

About the Department

The Department of Church Growth and Development oversees the evangelistic efforts of the A.M.E. Zion denomination. It seeks to promote revivals of religion in and beyond our environs and works toward the goal of revitalization, restoration and expansion throughout our great Zion. The Department houses two vital ministries of our denomination: Evangelism and Home Mission.

As per the Book of Discipline: "In order that the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church may conform more closely to the spirit and mission of the ministry of our Lord and employ the most effective means for the accomplishment of the chief end of the Gospel - the salvation of souls; and that the Church may more vigorously promote and apply the moral and spiritual agencies by which men are rescued from sin and trained for heaven; and that a more inviting opportunity may be given our ministers to use their evangelistic talent more frequently in conducting revivals; and to systematize the work of evangelism among the ministry, the General Conference directs that there shall be an organization in our Church known as the Bureau of Church Growth and Development..." (p. 280);



Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
Executive Director

We Empower You

Through the ministry of evangelism, we offer Christ to all, facilitate and sponsor a quadrennial evangelism congress, produce training materials, and provide structured classes and learning opportunities for effective evangelistic efforts.



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EVANGELISM TRAINING CURRICULUM

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About the Training

This course is designed to equip church leaders and local congregations with the knowledge and tools necessary to begin the essential work of reaching the lost & sharing the Gospel message with their communities & the world. Upon completing the course students will:

1. Understand the Biblical and spiritual foundations & principles of evangelism.
2. Understand the critical work of the Holy Spirit in the evangelistic process.
3. Receive hands-on training using practical approaches to evangelism in the field.
4. Develop an action plan for the evangelism ministry at your church.

Session I - September 12, 2022:

- ✓ **Spiritual Preparation:**
Confession, Cleansing & Service of Consecration
Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.

Session II - September 19, 2022:

- ✓ **Evangelism 101**
Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
- ✓ **Global Missions**
Rev. Dr. Dwight B. Cannon

Session III - September 26, 2022:

- ✓ **Critical Definitions & Terms**
Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
Rev. Hanna Broome

Session IV - October 3, 2022:

- ✓ **The Holy Spirit in Evangelism**
Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
- ✓ **The Art of the Invitation & Altar Ministry**
Rev. Dr. Otis McMillan
- ✓ **Becoming Spiritual Rescuers**
Rev. Dr. Otis McMillan

Session V - October 10, 2022:

- ✓ **Holy Scriptures in Evangelism**
Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.

Session VI - October 17, 2022:

- ✓ **Practical Approaches Part I**
Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
Rev. Hanna Broome
Rev. Rick L. Lee

Session VII - October 24, 2022:

- ✓ **Practical Approaches Part II**
Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather
Rev. Hanna Broome
Rev. Dr. Jonathon Counts

Session VIII - November 1, 2022:

- ✓ **Developing & Implementing Your Plan**
Dr. Alyce Walker-Johnson
Rev. Hanna Broome
- ✓ **Service of Commissioning**
Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.
- ✓ **Episcopal District Evangelistic Plans (Date To Be Announced)**
Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather

All sessions will be from 8 - 9:30 PM (EST)

