

THE EASTERN REGION CHURCH USHERS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO OUR



67th Annual CONFERENCE

Celebrating a Legacy of Faithfulness

APRIL 19TH & 20TH 2024



Brenda Gilliam
Washington, DC



Louis Parker
Maryland



Annette Forehand
Delaware



SCAN TO REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE

Or use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/67th-eastern-region-conference-tickets-741524528827?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

CONFERENCE LOCATION

VALLEY FORGE CASINO RESORT (STARDUST TOWER)
1160 FIRST AVENUE, KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

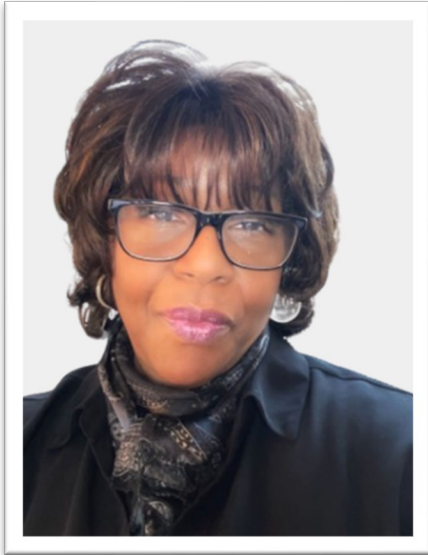


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Warmest Greetings to you each of you my Fellow Doorkeepers!

I pray that you and your loved ones are well, and you are excited about the blessing of a New Year.

Allow me to share with you how excited I am about this year's 67th Annual Eastern Region Conference which will be held April 19-20, 2024, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Plans are underway and many of the Chairmen are preparing for what we hope will be a conference unlike others! Help me extend congratulations to this year's Honorees Bro. Louis Parker from the State of Maryland, Sis. Brenda Gilliam from the District of Columbia and Sis. Annette Forehand from the State of Delaware. They are all truly worthy of this special recognition.

We are truly thinking outside the box to come up with new ideas that will be attractive to our members and will encourage them to come out and see what's going on with the Eastern Region Ushers. The goal is to maintain the historic traditions and values upon which we were founded, but perhaps do things a little differently, broaden our horizon and incorporate some ideas more in line with the changing times. We believe this will play a major role in our effort to rekindle that fire, increase participation and continue to move forward in greatness, in fellowship as a Region and more importantly, stronger in our service to God and His people.



**EASTERN REGION
FAMILY REUNION**

This year's conference will be an Eastern Region Family Reunion! A time to take care of business, a time of fellowship and fun and a time to celebrate the achievement and commitment of many of our members. So come back everyone! I'm asking everyone to invite those who used to come to the conferences to come back. Ask your ministry members who normally do not attend to come this year. Encourage your Young Adults and Juniors to come too. Come early to enjoy the restaurants, boutiques and all that the area has to offer.

Hope to see you there!

Peace, Love and God's continued Blessings to All!

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2024 EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday, April 19 - 20, 2024
Valley Forge Casino Resort (Stardust Hotel Tower)
1160 First Avenue | King of Prussia, PA 19406

In Conjunction with the Combined Memorial Service
States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island
Sunday, April 21, 2024

RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW

Use this link to reserve rooms <https://book.passkey.com/e/50741674> or call 610.354.8118 (ask for Eastern Region Church Ushers Conference) **ID Code: ERCD24C**

Room Rates: Single/Double - \$152.90 Triple - \$163.90 which includes current state & local occupancy tax of 6% and 4% per night. Each room has a refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker.

Check in: 4:00 PM | **Check out:** 11:00 AM | **Deadline for reservations March 28, 2024**

A one night deposit is required at time of reservation. Your card will be charged. Your deposit is refundable up to 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid the forfeiting of the first night's room and tax deposit.

Upon check in, a \$100.00 credit card authorization will be applied to the credit card for the duration of the reservation for incidental room charges. This authorization will release at check-out pending no incidental charges have been applied and there is no room damage.

Complimentary Parking - Cars/Buses

Early Departure Fee: There will be an early departure fee of \$75.00 per day for our Group participant wishing to check out prior to their checkout date, once they have checked into the hotel.

