

*151st Session of the
Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
Christian Debutantes Masters' Commission Dedication Ceremony*

**Saturday, May 10, 2025
4:00PM**

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



Sixth Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Church



*The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Bishop
Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell, Episcopal Supervisor
The Reverend Dr. David B. Rhone, Jr., Host Presiding Elder
Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
The Reverend Kimberly McMichael, Host Presiding Elder
Atlanta North Georgia CDMC Ceremony
The Reverend Dr. Larry W. Hudson, Sr., Associate Presiding Elder
The Reverend Thomas Stegall, Associate Presiding Elder
The Reverend John Foster, Ph.D., Host Pastor Atlanta North Georgia CDMC Ceremony
The Reverend Dr. Anton Elwood, Host Pastor Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
The Reverend Dr. Jai Haithco, Sr., Sixth Episcopal District Christian Education Dean
The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins, Sixth Episcopal District Christian Education Director
The Reverend Bridget Hall-Manor Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
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Sis. Felicia Y. Jones Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
CDMC Commissioner*

"Daily Magnify Christ"



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May 11, 2025

Dear Esteemed Debutantes and Masters of the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference,

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy and admiration that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of you for your outstanding participation and accomplishments in this transformative journey.

Your commitment to personal growth, academic excellence, Christian service, and leadership development is a testament to the bright future that awaits you. The training and experiences you have embraced as part of the Debutante-Master Commission program will undoubtedly equip you to be impactful leaders in your communities and the Kingdom of God.

To all Atlanta North Georgia Conference DMC Commissioners and local church leaders, we recognize and appreciate your unwavering commitment to nurturing and guiding these young people along their journey. Your labor of love and steadfast devotion to their success is truly commendable.

To our Debutantes and Masters, you have demonstrated resilience, character, and a willingness to embrace this momentous occasion with grace and dignity. We celebrate your achievements and encourage you to continue striving for excellence in all that you do. May you always walk in faith, wisdom, and purpose, knowing that God has a divine plan for your lives.

On behalf of the Sixth Episcopal District, we celebrate you and pray for your continued success. |

May the Lord bless and keep you as you move forward with confidence and faith.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

In His Service,

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell

Presiding Prelate

Supervisor Cordelia D. Mitchell

Episcopal Supervisor



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TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

It is with heartfelt joy that I congratulate you on reaching this meaningful milestone. Your transition from youth to adulthood has been filled with experiences, growth, and lessons that will shape your future. As you step boldly into this new chapter, may you embrace every opportunity and face every challenge with courage and grace.

Remember the values instilled in you, the wisdom of your parents, the love of your family, and the guidance of your church. Let these foundations carry you forward as you navigate the complexities of life. Keep God first, always. Trust in Him and trust the training you've received from those He placed in your life to love, support, and hold you accountable.

We are honored to celebrate this sacred *Rites of Passage* moment with you. This is a time of great potential, and we are proud to stand beside you as you embark on your journey into Christian adulthood.

A heartfelt *Thank You* to our CDMC Parents, Clergy, and Local Churches for their unwavering support and encouragement of our young people. May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

With deep gratitude, I recognize our dedicated Atlanta North Georgia District Presiding Elders, Commissioners, and Local Commissioners for their tireless work in preparing our Debutantes, Masters, Sub-Debutantes, Sub-Masters, Allenites, and Pre-Allenites for this magnificent occasion.

To our Episcopal Leaders, The Right Reverend Michael Leon Mitchell and Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell, Episcopal Supervisor, along with the Presiding Elders and District Consultants – thank you for your steadfast leadership and the opportunity to serve alongside you.

Special thanks to our gracious Host Pastors, Reverend John Foster, Ph.D. and First Lady Sis. MaryAnn Foster of Big Bethel AME Church, and Reverend Dr. Anton Elwood and First Lady Elwood of St. Philip AME Church. To the Atlanta North Georgia Conference Clergy and Laity, thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to the CDMC. May God's blessings continue to pour over this vital ministry.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6

Felicia Y. Jones

Conference Commissioner

Atlanta North Georgia Conference

Christian Debutante-Master Commission



May 10, 2025

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 Big Bethel AME Church welcomes the Christian Debutante Masters Commission (CDMC) to the 151st 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. We thank all the commissioners, volunteers, parents and staff that work with our young people on a daily basis.

