

Kirkland makes new appointments at SoCal Conference

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Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr., (2nd from right) welcomes Mayor Eric Garcetti (3rd from left) to the conference. Looking on (l-r) are Rev. J. Edgar Boyd, Presiding Elder Roosevelt Lindsey and Rev. John E. Cager. (photo by Clayton Everett/FAME)

After a week of worship services, business sessions and training workshops, Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr., ended the 91st Session of the Southern California Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Church and Fifth Episcopal District Planning Meeting with several new pastoral appointments.

As presiding prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Kirkland serves as chief shepherd as well as chief executive officer/administrator of all A.M.E. churches located in the 14 states west of the Mississippi River.

At the Closing Worship and Commissioning Service on October 25, Kirkland announced the assignment of the Rev. Dr. Mary Minor to Brookins – Kirkland, the Rev. Carolyn Baskin-Bell to Second and the Rev. Theodore Payne to Bryant Temple. All of the churches are located in Los Angeles.

The bishop also appointed the Rev. Dr. Clyde Oden to Bethel – Oxnard, the Rev. Harvey Vaughn III to Bethel – San Diego, the Rev. Gregory McLeod to Fountain of Hope, the Rev. Tracey Johnson to Murph Chapel, the Rev. Benjamin Thomas, Jr., to A.K. Quinn, the Rev.

Swayne Cofield to Rose of Sharon, the Rev. Nicolette Birdsong to Johnson Chapel – El Centro and the Rev. Michael Carr to Allen – San Bernardino.

The reappointments included the Rev. J. Edgar Boyd to First -LA, the Rev. Dr. Kelvin Calloway to Bethel-LA, the Rev. Darryl Walker to New Philadelphia, the Rev. Benjamin Hollins to Price Chapel, the Rev. Rosalynn Brookins to Walker Temple, the Rev. John Cager to Ward AME, the Rev. Mark Whitlock to Christ Our Redeemer-Irvine, the Rev. Dwain Jackson to St. James, the Rev. Michael Eagle to Grant-Long Beach and the Rev. Rethis Murray to St. Mark.

In addition, the transfers consisted of the Rev. Leslie White to the Midwest Conference, the Rev. Robert Cox to California Conference and the Rev. Vickie Hayden Lee to the Fourth Episcopal District.

Pastor J. Edgar Boyd and the members of First AME of Los Angeles hosted the conference and planning meeting. Both events were held at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel.