

The Northern Light

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We Love To Praise HIM at the 42nd session of the Alaska Annual Conference



WELCOME To The First Issue of The Northern Light

The AME Zion Alaska District has a story to tell. We have heard it said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Beginning August 2018, let us tell our story in an online photo Journal - The Northern Light.

The Northern Light is a quarterly Online Newsletter that will inform, make known, and uplift the fruits of AME Zionists throughout the Western District's Alaska Conference.

This photo online newsletter is a way we tell and share our story—the story of God working in and through our lives.

I encourage all local AMEZ Alaska Church communication persons to submit their digital record of local events, outreach activities, training opportunities and evangelism efforts for the glory of God. Remember, God said go and tell the story.



Gwendolyn Alexander

Faith Blanchett

Kim Wilkes

Vanessa Willard

Niki Mercado

Not shown: Neil Williams, Charmaine Jones and Rev. David Blanchett

Leake Temple * St. James Temple * Empowerment Temple

AME Zion

Alaska District Communication Team



Let us this quarter

- * Pray for the local Churches
- * Invite your neighbor to church
- * Attend Bible Study
- * Give more of your time and money for God's Glory
- * Ask your pastor if they need help
- * Be a blessing to those who are homeless and the needy

The beginnings of the Anchorage-Fairbanks AME Zion District Communication Team

The District Communication Committee was established July 13, 2018 in Fairbanks, Alaska by The Rt. Reverend Staccato Powell during the 42nd AMEZ Alaska Annual Conference.

The first meeting of the communication committee was with Bishop Powell, during which, it was decided that the district newsletter's name would be: The Northern Light.

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Father David Blanchett, the day after the initial communication committee meeting, provided Bishop Powell with suggested goals for the Communication Team – as it is now called. The following day, at the closing of the Alaska AME Zion Annual Conference, Bishop Powell gave the go ahead to initiate a written set of Charges and Tasks for the District Communication Team. Bishop Powell then formally introduced Fr. David Blanchett as an Ecumenical Associate in the district, “providing leadership” to a new Communication endeavor on the district level.

CHARGE:

- (1) By way of photos, video, and print, tell the story of God's love and his people's work—where the people are.
- (2) Develop, implement and maintain an AMEZ District Newsletter and an AMEZ District web presence

TASKS:

- Newsletter: The Northern Light
- Web Site: AME Zion Alaska District
- Facebook Site: AME Zion Alaska District
- Video Ads: Good News Ads and AK Zion News



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The Forty-Second Session of the Alaska Annual Conference



Mary Tisdale

Rt. Rev. Staccato Powell

Rev. Carolyn Mercer

The Forty-Second Session of the Alaska Annual Conference, Western Episcopal District began 9 AM Thursday July 12, 2018 with a communion worship service. Following the communion service, the Conference went into its business session where it received reports. Reports were given by Rev. Alsey Williams, the Presiding Elder and then by the pastors of Leake Temple AME Zion Church, St. James AME Zion Church and Empowerment Temple AME Zion church. The Lay Delegates, Christian Education Leader and other conference departments all gave their reports, which were received and referred.



Ms. Nicole Powell, Missionary Supervisor

Preachers during the Conference were, the Right Reverend Staccato Powell, The Reverend Alsey Williams and The Reverend Carolyn Mercer

Present, from the "lower forty eight" with Bishop Staccato Powell, were Ms. Nicole Powell, the AME Zion Western Episcopal District's Missionary Supervisor and Mary Tisdale, who is the Executive Administrator and assistant to Bishop Staccato Powell

*Rev. Williams***Clergy**

Rev. Alsey Williams at pulpit, Rev. Martha Blanchett on piano

*Rev. Blanchett*

Sandra Black—Christian Education

*Rev. Reid**Rev. Mercer**Rev. Gardner*

Sister Sandra Black was greatly appreciated for her work in the Alaska Conference where she unified, supervised and promoted the work of Christian Education within the churches of the district.

