner, Sixth Episcopal District

The Words of Wisdom
A Tribute Through Mime
The Dedicatory Service of Commitment (Congregation please remain seated)
The Dedication Pledge
Song of Dedication
Lighting of the Cross
The Prayers of Dedication
Reverend Dr. David B. Rhone, Jr. Presiding Elder, South Atlanta District
Reverend Dr. Keenan Hale, Sr. Presiding Elder, East Atlanta District
The Lord's Prayer

> Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Recessional

(Congregation, please remain seated during the recessional)





The Class of 2023 Christian Debutantes & Masters

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Atlanta North Georgia Conference Christian Debutantes Masters Commission Presenting the Debutantes and Masters of the Class of 2023



Debutante Dori Fadiya Austin Big Bethel AME Church—Atlanta



Master Joshua Kyle Barker Turner Chapel AME Church—Marietta



Debutante Terri Michelle Billups New Bethel AME Church—Lithonia



Debutante Miriam Joy Cousin Allen Temple AME Church—Woodstock



Debutante Kianna Marie Dukes Words of Faith AME Church—Mableton



Debutante Lailah Katrina Evadney Ellis Antioch AME Church—Stone Mountain



Big Bethel AME Church—Atlanta



Master Theodore King Fowler Gray's Chapel AME Church—Adair sville



Master Micah Hudson Green St. Mark AME Church—Atlanta

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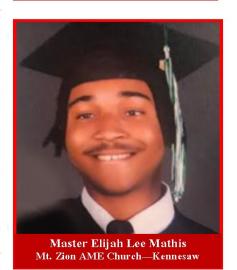
Debutante Kianya AJia James St. Paul AME Church—Covington



Master Jacquez Armon Zaire Jones Alexander Memorial AME Church—Atlanta



Allen Temple AME Church—Atlanta





Master Lee "Trevor" Norris Words of Faith AME Church—Mableton



Debutante Laila A'Ris Odom Mt. Zion AME Church—Kennesaw



Debutante Naomi Michelle Pope Alexander Memorial AME Church—Atlanta



Mt. Zion AME Church—Kennesaw

Atlanta North Georgia Conference Christian Debutantes Masters Commission Presenting the Debutantes and Masters of the Class of 2023



Master Julian Norris Roberts Flipper Temple AME Church—Atlanta



Big Bethel AME Church—Atlanta



Debutante Jaida Denise Smith New Bethel AME Church—Lithonia



Big Bethel AME Church—Atlanta



Debutante Sydney Michelle Ware New Bethel AME Church—Lithonia



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Atlanta North Georgia Conference Christian Debutante Master Commission Class of 2022-2023

Allenites Sub-Debutantes & Sub Masters

Pre – Allenites & Allenites

Atlanta North Asa Roland

Axl Roland

Christian Pettway

Atlanta South

Abram Blaylock

General Blaylock

Kelsy Gooden

Cayla Johnson

Jamie Johnson

Daryl Lewis, Jr.

Jocelyn Lewis

Demetric Lindsey

Patience Lindsey

Cardell McDonald

AJ Mitchell

Ava Mitchell

Kameron Ponder

Journee Ponder

Atlanta West

Haiden McGhee

Sevynn McGhee Alana Santiago

Dominic Santiago

Caleb Willis

Sub-Debutantes – Sub-Masters

Atlanta North

Seth Jackson

Nyla Pettway

Henry Walker, III

Atlanta South

Paris Gooden

Kamya Hayes

Madison Hines

Erin Johnson

Jasmine Lewis

Zion Ponder

Christopher Scott

Kevin Scott, Jr.

Darion Wallace, Jr.

Kamryn Washington

Atlanta East

Dontevious Collins

Le'Lah Heath

Ava Rainge

Mya Rainge

Zanai Strickland

Atlanta West

Alysia Benton

Kristen King

Her'Niyaa McGhee

Harmonii McGhee

Havaya McGhee

Samari Simmons

Special Thanks

To Our Presenters

Rev. Dr. Greta Fowler

Rev. Traves Reams

Rev. Ali Holiness-Roland

Rev. Reginald Cleaver, Jr.

Bro. Gabriel Cloud

Sis. Ronnise Owens

CDMC Training Sites

(Churches)

Big Bethel AME Church

Flipper Temple AME Church

Allen Temple AME Church



ALTANTA NORRTH GEORGIA COMMISSIONERS

NORTH ATLANTA

Presiding Elder Commissioner- Rev. LaTonya Reid - Allen Temple AME Church / Woodstock
Sis. Felicia Y. Jones – Big Bethel AME Church
Sis Sydnie West – Turner Chapel AME Church
Sis. Felecia Howard – Mt. Zion ME Church/Kennesaw



Bro David Benoit - Greater Smith Chapel AME Church

Presiding Elder Commissioner- Sis. Allyson Brown- Flipper Temple AME Church
Sis. Michelle Cottrell- Flipper Temple AME Church
Sis. Jo Ann Golston-Flat Rock AME Church
Sis. Bettina Johnson- Flat Rock AME Church
Sis. Shameeka Ponder- Ridge Grove AME Church

EAST ATLANTA

Presiding Elder Commissioner- Sis. Arias Maccius – New Bethel AME Church
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Sis Leslie Vaughn – Antioch AME Church/Stone Mountain
Sis. Davida Jones- Words of Faith AME Church
Sis. Patricia Bryant- Turner Monumental AME Church

WEST ATLANTA

Presiding Elder Commissioner-Sis. Patricia Williams – Greater Turner AME Church Sis. Patricia Williams - Greater Turner Chapel Sis. Annabella Wright – Allen Temple AME Church/ Atlanta Sis. Cecilia Jones- Alexander Memorial AME Church Sis. Angel Little – First AME Church Sis. Lisa Stephens- Tranquil AME Church

