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## EPISCOPAL LEADERSHIP

**Presiding Prelate - Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.**  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate spiritually grounded, socially conscious, and ministry-equipped young adults committed to Christ and the Church.

## VISION STATEMENT

To raise a generation of young adults who:

- Love God deeply
- Serve faithfully
- Lead with integrity
- Impact their communities

## CLOSING CHARGE

RAYAC calls young adults across the 9th Episcopal District to grow in faith, develop in leadership, and serve the Church with commitment, purpose, and excellence.

This is where ministry becomes action, leadership is cultivated, and the future of the Church is shaped.



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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# RAYAC

## RICHARD ALLEN YOUNG ADULT COUNCIL

- Creating
- Cultivating
- Engaging

## FOUNDATIONAL PURPOSE

“The purpose of the Episcopal District RAYAC shall be to implement and coordinate the work of the Connectional RAYAC in the conferences, as well as institute and implement programs and activities in the Episcopal District which afford an opportunity for ministry, training, and fellowship.”

— *The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church (2021)*, p. 543

This charge defines the work of RAYAC in the 9th Episcopal District—ensuring that young adults are actively engaged, intentionally developed, and fully connected to the life and mission of the Church.

## WHY RAYAC EXISTS

The Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC) in the 9th Episcopal District exists to carry the vision of the Connectional Church into real, tangible expression across conferences and districts.

This is where young adults are engaged in ministry, developed as leaders, and connected to the ongoing work of the Church.

Through RAYAC, the District creates opportunities for:

- Ministry that meets real needs
- Training that strengthens leadership
- Fellowship that builds meaningful connection

## CORE AREAS OF EMPHASIS

### Spiritual Development

Bible study, prayer, and discipleship that strengthen faith and understanding.

### Leadership Development

Training, mentorship, and opportunities that prepare young adults to lead effectively.

### Connectional Engagement

Active participation across conferences, districts, and the broader work of the Church.

### Service & Outreach

Ministry initiatives that address real needs and create meaningful impact.

## HOW RAYAC IS STRUCTURED

RAYAC is a connectional body that brings together leadership from across the District to ensure that the work of young adult ministry is coordinated and effective.

The membership includes:

- Episcopal District Directors of Christian Education
- Director of the Youth Division of Christian Education
- Elected RAYAC District Officers
- Committee Chairpersons appointed by the President
- Episcopal Director and President of the Allen Christian Fellowship
- Director of Boy and Girl Scout Agencies
- Conference RAYAC Presidents

Conference Directors of Christian Education serve as ex officio members, providing continuity, insight, and connection across the District.