



Southeastern Jurisdiction Black Methodists for Church Renewal 52nd Annual Meeting

“What’s Going On?”

Charting the Course Through Treacherous Waters

*“...and the boat was already a considerable distance from land,
buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.” Matthew 14:24 (NIV)*

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Executive Committee Meeting** (Tuscany)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** (Lexington Pre-Function)

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Opening Session** (Richland/Fairfield)

Gathering Music Mr. Jarvis Wilson

Call to Order Ms. Barbara Jackson (NAL)
Coordinator, SEJ-BMCR

Greetings Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson (SC)
Superintendent, Columbia District

The Honorable Steve Benjamin
Mayor, City of Columbia, SC

Scripture Rev. James Friday (SC)
Vice Coordinator, SEJ-BMCR

Prayer Rev. Dr. Sheila Peters (TN)
Chair, TN Caucus

Memorial Service Dr. Angella Current Felder (TN)
A Current & Associates

Keynote Introduction Ms. Barbara Jackson (NAL)
Coordinator, SEJ-BMCR

Music Mr. Jarvis Wilson
Ms. Susan Gibson, vocalist

Keynote Address Bishop Sharma Lewis
Resident Bishop, Virginia Conference

Break (10 minutes)

LEARNING LAB I “What’s Going On?” The State of the Black Church

Facilitator Rev. Amiri Hooker (SC)
Pastor, Wesley UMC, Lake City, SC

Panelists Rev. Dr. Reginald Lee (SC)
Hartsville District Cooperative Parish

Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie
Executive Director, SBC-21

LEARNING LAB II “What’s Going On?” Power at the Polls: Midterm Elections

Facilitator Rev. Amiri Hooker (SC)
Pastor, Wesley UMC, Lake City, SC

Panelists Rev. Terry Alexander
S.C. House of Representatives

Mr. Bakari Sellers
*Attorney / Former State Representative
CNN Political Analyst & Commentator*

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Plenary Session

Reports:

Constitution & Bylaws Rev. Dr. Zachary Beasley (MS)
Parliamentarian, SEJ-BMCR

Minutes Ms. Royya L. James (TN)
Secretary, SEJ-BMCR

Treasurer’s Report Ms. Mozell Starks (MEM)
Treasurer, SEJ-BMCR

Finance Report Ms. Mollie Stewart (NAL)
Chair, Finance Committee, SEJ-BMCR

Nominations Ms. Evelyn Romine (NAL)
Chair, Nominating Committee, SEJ-BMCR

Harambee Ms. Audrey Pankey (WNC)
Ms. Christal Herbin (WNC)
Co-Coordinators, Harambee

Caucus Roll Call Ms. Barbara Jackson (NAL)
Coordinator, SEJ-BMCR

**United Methodist
Communications**

Ms. Royya L. James
Senior Manager, U.S. Conference Relations

**African-American
Methodist Heritage
Center**

Ms. Mollie Stewart
President

**General Board of
Higher Education
and Ministry**

Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson
*Assistant General Secretary
The Black College Fund*

4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Dinner (On Your Own)

6:00 p.m.

Depart for Journey UMC
1151 Longreen Parkway
Columbia, SC 29229

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Communion Service
Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Preacher
Resident Bishop, South Carolina Conference

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration (Lexington Pre-Function)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study (Richland/Fairfield)

Facilitator Ms. Paula Woolridge (MEM)
Chair, Memphis Conference Caucus

Presenter Rev. Amiri Hooker (SC)
Pastor, Wesley UMC, Lake City, SC

9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Town Hall: “What’s Going On?”
Plans for Possible Church Separation**

Facilitator Mrs. DuWanna Thomas, Esq. (NGA)
Chair, North Georgia BMCR

Panelists Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop, South Carolina

Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie
Executive Director, SBC-21

Bishop Sharma Lewis
Resident Bishop, Virginia

Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas (NGA)
*Past Coordinator, SEJ-BMCR
Superintendent, Central South District*

Rev. Jasmine Smothers (NGA)
Pastor, Atlanta First UMC

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Black College Fund Luncheon (Saluda/Calhoun)

Featuring The Claflin University Ensemble

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Plenary Session (Richland/Fairfield)

Reports:

SBC-21

Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie
Executive Director

Rev. Nathalie Nelson-Parker
Coordinator, Young Adults

Gulfside Assembly

Mrs. Cheryl Thompson
Interim Executive Director

Africa University

Mr. James H. Salley
*Associate Vice Chancellor
for Institutional Advancement*

Discipleship Ministries

Rev. Jeff Campbell
Interim General Secretary

General BMCR

Rev. Antonio C. Love
Chair, BMCR Inc.

Adoption of Budget

Ms. Mollie Stewart
Chair, Finance Committee, SEJ-BMCR

Election of Officers

Ms. Evelyn Romine
Chair, Nominating Committee, SEJ-BMCR

7:00 p.m.

Banquet (Richland/Fairfield/Saluda)

Speaker

Rev. Telley Lynette Gadson (SC)
Superintendent, Hartsville District

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study (Richland/Fairfield/Saluda)

Facilitator Mrs. Donna Mosby (HOL)

Presenter Rev. Amiri Hooker (SC)
Pastor, Wesley UMC, Lake City, SC

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Session (Richland/Fairfield/Saluda)

Greetings Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis
*President & Dean
Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta*

Registrar's Report Ms. Edna Bonner (MEM)
Registrar, SEJ-BMCR

Unfinished Business

Installation of Officers Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis
*President & Dean
Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta*

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Closing Worship
Rev. Dwayne Craig (FL)
Senior Pastor, East Naples UMC

Closing Selection

Benediction & Adjournment