

GRANT A.M.E. CHURCH

Membership Packet



MISSION

The mission of Grant AME Church is to minister to the spiritual intellectual, physical, emotional , economic, and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through witnessing and service



STATEMENT

- We shall seek out and save the lost and the needy through a continuing program of preaching and teaching the gospel
- ✓ Feeding the hungry
 - ✓ clothing the naked
 - ✓ housing the homeless
 - ✓ cheering the fallen
 - ✓ providing jobs for jobless
 - ✓ encouraging thrift and
 - ✓ economic advancement

Church Conference 2021-2022

**Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church
Pastor James Arthur Rumph, D. Min.
10435 S. Central Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90002**

Saturday, December 4, 2021
9:00 AM

The Agenda

Presentation of the Agenda

Devotion

Election-Church Conference Secretary, Assistant Secretary

The Vision: Zoom, Grant's Weekly Gathering, Tuesdays at 7:00p.m.

Election of Trustees

Nomination of Stewards

Mothers' Auxiliary Ministry (MAM)

Class Leaders Appointments

Financial Report-Lessie Thompson

Church Calendar 2021-/2022-Tentative Calendar

Prayer

Dismissal

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An Expectation for Members

Attend the public worship of God.

- † Hear the Word of God, either read or expounded.
- † Receive the Lord's Supper regularly.
- † Offer family public and private prayer.
- † Study the Scriptures.
- † Engage in Fasting or Abstinence
- † Stewardship (time, talent, tithing)

A Pledge

- † Exalt the Savior (Lift Jesus' Name)
- † Equip the Saints (Learn to Teach Others)
- † Evangelize the Sinner (Win Souls)
- † Engage the Service (Use our Spiritual Gifts)
- † Enlist the Tithes (Encourage Tithing)
- † Encourage the Pastor (Support the Pastor)

Working to ensure members are engaged in the following:

- † Knowing Christ (Meaningful Relationships)
- † Growing in Christ (High & Holy Living)
- † Sharing Christ (Story Telling-Our testimony)

Organizations & Ministries Conference Year 2020/2021

Steward Board Ministry

Jacqueline Cochran
Clarence Daniels
Otis Forster, Sr.
Ernestine Johnson
James Parker
Maxine Harrison
Janice Hinton
Curtis Robinson

Lessie Thompson
Darryl Jones
Pam Williams
Sylvia Swartz

Emeritus
Raymond Hall
Dexter Moon
Woodrow Reed
Fred Williams
Janice Stephens

Rosa Parks Stewardess Board

Sylvia Bell
Sheila Bridgewater
Rose Gripper

Gwenevere Dale Woods

Deaconess
Ruth Roundtree

Mother's Auxiliary Ministry

Mother Doris Minters
Mother Brenda Barton

Mother Renelle Davis
Mother Robbie Brown

Mother Rae Nell Simmons

Trustee Board Ministry

Sharon Asberry
Gregory Bails
Milton Bridgewater
Doris Broussard
Brenda Curry

Ron Edison
Brenda Jones
Doris Minters
Roselyn" Shawnie" Morris
Angela Ross

Shirley Smith
Eddy Smith
Jacqueline Thomas

Emeritus
Alfred Leggins
Field Thompson

Commission on Christian Education

Pastor Rumph, D. Min.
Jacqueline Cochran
Ron Edison

Benet Gardner
Rev. Tony Robinson
Donna Wilson

Dexter Moon
Rev. Treva Kelly
Otis Foster

Commission on Membership, Evangelism & Discipleship

Caroline Culpepper
Clarence Daniels

Dexter Moon
Otis Foster

Milton Bridgewater
Consta Kelly

Commission on Stewardship & Finance

Pastor Rumph, D. Min. Chair
Ron Edison
Janice Hinton
Milton Bridgewater

Jacqueline Thomas
Lessie Thompson
Jacqueline Cochran
Eddy Smith

Alberta Rosby-At Large

Commission of Missions & Welfare

Lessie Thompson
Estelle Creighton

Lorraine Hennington
Ellary N’Namdi

Doris Broussard

Commission on Christian Social Action

Curtis Robinson

Barbara McCombs

Raymond Hall

Commission on Health

Clarence Daniels
Carolyn Daniels

Ethel Williams
Nina Cavalier

Sandra Rumph

Commission on Public Relations

Jacqueline Cochran
Alexis Jackson

Donna Wilson
Gwen Stokes
Raymond Hall

Marion Posey
James Rumph II

Women’s Missionary Society President
YPD Director
Assistant YPD Director
Lay Organization President

