Lay Witness Night
Thursday, August 25, 2016
Mount Zion AME Church
1305 E Cheves Street
Florence, South Carolina
7:00 p.m.

Conference Theme
United and Committed: Dedicated to Lay Ministry

The Right Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. .... Presiding Prelate-Seventh Episcopal District
Mrs. Phyllis N. Green ...................................................... Episcopal Supervisor
Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr. ................................................. Lay Commissioner
Reverend Robert B. Cooper ..................................... Host Presiding Elder, Florence Dillon District
Reverend/Dr. William Smith, Jr ..................................... Presiding Elder, Marion District
Reverend Dr. James Cooper .............................................. Presiding Elder, Sumter District
Reverend Merritt B. Graves .............................................. Host Pastor
Dr. Willie C. Glover .............................................. Connectional Lay Organization President
Sister Edith Bartley Cartledge ........................................ Connectional Director of Lay Activities
Brother Roger Cleckley ........................................ Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization President
Sister Gloria A. McClam ........................................ Seventh Episcopal District Director of Lay Activities
Brother Keith E. Britton ........................................ Northeast Conference Lay Organization President
Brother Ricardo Washington ........................................ Northeast Conference Director of Lay Activities
Sister Jacquelyn Jackson ........................................ Host Florence Dillon District Lay Organization President
Sister Shirley Jones .................................................... Marion District Lay Organization President
Brother Dale Wilson ..................................................... Sumter District Lay Organization President
Sister Francine Gasque ...................................................... Host Local Lay President
The Order of Service
Brother Keith E. Britton, Worship Leader

Connectional Theme:
Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20

The Doxology……………………………………………………………………………Choir and Congregation

The Call to Worship……………………………………………………………………..Worship Leader

The Praise Through Song………………#582 “Lay Hymn”……………Choir and Congregation

Laymen now have thus assembled, In Thy blessed name, O God,
Guide us in our true endeavor.
Light the pathway that we trod;
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause,
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.

We are banded one in union, to fulfill Thy just command,
May we be Thy true disciples, holding to Thy mighty hand;
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love,
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.

As we walk this Christian journey, Let us keep our armor bright,
Let our words be pure and holy, that we stand within Thy sight;
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love,
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.

May we stand before Thine altar, pledging Lord to work for Thee,
In the vineyard, in the pastures, let us Lord Thy pilgrims be;
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies,
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.

The Invocation........................................................................................................Brother Alphonso Times

The Scripture........................................................................................................Sister Markesta Bethea

The Welcome........................................................................................................Sister Francine Gasque

The Worship through Music.................................The St. Matthew AME Church Mass Choir

The Mission Appeal..........................................................Brother Ricardlo Washington

The Offertory Prayer..............All Things Come of Thee.............Choir and Congregation

All things come of thee O Lord and of Thine own, have we given Thee.
Special Presentations
Brother Keith E. Britton

The Reply and Challenge
Sister Jotaka Eaddy
NEC Lay Outstanding Service Award Recipient

The Offering
The Finance Committee

The Offertory Prayer
All Things Come of Thee
Choir and Congregation
All things come of thee O Lord and of Thine own, have we given Thee.

The Introduction of the Preacher
Brother James Lighty

The Worship through Music
The St. Matthew AME Church Mass Choir

The Message
Reverend Johnnie O. Coe
Pastor of St. Matthew AME Church, Hamer, SC - Florence Dillon District

The Invitation
#283 “I Am Thine O Lord”
Choir and Congregation

The Recognition of Visitors and Special Guests
Sister Jacquelyn Jackson

The Announcements
Rev. Merritt B. Graves
Host Pastor

The President’s Words
Brother Keith E. Britton

The Remarks
Brother Roger Cleckley
Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization President

The Expressions
Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green
Presiding Prelate of the Seventh Episcopal District

The Lay Benediction:
May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity
that we may live together, not as man over man,
but as Laypersons working with God. Amen

PLEASE REMAIN IN PLACE FOR THE RECESSIONAL
Conference Lay Officers

Brother Keith E. Britton - President
Brother James Lighty - First Vice President
Brother James Washington III - Second Vice President
Brother Ricarldo “Ricky” Washington – Director of Lay Activities
Brother Linwood Shaw – Young Adult Representative
Sister Eternnell Foxworth - Recording Secretary
Sister Pam Williams – Corresponding Secretary
Brother Larry Addison - Treasurer
Sister Brenda Bowens - Financial Secretary
Sister Agnes McDonald – Director of Public Relations
Sister Gwendolyn China – Chaplain
Sister Ila McFadden - Parliamentarian
Sister Marquette Bethea - Historiographer

