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**A.M.E. SCOUTS**  
EPISCOPAL PATCH SERIES

**Bishop Vashi Murphy McKenzie**  
**Activity Patch**

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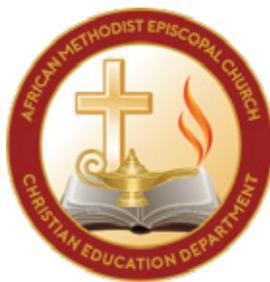
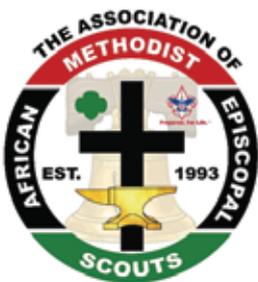
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# QUESTIONS

## The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts Episcopal Patch Series

This patch series honors the faith and sacrifices of the men and women who built, led, and continue to lead the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in the 21st century. These men and women not only defended the faith, but worked tirelessly to promote equality, diversity, and excellence for the whole of humanity. The A.M.E. bishops, both past and present, participants will meet in this series were/are devout followers of the God of Liberation who often found themselves getting into “good trouble - necessary trouble” in their fight for racial justice and religious freedom. It is the hope that glimpses into their lives will inspire youth and adults alike to strive to create a more just society.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Who may earn this activity patch?**

All youth and adults – scouts or non-scouts, AME or non-AME – are welcome to participate in the Episcopal Patch Series offered by the Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts.

#### **Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?**

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

#### **Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?**

Any parent or adult who meets the standard that the BSA, GSUSA and/or any religious institution or youth agency establish for youth protection.

#### **Is there any time requirement?**

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

#### **Do the answers need to be submitted?**

Yes. After the requirements and activities are reviewed by your adult leader (scouts, school, other youth agency, or religious institution) or parental unit, please submit answers to the requirements and pictures depicting the activities selected. Please note that the submission of any pictures automatically grants AAMES consent to publish said submissions.

#### **Will there be more Episcopal Activity Patches?**

Yes. There may be additional Episcopal Activity Patches released periodically.

## Requirements for Completing the Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie Activity Patch



**1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Complete any 5 requirements and any 2 activities

**6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Complete any 10 requirements and any 3 activities

**9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Complete **ALL** requirements and any 4 activities

### Requirements for Adults:

1. Assist any individual youth or youth group with earning this Episcopal Activity Patch.
2. Share your thoughts about Bishop McKenzie with the youth/youth group you are working with.
3. Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm accuracy and insure understanding.
4. Guide each youth participant in selecting the requisite number of activities and framing a strategy for completing them.

## Online Resources

<https://www.vashtimckenzie.com/bishop.php>

<https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/bishop-vashti-mckenzie-23>

<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/mckenzie-vashti-murphy-1947/>

<https://lasentinel.net/bishop-vashti-mckenzie.html>

<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/8918089>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2000/07/12/us/after-213-years-ame-church-elects-first-woman-as-a-bishop.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/life-style/2000/08/01/pioneer-of-the-spirit/a5f03d68-0f93-4d13-a8ce-d2f67b64d9ad/>

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2000/julyweb-only/13.0c.html>

[www.amewim.org](http://www.amewim.org)

**Feel free to use other resources.**

*The information and online resources contained in this activity workbook have been compiled by:  
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Connectional President of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Women in Ministry*

# REQUIREMENTS

1. What churches did Bishop McKenzie pastor?  
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2. What Episcopal Districts has Bishop McKenzie served?  
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3. How many candidates ran for the Episcopacy in 2000?  
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4. Who was the first woman to run for the Episcopacy in the AME Church? How many times did she run? Did she ever get elected?  
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5. How many years did it take the AME church to elect a woman to the office of Bishop?  
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6. What does it mean to "shatter the glass ceiling?"  
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7. What schools did Bishop McKenzie graduate from? What degrees does she have?  
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8. According to the discipline, what percentage votes does it take to elect a Bishop? How many votes did it take for Bishop McKenzie to be elected?  
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9. What publication named Bishop McKenzie one of the top 15 African American preachers?  
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10. What leadership Conference has Bishop McKenzie established for women?  
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11. How many books did Bishop McKenzie publish? What are their names?  
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12. Who is Bishop McKenzie married to? What was his profession?  
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13. What sorority does Bishop McKenzie belong to? What relations does she have to the founder?  
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14. What is AME Women in Ministry? What are the objectives of this commission?  
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15. How many women have been elected and consecrated Bishops of the AME Church? What are their names?

16. When was Bishop McKenzie President of the Bishop's Council? What does the President of the Council do? How long does a Bishop hold that office?

17. What HBCU does/did Bishop McKenzie serve on the Board of Trustees for? What is the history of the college? What is there mission? How is it tied to the AME Church?

18. Where in the Bible can you find the story of Queen Vashti? What is her story?



## ACTIVITIES

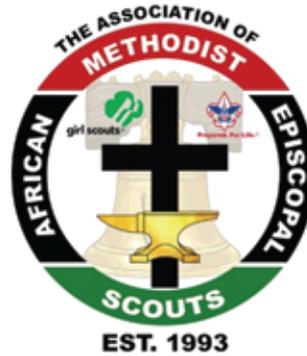
1. Bishop McKenzie is named after a woman of great strength in the Bible, Queen Vashti. Write a 250-word essay about another woman of strength in the Bible (or any other religious sacred text) and the struggles she overcame.
2. Draw a picture depicting Bishop McKenzie's historic election. Display it at a meeting of your youth group/organization or house of worship.
3. Bishop McKenzie is committed to leadership development and mentoring for women. Identify a women's shelter or girls' home where you can volunteer. If that is not possible, organize a youth group to assemble care packages or a clothing drive to benefit them.
4. Bishop McKenzie is an advocate for women's rights. Work on a PowerPoint, Prezi or Movie project that reflects the economic disparities in the workplace for women and women of color, particularly.
5. Bishop McKenzie was a journalist and the Pastor of three AME Churches. Interview at least two women pastors in the AME Church and write an article for the Christian Recorder on the state of Women Pastors in the AME Church.
6. Create an interactive game reflecting woman in the Bible (or any other religious sacred text). History Mystery works well as an individual or group activity.
7. Bishop McKenzie was named one of the top African American female preachers. Preaching is about proclaiming the good news and offering people hope. Select a scripture from the Bible (or any other religious sacred text) and write a meditation offering hope and good news for the poor OR the sick OR the grief-stricken, OR the imprisoned OR another marginalized group.

**CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THE  
Bishop Vashi Murphy McKenzie**

**Have your mentor submit your workbook, proof of completion of the prescribed activities, along with the completed order form for the patch.**

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