Ellary N’Namdi
Benet Gardner
Grace Israel
Steven Swartz

Class Leaders

Sylvia Bell
Sheila Bridgewater
Robbie Brown
Sharron Covington
Caroline Culpepper
Martha Davies

Betty Douglas
Francine Gray
Ernestine Johnson
Doris Minters
James Parker
Claudette Payne

Dorothy Reid
Janice Stephens
Deloris Warren

Adult Choir

Terry Tate Bason
Juanita Brooks
Nina Cavalier
Jacqueline Cochran
Estelle Creighton
Charlotte Graham
Francine Jordan Gray
Patricia Harris
Maxine Harrison
Menell Hilliard
Janice Hinton
Audrey Horton

Juanita Jimenz
Annette Johnson
Brenda Jones
Luka Jordan
Consta Kelly
Lois Leake
Wanda Marshall
Ashay Mathieu
Ellary N’Namidi
Jeanette Parker
Shawn Ratcliff
Angela Ross

Carol Smith
Gwen Stokes
Brenda Shields
Faye Skipwith
Clinton Stewart
Shirley Smith
Steven Swartz
Byron Washington
Donna Wilson
Ethel Williams

Junior Choir

Jennifer Lott
MyKala Holmes
Ryann Peavy
Ethan Peavy

Malaysia Smith
Alawna Sherouse
Amiya Rice
Aniyah Jones

Iame’ Jackson
S’Lima Martin

Voices for Christ

Candice Robinson
Lauren McConnell

Markeise McConnell
Jacqueline Solomon

Courtesy Club

Jacqueline Thomas
Gerald Broussard, Sr.
Gerald Broussard, Jr.
Titinia Smith

Eddie Jo Patton
Claudette Payne
Jacqueline Solomon

Ernestine Johnson
Francine Jordan Gray

Children’s Church

Benet Gardner
Brenda Barton
Terry Lowe
Ethel Williams

Eva Hudson
Valencia Gardner
Shelby Gardner
Eric Jones

Alyssa Jones
Mykala Holmes
Alawna Sherouse
Amiya Rice

Church School

Ron Edison
Elaine Thompson
Vicky Gardner

Otis Foster
Dexter Moon
Betty Johnson

Rev. Tony Robinson
Ernestine Johnson
Alexis Jackson

Imani Men's Ministry

Ronald Edison
Ruben Edmondson
James Parker
Junelle Moore
Gregory Bail

Clarence Daniels
Otis Foster
Eddy Smith
Dexter Moon
Milton Bridgewater

Glenn Clarke
Jabalini N'Namdi

Food Ministry

Shirley Smith
Norval Foster
Audrey Horton
Brenda Jones
Ernestine Johnson
Terri Lowe

Sheila Bridgewater
Wand Marshall
Doris Minters
Louise Roy
Angela Ross
Brenda Shields

Annette Clarke
Rae Nell Simmons
Steven Swartz
Sylvia Swartz
Ethel Williams

Lay Organization

Steve Swartz
Sheila Bridgewater
Gerald Broussard, Sr.
Elaine Fletcher Thompson
Otis Foster

Milton Bridgewater
Raymond Hall
Alexis Jackson
Betty Johnson
Ernestine Johnson

Lesia Bridgewater
Barbara McCombs
Dexter Moon
Rae Nell Simmons
Woodrow Reed, Sr.

Ladies Usher Board

Doris Broussard
Aleta Boston
Tommie Callegari
Sharon Covington

Norval Foster
Leticia Halsey
Margret Jones

Clarice Nash
D' Etta Robinson
Pam Williams

Usher Board 1

Shirley Smith
Robbie Brown
Kirk Cavalier
Clarence Daniels

Sue Daniels
Renelle Davis
Janice Hinton
Virginia Hughes

Ernestine Johnson
Doris Minters
Juanas Moten

Usher Board 2

Milton Bridgewater
Sheila Bridgewater
Gerald Broussard
Annette Clarke

Glen Clarke
Raymond Hall
Martha Houston
Bertha McKinley

Dorothy Reid
Sadie Rice
Louise Roy

Barbara Scott
Ethel Williams

Joyce Shores
Lessie Thompson
Rae Nell Simmons

Youth Usher Board

Killie Dansby
Valencia Gardner
Tia Halsey
Mykayla Holmes

Alyssa Jones
Eric Jones
Mikeona Johnson
Alawna Sherouse

Amiya Rice
Sa'Lima Martin
MeLaysia Smith

Willie B. Webster Missionary Society

Dolly Adams Unit

Maxine Harrison
Cheryl Baylark
Juanita Brooks
Doris Broussard
Jacqueline Cochran
Estella Creighton
Caroline Culpepper
Jessie Dale Wade
Benet Gardner
Jackie Solomon
Mikael Scott-Milton
Sandra Rumph
Brenda Shields
Donna Wilson
Lorraine Hennington
Pamela Williams
La Christian Williams

