

2010 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE – BARBADOS



**SIXTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Praise the Lord, the Sixteenth (16th) Episcopal District 2010 CEEC was a well attended success!

The Episcopal leadership team of Bishop Sarah Francis Davis and Supervisor Claytie Davis, Jr. along with the 16th District Christian Education director Rev. Newton Dixon, coordinated a wonderful event destined to impact lives, churches and communities for the glory of God! Persons from all seven conferences within the 16th Episcopal District attended the Christian Education Empowerment Conference (CEEC) in beautiful Barbados! The conference officially opened with a worship service at the historic Sealy Memorial AME Church in St. Michael, Barbados. Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot, the 90th elected and consecrated bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was the opening preacher. The remaining events were held at the Barbados Beach Club Hotel in Christ Church, Barbados.

The 16th District was well represented by its own leadership throughout the CEEC. Early Morning Prayer time was conducted by Sis. Liz Ann De Bourg, the WMS President of the Windward Islands Conference. Again, the beloved Bishop Talbot, a son of the 16th District - ably led the CEEC participants through the first Plenary Workshop, an exposition of “AME Tradition, Worship and Liturgy”. Sister Winifree Charles Lawrence, the 16th Episcopal District WMS President facilitated creative exercises in the workshop, “Fundamentals of Church School”. An informative panel discussion on Church Growth engaged presiding elders, Rev. Jaime Coplin Shepard from the *Dominican Republic*, Rev. Andrew Morris- Grant from *Guyana-Suriname*, Rev. Millard Davis from *Jamaica*, and Rev. Wayne Anthony from the *Windward Islands* conferences. Presiding Elders Davis and Anthony also taught additional workshops on Property Issues and AME Church History, respectively. Finally, Sis. Elvire Douglas from the *Haiti* Conference provided a moving presentation on Disaster Preparedness from the recent horrific Haiti Earthquake Experience.

In addition, the CEEC featured gifted and anointed presentations from several invited guests from the United States. The *Rev. Anthony Hughes*, pastor of Bethel AME Church in San Diego, California led us in Bible Study every morning. The *Rev. Dr. Daryl Ingram*, AME General Officer, Director of Christian Education led us through “Developing an Effective Christian Education Ministry” and preached on the “Sanctity of Service on Thursday night. The *Rev. Connie Jackson*, Bible Teacher and Radio Talk Show Host of *On The Edge Ministries, Inc.*, Houston, Texas, preached us happy at the Hour of Power and challenged us to employ “Servant Leadership” in our ministries. The *Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Wright, Sr.*, pastor of Quinn Chapel AME Church in Forest Park, Ohio taught both AME Doctrine and Scripture and Interpretation workshops and was also the Closing Worship preacher.

Special thanks to the Host Presiding Elder, Rev. Anthony Parris, and the Host Pastor, Rev. Ruth Phillips. They did all the hard work on the ground in Barbados to ensure that the CEEC would go smoothly. Mission Accomplished!