May God continue to bless and keep your organization.

Sincerely,

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. Senior Pastor

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Congratulations to the
Atlanta North Georgia Conference
Christian Debutante and Master's
Commission

Words cannot express the excitement that I have for you and where you are on your Christian journey! The choices that you make matter, but remember that you serve a God of second chances. Remember to give yourselves the same grace that you extend to others. Never forget that you have a friend in Jesus who will always stick closer than any brother.

The world may try to deny you, but what God has for you is for you. My prayer is that even in the most difficult times, you will hold to the Lord's promises and keep your faith. Romans 8:28 states, "And we know that He will work all things together for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose."

May the grace of God keep you and bless you in Jesus' name.

All God's Best!

Reverend Kimberly McMichael,
Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

ATLANTA EAST DISTRICT

ATLANTA NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

To Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell, Supervisor Cordelia Mitchell, and the DMC Committee Chairperson Felicia 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 Atlanta East District, we congratulate you and salute you on reaching this great milestone.

Sincerely,



Elder David B. Rhone, Jr., D. Ed. Min.
PRESIDING ELDER, ATLANTA EAST DISTRICT





South Atlanta District

Presiding Elder:

Rev. Dr. Larry W. Hudson, Sr.

CHURCHES

FLIPPER TEMPLE

SAINT PAUL

TRINITY

SAINT JOHN – FAIRBURN

NEW GRANT CHAPEL

GREATER SAINT PAUL

MOUNT PLEASANT

GREATER MOUNT ZION

FLAT ROCK

SAINT JOHN – COLEMAN STREET

DENT CHAPEL

GREATER BETHEL

HOLLY GROVE

MATHALAMA

LIBERTY HILL

NEW HOPE

CLEVELAND CHAPEL

FLIPPER CHAPEL

KNIGHTS MONUMENTAL

WESLEY CHAPEL

RIDGE GROVE

RUSSELL TEMPLE

PLEASANT HILL VICTORY

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May 10, 2025

Greetings to Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell, DMC Commissioners, and the 2025 Class of Debutantes, Masters, Sub-Debutantes, Sub-Masters and Allenites,

The South Atlanta District of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference congratulates you as you become young Christian adults during this glorious service of spiritual transformation. This milestone is a testament to your commitment to your faith, your family, and your future.

Your journey to this moment has required dedication, discipline, and a willingness to walk with Christ. We urge you to remember the religious principles and values which you have learned. May you always exemplify the virtues of humility, integrity, and compassion. 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.”

The Pastors and Laity of the South Atlanta District join me in expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Commissioners, Parents and Relatives of this beautiful Class of 2025 for their commitment, support, love, and prayers.

Congratulations again on this special occasion. May the Lord’s richest blessings be granted unto you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Larry W. Hudson, Sr.

Presiding Elder-South Atlanta District

The Best Is Yet To Come





Rev. Thomas R. Stegall, Presiding Elder

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,


p.p. *Thomas R. Stegall*
Presiding Elder

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What Is the CDMDC aka DMC?

The Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Commission (CDMDC) is a group of adults, who reinforce the work of Christian education by providing guidance and information in the context of relevant study and fieldwork activities. (generally called DMC).

Youth participating in the DMC have an opportunity to receive regular and special study programs for personal Christian development and creative leadership in the A.M.E. Church. Adult participation consists of teaching and training youth in prescribed areas mentioned above and later in this document.

The A.M.E. Debutante-Master Dedication Ceremony allows young people, ages five to eighteen to celebrate their Christian journey. Graduating Seniors are celebrated as the Debutantes and Masters completing their youthful Christian journey to begin their adult experience. Youth are introduced, in a rite of passage to the church society and to dedicate their lives to further or greater Christian service.



