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First Episcopal District
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The 5th Session

SERVICE OF ORDINATION
SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2001 - 10:00 A.M.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

District Theme:
“Moving From Status Quo to Christian Purpose”
Matthew 28: 19, 20

The Rev. Richard Stenhouse, Host Pastor
The Rev. Ernestine M. Ward, Host Presiding Elder
The Right Rev. Donald G. K. Ming, Presiding Bishop
The Ordination Service

THE REV. HAROLD L. RUTHERFORD
Worship Leader

THE ORGAN PRELUDE ...

THE DOXOLOGY .................................................. AME 64
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP .................................... Rev. Harold L. Rutherford

THE HYMN OF PRAISE .................................................. AME 95
"How Great The Wisdom"

THE INVOCATION .................................................. Rev. Jocelyn Haan

THE CHORAL RESPONSE .................................................. AME 30
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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THE SCRIPTURE
Old Testament .................................................. Rev. Richard Stenhouse
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THE DECALOGUE (Summary) ............................................. Rev. Lorraine F. Bradley

THE GLORIA PATRI .................................................. "Glory Be To The Father"

THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BISHOP .................................................. Rev. Ernestine M. Way

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS .................................................. The Rt. Rev. Donald G.K. Miller
Presiding Bishop
First Episcopal District
AME Church
THE PRESENTATION OF
THE PREACHER ........................................... The Rt. Rev. Donald G. K. Ming

THE SERMONIC HYMN ................................................. Rev. Norvel Goff, Sr.
“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee” (AME 299)

THE SERMON ...

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP ...

THE OFFERING ....

THE OFFERTORY ...

The Ordination Service

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Rev. H. Rutherford  Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be ordained Deacon.

Bishop Ming  Take heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church.

Rev. H. Rutherford  I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Presentation by
The Secretary of the Board

Bishop Ming  Members of the Conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of these persons presented to be ordained Deacon for which they ought not to be admitted to that office, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

THE COLLECT

Rev. N. Alford  Almighty God who by Thy Divine Providence hast appointed diverse orders of ministers of Thy Church, and did inspire Thine Apostles, to choose to the order of Deacons the first martyr, St. Stephen, with others mercifully behold these Thy servants no called to the like office and administration; replenish them so with the truth of Thy doctrine and adorn them with the innocency of life that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve Thee in that office to the glory of Thy Holy Name, and edification of Thy Church through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost now and forever. Amen.

Rev. G. Larkins  For Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongue, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once, and let them manage their children and their household well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Rev. L. Bradley  See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in fear of God.

Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Rev. J. Hart  Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil days, and having do
all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplications for all saints.

(Then shall the Bishop examine every one that is to be ordained, in the presence of the people, in the following manner:)

**Bishop Ming**

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the Office of the Ministry in the Church of Christ, to serve God for the promotion of His glory, and the edifying of His people?

**Candidates**

I trust so.

**Bishop Ming**

Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**Candidates**

I do believe them.

**Bishop Ming**

Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed to serve?

**Candidates**

I will.

**Bishop Ming**

It appertaineth to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service. And especially when he/she administers the Holy Communion, to help him/her in the distribution thereof and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth, and in the absence of the Elder, to baptize. And furthermore, it is his/her office to search for the sick, poor and impotent, that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

**Candidates**

I will do so, by the help of God.

**Bishop Ming**

Will you frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

**Candidates**

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

**Bishop Ming**

Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonition?

**Candidates**

I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

### The Act of Ordination

(Then shall the Bishop, laying his hand upon everyone of them severally, say:)

**Bishop Ming**

Take thou authority to execute the office of Deacon in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the Holy Bible, saying:)

**Bishop Ming**

Take thou authority to read the Scriptures, and to preach the same in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Rev. M. Chandler  Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants when the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: Verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

Rev. E. Brandon  Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy servants into the office of Deacon of thy Church; make them, we beseech thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and consistent in their ministration, and to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that they, having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son Jesus Christ, may so well behave themselves in this inferior office, that they may be found worthy to be called unto the higher ministries of the church, through the same, thy Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory, and honor, world without end. Amen.

Bishop Ming  Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continued help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessings of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS

Rev. H. Rutherford  Reverend Father in God, I present unto ye these persons to be ordained Elder.

Bishop Ming  Take heed that the persons whom you present unto us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise the ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church.

Rev. H. Rutherford  I have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.

Presentation By The Secretary of the Board

Bishop Ming  Members of the Conference, these are the whom we propose, God willing, this day to ordain Elders; for after due examination we find not the contrary, but that they are lawful called to this function and ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But if there be any of you who knoweth any impediment of crime in any of them, for which they ought not be received into this holy ministry, let them come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

THE COLLECT

Rev. M. Chandler  Almighty God, giver of all good things, who the Holy Spirit hath appointed diverse orders of ministers in thy Church mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the office of Elder, and replenish them with the innocence of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this office to the glory of thy name and the edification of thy Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end, Amen.


