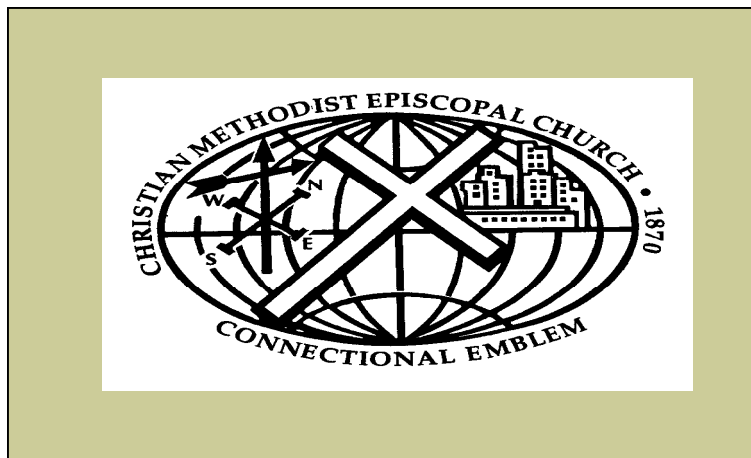


CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Ninth District 2006-2007 Directory

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*“From Good to Great: The Jesus Challenge
Building Leaders for Today and Tomorrow”*



Ninth District Regions

Alaska-Pacific
Arizona-New Mexico
Northern California
Oklahoma
Southern California

TOGETHER WE CAN



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Celebrating Forty Years of Ministry 1967 – 2007 in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

The Grace and Mercy of God in Christ Jesus have allowed us to serve the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for the last forty years (1967-2007) as a minister, pastor and now Bishop. It has been the love of my wife, the inspiration of my mother and the mentoring hand of laity, pastors, presiding elders from Samuel Sea to Carrell K. Cargle and Bishops from J. Claude Allen to Dotcy I. Isom who counseled, taught, shared their wisdom and experience to help me become the person I am today. I will always be grateful to God for surrounding me with such wonderful, caring and competent people.

As we begin a new Quadrennial (2006-2010) for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church with the exciting theme, "From Good to Great: The Jesus Challenge" we must make disciples, develop leaders and share in prophetic ministry. The needs of our family, race and community must be addressed by our churches through the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the power of the Word of God. Our mission is to win souls, form partnerships with our schools, develop the Ministry to Men's Ministry in each local church, train our new members and empower our leaders and church officers to become servant leaders of Jesus Christ.

Doris my loving and faithful wife of 33 years joins me in saluting the churches and loyal members we have been privileged to serve as Pastor and Bishop over the past forty years.

- Associate minister 1967-1969 Israel CME Church, Gary IN
- Pastor 1969-1972 West Side CME Church, Gary IN
- Assistant Pastor 1973-1974 St Paul CME Church, Chicago IL
- Pastor 1973-1974 New Hope CME Church, Evanston, IL
- Pastor 1974-1976 Pilgrim Temple CME Church, E. St. Louis, IL
- Pastor 1976-1983 Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis, IN
- Pastor 1983-1986 Central Metropolitan CME Church, Jacksonville, FL
- Pastor 1986-2002 Carter Temple CME Church, Chicago, IL
- Bishop 2002-2007 Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

The vision of the C. M. E. Church along with its mission is to bring, Salvation, Education, and Liberation to 10,000 new disciplined members and to help all C. M. E. Churches to empower other churches (ecumenical outreach) to help reach our goal of one thousand One Church One School (OCOS) effective, measurable partnerships. The Ninth Episcopal District should have OCOS Freedom School partnership in all five Regions. Our efforts together will allow us to help achieve the church's mission of growing warmer through fellowship, stronger through worship, deeper in discipleship, broader through ministry and larger through evangelism.

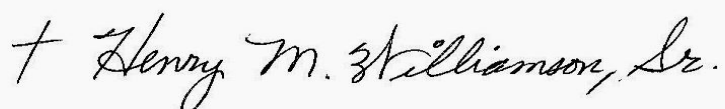
Together We Can

The church should exist to answer life's ultimate question, "Why am I here? Jesus tells us we're here to "Glorify God and Enjoy Him forever." Psalm 86:12 I Cor 6:20. It's good to know that we have five purposes for being on planet earth before we go to heaven. First we're all planned for God's pleasure, second we're formed for God's family, third we're created to become like Christ, fourth we're shaped for serving God and fifth we're made for a mission.