Christian Education Break-out Session

Empowerment Temple



Leake Temple



St. James Temple



Break-out groups are working on questions assigned by the Christian Education Director



Receiving their Stoles



Alice Owens, WHOMS President

The Alaska Conference Missionary Society

Local Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society
 Young Adult Missionary Society (YAMS) Coordinator
 Youth Missionary Society
 Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society
 Bureau of Supply
 Life Member Council

Our Conference Chefs



Mother Georgia Byrd

Sister Crystal Thomas

Sister Maria Givens

Dining with the chefs

From the beginning of the Conference, only by the grace of God the Conference Chefs went above and beyond, by serving a scrumptious cuisine!!! No one was without or wanting. They surely took good care of us all.



One day they served hot dogs and hamburgers, chips with all the condiments. Along with macaroni cheese salad, salad, fried and baked chicken, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, corn bread.

They went out on Sunday's cuisine !!! Barbeque ribs, barbeque chicken, collard greens, green beans, potato salad, corn, salad, etc. Every meal, ice tea, lemonade, and apple juice was served. Let's not forget, coffee, and tea too. Yes indeed St. James Temple Fairbanks is truly "A small church with a big heart!!"...

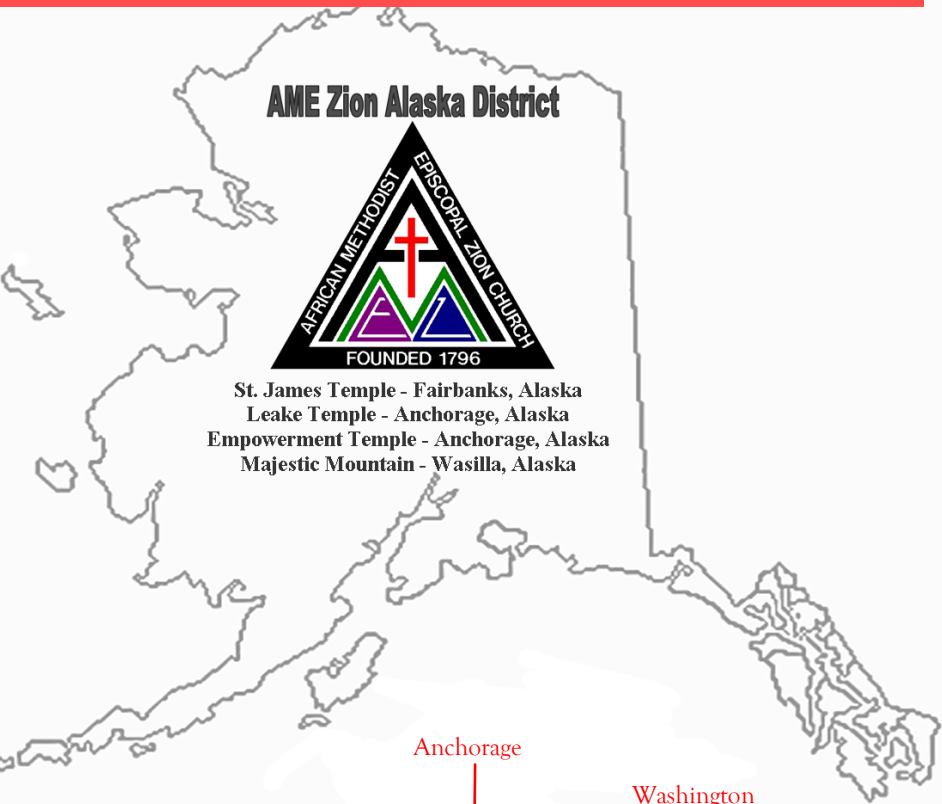


Answering Annual Conference Disciplinary Questions



Vanessa Willard

Emma Bolin



Wasilla

Anchorage

Hawaii

Fairbanks

Anchorage

Washington



The Courtesy Report

By Sandra Black

We give honor to God, to Bishop Staccato Powell, Missionary Supervisor, Ms. Nicole Powell, Presiding Elder, Rev. Alsey Williams, Pastors, Ministers, Delegates, Members and Visitors of the 42th Session of the Alaska Annual Conference.