THANK YOU

Thank you for entrusting your child or children to the Christian Debutante-Master Commission. It is our prayer that our time together, with your children, will be both productive and memorable. We have a responsibility in the life of our children. As the old African proverb states, ***"It takes a village to raise a child"***. Thank you for allowing us to be apart of your child's village. We look forward to working with your son/ daughter in developing their spiritual, biblical, theological, social, cultural, financial and occupational life. The Sixth Episcopal District Debutante-Master Commission is not a fundraiser. Fees and funds associated with this program are, used to offset the cost of the program and to provide scholarships and financial support to our graduating High School Seniors



DEDICTATORY CEREMONY

Saturday, May 10, 2025

MASTER OF CEREMONY

Reverend Alan and Denise Bethea,
Senior Pastor, St. Luke AME Church

The Prelude.....*Bro. Phillip Skerrett, Jr.*
Big Bethel A.M.E. Church
Christal Adams Shaw
Christ Community AME Church

The Introduction of Special Guests

The Processional of the Allenites, Sub-Debutantes and Sub Masters
(Congregation, please remain seated)

The Negro National Anthem..... *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*Congregation

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,

The Presentation of the 2025 Class of Debutantes & Masters

(Congregation, please remain seated)

Commentators*Sister JaKia Poythress*
New Bethel A.M.E. Church/Local CDMC Commissioner

Sister Sheila Scott
Flat Rock A.M.E. Church /Local CDMC Commissioner

The Invocation.....*Andre E. Scott*
Flat Rock A.M.E. Church/Allenite

The Words Of Welcome/.....*Kaleb Ambo*
Tranquil AME Church/Sub-Master

The Significance of the Occasion*Sis. Elizabeth Elder*
Greater St. Paul AME Church/ Local Commissioner
CDMC Alumna Class of 2007

The Offertory Appeal.....*Rev. Bridgette Hall-Maynor*
Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference/
Christian Education Director
Mt. Zion AME Church-Decatur

The Offering

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

Allenites

Sub-Debutantes & Sub-Masters

The Praise Dance.....*Sister Terri Billups*
New Bethel AME Church/CDMC Alumna Class of 2023

Sister Frederica Alexander
New Bethel AME Church /CDMC Alumna Parent Class of 2023

The Congratulatory Remarks & Special Acknowledgements.....*Sister Felicia Y. Jones*
Atlanta North Georgia Conference CDMC Commissioner



The Words of Wisdom*Mrs. Cordelia D. Mitchell*
Episcopal Supervisor, Sixth Episcopal District

The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell
Presiding Prelate, Sixth Episcopal District AMEC

The Commitment Challenge *Sister Kamaya Hayes*
Ridge Grove AME Church/CDMC Alumna Class of 2024

The Dedicatory Service of Commitment
(Congregation please remain seated)

The Dedication Pledge

The Song of Dedication

The Lighting of the Cross

The Prayers of Dedication.....*Reverend Kimberly McMichael*
Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

Reverend Dr. David B. Rhone, Jr.
Presiding Elder, East Atlanta District

Reverend Thomas Stegall
Presiding Elder, West Atlanta District

The Lord’s Prayer*Reverend Dr. Larry W. Hudson, Sr.*
Presiding Elder, South Atlanta District

The Song of CommitmentClass of 2025 & Congregation
“Spirit of the Living God”

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.

The Presentation of Bibles.....Parents of the Class of 2025

The Benediction Prayer*Reverend John Foster, Ph.D.*
Host Pastor, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Recessional
(Congregation, please remain seated during the recessional)

Presenting
The Class of 2025
Christian
Debutantes & Masters

Participants appear
in the following order:

Atlanta East District
Atlanta West District
Atlanta South District
Atlanta North District