Finally, I want to thank the members and leaders of the Ninth Episcopal District for their faith, effort, work and love they have shared in helping us strengthen each of our five Regions, Alaska-Pacific, Arizona-New Mexico, Northern California, Oklahoma, and Southern California. We've managed to help at least one church on each Presiding Elder's District during our three yearly meetings, Winter Council, Spring Convocation and Annual Conference.

We're especially proud of the four new churches we've completed that we built from the ground up under the leadership of dynamic pastors and dedicated laity; first Curry Temple CME Church in Compton CA, Rev. Charley Hames; Israel Chapel CME Church in Spencer OK, Rev. Richard C. Laskey, Pastor and Presiding; Miles Memorial CME Church in Tacoma WA, Rev. David C. Isom, Pastor and Cummings Park CME Church in Menlo Park CA, Rev. Winfred Warren and Rev. Joy Singletary. We are praying for the future building of Davis Chapel CME Church in Richmond CA, Rev. Nicholas Betts, Pastor and Amos Temple CME Church in Riverside CA, Rev. Julio Andujo, Pastor.

TOGETHER WE CAN build leaders for Today and Tomorrow as we move from "Good to Great" accepting the Jesus Challenge of winning souls to Christ, providing leadership development and developing a ministry of discipleship and growth throughout the CME. Church.



Henry M. Williamson, Sr.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Prayer Bowl, Los Angeles, CA	January 1, 2007
Phillips School of Theology Founders Day & Pastor's Conference, Atlanta, GA	January 8-11, 2007
MLK Celebration / Los Angeles-Phillips Temple	January 14, 2007
MLK Celebration / Oakland-Beebe	January 15, 2007
National Youth and Young Adult Week	January 28 thru February 3
Los Angeles District Conference	February 8-10, 2007
Los Angeles/San Diego District Conference	February 8-10, 2007
San Francisco District Conference	February 15-16, 2007
Ash Wednesday	February 21, 2007
Oakland District Conference	February 22-23, 2007
Lent Begins	February 25, 2007
Arizona District Conference	March 8-10, 2007
Oklahoma City District Conference	March 15-17, 2007
Texas College Day	March 11, 2007
Oregon Washington District Conference	TBD
Tulsa District Conference	March 2-3, 2007
New Mexico District Conference	TBD
NINTH DISTRICT SPRING CONVOCATION	March 28-31, 2007
Marian Scipio Vesper Service (SCA)	April 1, 2007
Palm Sunday	April 1, 2007
Good Friday	April 6, 2007
Resurrection Sunday	April 8, 2007
Lane College Day	April 28, 2007
Alaska District Conference	April 2007
General Connectional Board / Memphis TN	May 8-11, 2007
Mother's Day	May 13, 2007
Children's Prayer Breakfast (SCA)	May 28, 2007
Baccalaureate Service / SCA	June 4, 2007
Baccalaureate Service / NCA	June 10, 2007
Arizona New Mexico Annual Conf. / El Paso TX	June 12-16, 2007
Alaska Pacific Annual Conf.	June 26-29, 2007
Father's Day	June 17, 2007
9th District LTS (Children, Youth & Young Adults)	July 10-13, 2007
St. Mary's College / Moraga CA	July 24-27, 2007
Oklahoma Annual Conference	July 29, 2007
Mrs. Doris Williamson's Birthday	
Missionary Quadrennial Assembly / Atlanta GA	August 4-11, 2007
Northern California Annual Conference /	August 14-18, 2007
Southern California Annual Conference /	August 21-25, 2007

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Labor Day	September 3, 2007
Christian Methodist Men's Fellowship Retreat	September 14-15, 2007
CME Convocation / La Vegas NV	September 18-20, 2007
National Lay Ministry Day	October 7, 2007
One Church One School Conference / Chicago IL	October 25-26, 2007
Arizona-New Mexico Mid-Winter Council	November 1-2, 2007
Thanksgiving Service / SCA	November 15-16
Oklahoma Mid-Winter Council	November 22, 2007
Bishop Henry M. Williamson's Birthday	November 22, 2007
Thanksgivings Day	November 29 through
Alaska-Pacific Mid-Winter Council	December 1, 2007
Northern/Southern California Mid-Winter Council	December 6-8, 2007
CME Church Anniversary	December 16, 2007
Bishop and Mrs. Williamson's Wedding Anniversary	December 22, 2007
Christmas Day	December 25, 2007