The Courtesy Committee eagerly and joyfully expresses our gratitude to all who participated and helped to make this 42th Session of the Alaska Annual Conference an educational and memorable occasion. The past three days have been an uplifting experience for us and we will certainly reflect on this conference for many months to come.

Our St. James Temple family, you have left no need unmet and for this we are thankful.

Housing

To Rev. & Mr. Mercer we thank you for rolling out the red carpet and opening up your home for a out of town visitor.

Sustenance

To the Conference Workers who diligently planned, cooked and who graciously and warmly served us delicious meals throughout the conference. We can only say thank you for modeling "Christian Hospitality" to us.

Our Spiritual Needs

Thursday Morning 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

The inspiring message ("Jesus Wanted to Do It," Text Luke 22: 14-16) delivered by Rev. Alsey Williams of Empowerment Temple, AME Zion church, Anchorage, Alaska. Thursday, afternoon, The Memorial Worship Service, the sermon ("How You Want to be Remembered" Text Matthew 26:6-13) was delivered by Rev. Carolyn Mercer of St. James AME Zion Church, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Friday 9:00 a.m. Episcopal Address!

Bishop Staccato Powell delivered an Episcopal Address that captured our attention. Yes, Bishop Powell we heard you in our ears and we heard you in our hearts.

We want to give thanks to the St. James Temple choir for enhancing our worship experience.

We want to give a high five to our Bishop Staccato Powell and his daughter, Missionary Supervisor, Ms. Nicole Powell. We truly have something to praise God for at this conference. We want to thank you and your daughter for your hard work, guidance, leadership, spiritual presence, faithfulness, courage and last but not least your love and commitment to the Alaska Conference and to our beloved Zion.

We have enjoyed our stay in the Fairbanks community and the weather was wonderful. Thanks again for all you have done for us at this 42th Alaska Annual Conference. We are so blessed to know such gentle people.

In closing, the song that comes to mind is "Great is Thy Faithfulness, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see, All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy Faithfulness Lord, unto to us at this the 42th Session of the Alaska Annual Conference.

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



Greetings AMEZ Family,



My name is Neil Williams, and it is my intention to use my 20+ years of experience in the fitness industry to help you make the most of the temple that God has graced you with.

In **1 Corinthians 10:31** it tells us “so, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” I love this verse, as it is a reminder not only to eat well, but that doing so benefits the spirit and the body.

Making such choices can be a challenge. So I hope to give you some wellness tips that can make that path easier for you.

I am a big proponent of principles. First cover your bases:

Protein

Veggies

Healthy Fats

Water

Green

Spinach

Broccoli

Kale

Red

Peppers

Cabbage

Beets

Orange

Pumpkin

Carrots

Sweet Potatoes

White

Onions

Garlic

Rutabaga

Purple

Eggplant

Potatoes

Now what if you have always been averse to eating vegetables. No worries, we will cover that in the next newsletter in three simple steps.

Peace and Wellness to you.





