

# RECAP

## *Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission*



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### **Recap of President's Greetings**

“...there must be rigorous training and development strategies that not only focus on the AMEC but also encompasses the teachings of Jesus Christ. In conjunction with the Connectional Lay's Director of Lay Activities (DOLA), the FEDLO's DOLA is working hard to ensure the best possible training methods for both clergy and laity of the Fifth Episcopal District.”

“...there must be an environment that is demographically inclusive, caring, supportive and vibrant in terms of spiritual life. This is a very high priority for FEDLO. A dedicated Lay Organization, on all levels, providing care, opportunities, and charismatic interactions for social services and church development is central to all that we do.”

“...one of my goals as President is to rapidly incorporate these elements into our program.”

# VISION vs MISSION: Which Comes First?

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## OVERVIEW

When people think of vision statements, there are usually two related but different things they picture. One is a vision statement, and one is a mission statement. These ideals are related and most organizations/churches end up combining them, but for the purpose of my conversation with you today, we'll treat them separately.

## DIFFERENCES Of The TWO

**VISION:** A vision statement describes how God sees the organization and instructs the Leader to carry it out. Vision focuses on the personality or make-up of the organization.

**MISSION:** A mission statement describes what actions will result from your vision.

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## VISION

*To be a Christ-centered and a purpose driven Lay Organization with influence.  
The kind of Influence that multiplies and helps other Laity and Lay  
Organizations be successful in achieving shared goals*

- \*Eradicate Inefficiencies and Increase Membership\*
- \*Developing a Voice of Reason\*
- \*Defining and Valuing our Worth\*
- \*Strengthening our Finance\*

# MISSION OF THE LAY ORGANIZATION

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#SUPERBOWLRING

### I envision the Lay Organization as a winning Super Bowl Team

- All Leaders understanding the Constitution & By-Laws
- Members Growing Spiritually
- With increased Global Involvement
- Leaders communication skills have improved, obtaining input during decision making.
- Increased Membership by 10%, targeting more Young Adults to be interested and involved.
- Using technology to advance the Lay Organization at all levels
- Allocating funds in alignment with the mission
- Being financially independent & stable
- Being prepared to impact General Conference through Legislation, Delegates, etc

# MAKING IT WORK

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This Administration is focused on **MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER** as a **CATALYST** to **GROW** the AME Church. Functioning as a **TEAM** means goals will be achieved, mission will be accomplished, others will follow, there will be endless possibilities.

### **As the TEAM forms it requires:**

- 1.** Time to become high performing
- 2.** Building healthy relationships with all members of the Executive Board.
- 3.** Each member taking responsibility to be punctual, spend quality time, be approachable, listen, ask questions, respect each other's ideas, interests and gifts, do what you say, be truthful and to provide constructive feedback

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# Questions

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**FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION**

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