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Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie will be the keynote speaker at the Founders Day Celebration of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson University Hotel in Minneapolis. The luncheon event is open to the public, and tickets are \$50.

As presiding prelate of the African Methodist Episcopal Church's 13th district, McKenzie is the highest-ranking woman to ever serve in the predominately Black Methodist denominations. She is also the first woman to become the titular head of the denomination as the president of the Council of Bishops.

McKenzie is the author of three books, *Not Without a Struggle*, *Strength in the Struggle*, and *Journey to the Well*. She is the recipient of many awards including *Ebony Magazine's* "Honor Roll of Great African American Preachers" and "15 Greatest African American Female Preachers" and has made the magazine's list of 150 Most Influential and Powerful Persons in Black America four consecutive years. President Barack Obama recently appointed her to the advisory council for the Office of Faith-Based Initiatives. McKenzie serves as Delta Sigma Theta's national chaplain.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college-educated women, the sorority currently has more than 900 chapters in the United States and abroad. For tickets to this event, call (612) 259-1472. No tickets will be sold at the door.