

**Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference
Board of Examiners Handbook
2021-2022 Annual Conference Year**



**Bishop Reginald T. Jackson
Presiding Prelate
Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Eason Sr.
Chairperson/Dean, Board of Examiners**

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- First Year Chairperson – Rev. Vandy C. Simmons
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- Third Year Chairperson – Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Grant
- Fourth Year Chairperson – Rev. Dr. Susan Buckson
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Fourth Year Studies

Rev. Dr. Susan Buckson, Rev. Forest Dickey, Rev. Shawn Drains, Rev. Regina D. Hibbert

Seminarians

Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Eason, Sr., Rev. Dr. Susan Buckson

Special Projects

Rev. Dr. William D. Watley

Meeting Schedule

Dates
January 29, 2022 Class and Seminarians (Virtual)
February 19, 2022 (Virtual)
February 26, 2022 (Virtual)
March 12, 2022 Class and Seminarians (Virtual)
March 19, 2022 (Virtual)
March 26, 2022 (Virtual)
April 9, 2022 Class and Seminarians (In Person)
April 22-23, 2022 (Interviews and Examinations) (In Person)

Saturday Class Schedule

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning Classes
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Chapel
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Afternoon Classes

- In person classes meet at **Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church** 580 Atlanta Student Movement Blvd S.W. Atlanta, Georgia on 4/9/22. All other dates will be on Zoom.
- Final Examinations/Interviews will be held in person at **Turner Chapel AME Church** 492 North Marietta Pkwy NE, Marietta, Georgia on 4/22/22 & 4/23/22.

Policies

1. **FULL TIME SEMINARY STUDENTS:** Full-time seminary students are exempt from attending regular class sessions of the Board of Examiners. They are required to attend the first session, scheduled for **January 29, 2022** and to submit copies of full-time enrollment in an approved seminary. Full-time seminary students are also required to attend special workshops, scheduled for **March 12th** and **April 9th** to discuss the following: History, Polity, Doctrine and other practical aspects relating to ministry in the AME Church.

2. **CLASS FEES:** All candidates for ministry must pay a fee of **\$175**. Students who have completed classes but are on hold, pending the fulfillment of education requirements must pay a fee of *\$125*. All fees must be received no later than **April 9th** and should be in the form of a money order, church check or cash. There will be a late fee of \$TBD for persons who pay fees after April 9th.

3. **REQUIREMENTS:** All candidates before the Board of Examiners must submit a recommendation from their pastor. Candidates for Admissions must submit the following additional credentials/documents:

- a. A completed Board of Examiners application form
- b. A birth certificate copy
- c. A current license to preach
- d. A recent criminal background check

Candidates for admissions will be required to provide a recent criminal background check. At the Board of Examiners Session, candidates will receive an application form to be submitted to the Bishops' office with an attached fee.

4. **ABSENSES FROM CLASS/EXCUSES:** A student will be granted one (1) unexcused and one (1) emergency absence. After two absences, approval of an absence is at the discretion of the dean.

5. **ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** A person should be a member of a local AME church for one year before being sent to the Annual Conference.

6. **BOOKS:** Licentiates are required to have the following books with them at all BOE institute events: Holy Bible, current A.M.E. Book of Discipline, A.M.E. Book of Worship, and A.M.E. Hymnal.

7. **CANDIDATES COMING FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:** A person who has been ordained in another denomination may request to be re-obligated in the A.M.E Church, as per the (2016, DDAMEC, Page 126, Section D).

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