Agape Unit

Nina Cavalier
Patricia Harris
Rev Hester Lively
Lessie Thompson
Lynda Littleton
Francine Jordan Gray
Shirley Ransom
Angela Ross
Wanda Marshall
Velma Magee
Faye Shaw

Deo Juvante Unit

Carol Smith
Sharon Asberry
Sylvia Bell
Milton Bridgewater
Sheila Bridgewater
Johnnie Gragg
Betty Johnson
Margaret Smith
Deloris Warren
Eddie Jo Patton

Sadie Rice Matrons of Compton

Shirley Smith
Joyce Shores
Barbara Scott
Sadie Rice
Annette Johnson
Katie Cochran
Faye Skipwith
Ethel Williams
Brenda Jones

Trevlyn Reed Ashanti

Betty Douglas
Dorothy Barrow
Lula Bishop
Martha Davies
Renelle Davis
Janice Hinton
Lois Leake
Billie McIntyre
Rae Nell Simmons
Ellary N'Namdi
Steve Swartz
Jabalani N'Namdi

Lou Franscois

Carolyn Daniels
Stephanie Bradford
Robbie Brown
Norval Foster
Ernestine Johnson
Doris Minters
Alice Mallett

Life Members

Jacqueline Cochran
Lessie Thompson
Sheila Bridgewater

Youth Ministry

Tamar Alfred
Joseph Bass
Zora Bass
Elijah Bell
Jacques Bell
Kallie Dansby
Dae Shania Earls
Jade Gilbert
Mykala Holmes
LaRon Johnson
LaRhonda Johnson

Eric Jones
Alyssa Jones
Aniyah Jones
Iamie Jackson
Jennifer Lott
Sa'Lima Martin
Amir Morris
Amari Morris
Amani Morris
Lance McCloud
Cheyenne Newell

Jailyn Richardson
Amiya Rice
Melaysia Smith
Carter Stephens
Brittany Williams
Maya Washington
Amber Ybarra

Young Adults

Leisa Bridgewater
Gerald Broussard, Jr.
Regina Bradford
Destiny Frazier
Valencia Gardner
Shelby Gardner
Shalesse Gardner
Cedric Gardner, Jr.
Bailey Gardner

Joshua Gillarm
Taylor Halsey
Markeise McConnell
Todd McCloud
Brittany Nickolas
Candace Robinson McConnell
Alawna Sherouse
Candace Rosby
JaSan Rumph

James A Rumph II
Michael Sumler
Octavia Smith
Olivia Smith
Lauren Robinson
Tyler Washington
Deonita Williams

Officer Duties

Duties and Responsibilities of the Stewards

1) Composition

- a) The pastor appointed by the presiding bishop to the local church shall be the chairperson of the Board of Stewards. The pastor may appoint a chairperson pro-tem to act in his or her absence. All business conducted in his or her absence shall be subject to veto by the pastor.
- b) The number of stewards for each church shall be not fewer than three (3) nor more than (19).
- c) The pastor in charge shall nominate the number of stewards needed for the mission, circuit, or station and shall submit them to the Quarterly Conference, which shall confirm them or, if it sees fit, reject them.
- d) The stewards so nominated and confirmed shall serve for a term of one year. The same person(s) may be nominated annually.
- e) To be qualified for this office, one must be of solid piety, know and love the Word of God, the African Methodist Episcopal Church doctrine, and The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He or she must be fruitful and of good natural or acquired ability to transact the spiritual and temporal business of the church. Each person shall have been a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for at least two (2) years, except in case of the establishment of a new congregation.
- f) There shall be appointed a Junior Board of Stewards that shall function under the direction of the pastor and Senior Board of Stewards.
- g) There shall be a training course for prospective stewards under the supervision of the pastor and senior stewards.

