

African Methodist Episcopal Church  
**Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization**

July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 | Marriott Oakland City Center | Oakland, CA

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**FIFTY-SIXTH (57TH) ANNUAL SESSION**  
**FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION**

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# Introduction

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TO: Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District; Mrs. Mary Kirkland, Episcopal supervisor; Dr. Willie Glover, Connectional Lay President; Connectional Officers; Mr. Simeon Rhoden, President, Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization; Fifth District Lay Officers; Presiding Elders; Pastors; Members of the Clergy; Delegates; Visitors and Friends

First of all thank you for your vote of confidence, encourage and support as you elected me as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president. Please know I don't take this charge are any role lightly. This year has been packed with key engagements with our president, conference presidents, and host convention conference. In addition, to being your budget and finance chair, which brought me together with leaders with other finance minds to align on our districts finance strategy and our vision for building a bigger, better Financial portfolio.

Throughout the year, two key themes emerged that I wanted to share with each of you.

**Finance is at the core for driving value into decisions every day and adding innovate events and procedures to our district.** Our ability to bring proactive events and plans, in a strategic fashion, to each conversation that allows for a better discussion and better solution.

**Our members operate in a more-for-less environment.** This mindset is forcing our officers to make short-term decisions when long-term thought is required. We need to partner with them for the long term, make smart investment decisions, and anticipate our needs.

Thanks for all that you do to drive Gods mission in every decision, every day.

Lamar

# Major Activities

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- Chair of the Finance Committee
- Chair of the District Convention
- Chair of the Fundraising committee
- Working with the President and Convention host to integrate new innovative processes and programs
- Sever as an advisor to several committees
- Study my office and implement my duties
- Give the district lay a new visual look
- Support all conference presidents

# Major Meetings

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- 2013 Biennial Lay Convention
- 2014 Mid-year



# Future Plans

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- Implement lessons learn and training from this convention
- Integrate Live Board casting at every major lay function
- Hold bi-monthly meetings with conference 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Refine pre-registration process
- Continue supporting vision of the President
- Work with current and next convention host to build a timeline and convention operational
- Work with conference presidents and clergy on how WE can grow the discipline across the district

# Recommendations

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- Establish a web base online accounting system for robust entry and reporting
- Implement a membership management database
- Officers and committees that have fiscal impact must submit budget to Budget & Finance Committee to be included in proposed general operating budget
- Review funding for stipends and implement a travel policy to accompany district officers usage.
- A portion of the District funds should be placed in a set aside or escrow account. (Tithe 10% back to ourselves)
- Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-presidents facility/preside at least (2) conference meetings within the conference year



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# Questions

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