

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-SEVENTH (57TH) ANNUAL SESSION**  
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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

The Desert Mountain Conference Lay Organization greet you in Jesus' Joy. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve in providing the laity of the Desert Mountain Conference tools that will enhance their lives spiritually, physically and socially.

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."  
This is a comforting thought for God is in control.

I personally thank the officers and members of the Desert Mountain Conference Lay Organization for their support, stepping up, and carrying on in my presence, or absence, to ensure that processes and procedures are completed.

# Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		14	Cities 19
2. Number of Churches in Conference & Number of Cities		# Churches: 23	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		203	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		2 (Increase)/Decrease	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		16	
a. Connectional Officers:	1	g. Local Church Presidents:	4
b. District Officers:	0	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	5
c. Conference Presidents:	0	i. Local Church Youth Delegates:	0
d. Conference Adult Delegates:	3	j. Observers:	1
e. Conference Youth Delegates:	0	k. Director of Lay Activities:	1
f. Total Nr. First-Timers:	2	<b>TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES:</b>	16

6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:	3
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:	7
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:	9

# Conference Lay Projects or Accomplishments

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- Welcomed the 5<sup>th</sup> District President to the Conference for speaking engagement, Tanner Chapel AMEC in Phoenix, AZ
- Held successful 20<sup>th</sup> Annual DMCLO Convention, Campbell Chapel, Denver, CO
- Graduation Recognition Sunday
- Annual School Supplies
- Annual Christmas Outreach
- Chili Cook-Off
- Annual Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast
- New Membership/Disciples Classes
- Lay Membership Recruitment
- Lay Emphasis Sundays and Weekends

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- 2012 Doctrine and Discipline of the AMEC Workshop
- Know Your Church
- Protocol in the AME Church
- Mental Health Awareness
- Traditional and Contemporary Order of Worship
- Class Leaders Workshop
- Stewards and Stewardesses
- Trustees
- Constitution and By-Laws

# Recommendations for Conference

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- Look for opportunities to enhance teaching and training skills.
- Improve Lay and Clergy relationship.
- Team Building between Laity and Pastors at the seat of the convention.
- DMCCLO Website
- Digital Technology Research
- Invite Local Pastors of Churches who do not have Lay Organization to assist them in getting one started. Reach out through Presiding Elder to make it happen.
- Training on how to write and submit Legislation.
- Work at increasing number of registered delegates to Conference Convention.

# Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$1,450.00
- District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: \$ 0

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# Questions

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