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AME Church elects its first female bishop

CINCINNATI (AP) — The nation's oldest black church on Tuesday night elected the first female bishop in the denomination's history.

Delegates to the general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church elected the Rev. Vashti McKenzie of Baltimore to one of four bishop positions on the second ballot.

"Because of God's favor, the stained glass ceiling has been pierced and broken," McKenzie said.

McKenzie was one of two women among 42 candidates for bishop.