2) Duties

- a) They shall make an exact account of all money or other provisions collected for the support of the pastor of the mission, circuit or station.
- b) The salary of a full-time minister shall be negotiated by the pastor and the steward board. The negotiated salary and benefit package shall be commensurate with the cost of living in the given geographical area and the ability of the local congregation. The following benefits apply to those ministers who are full-time servants of the church. They shall be adhered to per The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and open for negotiation in other cases. The benefits include, but are not limited to pension or retirement, insurance(s): health, disability, professional liability, key person life insurance*; self-employment tax; parsonage or housing allowance; continuing education; travel: connectional, episcopal district, conference, inner parish, and all other related to official

duties. If a housing allowance is given, it is the Stewards' duty to negotiate a reasonable housing allowance with the pastor.

c) They shall seek the needy and distressed in order to relieve and comfort them.

d) They shall make accurate reports of every expenditure of money, whether to the pastor, church, sick or poor.

e) They shall attend the Quarterly Conference of their circuit or station to give advice, if asked, in planning for the circuit or station. They shall attend committee meetings for the disbursing of money to churches and give counsel in matters of arbitration.

f) They shall write circular letters to societies of a circuit when occasion requires to let them know the state of temporal concern at the last quarterly meeting and to urge them to be more liberal in their contributions.

g) They shall register all baptisms, marriages, and deaths within the congregation.

h) They shall provide the implements and elements for the Holy Communion.

i) The Steward Board of each local church in the third quarter of each conference year shall conduct a survey of the membership of the church with the purpose of determining to what extent each member of the church has supported the church financially, attended the regular means of grace, and supported the various benevolent enterprises of the church. The survey shall contain date, name and address, date of birth, active, inactive, new member, student, left with certificate, left without certificate, deceased and class number.

j) The Steward Board shall investigate all members on the church roll and submit its findings to the Official Board for approval. The Certified Membership Roll shall be forwarded to the fourth quarterly conference for submittal to the annual conference. Each Annual Conference shall forward all Certified Membership Rolls to the General Church Secretary.

k) They shall be subject to the bishops, elders, deacons, and traveling ministers of their circuit or station.

3) The Accountability of Stewards

a) The stewards shall be accountable to the Quarterly Conference of their circuit or station, which shall have the power to remove them when they fail or refuse to do their duties.

b) In the interim of the Quarterly Conference, the minister in charge shall have power to suspend a steward who refuses, neglects or fails to discharge his or her duty, and to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the Quarterly Conference, which shall dispose of the case.

c) The Board of Stewards shall have an appropriately labeled church record book which shall contain the registration of all baptisms, marriages, births, deaths, new members, and full members.

d) The minister in charge of the circuits and stations shall see that all of these provisions are enforced.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Trustee

1) Number

The number of trustees of each mission, circuit, or station shall not be fewer than (3) three, nor more than nineteen (19).

2) Qualifications

Each person to be elected a trustee shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over and shall be instructed in the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the local church. The training shall be completed with sixty (60) days after the election, or prior to the appropriate Quarterly Conference, whichever comes first. All trustees must attend at least three training sessions. A Certificate of Confirmation shall be given to each successful student, to be presented at the appropriate Quarterly Conference, signed by the instructor appointed by the pastor. The nominee shall have been a member of a local church at least six (6) months and a member of the African Methodist Episcopal for not less than two (2) years, except in case of missions or new work. No person who is not a member in good and regular standing in our Church shall be eligible to be elected a trustee.

3) Mode of Election

- a) Whenever the law of the land requires a specific mode of election, the mode shall be observed in electing trustees.
- b) When the civil law does not intervene, the trustees shall be elected annually by the members of the church.
- c) The minister in charge shall appoint the time and place for holding the election and give notice of the same from the pulpit at least ten days, including two consecutive Sundays, before the time of election.
- d) The minister at the meeting for election shall nominate twice the number of persons to be elected. Said persons shall have given consent in writing for their names to be placed in nomination.
- e) Every member of the church eighteen (18) years of age or older and in full communion has the right to vote for the nominees at the election. All trustees shall be elected by secret ballot, each ballot used must be identical; including the names of all eligible candidates who have been nominated by the pastor. It shall be unlawful for the pastor to allow the use of ballots that are different in colors, different sizes or shapes, or that contain names that are not identical. It shall be the responsibility of the pastor to provide clear instructions on number of nominees to be elected, and how voters should indicate their choice of nominees. It shall also be the responsibility of the pastor to allow for the

highest level of voter privacy possible, considering the setting and environment where the election is held. In cases where voting machines are used, it shall be the responsibility of the pastor or person conducting the election to provide clear instructions. The election shall proceed until the required number of trustees shall have been elected by majority vote. The pastor in charge shall declare the results of the election. The current edition of Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all elections.

- f) No officer, member or person shall interfere with the election of trustee or attempt to disturb or prevent the pastor from holding the election. Those in violation of this law are subject to expulsion from membership.

4) Chairperson of the Board

- a) The minister in charge shall be chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the minister's signature shall be necessary to make the acts of the trustees legal.
- b) If the Chairperson of the Board is at any time unable to be present at a meeting, he or she shall appoint a chairperson pro-tem, whose signature also shall be legal.

