



*"From Where I Sit ..."*

## **Board of Personnel Services to Appoint Reverend Reginald Barnes as Assistant to the General Secretary**

I am pleased to announce our selection of Reverend Reginald G. Barnes, Sr. to serve as the Assistant to the General Secretary of the General Board of Personnel Services effective during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year. I have known Reverend Barnes for the past 10 years as both a CME Colleague and most recently as a 5-year member of the Board of Directors of the General Board of Personnel Services and a Trustee of the CME Retirement Plan.

Reverend Barnes comes to this position as an effective pastor with nearly 20 years of experience having led the St. James CME Church in Columbus, GA for six years, West Side Community CME Church, Atlanta, GA for five years and the historic Brown Memorial CME Church, Louisville, KY for six years (where he presently serves). Within the Connectional Church, he has served as the Chair of the Committee on Ministerial Examination of the West Georgia Region, Chair of the Joint Board of Finance of the GA North Region and currently serves as Chair of the Joint Board of Finance of the Kentucky Region. A Georgia native, he was reared in Atlanta and in the Butler Street CME Church. In 2008, he earned the M. Div. degree with honors from the Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta where he also served a year as the student representative on the Board of Trustees.

A 1991 Hampton University honors graduate with a BS in Economics, Reverend Barnes was employed over 12 years in commercial banking with most of this time spent with Bank of America and SouthTrust Bank. In these roles he excelled as a credit analyst, underwriter, loan officer and business development advisor with a combined loan portfolio of over \$30 million. These skills were honed by his additional affiliation with the NAACP's Community Development Resource Center and with Business Georgia (a SBA firm).



Reverend Barnes is married to the former Shonda C. Collier and they are the thankful parents of two children, Amanda, 26, and Gary, 25. Currently he serves on the Board for CLOUT (*Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together*) in Louisville and serves as chair of their Jobs and Economic Development committee. Additionally, he is a founding member of CPR – Concerned Pastors of Russell in Louisville and he is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

We look forward to utilizing his full set of skills with the programs of the General Board of Personnel Services and anticipate his initial assignments to focus on the CME Retirement Manual and improving our Website for more functional service. Most importantly, his added skills and managerial experiences will prove a tremendous benefit to our Church over the coming years. *Or at least that's the way it looks to me ...*

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