

MIDWEST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

REFRESH CONFERENCE 2026

October 15–17, 2026

Hughlett Temple AME Zion Church | Louisville, Kentucky

Conference Host: Bishop Daran H. Mitchell | Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Valeri Washington

SPONSORSHIP PACKET

Partnering to strengthen the leaders who strengthen the Church

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Midwest Episcopal District Refresh Conference is a premier annual gathering bringing together more than 150 clergy and lay leaders from across ten Midwestern states and Trinidad and Tobago, representing nearly 100 congregations. Designed as a sacred pause for those who give so much of themselves in service to others, Refresh 2026 creates a dedicated space for pastors and ministry leaders to rekindle their passion, renew their vision, and restore their spiritual vitality.

Held October 15–17, 2026, at Hughlett Temple AME Zion Church in Louisville, Kentucky, this three-day experience weaves together powerful worship, practical workshops, intentional rest, and meaningful connection — all centered on the well-being and long-term effectiveness of those who lead.

This year, we invite mission-aligned businesses, organizations, seminaries, and service providers to invest in the renewal of faith-based leadership by partnering with us through sponsorship and exhibit opportunities.





WHY SPONSOR REFRESH 2026?

- Gain meaningful brand visibility across ten states and internationally
- Connect directly with faith leaders who are active decision-makers in their churches and communities
- Share resources, recruit students, or expand your service offerings to a highly engaged audience
- Demonstrate your commitment to faith-based leadership development and the well-being of ministry leaders
- Position your organization alongside a trusted, respected episcopal body with decades of community impact

ATTENDEE PROFILE

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- 150+ Pastors, Ministers, Chaplains, Social Workers, Faith-Based Business Owners, Counselors, and Therapists
 - Representatives from 10 states — Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Kansas — plus Trinidad and Tobago
 - Active in both church and community leadership roles
 - Motivated, growth-oriented leaders seeking resources, connection, and renewal

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

LEVEL	INVESTMENT	BENEFITS
 PLATINUM	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition as the presenting sponsor of Refresh 2026 • Speaking opportunity — 15 minutes during a general session • Premier exhibit table placement in high-traffic area • Logo featured on all event materials, district website, and signage • Full-page ad in the digital event program
 GOLD	\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit table in the main hall • Speaking opportunity — 5 minutes during a general session • Logo on event program and conference signage • Half-page ad in the digital event program
 SILVER	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit table at the conference • Quarter-page ad in the digital event program • Name and logo listed in the digital program
 COMMUNITY SUPPORTER	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name listed in the program as a valued community supporter • Opportunity to provide branded giveaways or printed materials for attendee bags

ADD-ON OPPORTUNITIES

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Conference Bag Sponsor — your brand in the hands of every attendee	\$500
Meal Sponsor (Breakfast or Lunch) — feed the leaders who feed their congregations	\$1,000
Workshop Sponsor — align your brand with a specific session or track	\$300

SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR COMMITMENT FORM

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Please return by: August 15, 2026

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title / Position: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip Code: _____ **Website:** _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL (SELECT ONE)

- Platinum Sponsor — \$2,500
- Gold Sponsor — \$1,500
- Silver Sponsor — \$750
- Community Supporter — \$250

ADD-ON OPPORTUNITIES (OPTIONAL)

- Conference Bag Sponsor — \$500
- Meal Sponsor (Breakfast or Lunch) — \$1,000
- Workshop Sponsor — \$300

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Names of Representatives Attending with Sponsorship:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Do you need an electrical outlet at your vendor table? Yes No

Would you like to provide promotional items for attendee bags? Yes No

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check Enclosed — Payable to: Midwest Episcopal Area
- Zelle — MightyMidwestAMEZion@gmail.com
- Request Invoice

Mail Checks to:

Midwest Episcopal Area
c/o Jones Tabernacle AME Zion Church
2510 East 34th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46218
Memo: Refresh 2026 Sponsor

Authorized Signature:

Date: _____

Thank you for investing in those who pour out so much for others.

Questions? Contact:

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Please confirm your interest by August 15, 2026 to ensure recognition in all printed and digital materials.