

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS ASSESSMENT

### Review of Section I – Who Are We

1. The African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in Africa:
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. What does the A in A.M.E. mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The church's roots are in the family of Methodist churches. Methodism provides an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and places emphasis on a plain and simple gospel.
4. The E in Episcopal refers to the form of government under which the church operates.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. The chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
6. The Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to minister to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, emotional, and \_\_\_\_\_ needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word and deed.
7. Our Motto, "God our \_\_\_\_\_, Christ our \_\_\_\_\_, The \_\_\_\_\_ our Comforter, \_\_\_\_\_ our Family."
8. "The vision of our ministry is to \_\_\_\_\_ by providing theologically sound \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, commitment to family and an emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_."
9. What is the vision for Financial Stewardship at Greater Bethel AME Church?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Section II – Our History

1. The African Methodist Episcopal Church grew out of the organization called the \_\_\_\_\_ Society established by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What state was the organization located? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did the colored people decide to separate themselves?

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4. What year was Bethel dedicated? \_\_\_\_\_ Who was the first pastor?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  5. In the 1990's, the AME church included over 2,000,000 members,  
\_\_\_\_\_ ministers, and 7000 congregations in more than \_\_\_\_ nations in North  
and South America, Africa, and Europe.
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ bishops and \_\_\_\_\_ general officers comprise the leadership of the denomination.
  7. Who was the founder and first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  8. Who was appointed to find a lot to build a church where the worship of God could be  
carried on without interference? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  9. In 1791 Allen established what was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting  
House when he purchased an abandoned building.
  10. Richard Allen was consecrated as its first Bishop at the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1816.
  11. William Paul Quinn was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the African Methodist Episcopal  
Church.
  12. Who was Daniel Alexander Payne? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  13. What significant contributions or roles did he take part  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  14. Who was Henry McNeal Turner and when was he elected bishop?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  15. Who is the current Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?  
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  16. Who is the current Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal District? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Review of Section III – What We Believe

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in \_\_\_\_\_ the Father Almighty, maker of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and in Jesus Christ His only \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord who was conceived by the \_\_\_\_\_, born of the \_\_\_\_\_ Mary, suffered under \_\_\_\_\_ crucified, dead, and \_\_\_\_\_. The Third day he arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to \_\_\_\_\_ the quick and the \_\_\_\_\_. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the \_\_\_\_\_ Universal, the \_\_\_\_\_ of saints, the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Generation Confession

\_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, \_\_\_\_\_ of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, word, and \_\_\_\_\_ against Your Divine \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ most justly your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against us. We do \_\_\_\_\_ repent and are \_\_\_\_\_ for these our \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ of them is grievous unto us. Have \_\_\_\_\_ upon us, \_\_\_\_\_ upon us, most \_\_\_\_\_ Father, for your Son our \_\_\_\_\_ sake; \_\_\_\_\_ Us all that is \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that we may ever \_\_\_\_\_ serve and please you in \_\_\_\_\_ of life, to the \_\_\_\_\_ and glory of your \_\_\_\_\_, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## What AMEs Believe

1. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. Christ was crucified, dead, and buried to
  - a. Be a sacrifice for the sins of men
  - b. Reconcile man to God the Father
  - c. Make the Jews look like fools.
  - d. Both a and b
3. The Holy Scripture contain \_\_\_\_\_ things necessary for salvation.
  - a. Some
  - b. All
  - c. Most
4. Christians do not have to obey any of the Old Testament Commandments.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. We are justified by
  - a. Works
  - b. Natural strength
  - c. Faith
6. Good works
  - a. Are not pleasing to God
  - b. Can put away our sins
  - c. Are a result of true faith
7. If a person falls into sin after receiving the Holy Spirit, God will not forgive their sin.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. What two Sacraments are ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel?
  - a. Matrimony and Confirmation
  - b. Baptism and The Lord's Supper
  - c. The Lord's Supper and Confirmation
  - d. Baptism and Matrimony
9. Both parts of the Lord's Supper, the bread and wine, should be given to all Christians.
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. Baptism is symbolic of
  - a. Cleansing
  - b. Death, burial, and resurrection
  - c. A new birth
  - d. All the above
11. As Christians it is our duty to give to the poor and needy.
  - a. True

- b. False
- 12. Christians are not subject to the laws by the President of the United States.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 13. We have the ability to do over and above what God commands.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 14. What is Salvation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 15. The 25 Articles of Religion state the doctrinal affirmations of the AME Church.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 16. Name the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> Article of Religion:  
16<sup>th</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup>