We thank you for your support. May God continue to richly bless you!
Outstanding Service Award Recipient Jotaka L. Eaddy

A Northeast Conference native, Jotaka Eaddy was reared in St. Mark AME Church (Florence Dillon District) within the Johnsonville community. Recently named “40 under 40 Silicon Valley Tech Diversity,” she is a dedicated and seasoned policy advocate with more than 15 years experience. Jotaka currently serves as Head of Government Affairs for LendUp, a Silicon Valley based, venture backed financial technology company. Within her capacity, Ms. Eaddy represents LendUp’s regulatory and legislative initiatives at the federal and state level. Additionally, Ms. Eaddy’s portfolio includes strategic partnerships with elected officials, consumer advocates and other key stakeholders. Prior to her role at LendUp, she served as Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for PayNearMe, Inc.

From 2009-2014, Eaddy served as Senior Advisor to the President and CEO and Senior Director for Voting Rights for the NAACP. Within that capacity she directed external affairs and strategic initiatives on behalf of the Office of the President and CEO and led the NAACP’s strategy to defend and expand access to the ballot box.

Ms. Eaddy has traveled extensively, serving as a guest lecturer and strategist on human rights and progressive policy reform at various institutions and universities covering 49 states and 25 countries. She has lobbied within various international forums including the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Organization of American States, and Council of Europe, among others.

In 2006 Eaddy served as the Senior Field Manager for USAction where she worked to implement and coordinate strategies to galvanize grassroots support to advance effective civil and human rights legislation in Congress. In 2004 she directed the national lobby and international advocacy campaign against the juvenile death penalty in the United States. Those efforts contributed to the 2005 landmark US Supreme Court decision Roper v. Simmons which abolished the juvenile death penalty in the United States.

As a student at the University of South Carolina, Ms. Eaddy served in a number of leadership capacities, including tenure as student representative on the University’s Board of Trustees. As a student senator, she authored legislation and coordinated strategies that resulted in the passage of the University of South Carolina’s student resolution calling for the removal of the Confederate flag from the South Carolina State House Dome. Most notably, Ms. Eaddy was elected Student Body President, becoming the first black woman to be elected to the position in the University of South Carolina’s 213-year history.

Committed to social impact and social justice; Jotaka serves as a board advisor to several tech start-ups and civic organizations including: Board advisor- Maker’s Row, Inc ; Board advisor- The Big Picture, Inc.; Founding Board Member- The Nate Parker Foundation; Board Member- My Carolina Alumni Association; Board Advisor- Southern Election Fund.

Eaddy is the receipt of several honors and awards including: Root 100 Most influential African Americans, Essence Magazine Woman to Watch, My Carolina Association Outstanding Black Alumni, Midwest Academy Heather Award, Empower Magazine Political Rising Star, 40 under 40 Silicon Valley Tech Diversity, among others.

Her work has been highlighted in several publications including: Root.com, Politics365.com, MSNBC, CNN, Al Jazeera America, Aspire Network, The Huffington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, BET, The Nation Magazine, Democracy Now, the Art of Activism, Black America Web.com, Essence Magazine, the American Prospect, among others. Follow her on Twitter @JotakaEaddy
Reverend Johnnie O. Coe

Reverend Johnnie Otis Coe is the oldest child of the late Mr. Otis Coe Sr. and Evangelist Dorothy Coe McBride. He is married to the charming Mrs. Joanna Shaw Coe, formerly of Lamar, S.C. They have been married for 34 years and have also lived in Florence for the last 34 years.

Rev. Coe attended Spaulding Elementary School in Lamar, S.C. and John F. Kennedy High School in Paterson, N.J. He is a graduate of Allen University in Columbia, S.C. and he also earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. He was licensed to preach in 1985 and was admitted to the Northeast Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District in October 1986. He was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in 1988 and an Itinerant Elder in 1989 by Bishop F.C. James. He has pastored Magnolia AME Church in Bingham, SC; Zion Hill AME Church in Lakeview, SC; Mt. Zion AME Church in Mullins, SC. and is presently serving his 21st year at St. Matthew AME Church in Hamer, SC.

Rev. Coe is a member of the Florence-Dillon District where he serves as the District Coordinator of the Sons of Allen. He has received several awards during his ministry; he has been awarded “Pastor of the Year” by the Conference and District Lay Organization, the Young Peoples Division, and Women Missionary Society. He has served on the Dillon County Advisory Board for Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault. He is a member of the Gordon Elementary School Lunch Buddy Program.

God has blessed his ministry and his life, a man of compassion who truly believes God saves us that we may help others be saved. He solicits your prayers that God may continue to get the glory out of his life.