5) Duties of the Trustees

- a) The trustees shall manage all the temporal concerns of the church not otherwise provided for and shall have a treasurer elected by the Board.
- b) They shall guard, for the connection, all real estate, churches, parsonages, schools, and any other property obtained by the local church.
- c) They shall make improvements upon the property or real estate when authorized to do so by a majority of the legal members of the church.
- d) They shall secure, by purchase or hire, a house for the pastor's family and comfortably furnish it. In lieu of this arrangement, the pastor may be given a housing allowance. If a housing allowance is given, it is the Stewards' duty to negotiate a reasonable housing allowance with the pastor.
- e) They shall pay the moving expenses of the pastor and family from their previous assignment.

Order for Improvement

- a) Whenever improvements are to be made, the pastor in charge shall call together in a church conference the voting members of the church, with a majority vote being necessary for the improvements to be authorized.
- c) When a church conference has been properly called and a majority of the legal voters of the church are not present, the majority vote of those present shall be considered legal.
- d)

6) Amenability

a) The trustees shall be members of the Quarterly Conference and shall be answerable to that body for their official conduct. The trustees shall make a report of all receipts and expenditures during the quarter to the Quarterly Conference.

The trustees shall not in any manner obstruct or interfere in any mission, circuit, or station. They shall not prevent or attempt to prevent the bishop, or ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church from preaching, expounding God's Holy Word, or serving as pastor. They shall not prevent or attempt to prevent the use of the property for religious services or proper activities held from time to time which are recognized by the Annual or General Conference, or by the duly assigned presiding bishop under whose jurisdiction the pastor in charge is stationed.

7) Effects of Expulsion

- a) Any Trustee ceasing to be a member of the denomination, by reason of expulsion or otherwise, shall immediately cease to be a trustee except in cases of debt for which he or she is joint security. In such cases, termination as a trustee will occur when the creditors have been satisfied.
- b) In the interim of the Quarterly Conference, the minister in charge shall have the power to suspend a trustee who refuses, neglects, or fails to discharge his or her duty, to fill the vacancy temporarily in the manner prescribed in the selection of a trustee until the next meeting of the Quarterly Conference, which shall dispose of the case.
- c) Should the suspension be sustained by the vacancy permanently, following the usual mode of election of a trustee.

Class Leaders

Duties

- a) to meet the members in class once a week, to inquire how each soul prosper, to visit their members from time to time and to receive what they are willing to contribute for the support of the Gospel.
- b) to read the rules of Band Societies to those who meet the class for the first time.
- c) To visit other classes frequently.
- d) To converse with their pastors frequently and freely.
- e) E) to admit non-members to their class meeting no more than three (3) times, with none of them to be consecutive.
- f) To exclude, suspend, and expel member from the class meeting.
- g) To watch over new members with special care and recommend those who are eligible at the end of ninety (90) days for full membership, upon their profession of saving faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.
- h) To report to the Official Board 1) those who are sick 2) those who walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd and 3) the amount of money collected for the support of the Gospel paying the same to the stewards.
- i) To serve as leaders for children's classes. Such leaders shall perform the duties as outlined above and, in addition, give instruction in The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Stewardesses

Duties

- a) The main functions of the stewardesses are to assist the stewards in the discharge of their duties relative to the rituals for baptism and the Lord's Supper by providing the implements and elements of the Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.
 - 1) Prepare the bread itself as a service of love and devotion, rather than purchase it.
 - 2) Make adequate preparations for all baptisms. Where there is not a baptismal font, they shall provide a basin of water, clean white linen towels and such other items as may be required.
- b) To dress the pulpit and altar rail with suitable clean white coverings for these rituals.
 - 1) The linen used for the table should always be white and perfectly clean. The linen may be embellished with embroidered or crocheted Protestant religious symbols.
 - 2) The utensils should be polished.
 - 3) As the washing of hands is both ceremonial and practical, special care should be given to sanitizing the minister's hand for serving the Holy Communion. Using soap, warm water should be poured over the hands of the minister for appropriate washing. Small white towel should be supplied for each minister to dry their hands before administering the sacrament. The common bowl of water must be avoided. Hand sanitizers or antibacterial agents are acceptable. Stewardesses should practice health-conscious and safety methods in preparing the elements of the Holy Communion consistent with a standard that meets or exceeds local health laws regarding the preparation of food for public consumption.
 - 4) To dress the pulpit and altar with suitable clean, colored coverings for the various seasons of the Christian year, for funerals, and memorial

Deaconesses

Duties

- a) The duties of the deaconesses shall be to encourage, foster and improve the foster interests of the church; promote the comfort and solicit the friendship and sympathy of the public; cheer the fallen; feed the hungry; clothe the naked; seek out the homeless; encourage thrift; visit mental health institutions and prisons, and save the lost.

