

AME Bishop's Council Holds Special Session

Name Presidents Of Various Boards; Greene Presides

CINCINNATI, Ohio — (ANP)

The Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal church convened in extra session last week in Cincinnati, Ohio, with Bishop S. L. Greene, Atlanta, the newly-elected president, presiding, with other newly elected officers including: Bishop F. Madison Reid, Columbia, S. C., vice president; Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Philadelphia, secretary; and Bishop Alexander J. Allen, Cleveland, Ohio, assistant secretary.

The other bishops in attendance were: William A. Fountain, Sr., senior emeritus; J. A. Gregg, active senior; R. C. Ransom, G. W. Baber, J. H. Clayborn, L. H. Hemmingway, D. O. Walker, Joseph Gomez, I. H. Bonner, W. R. Wilkes, C. A. Gibbs, H. T. Primm, F. D. Jordan and E. C. Hatcher.

The purpose of the session was to execute the mandates of the recent session of the General Conference and to consider other matters properly brought before it. Important features highlighting the session include:

1. The election of three delegates to the World Conference on Faith and Order convening at Lund, Sweden, August 15-28, 1952, viz: Bishops S. L. Green, J. A. Gregg, A. J. Allen.

2. The election of four representatives on the Lay Church Men's Commission of the National Council of Churches, viz: Drs. A. S. Jackson, R. W. Manse, A. A. Billings and A. G. Gaston.

3. Favorable action on the request for the selecting of one young minister for study in the graduate school of Ecumenical Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, opening Oct. 1.

4. Favorable action on the request for one representative from the denomination to the International Congress for Hymnology and Church Music in Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 30 to Sept. 4.

5. Favorable action on the request for approval of the annual budget for the: (a) World Council of Churches (b) National Council of Churches (c) Fraternal Council of Negro Churches.

6. Acceptance of invitation to participate in the joint conference on Protestant Unity, Buch Hill Falls, Penna., Oct. 29-31.

7. Acceptance of invitation to participate in National Conference on Rapidly Changing Racial, Political and Social Conditions in Africa, South of the Sahara, convening at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, June 16-25 with the following representatives being selected: Bishops I. H. Bonner, C. A. Gibbs, H. T. Primm, F. D. Jordan and E. C. Hatcher.

8. The projection of a special campaign to aid emergency projects in our four foreign mission

fields. The following annual allotments for four years, being approved (a) 14th District, \$10,000 (b) 15th District, \$3,000 (c) 16th District, \$10,000 (d) 17th District, \$7,000.

Other important features enacted by the Council were:

1. The selection of New Orleans, La., as the place for the holding of the annual session, Feb. 18-20, 1953.

2. The election of the chairmen of the various boards and commissions which resulted in the following:

Publication board, Bishop Greene, president; Bishop Clayborn, first vice president; Bishop Gregg, second vice president.

Board of Missions, Bishop Bonner president; Bishop Jordan, first vice president.

Board of Finance, Bishop Walker, president.

Board of Church Extension, Bishop Reid, president.

Board of Pension, Bishop Nichols, president.

Board of Women's Missionary Societies, Bishop Gibbs, president.

Board of Connectional Evangelism, Bishop Hatcher, president.

Board of Incorporators, Bishop Baber, president; Bishop Nichols, vice president.

Board of History and Research, Bishop Allen, president.

Board of Health, Bishop Primm, president.

Board of Connectional Budget, Bishop Wright, Jr., president.

Board of Rural Church, Bishop Hemmingway, president.

Commission on Inter-Church Councils, Bishop Greene, president.

Commission on Public Relations and Social Welfare, Bishop Jordan, president.

Albert W. Wilson Dies in California

Our beloved brother Albert W. Wilson, 92 years old, one of our oldest pioneer laymen was struck down Wednesday night, July 9 and passed Thursday July 10 at 1:15 a.m. Brother Wilson came to California in the 80's from Atlanta, Ga. He and his family figured prominently in the growth of Southern California. He is one of the foundation stones of 1st A.M.E., 8th and Towne, the oldest racial church in Southern California. As a Layman, Brother Wilson has filled every office in the church.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was employed for 35 years in one of Los Angeles leading banks.

He leaves to mourn a wife, Mrs. Pinkie Wilson, brother, Sidney of Atlanta, Ga., and the members of 8th & Towne church.

He left his footprints in the sands of time.

by Camillia Leftridge.

Bishop F. D. Jordan Visits Kansas City

KANSAS CITY—Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of Los Angeles was a visitor in Kansas City recently en route to the West Coast from Springfield, Ohio, where he attended the North American Assembly on African Affairs sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ. He also attended the Bishops' Council of the AME church held in Cincinnati in June.

It was Bishop Jordan's first visit to Kansas City since he was elevated to the bishopric at the AME General Conference in Chicago in May. During the few days that he spent here, he was greeted by his many friends who knew him when he was pastor of the Bethel AME church and dean of the Noah W. Williams School of Religion at Western university in Quindaro from 1936 to 1940.

Bishop Jordan, who was assigned to the 17th Episcopal district of the AME church in South Africa, plans to sail for his post of duty on Sept. 25 on the USS Queen Mary. He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Artisha Jordan. Until that time, he will continue to pastor Ward AME church in Los Angeles from which pastorate he was elected bishop.

Bishop D. Ormonde Walker, presiding bishop of the fifth Episcopal district, has not yet assigned a minister to Ward to succeed Bishop Jordan.

