

It is with great enthusiasm that both the clergy and laity of the Memphis Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry unanimously affirms and celebrates the Rev. Autura Eason-Williams as a candidate for the Office of Bishop. In the midst of significant challenges, her leadership of the Board of Ordained Ministry during the past two years has demonstrated her ability to organize and lead effectively.

Colleagues in ministry have found Rev. Eason-Williams to be faithful in her commitment to the Gospel, and humble and wise in the ways she gives witness to it among us. Her twenty-two years in ministry have been generative and offer positive testimony to her effectiveness as a powerful preacher and pastor. She is committed to the pursuit of justice and transformation. She is inclusive of all people and willing to engage in difficult conversations while speaking the truth in love. The fruits born through her wisdom and creativity convince us that she has been called to the United Methodist episcopacy for such a time as this. We are thankful that Rev. Eason-Williams has answered “yes” to God’s call to seek the Episcopacy and are committed to supporting her as she continues to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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