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

Proverbs 22:6





Debutante Jasmine Christina Brooks
Antioch AME Church—Stone Mtn. GA



Debutante Kenadi Angelia Austin-Perry
Antioch AME Church—Stone Mtn. GA



Debutante Nakai Naweh Simmons
Antioch AME Church—Stone Mtn. GA



Debutante Arianna Nicole Harris
Turner Monumental AME Church—Atlanta, GA



Debutante Le'Lah Alexis Heath
Turner Monumental AME Church—Atlanta, GA



Debutante Shania Nikole West
New Bethel AME Church—Atlanta, GA



Master William Bryce Bankhead
St. Paul AME Worship Center—Lithonia, GA



Master Derwin Nathaniel Peters
St. Paul AME Worship Center—Lithonia, GA



Debutante Kristen Faith Charity King
Allen Temple AME Church—Atlanta, GA



Debutante Harmonii Laura-Anne McGhee
Greater Turner Chapel AME Church



Master Austin Davon Hubbard
Flipper Temple AME Church
Atlanta, GA



Master William Christopher Scott, 11
Flat Rock AME Church
Fayetteville, GA



Debutante Ambriana Faith Rucker
New Grant Chapel AME Church
East Point, GA



Debutante Nailah Iyana Whipple
New Grant Chapel AME Church
East Point, GA



Debutante Carli Ellese Gary
Mt. Zion AME Church
Kennesaw, GA



Train up a child
in the way he should go and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.
-Proverbs 22:6



Congratulations!

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11



Class of 2025

**Atlanta North Georgia Conference
Christian Debutante Master Commission
Class of 2024-2025**

**Allenites
Sub-Debutantes & Sub Masters**

Pre –Allenites & Allenites

North Atlanta

Asa Roland
Axl Roland
Christian Pettway
Marie Smith
Alexis Thomas
Payton Twiggs

East Atlanta

Minnie Brown
Mariah Corbin

South Atlanta

Cayla Johnson
Ava Mitchell
Kameron Ponder
Andre Scott

West Atlanta

Dakadiah Cobb
Kason Jones
Sevynn McGhee
Caleb Willis

Sub-Debutantes –Sub-Masters

North Atlanta

Milani Black
Nyla Pettway
Alana Collins
Jeremiah Peters
John Williams II
Heaven Dallas
Jaida Dunn
Amayah Dunn

South Atlanta

Erin Johnson
Jamie Johnson
Arther Mitchell, Jr.
Kevin Scott

East Atlanta

Quintasia Browning
Michael Adeoye
Peyton Karrine Jenkins
Sola Adeoye
Sasha Collins
Jahzeel Brooks
Ravin Davis

Atlanta West

Kaleb Ambo
Dalilah Cob
Her’Niyaa McGhee

Special Thanks

CDMC Training Sites & Rehearsals (Churches)

Antioch AME Church/Stone Mountain
Big Bethel AME Church
Greater Turner Chapel AME Church

Turner Monumental AME Church
Saint Philip AME Church
Words of Faith AME Church



Thank You

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 AME Church/ Kennesaw
Sis. Elizabeth Elder—Greater St. Paul AME Church
Sis. Theresa Fowler—Greater Mount Carmel/ Doraville

SOUTH ATLANTA

Presiding Elder Commissioner- Sis. Allyson Brown- Flipper Temple AME Church
Sis. Michelle Cottrell- Flipper Temple AME Church
Sis. Shameeka Ponder- Ridge Grove AME Church
Sis. Sheila Scott/Flat Rock AME Church
Sis. Charlene Bryant/ New Grant Chapel

EAST ATLANTA

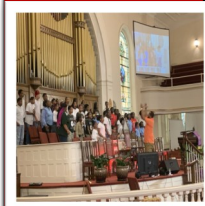
Presiding Elder Commissioner- Sis. Arias Maccius – New Bethel AME Church
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Sis Leslie Vaughn – Antioch AME Church/ Stone Mountain
Sis. Patricia Bryant- Turner Monumental AME Church
*Sis. Olivia Singleton – Turner Monumental AME Church**
Sis. Jakia Poythress-New Bethel AME Church
Sis. Michele Dukes – St. Paul Worship Center AME Church/Lithonia
*Sis. Toni Butts – St. Paul Worship Center AME Church / Lithonia **
Sis. Wanda Collie – St. Paul AME Church/ Stone Mountain

WEST ATLANTA

Presiding Elder Commissioner- Sis. Patricia Williams – Greater Turner AME Church
Sis. Annabella Wright –Allen Temple AME Church/ Atlanta
Sis. Cecilia Jones- Alexander Memorial AME Church
Sis. Angel Little – First AME Church
Rev. Theresa Jones/Tranquil AME Church
Dr. Shai L. Menina/ Tranquil AME Church
Sis. Davida Jones/ Words of Faith AME Church



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Debutante-Master Commission