

# The Calloway Connection

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## Calloway Unanimously Endorsed By Fifth District

They shouted, chanted and cheered for the man many believe will be the next Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church, Reverend Dr. Kelvin T. Calloway.

He proclaimed his candidacy before several hundred ministers and lay people of the 5th District during the November 2005 Planning Meeting in St. Louis MO. The Fifth District unanimously endorsed his candidacy for Bishop in 2008 in what many have called unprecedented.

"Dr. Calloway is a man who follows the guidance

of the Holy Spirit," says Rev. Joseph Nixon Senior Pastor of Shorter A.M.E. Church of Denver CO.



**Rev. Dr. Calloway addressing 5th District Meeting in St. Louis**

"I believe he has been called to be an overseer."

Doris J. Bailey of Trinity A.M.E. Church in Kansas

City and former 5th District Lay President says he is a "pastor's pastor,"

Dr. Calloway's announcement speech resembled a Pentecostal sermon. "Who would have thought a small town boy from Alabama could have an opportunity to become a Bishop," said Dr. Calloway in the midst of amens and applause.

More than 800 people witnessed something many have called unprecedented.

## Kickoff Worship Celebration

This was no ordinary worship service. It was the kickoff celebration that provided moral, spiritual and financial support to jumpstart Rev. Dr. Kelvin Calloway's candidacy to become a Bishop in the

African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2008. More than 500 people including Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry, Presiding Bishop of the 16th Episcopal District, headlined a who's who of visitors.

Pastors and guests traveled from as far away as Denver CO, Berkeley CA and St. Louis MO to celebrate the kickoff.

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*Revs. Allen Williams,  
Joseph Nixon,  
Kelvin Calloway,  
Timothy Tyler, and  
Cecil "Chip" Murray*

*"As a Bishop, I want the District to serve as a partner and a resource to our local congregations, sharing our expertise and experience to facilitate and enhance ministry at the parish level."*

*Rev. Dr. Kelvin Calloway*

*Calloway For  
Bishop In 2008*

## THE QUALITIES OF PROPHETIC LEADERSHIP

**FOCUSED:** Reverend Kelvin T. Calloway Sr., believes that the ministries of the African Methodist Episcopal Church should focus on bringing life to our ministries on the local and connectional levels, bringing relevance and visibility back to the Connectional Church and making the Episcopacy a factor inside and outside of the Connection.

**FUTURISTIC:** Committed to keeping the AME Church strong and vibrant into the 22nd century. "We must ensure that we continue to add value to the AME 'brand' by building on our legacy of ministry within and beyond the walls of the church."

**FAITHFUL:** The programs that will lead to continued growth must be shaped by faith. "The prelate's responsibility is that of oversight. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we are created to glorify God.

**FAIR:** Recognizing that our system works best when Episcopal leadership is Shared, Servant and Sacramental.

## A Lesson From The Scriptures

The bible gives us the principles to determine a view as Jesus taught the disciples to think and act according to the principles of the Kingdom, so we too can develop our understanding of the principles of the Kingdom, and their application to the mission and ministry of our organizations of Christian strategy as

"vision choices".

We may or may not be given specific guidance as to how we should approach the vision; we may or may not receive this guidance at the strategic or at the tactical level. However, just as Jesus taught the disciples to think and act according to the principles of the Kingdom, so we too can develop our understanding

of these principles.

Daniel was elevated to high position in the court of Nebuchadnezzar because of his knowledge and service to God, and served Darius as one of three administrators. Daniel 6:3 indicates that Daniel had exceptional qualities as an administrator.

## The Calloway 'N '08 Committee

The Calloway in '08 Committee consists of Honorary Co-chairs Rev. H. Hartford Brookins, Retired Bishop and Rev. Cecil L. Murray, Senior Minister, Retired, First A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles CA .

The co-chairs are Rev. Joseph Nixon of Shorter A.M.E. Church of Denver CO, Rev. Dr. Timothy Tyler of Wayman A.M.E. Church in St. Louis MO, Rev. Dr. Allen Williams of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Berkeley CA, and the Finance

Committee Chair is Rev. Mark Whitlock II of Christ Our Redeemer in Irvine CA..

