

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

July 29th – July 31st 2015 | Airport Hilton | Kansas City, MO



Lamar Rose

1st VP, 5th District Lay Organization

FIFTY-EIGHTH (58TH) 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

Thank you once again for your vote of confidence, encourage and support as your 1st Vice president. I continued to take this charge serious and with the respect in which it has to offer. This past year has been packed with engagements with our president, conference presidents, and district. This year the district has seem levels of generosity and level of division, but by the grace of God, we stand strong and committed to the mission of the church and of the lay. As your 1st Vice president I have tried to research avenues for operational effectiveness and close gaps of personality differences.

As your finance chair, researched better ways to manage the district funds while pushing to align on our districts finance strategy and our vision for building a bigger, better Financial portfolio.

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

God can use all our uniqueness, even our limitations, and weaknesses, to communicate God's powerful presence and love. Generous living, generous support to the district is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with **the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors and district.**

Let's keep marching ahead as one and watch how God changes things.....

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58th Annual Session

Major Activities

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- Chair of the Finance Committee
- Chair of the District Convention
- Co-Chair of the Fundraising committee
- District graphical support
- Facilitate district legislation meetings

Major Meetings



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- 2014 Lay Convention

Future Plans

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- Go live with online accounting system by planning meeting 2015
- Implement lessons learn and training from this convention
- Integrate live broadcasting at every major lay function
- Hold bi-monthly meetings with conference 1st Vice President
- Hold monthly meetings with B&F team
- Establish a travel policy
- Create district Dropbox
- Enhance pre-registration process
- Facility a personality test/training for executive board

Recommendations

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- Establish a membership management database (1st VP budget)
- Officers and committees that have financial impact must submit a budget to the Budget & Finance Committee in order to be included in proposed 5th District Lay operating budget
- Committees report action plans and approved recommendations at planning meeting and midyear
- District conduct case study on purchasing equipment for usage at conventions and meeting throughout the district
 - Projectors and projection screens
 - Wireless microphones
 - Voting pads
 - Video camera

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Questions

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