



**MORRIS**  
*Brown*  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **The Organization of the Church**

Conference Year 2024-2025



**Bishop Morris Brown**

The Right Reverend James Levert Davis, Servant Bishop  
Mother Arelis Beevers Davis, Episcopal Supervisor  
The Reverend Dr. Allen W. Parrott, Presiding Elder  
Mrs. Barbara Parrott, District Consultant  
Mrs. Leslie E. Keeton, First Lady  
The Reverend Dr. James A. Keeton, Jr., Senior Pastor

# The Organization of the Church

## Morris Brown AME Church Clergy

- The Reverend Dr. James A. Keeton, Jr., Senior Pastor
- The Reverend William Kinlaw
- The Reverend Rita Bass
- The Reverend Thomas Nesbitt
- The Reverend Gregory Taylor
- The Reverend Angelo Weathers
- The Reverend Barbara Ravenel
- The Reverend Dr. George Flowers, General Officer Retired
- The Reverend Robert Carter, Pastor Retired

## Church Clerk

- Sister Leona Middleton, Church Clerk
- Sister Donna Burch, Assistant Church Clerk
- Brother Jonathan Bass, Assistant Church Clerk

## The Board of Stewards

- Sister Latecia Abraham-Hilaire
- Brother James Barr
- Brother Jonathan Bass
- Sister Jamie Bennekin
- Sister Pam Brown, Co Pro-Tem
- Sister Donna Burch
- Brother Vernon Curnell
- Sister Tonya Dennis
- Brother Darwin Grant
- Brother Gerald Harvey, Co Pro-Tem
- Sister Sheila Hood
- Sister Deborah Jackson
- Brother Kevin Kizer
- Sister Valerie Ladson-Just
- Sister Queen McLamore
- Brother Bernard Powers
- Brother Charlie Shedrick
- Sister Rosa Wilson

## The Board of Trustees

- Brother Randolph Allen, Pro-Tem
- Sister Yvonne Bellinger
- Sister Micheala Bennekin-Eduafo
- Brother Carl Curnell
- Sister Lorraine Gaillard
- Sister Crystal Gathers
- Sister Kathy Heyward
- Sister Morneek Holloway
- Sister Diana Hunter
- Sister Cheryl Lawrence
- Brother Marvin Lessington
- Brother John Pasley
- Sister Carlise Shedrick

## The Commissions Chairpersons of Morris Brown AME Church

Morris Brown Commission	Commission Chairperson
Commission on Christian Education	Sister Sheila Hood
Commission on Membership, Evangelism, & Discipleship	Sister Deborah Jackson
Commission on Stewardship and Finance	Reverend Dr. James A. Keeton, Jr.
Commission on Mission and Welfare	Sister Cheryl Lawrence
Commission on Christian Social Action	Sister Pam Brown
Commission on Health	Sister Latecia Abraham-Hilaire
Commission on Public Relations	Sister Jamie Bennekin

## Advisors to the Senior Pastor

- Brother Charles Adams (Steward Board)
- Brother Steven Capers (Trustee Board)
- Brother Luther Gibbs (Steward Board)
- Brother Victor Owens (Steward Board)

# Commissions in the Local Church

## The Commission on Stewardship and Finance

- Reverend Dr. James A. Keeton, Jr., Senior Pastor, Chairperson
- Sister Pam Brown (Chairperson, Sub-Committee on Stewardship)
- Brother Gerald Harvey (Chairperson, Sub-Committee on Finance)
- Brother Carl Curnell
- Brother Charlie Shedrick
- Sister Deborah Jackson
- Sister Yvonne Bellinger
- Brother Randolph Allen
- Brother James Barr, Jr.
- Brother Victor Owens
- Brother Luther Gibbs (Advisor to the Commission)
- Brother Charles Adams (Advisor to the Commission)

## Stewardship and Finance Commission Assignments

Commission Organization	Commission Members
Chairperson	Reverend Dr. James A. Keeton, Jr., Senior Pastor
Sub-Committee on Stewardship	Sister Pam Brown, Sub-Committee Chairperson Brother Carl Curnell Sister Yvonne Bellinger Brother Randolph Allen Brother Charles Adams, Sub-Committee Advisor
Sub-Committee on Finance	Brother Gerald Harvey, Sub-Committee Chairperson Brother Victor Owens Brother Charlie Shedrick Sister Deborah Jackson Brother James Barr, Jr. Brother Luther Gibbs, Jr., Sub-Committee Advisor

### **The Christian Education Commission**

- **Sister Shelia Hood, Chair of the Christian Education Commission**
- Brother Charles Adams, Christian Education Director, Ex-Officio
- Sister Cessie W. Bowles, Church School Superintendent
- Sister Karen Mullen-Mitchell, YPD Advisor
- Sister Linette Nesbitt, Career and Guidance Ministry
- Reverend Gregory Taylor, Coordinator, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

### **The Church School of Morris Brown AME Church**

- **Sister Cessie Bowles, Superintendent**
- Sister Sheila Hood, Assistant Superintendent
- Sister Linette Nesbitt, Secretary
- TBD, Treasurer
- Brother Victor Owens, Church School Musician/Chorister

