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RISE UP! AND REVIVE GOD'S GIFT

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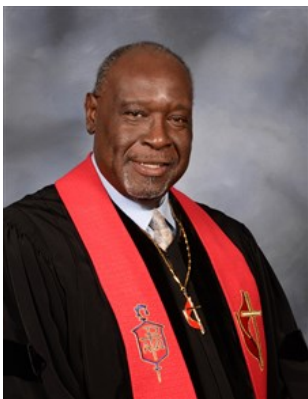
February 27, 2021

Alaska Std Time	Central Std Time	Central Africa Time	
7:00 am	10:00 am	6:00 pm	Welcome/Video Greetings LaToya Redd Thompson (Southeastern Jurisdiction) Bishop James Edward Swanson, Sr. (Mississippi) Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky (Greater Northwest) “Wake Up” – Nancy Tam Davis (Western Jurisdiction)
7:30 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	Opening Worship – Micheal Pope (Western Jurisdiction)
7:45 am	10:45 am	6:45 pm	Lay Leaders Rise Up: Doing Ministry by Doing the Work of Anti-Racism[^] Rev. Michelle Ledder (GCORR)
9:15 am	12:15 pm	8:15 pm	Break
9:30 am	12:30 pm	8:30 pm	Business Meeting (Only open to AACLL members) Opening Nancy Tam Davis (Western Jurisdiction), AACLL President Approval of Minutes Gayla Jo Slauson (Western Jurisdiction), AACLL Secretary Financial Review David Koch (Northeastern Jurisdiction), AACLL Treasurer Call for Unity and Peace Letter Jurisdiction Reports
10:45 am	1:45 pm	9:45 pm	Break
11:00 am	2:00 pm	10:00 pm	Closing Worship – John Denham (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
11:15 am	2:15 pm	10:15 pm	Closing



Rev. **Michelle Ledder** serves as the **Director of Equity and Anti-Racism** for the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR). GCORR focuses on helping the United Methodist Church, at all levels, live into increasingly honorable forms of diversity, inclusion, and racial equity. Rev. Ledder is an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and serves as an Assistant Minister at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington DC, where the Rev. William Lamar, IV is pastor. Michelle is a PhD Candidate at Emory University with a focus on homiletics and pedagogy. Her dissertation is entitled, “To Tell the Truth in Love: An Anti-Racist Homiletic for 21st Century White Christians.” She currently resides in Baltimore City. Her keynote is entitled, “Lay Leaders Rise Up: Doing Ministry by Doing the Work of Anti-Racism.”^

^Keynote Address Description: It has never been enough to simply “not be racist” but the present day makes it explicitly clear and more publicly known that all Christians must also be anti-racist. But what does that mean for Lay Leaders seeking to be faithful in ministry, relational with community, and honest about the realities of the work necessary to resist racism in ways that actually make a difference? During this participatory keynote, each attendee will be exposed to 3 key “big ideas” of anti-racism, have the chance to internalize them (work with them so they become part of your knowledge base – not what the GCORR speaker said that day), and have (at least) 3 practical anti-racism tools to use as soon as you click “leave meeting.”



Bishop **James Edward Swanson Sr.** is the Resident **Bishop of the Mississippi Conference** of The United Methodist Church. Bishop Swanson was elected to the episcopacy during the 2004 Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference. He was assigned to the Holston Conference where the episcopal office is located in Knoxville, Tennessee and served the Holston Conference for eight years. Swanson served as the president of the General Commission of United Methodist Men from 2012-2016 and was re-elected to the post for the 2017-2020 quadrennium. Swanson is a member of the International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges and Universities (IAMSCU), and serves on the board of trustees for Emory University, Rust College, and Millsaps College. He is also the chairman of the board of trustees at Gammon Theological Seminary.



Bishop **Elaine JW Stanovsky** was assigned as the Resident **Bishop of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area** in 2016. Born in Vancouver, WA, she earned her BA degree from the University of Puget Sound and her M.Div. degree from Harvard Divinity School. Bishop Stanovsky was ordained deacon and elder in The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, where she served pastorates at Kennydale and Crown Hill United Methodist churches in the Seattle area. From 1995 to 2008 she served as District Superintendent and as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Pacific Northwest Conference. She also served as a member of the General Council on Ministries, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and the General Board of Education and Ministry, as well as the Plan of Organization and Rules Committee of the General Conference. From 2012 – 2016 she served as the vice-chair of the General Board of Discipleship. Elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdiction in 2008, she served the Mountain Sky Area from 2008 to 2016.