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To: The Eleventh Episcopal District

From: Bishop and Mrs. McKinley Young *my*

Re: AME Day at the Capitol

Date: January 24, 2012

Greetings in this Season of Epiphany:

Please join Mrs. Young and I in what could be our most significant AME Day at the Capitol in this important election cycle on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

For the second year we plan to go to Tallahassee and to pray in the State House office building, the State Senate office building, as well as the Capitol Rotunda. After lunch we will as a group, attend the State of Black Florida Issues Forum. Enclosed is a detailed itinerary for the days' activities.

We are including in this memo information concerning the Black Caucus Weekend and its events. However, our focus is on having a spectacular turn out for our AME Day at the Capitol. All ministers are asked to please wear dark suits and ties or clergy collars.

See you in Tallahassee!

Black Caucus Weekend Events: Please visit www.fcbsl.org/gala

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Guest Speaker: Attorney Charles Ogletree – Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School

Location: 4th Floor House Chambers @ The Capitol

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Free and Open to the Public

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

State of Black Florida Workshops

Location: The Historic State Capitol

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Free and Open to the public

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012

Unity Rally (wear your organization's paraphernalia for rally to the Capitol)

Leon County Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street

9:30am

Open to the public

Town Hall Meeting

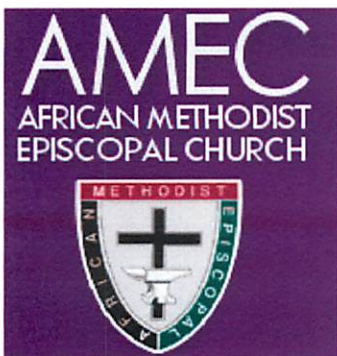
Leon County Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street

2:00pm

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11th EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AME DAY AT THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 9, 2012

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family

Itinerary

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Opening Fellowship and Bishop Fervent Prayer Appointments

Breakfast will be provided

Location: Bethel AME Church, 501 West Orange Avenue

Transportation will depart at 9:30 a.m. to the State Capitol, 402 S. Monroe Street

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Prayer

State Representative Joe Gibbons, Minority Leader Pro-Tempore

State Senator Arthenia Joyner, Minority Leader Pro-Tempore

Location: Old Capitol Building Steps

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Fervent Prayer (Room 303 HOB)

Groups will gather in designated Capitol Building conference rooms to pray for specified legislative issues concerning the State of Florida

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Fervent Prayer (Room TBA SOB)

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11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Fervent Prayer (Rotunda)

Groups will gather in designated Capitol Building conference rooms to pray for the governor and his executive officers

11:30 p.m. Closing Prayer and AME Day at the Capitol Photograph

Location: Old Capitol Building Steps

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

Location: Old Capitol Building, Senate Chambers

State of Black Florida Issues Forum

**1:35 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Every Child Deserves a Good Education:
How Do We Fix The Problem”**

Moderator: Commissioner Dr. Wilbert “Tee” Holloway
Miami-Dade School Board

Legislative Faculty: Senator Arthenia Joyner
District 18, Tampa

Representative Geraldine Thompson
District 39, Orlando

Representative Dwight Bullard
District 118, Miami

Panel Guests: Mr. Simeon Nelson, Assistant Principal
Wakulla High School

Mr. George Wiley, Founder
Suspension Termination Opportunity Program (STOP)

Dr. Michael Bowie, Executive Director
Florida Fund for Minority Teachers

**1:35 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. The Minority Media:
“What will be the Black Media’s Role in the Rick Scott Era”**

Moderator: Mr. Lucius Gantt
The Gantt Report

Legislative Faculty: Senator Audrey Gibson
District 1, Jacksonville

Representative Hazelle Rogers
District 94, Ft. Lauderdale

Representative Dwayne Taylor
District 27, Daytona Beach

Panel Guests: Mr. Glenn Cherry
The Florida Courier

Rev. Dr. R. B. Holmes
The Capital Outlook

Mr. Woodie Lesesne
In Focus Magazine/Lesesne Media Group

**3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. Economic Development in Florida:
“How do we ensure Communities of Color Get-To-Work”**

Moderator: Daryl Searcy
Chairman/President-Chandler & Campbell Group

Legislative Faculty: Senator Oscar Braynon
District 33, Miami Gardens
Representative Mack Bernard
District 84, Riviera Beach
Representative Charles Chestnut
District 23, Gainesville
Panel Guests: Ms. Karen Landry
War-On-Poverty & FL Asset Builders
Mr. Seabron Smith, Exe. Dir.
TED Center
Mrs. Cheryl Gonzalez, Chair
Small/Minority Bus. Adv. Council
Mr. Thad Fortune
FL Office of Supplier Diversity
Ms. Joanna Williams
Jobs for USA Felons

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m. Education Vs Criminal Justice
"From the School House to the Jail House"

Moderator: Dr. Randy Nelson, President/CEO
21st Century Research & Evaluations, Inc.
Legislative Faculty: Senator Stephen Wise
District 5, Jacksonville
Representative Geraldine Thompson
District 39, Orlando
Representative Dwight Bullard
District 118, Miami
Panel Guests: Dr. Billy Close
President-Paradigm Consultants & Assoc., Inc.
Ms. Joyce Hamilton
ACLU-Restoration of Civil Rights
Chief Tony Jones
City of Gainesville Police Department
Mr. John Alexander
Exe. Dir.-Reichert House Youth Academy
Dr. Michael Bowie
Executive Director, Florida Fund for Minority Teachers

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Transportation will depart for Bethel AME Church following the adjournment