### **The Officers of the Official Board**

<b>Official Board Office</b>	<b>Official Board Officer</b>
Chairperson	Reverend Dr. James A. Keeton, Jr., Senior Pastor
Secretary	Sister Donna Burch
Assistant Secretary	Sister Leona Middleton
Financial Secretary	Sister Deborah Jackson
Treasurer	Brother Charlie Shedrick
Assistant Treasurer	Brother Jonathan Bass

## The Class Leaders' Council

**President**—Brother Jonathan Bass

**Vice-President**—Sister Yvonne Bellinger

**Secretary**—Sister Staci Pyatt

**Corresponding Secretary**—Sister Eula Wise

**Financial Secretary**—Sister Thomasina Cook

Class Number	Class Leader	Assistant Class Leader
<b>Class Number 1</b>	Sister Gloria Edwards	Sister Johnnie Major
<b>Class Number 2</b>	Sister Kim Jackson	
<b>Class Number 3</b>	Sister Pamela Brown	Sister Brenda H. Wright
<b>Class Number 4</b>	Brother Charles Adams	Brother Victor Owens
<b>Class Number 5</b>	Sister Cheryl Lawrence	
<b>Class Number 6</b>	Reverend Rita Bass	
<b>Class Number 8</b>	Sister Rebecca Washington	
<b>Class Number 9</b>	Sister Brenda G. Wright	Sister Stacie Pyatt
<b>Class Number 10</b>	Sister Doris Williams	Sister Valerie Ladson-Just
<b>Class Number 11</b>	Sister Diana Hunter	
<b>Class Number 12</b>	Sister Marketha Green	Sister Pernell Sanders
<b>Class Number 14</b>	Sister Bessie Gathers	Sister Deborah Bryant
<b>Class Number 15</b>	Brother Bernard Powers	
<b>Class Number 16</b>	Brother Leroy Major	
<b>Class Number 17</b>	Sister Eula Wise	
<b>Class Number 18</b>	Reverend William Kinlaw	Sister Nicole Robinson-Ellis
<b>Class Number 19</b>		
<b>Class Number 20</b>	Sister Leona Middleton	
<b>Class Number 21</b>	Sister Marcia Dingle	
<b>Class Number 22</b>	Sister Queen McLamore	
<b>Class Number 23</b>	Sister Eleanor Larkin	Sister Betty Branch
<b>Class Number 25</b>	Reverend Thomas Nesbitt	
<b>Class Number 26</b>	Sister Yvonne Bellinger	Brother John Frasier, Jr.
<b>Class Number 28</b>	Sister Kathy Heyward	Sister Rachel Pitt
<b>Class Number 29</b>	Sister Sheila Hood	Sister Cessie Bowles
<b>Class Number 30</b>	Brother Johnathan Bass	Sister Thomasina Cook
<b>Class Number 31</b>	Sister Brenda Grant	
<b>Class Number 32</b>	Sister Latecia Abraham-Hilaire	Sister Vermell Abraham
<b>Class Number 34</b>	Sister Deborah Jackson	
<b>Class Number 35</b>	Sister Jamie Bennekin	Sister Bernice Capers

# Local Congregation Ministries

## Contingency Task Force

- **Brother Gerald Harvey, Chairperson**
- Brother Randolph Allen
- Sister Pam Brown
- Brother Vernon Curnell
- Brother Victor Owens, Advisor

## Worship Advisory Committee

- **Brother Victor Owens, Chairperson**
- Reverend Rita Bass
- Sister Yvonne Bellinger
- Sister Donna Burch
- Brother Kevin Kizer
- Sister Latecia Abraham-Hilaire

## Career and Guidance Ministry

- Sister Donna Burch
- Sister Florence Gibbs
- Sister Francis Gifford
- Sister Francine Mitchell
- Sister Linette Nesbitt

## The Personnel Committee

- **Sister Brenda Grant, Chairperson**
- Sister Pam Brown
- Brother Randolph Allen
- Brother Gerald Harvey

## The Roundtable Ministries

- **First Lady Leslie Keeton, Chairperson**
- Sister Pam Brown
- Sister Carlise Shedrick
- Sister Crystal Gathers
- Sister Karen Brown Simmons

**Bequeathment Ministry**

Sister Pam Brown, Chairperson

**College Ministry**

Sister Micheala Bennekin-Eduafo, Chairperson

**Music Ministry**

The Reverend Rita Bass, Minister-of-Music

**Christian Debutante and Master Commission (CDMC)**

Sister Cheryl Lawrence

**History Commission**

Brother Bernard Powers, Chairperson

Sister Dolores Green, Co-Chairperson

**Stewardess Board Presidents**

Sister Cheryl Jenkins-Cook (President, Board #2)

Sister Annette Robinson (President, Board #3)

**Hospitality Ministry**

Brother Vernon Curnell, Chairperson

Sister Carnetha Scott

Sister Diana Hunter

Sister Audrey Gaillard