

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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

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President, Pacific Northwest 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

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Conference Lay Organization Officers, and Members, I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am pleased to submit my first President's report on the Pacific Northwest Conference to the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization, at the 57th Annual Lay Convention.

Our Conference Theme: "Life in the Spirit with a Purpose Driven Laity" Romans 8:28. We thank God Currently there are 12 Churches with a Lay Organization.

To maintain strong communication with all Lay Presidents and members in our twelve churches was our main goal for this conference year. Reaching out to one another and share what is happening in the local ,Conference Lay Organization and the A.M.E. Church.

With October as the Lay Organization Membership Drive month each Lay Organization received fliers telling the laity "We Need You" join your Church Lay Organization. Held a members' drawing in November to the Church who had received new members.

Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		12	
2. Number of Churches in Conference & Number of Cities		12 Churches: 10	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		110	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		4 Increase	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		17	
a. Connectional Officers:	0	g. Local Church Presidents:	4
b. District Officers:	3	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	4
c. Conference Presidents:	1	i. Local Church Youth Delegates:	0
d. Conference Adult Delegates:	7	j. Observers:	2
e. Conference Youth Delegates:	0	k. Director of Lay Activities:	1
f. Total Nr. First-Timers:	2	TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES:	15
6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:		4	
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:		9	
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:		4	

Conference Lay Projects or Accomplishments

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Conference Meetings and Conventions:

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- Officers and Members attended Bishop T. Larry Kirkland's Planning Meeting, Mid Year Convocation, and The Call To the Wall4.
- Officers and Members attended Presiding Elder Delman E. Howard, Planning Meeting, District Conference and the Quarterly Conference Cluster meeting.
- Held PNWC Sixteenth Annual Lay Convention. Host Lay Organization - Bethel A.M.E.C. Lay Organization, Portland, Oregon
- Officers and Members of Primm Tabernacle A.M.E. and Walker Chapel A.M.E. Churches are serving on the 2014 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Committees.
- Conference Trip – President Shawlee Lee traveled Fairbanks, Alaska with the Conference Leadership Team and served as a presenter for one of the workshop.
- Paid the Fifth Episcopal District \$1,000.00 for the new Residence that was requested at the 2013 Planning Meeting.

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- Held the Annual Lay-Clergy Institute with three Plenary Sessions; Know Your AME Bible, Know Your Discipline, and Know Your Youth.
- Held the Richard Allen Legacy Award Luncheon. Honorees were six laypersons from the Conference churches.
- The Lay Christian Arts Festival was held on June 2, 2014. There are five winners who will travel to the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Convention to compete in the District LCAF.
- Conference Trip – Twenty members traveled to Great Falls, Montana in May to fellowship with Union Bethel A.M.E. Church, and Wayman A.M.E. Church (Billings, Montana) worshipped and received Leadership Training from our Fifth Episcopal District, Director of Lay Activities, Attorney Patricia Mayberry who facilitated two workshops.
- Purchased 30 new A.M.E. Hymnals and Church Materials for Wayman A.M.E. Church in Billings, Montana

Recommendations for Conference

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- Historical Trip – Thirty Five members traveled in November to the First and Second Episcopal Districts and visited Mother Bethel in Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.
- To increase PNWC Lay members Denominational IQ. The Lay Academy believes member training should focus on four key areas: History, Organization, Polity and Education using the AME Lay learning materials.
- Develop A Youth Plan under YAR

Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$1,350
- District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: \$ 0

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Questions

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