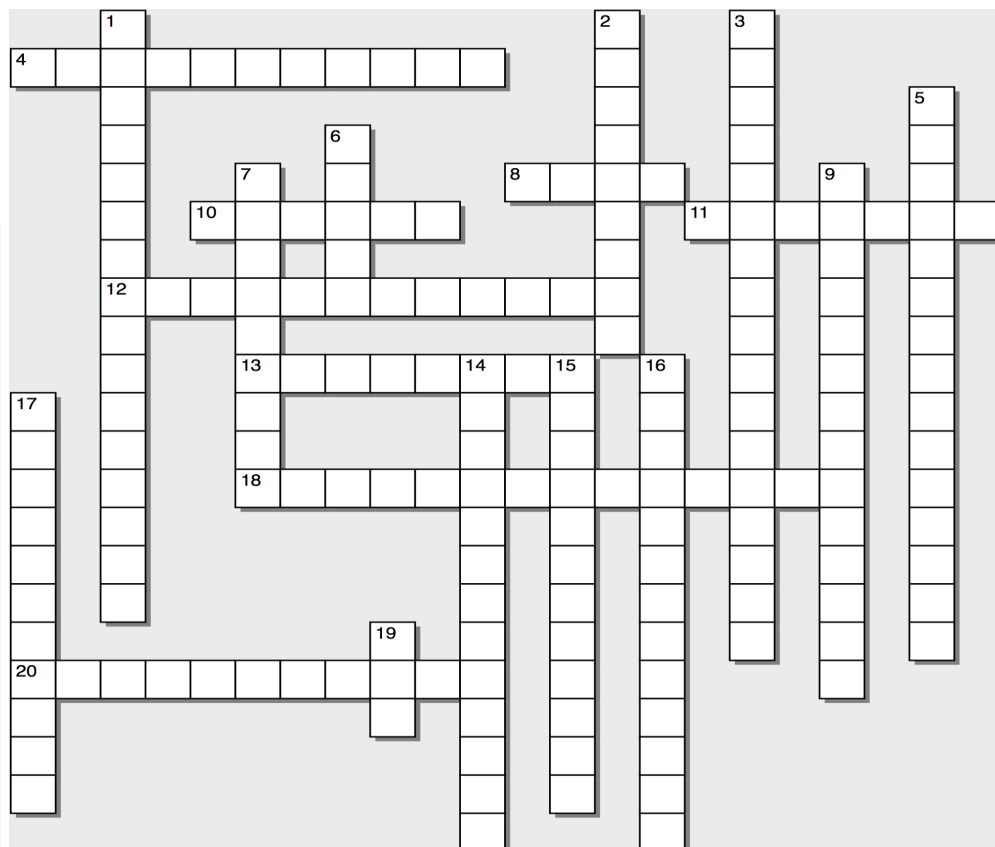
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Across

- 4) Pastor of Empowerment Temple AME Zion Church beginning July 15, 2018
- 8) The Alaska Annual during 2018 was held in this month
- 10) Rev. Blanchett received an assignment to maintain an AME Zion presence where?
- 11) These were delivered by clergy and others during the Alaska Conference
- 12) First Male ordained by the AMEZ Alaska Conference
- 13) Last name of second bishop of the AME Zion Alaska Conference
- 18) A Presiding Prelate
- 20) Episcopal Administrator under Bishop Staccato Powell

Down

- 1) The third AMEZ church founded in Alaska
- 2) Pastor of Leake Temple AME Zion church during 2018
- 3) Second AMEZ church founded in Anchorage
- 5) First female ordained in AMEZ Alaska Conference
- 6) Last name of First Bishop of AMEZ Alaska Conference
- 7) The 42nd session of the AK Conference was held here
- 9) Name of AME Zion District's newsletter
- 14) First AME Zion Church founded in Fairbanks
- 15) Missionary Supervisor at conference with Bishop Powell
- 16) Pastor of St. James during 2018
- 17) First AME Zion Church in Anchorage
- 19) Given this to cool oneself at 2018 AK Annual Conference

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Come One, Come All



Sunday Worship

11 am

Sunday school

9:45 am

Bible Study

12pm Wednesday

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Clergy with Assignments

Rev. Dr. Fances Reid
Empowerment Temple

Rev. Martha Blanchett
Hawaii

Rev. Carolyn Mercer
St. James Temple

Rev. Kay Blount
Leake Temple

Sunday Worship

11 am

Sunday school

9:45 am

Bible Study

Tuesday

6:30pm-7:30pm



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Sunday Worship

11 am

Sunday school

9:45 am

Bible Study

Call pastor

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