Bishop Jordan will hold his first conference in his new district on Oct. 16 at Capetown in South Africa. His district embraces the Transvaal, Zambese, Central Africa and the Belgian Congo.

While in South Africa, Bishop Jordan plans to build up the school of religion at Wilberforce institute and to encourage wide correspondence between men and women of America and Africa who are engaged in similar pursuits.

While here, Bishop Jordan was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Moore, 2418 E. 28th St. He worshipped Sunday at the Ward Chapel AME church.

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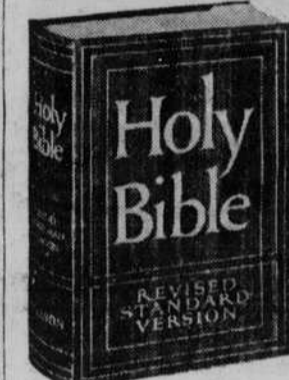
openings in the foundation so concretely that these mistakes will not happen again.

As in all great corporations or business organizations there sometimes comes a time for reformations. Leaders have to be elevated, some changed, program, and buildings expanded. Youth and educational problems solved. Financial levies or assessments and disbursements must be carefully studied and placed on a fair sound level that all concerned even to the smallest share-holder or member, pertaining to Churches from the largest to the smallest church or Mission may feel and know that they belong to, and are working in the most reliable upright organization that it is possible to have.

In this great meeting of African Episcopal Methodism in Chicago, let us go about our work intelli-



'Greatest Bible News in 341 Years'



After 15 years' labor by leading Bible scholars, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be published in the Fall. It is sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., constituted by 29 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions with 32,000,000 members. "We have been revising the King James Version and the American Standard Version to get closer to the Bible as it was originally written," says Dr. Luther A. Weigle (above), dean emeritus of Yale Divinity School and chairman of the revision committee. "With the aid of the oldest manuscripts yet known and with new knowledge of Greek and Hebrew vocabularies, we have really been recovering the Bible. In this sense, the 'new' Bible is the 'oldest.'"

gently, prayerfully, with great dignity and poise ever keeping in mind that God watches us and that the eyes of the world are watching our every move. Let us not stoop to political banter or be bought for personal gain. Let us elect and retain men to be leaders in all departments, who are fully capable and qualified, both in spiritual and business spheres to do the work and lead us on to greater heights in the realms of Christianity of the A.M.E. Church.

May we strive to serve to the best of our ability under God's guidance to expand, to reform where needed, make revisions where necessary, and to advance the various soul saving, spiritual, religious education in schools, financial and youth departments of this great organization.

Yes, we the members of the African Episcopal Methodist Church realize that we must work with, and for our ministers and leaders, when they are in the right, and they in turn must work with and for the Laity when they are working for the betterment of church conditions, for one cannot succeed without the other.

We cannot do these things alone, but we must take God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man our Brother as our Captains in this great meeting, and March on the Zion.

We of the Southwest Missouri Conference appreciate the wisdom and work of our Bishop, D. Ormonde Walker, for the support and recognition he has given the Laymen and ask God's Blessings

Sunday School Lesson

SAMUEL, JUDGE AND PROPHET

Scripture . . . 1 Samuel 1b to 8:22; 12; 14-25.

Memory Selection. Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve Him only. 1 Samuel 7:3.

Present Day Application By Bishop Frederick D. Jordan Los Angeles, California

The job of every Christian is multiple, as was Samuel's. Christians should exert political as well as moral influence in the community. Clean living, worship and fellowship are required for an ideal place in which to live. Clean living means good government. If the Christian refuses to interest himself in the government of his community and leaves it to others like the Rankins, the Talmadges, the Byrnes, etc., the result will be a city of cut-throats, robbers, gamblers and violators of homes. A people that have no regard for the rights and privileges of others, a nation that feels another nation has "no right it is bound to respect." Christians in government and other places of authority will bring about the unity of nations, a unity that war cannot possibly create. War can never be a weapon of peace.

upon him, praying humbly that his strength may be regained that he may ever carry and wave high the Banner of and for CHRIST and His righteousness in the A.M.E. CHURCH.

ST. PAUL'S A.M.E. CHURCH

OSKALOOSA, KANSAS

12th Annual Reunion & Homecoming, August 3, 1952

- 10:00 Union Sunday School at St. Paul's. Miss Evelyn Todd, Supt.
- 11:00 Worship Service, High School Auditorium. In charge of Rev. Sims, pastor 2d Christian Church, Lawrence, accompanied by his choir.
- 12:30 Offering: Introduction of visitors
- 1:00 Big Free Country Dinner, served at the School grounds. Informal Fellowship Period.

- 2:30 Laymen's hour. Music by Male Quartet, of Topeka. Recognition of Spanish-American War Veterans, 53d reunion. Welcome by John W. Roberts, editor Oskaloosa Independent. Address: Prominent Speakers. Gov. Arn will speak.
- 4:00 Service. In charge of Rev. E. B. Childress, pastor 1st A. M. E. Church, Kansas City, Kansas, accompanied by his choir.
- 5:00 Offering.

Today's Program is Dedicated to the Descendants of the late HENRY and MOLLIE BURNETT, charter members of this Church. Response for the family will be given by McKinley Burnett of Topeka. All churches of the northeastern Kansas vicinity are invited to join with us for this occasion. Rev. A. L. WARD, Pastor. St. Paul Committee