

**86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**International Ministers and Lay Association**  
**African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**  
**Tuesday – Thursday, February 14 – 16, 2023**  
**Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport**  
**6225 W. Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
**2:00 P.M. PST \* 4:00 P.M. CST \* 5:00 P.M. EST \* 6:00 P.M. AST**

<b>2:00 p.m. Time of Prayer .....</b>	<b>The Reverend Dr. Richard Gadzekpo,</b> <hr/> <b>International Prayer Coordinator,</b> <b>African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church</b>
<b>2:15 p.m. Praise and Worship .....</b>	<b>The Reverend Martin J. Bouler Sr.</b>
<b>2:30 p.m. The Annual Sermon.....</b>	<b>The Reverend Lloyd Nivens, IV</b> <b>Pastor, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Zion Church</b> <b>Rockingham, NC</b>
<b>Treasurer’s Report .....</b>	<b>The Reverend Dr. David T. Miller</b>
<b>Minutes Update.....</b>	<b>Ms. Marie Denise Niles</b>
<b>Membership Report .....</b>	<b>The Reverend Dr. Myrtle Bowen</b>
<b>Lapel Pin Update</b>	
<b>3:45 p.m. ....</b>	<b>Dialogue with the Board of Bishops</b>
<b>4:00 p.m. ....</b>	<b>Announcements and Adjournment</b>

**Forty-Fifth Cameron W. Jackson Awards and Recognition Banquet**  
**6:30 PM PST \* 8:30 PM CST \* 9:30 PM EST \* 10:30 PM AST**

***Program***

<b>Toast Mistress .....</b>	<b>Ms. Sarah Kinard</b>
<b>Welcome .....</b>	<b>The Reverend Dorothy A. Patterson</b>
<b>Selection.....</b>	<b>“Lift Every Voice and Sing”</b>
<b>Scripture .....</b>	<b>The Reverend Dr. Maurice Harden</b>
<b>The Occasion.....</b>	<b>Ms. Carla Tyrance</b>

**Invocation and Blessing of Food ..... The Reverend Dr. David T. Miller**

**Dinner is Served**

***The Presentation of Awards***

**THE PAUL ROBESON AWARD  
The Reverend Dr. Lawton Nelson, Jr.**

**THE SAMANTHA WORMLEY LAY LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Dr. William and Mrs. Rose Stokes**

**THE SOJOURNER TRUTH AWARD  
Dr. Olivier Flewellen**

**THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS AWARD  
The Reverend Dr. George Kent**

**THE BISHOPS SMALL & LARTEY INTERNATIONAL AWARD  
The Reverend Mariam Williams Thomas**

**THE ALFRED G. DUNSTON SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARD  
Mr. Oscar William Russell**

**THE HARRIET TUBMAN AWARD  
Mrs. Margaree Coleman Carter**

**THE YOUNG GIFTED AND BLACK AWARDS  
Ms. Vincia Miller and The Reverend Austin Young**

**DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER AWARD  
Ms. Rynette Ledbetter-Nixon**

**THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder**

**Remarks..... The Reverend Dr. Anthony N. Witherspoon**

**Special Remarks & Benediction..... The Right Reverend Dennis V. Proctor  
President, Board of Bishops**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. .... Morning Worship  
Led by The Board of Bishops**

***Wednesday Afternoon Session***

**2:00 p.m. .... Legislative Session  
The Reverend Erich Shumake  
Dr. Yvonne Tracey (*Consultant*)**

**3:00 p.m. .... “The A.M.E. Zion Church In Present  
Day...Where Do We Go From Here?”  
The Reverend David Elliott**

**4:00 p.m. .... “Creating Financial Sustainability”  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Bell**

**7:00 p.m. .... Worship Led by the Board of Bishops**

**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

***Thursday Morning Session***

**8:30 a.m. Time of Prayer ..... The Reverend Dr. Richard Gadzekpo,  
International Prayer Coordinator  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**

**8:45 a.m. .... Praise and Worship  
The Reverend Martin J. Bouler, Sr.**

**9:00 a.m. .... Memorial Service  
Sermon: The Reverend Nailah Hubbard  
Pastor, First A.M.E. Zion Church, San Jose, CA**

**IM&LA Necrology Report..... The Reverend Dr. Myrtle Bowen**

**10:00 a.m. .... Presentation of the By-Laws  
The Reverend Dr. Anthony N. Witherspoon**

**10:45 a.m. .... Meet the Candidates for W.H.&O.M. Society**

**11:45 a.m. .... Announcements/Remarks/Adjourn for Lunch**

*Thursday Afternoon Session*

**2:30 p.m.** ..... **“What Is Required of Us to Move Zion Forward in this (Growing Age)?”**  
**Mrs. Lula K. Howard. Moderator**  
**Panelists:** ..... **The Reverend Hannah Broome**  
**Mr. Joseph King Davis, Jr.**  
**Dr. Olivier Flewellen**  
**The Reverend Zaniel Young**

**Announcements/Closing Remarks/Close of Business**

**7 p.m.**..... **Worship Led by the Board of Bishops**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS AND LAY ASSOCIATION**

**The Reverend Anthony N. Witherspoon.....President**  
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**The Reverend Dr. David T. Miller ..... Treasurer**  
**The Reverend Dr. Maurice Harden ..... Financial Secretary**  
**The Reverend J. Martin Bouler, Sr. ....Chaplain**

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**Piedmont..... Mr. Jerry McCombs**  
**Eastern North Carolina..... The Reverend Katie Chapman**  
**Mid-West .....The Reverend Dr. Joel Miles**  
**North Eastern..... The Reverend Monica H. Marshall**  
**South Atlantic..... Ms. Vanessa Watt**  
**Mid-Atlantic ..... Ms. Melva Polk-Wright**  
**Alabama-Florida .....Mr. Willie Landrum**  
**Southwestern Delta .....The Reverend Dr. Moses Thompson**  
**Western ..... Ms. Pat Hunter**  
**Central Southern Africa..... Ms. Portia Jacobs**  
**Western West Africa..... Mrs. Ruth E. Gough**  
**Eastern West Africa..... The Reverend Dr. Orlando Dowdy**