Vendor's fee is \$125.00 per table. Application may be obtained from **Assistant Conference Planner Bridget Martin** at bridgetsmartin1952@gmail.com

Johnnie Knighton Recognition Banquet
Saturday Evening ~ April 20, 2024 ~ 6:00 pm

Honoring **Brenda Gilliam** (Washington, DC), **Louis Parker** (Maryland) and **Annette Forehand** (Delaware) Tickets: \$75.00 (Ages 13 and up) \$55.00 (Ages 8-12)

Please contact Irene J. Washington Conference Planner for additional information or questions at ijwashington5@gmail.com | Cell 301.906.1743



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You do not want to miss this year's Conference!

Registration is now open through Eventbrite!



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Purchase Friday & Saturday Breakfast and Banquet tickets through your State

Banquet Gala Tickets - **\$75** (Age 13 & up) | **\$55** (Age 8-12)

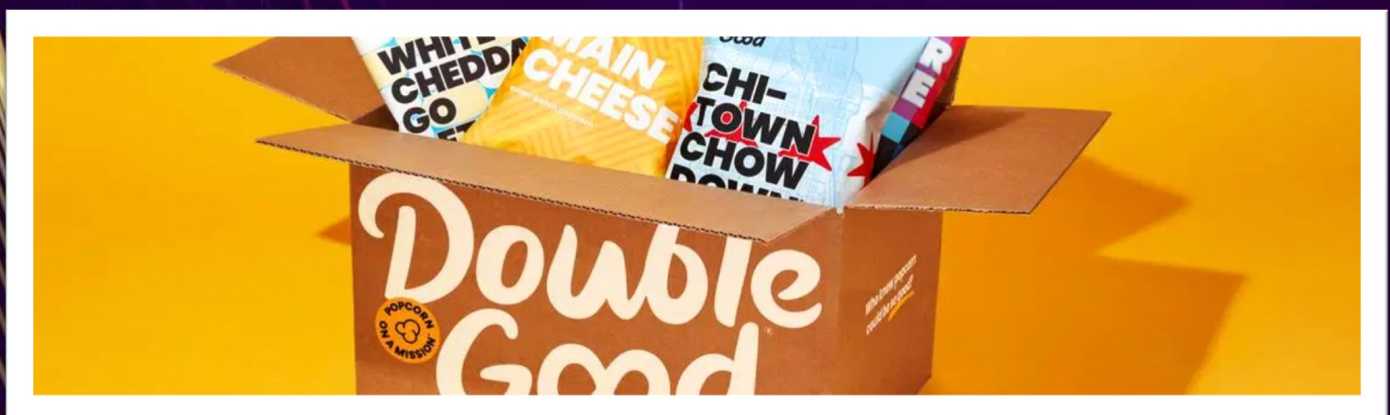
Friday & Saturday Prayer Breakfast & Family Reunion Breakfast tickets - **\$22** each day.

Deadline to purchase all meal tickets is March 9, 2024.

Conference meetings and activities will be held in the **Stardust Hotel** section of the resort. There are no restaurants in this section of the hotel. There is a food court in the casino side which is about a 10-15 minute walk.

In the interest of our delegates, the Region will subsidize the cost and provide breakfast buffets on Friday and Saturday mornings which will be combined with Prayer, Praise & Worship and Family Reunion Programs hosted by the Men's Fellowship and Sister Keeper committees. The cost for breakfast each day is **\$22** compared to the actual cost of \$26.

To help subsidize the breakfast, we will sponsor a **Double Good popcorn fundraiser** for a few days this month (January). We would sincerely appreciate your support! We certainly appreciate donations to our finance team if you don't prefer to buy popcorn.



Eastern Region Awards & Recognition Gala

**A CELEBRATION OF COMMITMENT AND
ACHIEVEMENT**

APRIL

SATURDAY 20 6:00 PM
2024

2024 CONFERENCE HONOREES

BRENDA GILLIAM ♦ **LOUIS PARKER**

Washington DC

Maryland

ANNETTE FOREHAND

Delaware



**Tickets: \$75 Ages 13 and up
\$55 (Ages 8-12)**

Purchase tickets through your State

**Attire: Red Carpet Semi-Formal Attire
Color of your choice**