

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

**MARILYN LOVELACE-GRANT**

*President, California Conference*

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

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# Opening Statement

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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

Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3.

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I am honored to present the report of the California Conference Lay Organization as your humble host. It has been a labor of love to prepare for the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization over the past year. And.....on a parallel track the CCLO has served the California Conference through lay training and programs.

We are excited about the work of the California Conference Lay Organization and how we continue to connect and strengthen relationships with the laity and clergy.

We want to thank everyone who have supported the CCLO with time, talent and finances, so that the CCLO could provide first class accommodations for the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization. A special thank you to the Co-Host Presiding Elders Booker T. Guyton and W. Bartalette Finney, local host Pastor Rev. Dr. Harold R. Mayberry, Rev. Phillip Cousins, Bethel AME Church....local host Lay President Lydia Thornton who stepped up big to insure that the CCLO would be awesome hosts.

# Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		22	
2. Number of Churches in Conference		28	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		339	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		(less 6)	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		33	
a. Connectional Officers:	0	g. Local Church Presidents:	11
b. District Officers:	2	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	15
c. Conference Presidents:	1	i. Local Church Youth Delegates:	1
d. Conference Adult Delegates:	5	j. Observers/clergy:	7
e. Conference Youth Delegates:	1	k. Director of Lay Activities:	1
f. Total Nr. First-Timers:	10	<b>TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES:</b>	<b>26</b>

6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:	0
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:	10
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:	6

# Conference Lay Projects or Accomplishments

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- Winter Revival – Rev. Freda Cash, Revival Preacher
- Training Institute – February
- 16 Annual Musical Extravaganza – May
- Lay Christian Arts Festival – May
- Lay Witness Day – May
  - Connectional Speakers: Dr. Willie Glover, Judge Patricia Mayberry
- Leadership Training – May.....Conducted by Judge Mayberry
- Annual Convention & Elections – June
- Prepared to Host the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization



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- **Officers Elected for 2014-2016**

- President.....Marilyn Lovelace-Grant
- First Vice President.....Millie Davis
- Third Vice President.....Karen Robinson
- Recording Secretary.....Norma Armstrong
- Treasurer.....Kenneth Fields
- Director of Lay Activities.....Walter Mitchell
- Director of Public Relations.....Karla Patterson

- **Host Convention Committee**

Vendors & Conference Attire.....Karen Robinson

Transportation.....Walter Mitchell & Regina Bryels

Hospitality.....Lydia Thornton

Convention Bags & Entertainment.....Roberta Williams

Souvenir Booklet.....Karla Patterson

AV – Duane Smith

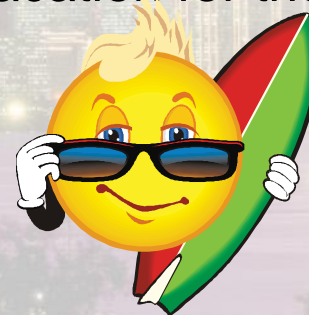
# Recommendations for Conference

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- Create a Convention Manuel....helpful for first time host presidents
- Convention Branding by District Leadership
  - Banner, Signs, Souvenir Booklet Cover Templates, Fliers
- Convention Debrief Meeting & Include Next Host Conference President
- Budget for an all expenses paid 2 week vacation for the Host Conference President



# Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$2,000
- District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: Paid in full



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# Questions

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