**Review of Sections IV and V – Our Structure and Our Worship Service**

**Structure**

- 1. The General Conference is held
  - a. Once a year
  - b. Once every two years
  - c. Once every four years
- 2. Annual Conferences are held
  - a. Once a year
  - b. Once every two years
  - c. Once every four years
- 3. Quarterly Conferences are held
  - a. Twice a year
  - b. Three times a year
  - c. Four times a year
- 4. Our Church Conferences are held
  - a. Once a month
  - b. Once every other month
  - c. Once every three months
- 5. The head of the Annual Conference is
  - a. The Local Pastor
  - b. The Presiding Elder
  - c. The Bishop
  - d. The Steward Pro Tem

6. The head of the Church Conference is the local Pastor
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. The head of the Quarterly Conference is the Presiding Elder
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. Who is elected at the General Conference?
  - a. Presiding Elders
  - b. Pastors
  - c. Bishops
  - d. All the above

## Local Church Boards & Commissions; Our Worship Service

1. What are the colors that symbolize truths of God to the people?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which of the five colors is most used and why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the seasons of the church year?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The season of expectancy, includes the four Sundays preceding Christmas Day is \_\_\_\_\_
5. The season celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles is \_\_\_\_\_
6. The Lent season symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_
7. We celebrate the presentations of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ Child during what season \_\_\_\_\_
8. We have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Districts in the AMEC Connection.
9. We live in the state of Florida which means we are a part of which district ... \_\_\_\_\_
10. The members of the Steward Board are... Pastor & Presiding Elder
  - a. Elected Annually
  - b. Appointed & Confirmed
  - c. Selected
  - d. Recommended & Consecrated
11. Among the numerous duties of the Steward Board, they must transact the spiritual and temporal business of the church, and survey the membership as soon as possible, bring every member into an "active" relationship with the church... TRUE / FALSE
12. Determining the Pastor's salary in conjunction with the Pastor is not a duty of the Steward Board... TRUE/FALSE

13. Relieving the needy and distressed, taking, and exact amount of all monies maybe a duty for the Steward Board...TRUE/FALSE
14. Providing elements of the Lord's Supper and registering marriages and baptisms are duties of the Steward Board...TRUE/FALSE
15. Members of the Trustee Board are \_\_\_\_\_ by members of the Church...
- Elected Annually
  - Appointed & Confirmed
  - Appointed Annually
  - Selected
  - Recommended & Consecrated
16. The duty of the Trustee Board is to manage the temporal concerns of the church such as:
- Real estate & Parsonage
  - Insurance for property & Parsonage
  - All the above
  - None of the above
17. Members of the Class Leaders Council are... by the Pastor
- Elected Annually
  - Appointed & Confirmed
  - Appointed Annually
  - Selected
  - Recommended & Consecrated
18. The Class Leader's business is to ....
- Look after his/her members
  - Keep accurate record of each member
  - Report to the Official Board the spiritual and other needs of each member
  - B & C only
  - A, B, & C
19. The members of the Stewardess Board are \_\_\_\_ by the Pastor
- Elected Annually
  - Appointed & Confirmed
  - Appointed Annually
  - Selected
  - Recommended & Consecrated
20. The Stewardess assist the Stewards in making adequate preparation for Holy Communion and Baptism Sacraments ...TRUE/FALSE
21. A group of selected women in the church, recommended by the Pastor, who are consecrated by the bishop for sacred duties and ministries...
- Missionaries



- b. Daughters of Sarah
- c. Deaconess Board
- d. All the Above

22. Identify the Commission, which is a part of the Steward Board, seeking to enhance and expand the worship experience, giving greater opportunity for the movement of the Holy Spirit...

- a. Commission on Christian Education
- b. Commission on Christian Social Relations
- c. Commission on Worship
- d. Commission on Stewardship and Finance.
- e. None of the Above

23. Place an "X" beside the elements of the "Worship Service" where we should not walk or talk...

- Doxology
- Call to Worship
- Hymn
- Invocation
- Anthem
- Scripture
- Gifts for  
Missions
- Litany
- Sermonic Hymn
- Sermon
- Affirmation of  
Faith
- Holy  
Communion
- Benediction

24. In the layout of our church the most **sacred** places include the Pulpit, Altar, Pews, Communion Table, and Chancery Rail, .... TRUE/FALSE...Why?

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25. In the layout of our church the Chancery Rail is placed behind the Pulpit...TRUE/FALSE

26. In the layout of our church, we find Candles placed on the Communion Table...TRUE/FALSE

27. In the layout of our church, we will find the Stewards sitting to the left and the Stewardess sitting to the right when facing the Pastor...TRUE/FALSE.