Women's Missionary Society

The Women's Missionary Society is usually composed of three (3) or more persons formed for the purpose of instilling in its membership cooperation with the local church in its responsibilities; providing financial support to the conference branch, area, and local delegates to the Conference Branch; supporting the Conference Branch financially, fostering missionary activities by the local church, area and conference.

Young Peoples's and Children's Division (YPD)

The Young People's and Children's Division is usually composed of three (3) or more persons formed for the purpose of implementing a missionary program on the local church level. This program includes Bible Study, study of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Church and the WMS/YPD Constitutions; service projects in the community, and workshops in Christian social relations and family life that deal with such topics as drug and alcohol abuse, personal development, teenage sexuality, communication, and morals.

Lay Organization

The Organization is usually composed of three (3) or more persons formed for the purposes of instilling in its membership a love and appreciation for the history, traditions and principles of African Methodism; advocating respect for and loyalty to constituted authority; encouraging the support of the total program of the local church; fostering systematic and regular study of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and parliamentary procedure, which will provide greater knowledge and information among the laity, organizing and training lay members concerning the goals and objectives of the Connectional Lay Organizations.

Church School

The mission of the Church School in the African Methodist Episcopal shall be to teach, train and nurture adults, young adults, college students, teenagers, and children in God's Word, preparing them for Christian service by emphasizing Christian principles. The Church School shall employ methodologies for effective Christian growth and maximum participation inclusive of creative teaching pedagogies, state of the art learning technologies, and multimedia products, all of which may also assist with the recruitment of church officers.

Officers and Their Duties

- a) The officers of the Church school shall be the pastor in charge, who is the chief superintendent; superintendent; assistant superintendent; superintendent of the Cradle Roll; secretary; assistant secretary; treasurer; librarian; chorister, and such other officers as may be required to properly conduct the school. These officers shall perform the duties related to their offices.
- b) Filing of Officers' Names and Addresses of the Christian Education Department the names and addresses of the officers of the church's department.
- c) The School Board shall meet monthly for the transaction of its business. The following is the model agenda for the Board: Devotion, Roll Call, Report of Officers, Report of Teachers, Report of Committees, Unfinished Business, New Business, Adjournment.

Official Board

The Official Board shall be composed of all the class leaders, exhorters, deaconesses, stewards, trustees, stewardesses and presidents of all organization of a station, circuit, or mission, including the president of the Lay Organization. The officers, both junior and adult, of the Junior Church shall also be members of the Official Board and shall contribute to the funds collected for the church, pastor, presiding elder, the poor and general funds.

Responsibilities

The board shall have the power to send our committees for the purpose of making investigations concerning rumors affecting the spiritual or moral standing of any member and shall, moreover, have members appear before it so that they may explain rumors.

Duties of Each Commission

Commission on Christian Education

- a) It shall make careful study of the Christian Education needs of the local church and the means for meeting these needs, such as the correlation of the program of educational agencies for the various age groups, the recommendation and approval of curricula in harmony with the findings of the curriculum committee and the standards adopted by the Division of Christian Education, and the supervision of the recruitment, training, and assignment of Christian Education workers in the local church.
- b) It shall see that the Church School, Allen Christian Fellowship; Young People's and Children's Division, missionary members and all their authorized classes, departments and groups are supplied with adequate and appropriate literature and proper equipment prepared and approved by the Division of Christian Education.
- c) It shall see that suitable missionary programs are carried out at stated periods in all the departments of the Church School and Allen Christian Fellowship, cooperating with the Young People's and Children's' Division.
- d) It shall see that appropriate day are observed annually as Church School Day, Decision Day and Promotion Day. Plans for the observance of the days shall provide for the presentation to the church the work of the Church School, Allen Christian Fellowship, and other service agencies.
- e) It shall cooperate in the proper observance of Easter Day, Children's Day, Allen Jubilee Week and Christian Educations Week, as prescribed by The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. These observances include Allen Jubilee Week in February and September, and Chrisitan Education Week in September. The value and use of The Journal of Christian Education should be emphasized during all of these observations.