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*The Lord will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; (he) will counsel you and watch over you.*

~Psalm 32:8

## ***LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2006-2007***

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| KINGDOMTIDE         | AUGUST 27-DECEMBER 2, 2006          | GREEN  |
| ADVENT              | DECEMBER 3-DECEMBER 24, 2006        | PURPLE |
| CHRISTMASTIDE       | DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 5, 2007         | WHITE  |
| THE DAY OF EPIPHANY | JANUARY 6-FEBRUARY 25, 2007         | WHITE  |
| ASH WEDNESDAY       | FEBRUARY 21, 2007                   | PURPLE |
| LENT                | FEBRUARY 25-APRIL 7, 2007           | PURPLE |
| PALM SUNDAY         | APRIL 1, 2007                       | PURPLE |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY     | APRIL 5, 2007                       | PURPLE |
| GOOD FRIDAY         | APRIL 7, 2007                       | BLACK  |
| HOLY SATURDAY       | APRIL 8, 2007                       | BLACK  |
| RESURRECTION SUNDAY | APRIL 8, 2007                       | WHITE  |
| EASTERTIDE          | APRIL 8-MAY 26, 2007                | WHITE  |
| PENTECOST           | MAY 27-AUGUST 25, 2007              | RED    |
| KINGDOMTIDE         | AUGUST 26-DECEMBER 1, 2007          | GREEN  |
| REFORMATION SUNDAY  | OCTOBER 28                          | RED    |
| ADVENT              | DECEMBER 2-DECEMBER 24, 2007        | PURPLE |
| CHRISTMASTIDE       | DECEMBER 25, 2007 - JANUARY 5, 2008 | WHITE  |

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY***

## ***EXPLANATION OF LITURGICAL CALENDAR***

### **CHRISTMASTIDE**

FROM CHRISTMAS DAY THROUGH JANUARY 5, THIS SEASON REPRESENTS THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. THE COLOR FOR THIS SEASON IS WHITE SYMBOLIZING PURITY.

### **EPIPHANY**

THIS SEASON BEGINS JANUARY 6 AND COMMEMORATES THE COMING OF THE MAGI TO SEE THE CHILD. IT REPRESENTS CHRIST BRINGING LIGHT AND LIFE INTO THE WORLD. THE LITURGICAL COLOR IS WHITE.

### **LENT**

BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, THIS SEASON CONTINUES FOR FORTY DAYS UNTIL EASTER AND IS A SEASON OF PENANCE. THE COLOR FOR THIS SEASON IS PURPLE

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

THE FRIDAY BEFORE RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY MEMORIALIZES THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE LORD. THE COLOR FOR THIS DAY IS BLACK.

### **RESURRECTION/EASTERTIDE**

THE SEASON BEGINS WITH RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY AND CONSISTS OF SEVEN SUNDAYS. IT CELEBRATES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD AND THE COLOR FOR THIS SEASON IS WHITE.

### **ASCENSION DAY**

CHRIST REMAINED WITH HIS DISCIPLES FOR FORTY DAYS AND TAUGHT THEM CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ON THE FORTIETH DAY, HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. THIS IS REMEMBERED AS ASCENSION DAY AND THE COLOR IS WHITE.

### **PENTECOST**

PENTECOST MEANS FIFTY DAYS AND ITS DAY IS COUNTED FIFTY DAYS FROM RESURRECTION SUNDAY. THIS IS THE DAY OF EMPOWERING OF THE CHURCH WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE COLOR IS RED WHICH SYMBOLIZES THE FIRE OF THE SPIRIT.

### **KINGDOMTIDE**

THE LAST SUNDAY OF AUGUST BEGINS THIS SEASON OF HOPE REPRESENTED IS THE PRAYER "THE KINGDOM COME!". THE COLOR FOR THIS SEASON IS GREEN.

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

THE NEAREST SUNDAY TO OCTOBER 31 IS REFORMATION SUNDAY. THIS DAY COMMEMORATES THE BEGINNING OF THE PROTESTANT MOVEMENT TO REVIVE AND RENEW THE CHURCH. THE COLOR FOR THIS DAY IS RED.