CALL TO ORDER
Bishop John Franklin White, Sr. called the session to order at 8:47 am. Bishop White announced green signs near the microphones to be used when the Chair asks where delegates can more easily identify their location.

Dr. Miriam Burnett of the Health Commission made announcements concerning kidney and blood screening.

RESOLUTION
SOCIAL ACTION
Mrs. Jackie DuPont Walker, on behalf of Social Action Commission, presented a video presentation on climate change (see the presentation). Mrs. Walker moved for adoption, seconded by Dr. Miriam Burnett. The motion passed.

MINUTES
Bishop Daniels moved for approval of the minutes with necessary corrections, seconded by Attorney Searcy (13). The motion passed.

REPORTS

WOMEN IN MINISTRY
The Reverend Kimberly Dethridge, President, presented the report (see the report). Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Walter Searcy (13); Reverend Louise Jackson (3) seconded.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES COMMITTEE
The Reverend D. Turk (1), Chairman presented the report (see the report).
Twentieth District on Uganda  Star Ballard moved adoption, (8) seconded. The motion passed.

Twentieth District on Redistricting  Star Battle (2) moved for adoption; the Reverend Davis Smith (8) seconded. The motion passed.

Fourth District on India.  The Reverend Robin Jordan (4) made the motion to accept; the Reverend Davis Smith (8) seconded. The motion passed.

Name Correction from the Seventh District.  Michael Bouie (11) moved the adoption, seconded by the Reverend Eric L. Brown (3). Bishop White ruled this as so much information.

Thirteenth Episcopal District Kentucky Conference.  The Reverend Troy I. Thomas (13) moved the adoption, the Reverend Walter Searcy (13) seconded. The motion passed.

Third District Conference Boundaries Change.  The Reverend Michael Bouie (11) moved the adoption of the resolution, the Reverend Eric L. Brown (3) seconded. The motion passed.

Fifteenth District Rational and Proof for the Creation of the Boland District.  Mrs. Christabel Chama (17) moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by the Reverend Keith Leaks (15). The motion passed.

Seventh District Mrs. Christabel Chama (17) moved, seconded by the Reverend Thomas Fant (3). The motion passed.

Chair Bishop White announced that the Episcopal Committee called for the following bishops-elect: Dr. Harry Seawright, Dr. Michael Mitchell, Dr. Ronnie Brailsford, Dr. Ann Henning-Byfield, Dr. Stafford Wicker, and Dr. Frank Madison Reid III.

Sixth District Conference Boundaries.  The Reverend Bertram Smith (6) moved for the adoption of the report; seconded by Dr. Thomas Bess (6).

Unreadiness  Rosemary Street (6) questioned the rightness of the process. The two counties are divided into two different Conferences. Moved Ware County, Clint, and Coffee stay in the Georgia Conference, Brown (3) second.

Bishop Bryant wondered if the boundary change is a result of a study and a vote taken in the affected Annual Conferences. The Committee responded in the affirmative.
The Reverend Gerald Cooper (3) stated that the Annual Conference is a sovereign body, so the motion is out of order. The General Conference cannot change the resolution, only ratify it. Bishop Fugh stated the requests can in fact be acted on.

The Reverend Dan Stevenson (6) elaborated on the resolution. The amendment failed.

The Reverend Johnny Tellis (10) called for use of the Ipad. The original motion passed.

The Walter Searcy (13) called for a Division of the House. The original motion passed 813-449.

The Reverend D. Turk(1), Chairman, moved for acceptance of the Boundaries Committee as a whole, the Reverend James Harris (3) seconded.

**Unreadiness**
Bishop Fugh noted that the Ghana Annual Conference has a church in Equatorial Guinea, making 41 countries in our Zion. The Chairman noted. The Committee stated that it is noted that in 2012 an entire Annual Conference was passed but not included in the 2012 *Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church*.

A representative of the Fifteenth Episcopal District spoke as requested by Bishop David R. Daniels also stated that the following conferences and districts were omitted from the 2012 *Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church*: Kalamari Conference, Pampiersiad District, Taung District, Gordonia District, Kimberley District, Vryburg District, and Kurman District.

The report as a whole passed.

The Reverend Larry Banks (12) noted that at the 49th General Conference Annual Conferences were changed but not reflected on their banner. Reverend Banks requested the change be noted for the 51st Session. The Chair Bishop White referred to matter to the General Conference Commission.

Chair Bishop White thanked the committee.

A representative of the Nineteenth Episcopal District noted for the record none of the resolutions to the Annual Conference Boundaries were presented.
Mr. Walter Searcy (13) called for the Judicial Council to report on Bishop Kirkland and George Moore, Jr. The General Secretary affirmed the Judicial Council report was passed on yesterday.

**Bishop White relinquished the chair to Bishop Fugh**

**Health Committee**

Bishop Messiah presented the Director Reverend Natalie Mitchem and commended her and the Commission. Rev. Mitchell presented Rev. Dr. Miriam Burnett (10) youth motion, Valentine Merchant (10) seconded. Dr. Burnett at this time presented the recommendations:
- Resolution on Health moved by the Reverend David Rhone (6).
  - The motion passed.
- Resolution on Disability moved by the Reverend Valentine Merchant; the Reverend Joy Artis (7) seconded.
  - The motion passed.

**Bishop White back in the Chair.**

Bishop Fugh gave various announcements. The Reverend Larry and Sheila McDonald (2) are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in the General Conference today.