THE EPISTLE

Rev. W. Johnson  Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended upon high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Evangelists, and some Pastors, and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Rev. E. Brandon  Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them and the sheep follow him for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them, but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

Rev. R. Reynolds  Then said Jesus unto them again, verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Rev. N. Goff  But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth and find the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and I am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And another sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Rev. L. Bradley  You have heard, as well in your private examination as in the exhortation which was just made to you, and in the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and of how great importance this office is, whereunto ye are now called. And now again we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye have in remembrance how high a dignity and to how weighty an office ye are called; that is to say to be messengers, watchers, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

Rev. N. Alford  Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance how great treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The church and congregation, whom you must serve, are his Spouse, and his Body.

And if it should happen the same church or any member thereof, take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider within yourselves the end of the ministry, towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ and see that you never cease your labor, your care, and diligence unto you have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the faith, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age i
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And if it should happen the same church or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider within yourselves the end of the ministry, towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labor, your care, and diligence until you have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the faith, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in
Christ, that there may be no place left among you, either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

Rev. G. Larkins  
Forasmuch then as your office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, ye see with how great awe and study ye ought to apply yourselves, as neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit ye cannot have a mind and will thereunto of yourselves for that will and ability are given of God alone; therefore ye ought, and have need, to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing that ye cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of man, with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same, consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures and in framing the manners both of yourselves and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the rules of the same Scriptures; and for this self same cause how ye ought to forsake and set aside as much as ye may all worldly care and studies.

Rev. L. Bradley  
We have good hope that you have all weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time; and that you have clearly determined by God’s grace to give yourselves to this office whereby it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lieth in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing and draw all your cares and studies this way, and that you will continually pray to God the Father by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, of the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that by daily reading and weighing of the Scripture ye may wax riper and stronger in your ministry, and that ye may so endeavor yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ that ye may be wholesome and goodly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

Bishop Ming  
And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and his Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

Bishop Ming  
Do you think in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the order of Elder?

Candidates  
I do so believe.

Bishop Ming  
Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be conducted and proved by Scripture?

Candidates  
I am so persuaded, and have so determined by God’s grace.

Bishop Ming  
Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and sacraments and discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded?

Candidates  
I will do so, by the help of the Lord.

Bishop Ming  
Will you be ready with all faithful diligence always to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God’s word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

Candidates  
I will, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Ming  
Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?
Candidates 
I will endeavor so to do, 
the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Ming 
Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and the as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Candidates 
I shall apply myself thereto, 
the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Ming 
Will you maintain and set forth, as much as lie in you, sweetness, peace, and love among Christian people, and especially among those that are or shall be committed to your charge?

Candidates 
I will do so, 
the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Ming 
Will you reverently obey your chief minister unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

Candidates 
I will do so, 
the Lord being my helper.

Bishop Ming 
Almighty God, who hath given you this will do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that He in accomplish His work which He hath begun through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
And light with celestial fire;

Thou the anointing Spirit art
Who doth thy seven fold gifts impart

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, light, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight;

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.

Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee of both to be but one!

That though the ages all along
This may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Rev. R. Stenhouse  Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness towards us hast given us thy only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors by whose labour and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world,
to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy name; for these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to these thy servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks; we praise and worship thee, and we humbly beseech thee, thy same blessed Son to grant unto all, who either here or elsewhere call upon thy name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee of these and all thy other benefits, and that we may with increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy ministers and by them over whom they shall be appointed thy ministers that thy name may be forever glorified and thy blessed kingdom enlarged through the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The Act of Ordination

(After this prayer, the Bishop with seven Elders present, shall lay the hands severally upon the head of everyone that receiveth the order of elder, the receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and the Bishop saying):

Bishop Ming The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Ghost, the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committeth unto thee by the imposition of our hands. As be thou a faithful preacher of the Word of God and of His holy sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(The Bishop shall deliver to everyone of them kneeling the Bible into his hands, saying:)

Bishop Ming Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacrament in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

THE COLLECTS

Bishop Ming Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessings that they may be clothed with righteousness and that the word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Grant, also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy word, or agreeably to the same, as the means of our salvation; and that in all our words and deeds may seek the glory and the increase of thy kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor; and further us with thy continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

(Those who have been ordained and the Boards of Examiners)

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Thy divine majesty, provoking justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy did give thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once for all, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that, His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; who in the same night that He betrayed took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper took the cup; and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

Bread and Cup Shared
The Lord’s Prayer...

Bishop Ming

The peace of God which passeth understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

* CLOSING HYMN ............................................................ AME Hymn No 16

(Refrain)

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

At the name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet.
King of kings in heaven we’ll crown Him,
When our journey is complete.

* DOXOLOGY ...

* BENEDICTION ....

Take the name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you; Take it then where’er you go.