

DATE: June 30, 2023

TO: Pastors, Lay Pastors, Supply Pastors, Interim Pastors, and Educators of African American Churches in the Synod of South Atlantic

FROM: CeCe Armstrong, African American Consultant, Synod of South Atlantic

RE: African American Pastor/Educator Retreat
September 11-14, 2023

Be reminded that the African American Clergy/Educator Retreat will be September 11-14, 2023, at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons, GA. This event is open to pastors, supply pastors, interim pastors, Commissioned Lay Pastors, and educators. Registration and check-in begin at 2:00 PM and closes at 5:00 PM on the 11th. A social session will be after dinner on the 11th. The workshops and activities will begin the morning of the 12th. The retreat ends with lunch on the 14th.

Enclosed you will find the flyer and registration form. Registration is due **August 1st**. After August 1st, there will be an additional \$25.00 added to the registration cost. This is because if we hold a room for you and you do not arrive, we must pay for the first night. Register early and avoid the late registration fee.

Please mail your registration form and check to

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Please make the check payable to St. James PCUSA with memo SYNOD-AAC. You may also email your registration form to ccarmstrong619@msn.com and pay online by going to <https://stjamesji.org/give>. Follow the prompts selecting SYNOD-AAC as the fund for payment.

A wonderful retreat is being planned, so please set aside the time from your busy schedule to participate. This will be a time for great worship, renewal, relaxation, and fellowship. Our theme is **IN LIVING COLOR** with the focus Scripture being Colossians 2:6-7. This is our first in-person gathering since 2019 and will be worth just being in fellowship and having space for relaxation. There will be one evening meal off campus. This meal will be at your own cost.

Bring comfortable clothes, Bible, writing pad, and an openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit. You may also bring your fishing rod, tennis racket, and walking shoes. There are bicycles available if you wish to ride the bike trails.

Please register as soon as possible and pass the word on to those who may be new in your presbytery. We need to hear from you no later than August 1st to make sure we have secured the necessary rooms at Epworth. Please, take some time for yourself!