**REVISIONS COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**

The Reverend Gregory Groover (1) presented the second reading of Constitution and Bylaws:
- CS01 “Bylaws of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Women In Ministry”
- Mr. Walter Searcy(13) moved we receive on the Third reading the bylaws in bulk. The Reverend Ronald Braxton(2) asked for clarification of the motion. The Reverend Gregory Groover(1) clarified that bylaws are only read by title.
- CS05 “Conn-M-SAWWO Plus PKs C&B Revision-Structure”
- CS07 “MCAM Constitution and Bylaws 2016-2020”
- CS08 “Submission Part 2—MCAM Constitution and Bylaws, 2016-2020”
- CS09 “Presiding Elder District RAYAC”
- CS010 “Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the International Health Commission”
- CS011 “The Connectional Lay Organization of the AME Church"
Constitution and By-Laws”

CS012 “WMS Constitution and Bylaws-Amended”

The Reverend Seleria Moore (2) moved that these bylaws are adopted as read and ratified for by General Conference. Mr. Walter Searcy (2) seconded.

Unreadiness
The Reverend Henry Belin (1) asked why in the Lay Bylaws would the presiding bishop not preside over the election of District Presidents. Connectional President stated that Bishops install but the Connectional President hold the election. Gloria Byrd (6) stated that it has been in the Constitution since 1948; the elections happen with the assistance of the Bishop. Bishop Leath agreed it has not been in the Constitution since 1948; but it has been since 201, so it is an existing Bylaw. There is nothing we can do to change things at this point. The Chair Bishop White he says can ask the Connectional President to change at next Biennial. The Connectional President says the Lay Organization will consider.

The Reverend Orlando McCauley (14) says the issue suggests the Episcopal District President does not come under the bounds of the Episcopal District. He suggests the matter must be referred to the committee.

The motion passed.

GGB19 “The General Board”. Westone Bowa (17) moved this constituted the Second and Third Reading of the bill, seconded by the Reverend Gregory Groover (1).

Unreadiness
The Reverend Orlando McCauley (14) inquired if line 13 presupposes that bishops not active are not members of the General Board. The Reverend Gregory Groover (1) says that is the language of the bill. Bishop White states there is no difference between this and the current text.

Retired General Officer Paulette Coleman asked if General Officers are excluded as well. Bishop White ruled that the bill deals with at-large members only.

The Reverend Jazmine Brooks (2) moved that line 20 be amended to read “at least one youth between the ages of 18-30,” seconded by The Reverend Mark Griffin (11).

Unreadiness
The Reverend J. Edgar Boyd (5) offered a friendly amendment that the age be 18-36; he was ruled out of order. The Reverend Kendra Hill-Daughton (10) submitted a substitute motion to make it 18-40.

The amendment passed.
The Reverend Kendra Hill-Daughton (10) offered a motion to change the age to 18-40, seconded by The Reverend Edgar Boyd (5).

**Unreadiness**
The Reverend Felicia Commodore (Lay Organization) offered a friendly amendment to change age to 18-35 was accepted. The amendment passed.

**Unreadiness**
The Reverend Henry Belin (1) asked if the intent is to not include those who are over institutions. Reverend Belin offered an amendment to line 14 after “general departments” to add “and institutions receiving funds from the General Budget”. The motion was withdrawn.

**The bill as amended passed.**

**CM4** “Membership”. Reverend Sharon Banks (3) moved this constitutes the second and third reading for bill CM4, seconded by the Reverend Gregory Groover (1). The bill passed.

**MN31** “Connectional Board of Ministerial Education”

**GGDA4** “Chief Financial Officer (Treasurer) of the AME Church”. The Reverend Beatrice Mamphethe Motokoa (18) moved this constituted the second and third reading; the Reverend Walter Searcy seconded.

**Unreadiness**
**Amendment to bill proposed and moved by Gloria Byrd (6):**
“Be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a current license or be a Series 65 (IAR) Investment Advisor Representative with a current license or have a Master’s in Business Administration”

Motion was seconded by Jerry Turner (4).

The Reverend J. Edgar Boyd (5) wanted to hear from the current Chief Financial Officer to address the matter. Dr. Richard Lewis spoke to the matter. If the next Chief Financial Officer will hire a CPA, Investment Advisor, or Accountant he would be comfortable with the bill. He noted that since 1911 only a lay person has led the Treasurer’s Office.

The Reverend Wayne Anthony (16) stated that the qualification of CPA is a strictly American qualification. Association of Certified Corporate Accountants (ACCA) qualification works outside of the USA. He moves amend the motion; Mr. Walter Searcy (13) seconds. **The amendment passed.**
The amendment passed.

The Reverend Cassius Barkley (14) moved to amend line 8 to include “or other accrediting council outside the US” from an institution accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) or its equivalent in other jurisdictions; motion was properly seconded.

The Reverend Henry Belin(1) suggested on line 5 to change the word “shall” to “should”. The additional amendment failed.

The Reverend Mark Griffin (11) moved on line 10 item 3 to strike item 3, seconded by the Reverend Eric C. Brown (3).

**Point**
Mr. Walter Searcy(13) spoke against the amendment. The amendment failed.
The bill as amended passed 1217-177.

**Personal Privilege**

The Reverend Dr. William Watley (6) rose to commend The Reverend Dr. Thomas Bess (6) for his leadership on the Rules Committee and for being elected to the Judicial Council.

The Reverend Cosmas Wklunguma (17) and the entire Seventeenth District commends Bishop Messiah.

The Reverend Taylor Thompson () asked when his resolution could be heard. Bishop Fugh responded after lunch.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Bishop Fugh gave announcements as well as Bishop McKenzie.
Mr. Chinelo Tyler, Connectional President of the Young Peoples Division of the Women’s Missionary Society, notified the General Conference that this past Saturday the YPD took it upon themselves to do a sandwich run to the homeless center in downtown Philly. They distributed over 150 sandwiches.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Bishop McKinley Young adjourned the session with prayer at 11:58am.