

Our focus for this conference year's work in the Church is **"Think Big."** This will allow us to form some **BHAGS (BIG HAIRY AUDACIOUS GOALS)**. Our working motto shall continue to be: **"MOVING FROM OVERCOMING TO BECOMING."** Often, we cannot BECOME what God would have us be, because we are so busy trying to OVERCOME the trials, tribulations and turbulence experienced in our lives. Our goal is that ALL persons that enter the doors of The Fountain will BECOME what God's desire is for our lives. Therefore, we MUST align ourselves with the vision of our Presiding Prelate, Bishop Clement W. Fugh, by focusing on the theme for this Quadrennial; **"THINK BIG!"**

Bishop Fugh shares with us a profound statement by Robert Browning. Browning said, **"man's reach must exceed his grasp. Or what is heaven for?"** Therefore, The Fresco by Michelangelo entitled, The Creation of Adam, served as the cover for the program booklet for the 2020 Series of Annual Conferences of the Fifth Episcopal District. The cover depicts Adam, newly created, reposed upon the Earth, weak barely able to raise his hand to receive the touch by the hand of God, the source of life and vitality. Without that touch Adam remains one with the dust from which he was molded, but with that touch Adam becomes a living soul!

Humanity, represented in Adam, desires a touch by the finger of God, and thereby rises from the mundane to the high calling of our destiny. According to Robert Browning, it is that illusive touch just beyond our reach that keeps us striving. The scriptures that serve as the foundation of our work are found in Isaiah 54:1-10 and St. Luke 12:22-32 (MSG). I would encourage you to read them in your leisure.

Beloved, the logo for this theme is a **star**, the color is **sky blue**, the song is **Impossible Dream**. If you have set your sights on a goal that you feel is attainable, given your gifts and grace and resources – you don't need any help – then the course on which you have set is NOT of God!

"A man's (a woman's) reach must exceed his (her) grasp. Or what is a heaven for?"

Prayer will be our foundation and the main part of our work together. Every member is asked to pray daily for the work of the church. Little prayer little power, no prayer no power, much prayer much power. Prayer is the key, but our faith unlocks the door.

The Bible teaches that we are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, in obedience to the word of God, as leaders of the Church, we shall commit to attending Christian Growth Study Sessions (i.e. Church School and/or Bible Study) weekly.

We look forward to growing the kingdom here at "The Fountain". Our Hope is that this booklet will serve as an administrative and educational resource guide for our church membership. Perhaps, COVID-19 may have stopped us from physically meeting, but I'm happy to report; **"the doors of the church are STILL open!" LET'S THINK BIG!** Let's reach for the moon, but if by chance in our reaching we should fail, let's fall somewhere among the **STARS!**

THINKING BIG,

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