Commission of Membership, Evangelism and Discipleship

He or she shall, in conjunction with the local church conference, establish realistic goals for the growth of the church committed to his or her charge. These goals and objectives shall include increasing membership and training ministerial and lay leaders whose task it shall be to:

Duties

- a) Study the demographics of the community in which the church seeks to minister, in order to identify opportunities for the church to engage in meaningful ministries.
- b) Develop workshops for the leadership of the local church and its membership to enhance the opportunity for the entire church to participate in the church's ministry, thereby creating a sense of corporate responsibility for the task.
- c) Implement a Bible plan tailored to the community in which the ministry is to take place, including possible street ministries, trained home visitation teams, revival and evangelistic services, and distribution of tracts and AME literature that promotes Jesus Christ.
- d) Implement a formal discipleship curriculum of continuing education in very local church (for all members, youth, young adults, adults and seniors), under the direction of the local pastor and lay leaders through formal Bible Study, Church School, New Members Class, Evangelism Ministries and similar means. This curriculum shall teach:
 - 1) Obedience to the Word of God to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)
 - 2) Spiritual persistence
 - 3) Methods to disciple others to experience a current Christian literature shall be utilized.

Commission on Stewardship and Finance

The Commission on Stewardship and Finance shall promote and cultivate Christian stewardship and administer the financial program of the church.

Duties:

- 1) Each year the Commission shall set up a budget for the church and shall submit the same to the Official Board for its action and determination.
- 2) Upon approval of the annual budget by the Official Board, the Commission shall, under the direction of the Board take action to provide the income sufficient to cover same and shall administer the funds received according to the plan of the Official Board.
- 3) There shall be an annual "Every Member Canvas" for individual pledges. All payments shall be credited to the donors and a proper account shall be kept of each subscriber and contributor.
- 4) The funds shall be deposited promptly in a bank approved by the Board and the account shall be in the name of the local church.
- 5) Funds received shall be disbursed as the Official Board directs, subject to the approval of the pastor. The income received each month shall have been shared proportionately among the budgeted items, after the pastor's salary and that of the entire church staff shall be given priority.
- 6) A report shall be made by the financial secretary and treasurer(s) to the Official Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference of all receipts and disbursements, and of unpaid obligations against the budget.
- 7) It shall be the continuing duty of the Commission to inform the congregation of the financial needs of the church.
- 8) No lottery, raffle or other games of chance shall be used in raising money for any purpose.

Commission on Missions and Welfare

Duties:

- 1) It shall provide for the dissemination of missionary information, the distribution of missionary literature and the circulation of general missionary periodicals.
- 2) It must plan on an annual basis.
- 3) It must cooperate with other departments, units, and commissions of the church in the survey and study of the needs of the community.
- 4) It shall oversee and control the local church program of welfare and charity.
- 5) It shall cooperate with the pastor, the missionary society and other organization and units of the local church.

Commission on Health

Duties

- 1) Assess the health needs of the congregation
- 2) Organize a health guild
- 3) Develop health education training and projects for the congregation.
- 4) Serve as resource for health information
- 5) Collaborate with community health agencies and associations for health programs and projects
- 6) Provide first aid as needed during church activities

- 7) Implement activities as directed by Connection Health Commission.
- 8) Seek resources to improve the worth of our congregations.

Commission on Public Relations

Duties:

- 1) It shall be responsible for gathering and disseminating information of public interest to the secular press, religious press, network and cable radio, and television stations, and other legitimate public-information outlets.
- 2) It shall disseminate information to the official organs of the AME Church.

Ministries and Organizations Meeting Schedule

God has uniquely fit the Church together to work in unity, by allowing the gifts and talents to assemble within. If you would like to offer your gifts and talents, Grant Church has many ministries and organizations where you may serve to help carry out the mission of the church. Opportunity for fellowship, satisfaction, and service are listed below; All are welcome!!

Adult Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Bible Study	Wednesdays	11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Children's Church	Sundays (Except 1st Sundays)	9:30 a.m.
Church School	Sundays	8:00 a.m.
Class Leaders 1 st	Saturdays	12:30 p.m.
Courtesy Club	1st Saturdays	1:00 p.m.
Food Ministry	Thursdays	11:30 a.m.
Grant Helpers	TBA	5:30 p.m.
Junior Choir	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.
Ladies Usher Board	TBA	10:00 a.m.
Lay Organization	3rd Sundays	11:30 a.m.
Imani Men's Min.	2nd & 4th Fridays	6:30 p.m.
Kirkland Academy-	(Tutoring) Tuesdays	5:00 p.m.
Stewardess Board	1st Saturdays	9:00 a.m.
Usher Board 1	4th Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Usher Board 2	TBA	10:00 a.m.
Voices for Christ Choir	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Women's Missionary Society	1st Saturdays	10:00 a.m.
Youth Usher Board	2nd Saturdays	9:00 a.m.
Young Peoples Division (YPD)	1st Saturdays	12:00 p.m.