For more about the Advisory and Connectional Committees visit;

[www.callowayin08.com](http://www.callowayin08.com)

## Chip Murray Captures The Moment



**Chip Murray lends his support to Reverend Dr. Calloway**

One the most memorable moments of the Dr. Calloway Kickoff Celebration was orchestrated by Rev. Cecil "Chip" Murray. He led the audience with a call and

response reminiscent of Harry Belafonte and the late Cab Calloway, "hidey, hidey, hid, ho!" The

crowd eagerly chanted as Murray smoothly reminded them about the purpose of the worship celebration.

Rev. Murray told the crowd

of supporters that Dr. Calloway's fate lies in their hands. "When you come to Kelvin Calloway bring the 3 books; the bible, the hymn book, and your checkbook."

His presentation was brief but served to energize and uplift an already-supportive congregation.

"I believe he would make a great Bishop."

Bishop John Bryant, Presiding Prelate Fifth Episcopal District.

## Bishop Guidry Headlines Kickoff

Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry waste no time in reminding all those in attendance about the purpose of the event. "This is a special occasion". I support Dr. Calloway because I owe him and he is qualified. Secondly he supported me and was instrumental in my becoming Bishop." She further explains

by quoting Timothy 3:1, "If a man desires the position of Bishop, they desire a noble task," which drew several amen's from the audience.

Bishop Guidry gave a noteworthy sermon about the virtues of leadership as a bishop. She offered Rev. Calloway some advice. "It's a

task. Those who come to this office must be ready to roll up their sleeves and work. When you pastor one church you can count the number of folks you pastor. But as a Bishop you don't get the opportunity to know all of the faces you are ministering too"

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## Support From Across The 5th District

Many prominent A.M.E. Church leaders throughout the 5th District have pledged their support to Dr. Calloway.

"I am very impressed with him as a Christian and a pastor," says Thomas M. Sutton President of the 5th District Lay Organization.

"I have watched him over the years and I know that he is truly qualified to do an excellent job as Bishop of the A.M.E. Church."

Rev. Fran Cary, Pastor of Trinity A.M.E. Church of Kansas City Kansas adds, "Dr. Calloway is a man of God. He has prepared

himself for this time and day to become Bishop."



**Dr. Calloway is greeted by Retired Bishop and Honorary Campaign Chair H. Hartford Brookins,**

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### **Rev. Calloway's Vision**

*Dear Christian Friends,*

*Prayer is powerful. Vision is energizing. Combining the two enables the church to undergo a spiritual pilgrimages into the future that God is calling.*

*I pray you will share our desire to help lead the A.M.E. Church into a season of growth. This will inspire a greater reach in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*Candidate For Episcopal Service*

*Prophetic Leadership For The Present Age*

**"I will prepare and some day my chance will come."**

**Abraham Lincoln**

## **Kickoff Celebration *Continued***

"I have known Rev. Calloway for more than five years. I am very impressed with his gifts and graces. I believe he would make a great Bishop," said Bishop John Bryant, Presiding Prelate Fifth Episcopal District.

Another influential A.M.E. spokesperson commented in favor of Rev. Calloway's candidacy. "Kelvin Calloway is a rare combination of preacher, teacher, counselor, activist, leader, and follower," says Rev. Cecil L. Murray, Minister Retired and Faculty Professor at the University of Southern California. "We senior pastors have seen him come up through the ranks and now applaud him as he reaches out to be elected a bishop within African Methodism in its four year convening in 2008. He has the power of gentle persuasion;

that is, he leads with soul force rather than sword force. He is a shepherd rather than a butcher. He is servant rather than master. By his side walks a first lady who

puts others first, and not herself. The two of them are designed for the 21st century in ministry, where people are often looking for 'sho' time rather than sho'up time.

Perhaps all who observe will note that the principal actor in the pulpit at Second A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles, is not the preacher, but the one preached. That One has called Kelvin Calloway for this moment. He will make the word become flesh."



***Bishop Guidry and Dr. Calloway at his Kickoff Celebration***

***Calloway For Bishop In 2008***