#### Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization



## Introduction

# Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission



July 30th - August 2nd 2014 | Marriott Oakland City Center | Oakland, CA

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

I Will Bless The Lord At All Times And His Praises Shall Continually Be In My Mouth!

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My name is Jene'l A. Sconier and I am the Young Adult Representative of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church! I am excited that the Lord has continued to shine His light on me and allowed me to have the heart to "Move Forward" and expand on the roles and duties of this position. The Young Adult Representative shall be responsible for coordinating, teaching, and training, opportunities for young adults and youth in conjunction with the Director of Lay Activities (DOLA), to voice the concerns and vision of a new generation of laity, and to serve as Christian mentors to a younger generation of African Methodists. Other duties include, but are not limited is: providing adequate training programs for Young Adults, expressing concerns of Young Adult Laity, and serving as a mentor to Youth (under 18) so that they will become active members of the Lay Organization when they reach 18. This also includes establishing partnerships with the YPD, RAYAC and other AME auxiliaries which service Youth and Young Adults.

# **Major Activities**





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 First Coordination of a successful 2013 Lay Christian Arts Festival



# **Major Meetings**





- 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Fifth District Lay Organization
- 2013 Connectional Lay Organization Biennial
- 2013 Planning Meeting

## **Future Plans**





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- Work with the Director of Publications in establishing 5th District Lay YAR Social Media Websites - Creating Social Media Pages; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube Channel, Pinterest, etc...
- Continue working with the Director of Lay Activities to develop ongoing Youth & Young Adult Workshops that can be organized throughout the District —
- Plan a 5th District Young Adult Retreat

## Recommendations





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- Increase the YAR budget in support of travelling with the DOLA throughout the District to make a physical presence in keeping with the mission of teaching, training, and empowering our Youth and Young Adults for Lay Ministry, Global Leadership, and Service Following the Tenets of Jesus Christ.
- Implementing a separate Young Adult Budget that will allow for fundraising to assist any Young Adults to attend District and Connectional Meetings allowing inclusiveness and experience in the Laity.
- Put into practice a day where Young Adults are shadowing District Officers of their interest.
- Increase the events and activities for Young Adults during District Meetings in addition to the Lay Christian Arts Festival.

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