Worship Service Information

Sunday School 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Website: <http://grantamechurch.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com.com/GAMELosAngeles>

Zoom Teleconference Call: 1-669-900-9128

Personal ID: 645-318-9097

Passcode: Grant

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6453189097>

Teleconference Call: 605-475-6333 Access Code: 34516#

Ways To Give Tithes & Offerings

Online Giving at Grant's Website at grantamechurch.org

PayPal: Online/Mobile

“Givelify”: Online/Mobile

GivePlus+ Text to (844-909-2749): Online/Mobile

Mail: 10435 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002

Grant's Mail Drop Box: 1157 E. 105th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002

Weekday Schedule

Grant's Gathering Teleconference	Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study Teleconference	Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Ministry Teleconference	Thursdays 2:00 p.m.
Weekly Food Giveaway	Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Administrative Office Hours

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays thru Thursdays

Phone Number: (323) 564-1151 (leave a message and staff will respond)

Calendar of Events 2021-2022

The dates below should be used to assist you in scheduling your local events for the church. As a reminder your event will not go on the calendar without an Event Planning Form!!

November	6	Presiding Elder's Planning Meeting	
November	11	Veteran's Day	
November	21	Choir Concert	
November	25	Thanksgiving	
December	4	Church Conference	
December	11	LA South Area Meeting-Grant Hosting	10:00 a.m.
December	14	Quarterly Conference	6:00 p.m.
December	17	Bishop Fugh's Birthday	
December	18	Lay Executive Board Meeting (virtual)	
December	18	Christmas Giveaway	
December	25	Christmas	
December	26	Kawanzaa Starts	
December	31	New Year's Eve (Watch Night)	
January	2	First Lady Sandra Rumph Birthday	
January	15	Lay Extravaganza (In Person/Virtual)	
January	17	Martin Luther King Day	
January	19-22	WMS Connectional Executive Board Meeting	
January	20	SCC Stewardess Alliance	
January	29	Winter Institute & Executive Board- Host FAME Pasadena	9:00 a.m.
February	12	Area Meeting #2 Host Rose of Sharon	10:00 a.m.
February	13	Founder's Day	
February	14	Valentine's Day	
February	19	Lay Fashion Show (In Person /virtual)	
February	21	President's Day	
March	2	Ash Wednesday	
March	2-3	Midyear Conference: Hilton Hotel LAX	
March	13	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
April	10	Bishop Fugh's and Supervisor's Anniversary	
April	10	Palm Sunday	
April	12	Quarterly Conference	6:00 p.m.
April	13	Lay Organization Spring Revival	
April	14	Maundy Thursday	
April	15	Good Friday Service -FAME Church	12:00 p.m.
April	16	1 st Lady Dr. Marcheta Williams Birthday	
April	17	Easter Sunday	
April	24	WMS Annual Day	
May	5-7	District Conference-Grant AME	
May	8	Mother's Day	
May	9-10	Spring Revival	
May	10	Pastor and First Lady Rumph's Anniversary	

May	14	Area Meeting #3 Host-
May	30	Memorial Day
June	2-4	Lay Organization Annual Convention Host Grant LA
June	11	SCCWMS Fundraiser: 5K Walk/Health Expo
June	12	Youth Conference
June	19	Father's Day/ Juneteenth
June	24	Presiding Elder and 1 st Lady Anniversary
June	26	Baccalaureate Service
July	4	Independence Day
July	25	Pastor Rumph's Birthday
July	25-31	Quarterly Conference Reports (Email Reports)
August	3-6	131 st Pacific Northwest Annual Conference – Host: Walker Chapel
August	17-20	136 th Desert Mountain Annual Conference- Host: Greater Bethel
August	20	WMS Summer Institute & Executive Board Mtg.
September	3	Supervisor Alexia Fugh's Birthday
September	5	Labor Day
September	14-18	15 th Midwest Annual Conference-St. John, Omaha, NE
September	17	LA Central Cluster Region-Host Parks Chapel 10:00 a.m.
September	27-Oct 2	158 th California Annual Conference-Host: Parks Chapel
October	9-10	Women's Conference/Women's Day
October	12-16	98 th Southern California Conference-Host: New Philadelphia
October	19-22	168 th Missouri Annual Conference Host: St. James
October	24	Fifth District Planning Meeting
November	6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November	8	Election Day
November	24	Thanksgiving Day
November	10	Veteran's Day
December	18	Lay Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
December	25	Christmas Day