

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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

Dr. Dorothy Vails-Weber

President, Southern 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

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Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		49	
2. Number of Churches in Conference & Number of Cities		56 Churches: 36	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		392	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		6 (Increase)	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		49	
a. Connectional Officers:	2	g. Local Church Presidents:	23
b. District Officers:	4	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	47
c. Conference Presidents:	1	i. Local Church Youth Delegates:	2
d. Conference Adult Delegates:	5	j. Observers:	0
e. Conference Youth Delegates:	2	k. Director of Lay Activities:	6
f. Total Nr. First-Timers:	9	TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES:	49

6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:	1
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:	19
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:	15

Conference Lay Projects or Accomplishments

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God really blessed the Southern California Conference Lay Organization over the past twelve months.

Listed are organizations accomplishments during the past twelve months.

- Annual fall Extravaganza: November event was successful both financially and programatically. The 2013-2014 awards were given during this event. The recipients are: Mr. Joseph McCombs, The Floyd Webster “Trail Blazer Award”, Mrs. Ernestine Fletcher, The Evangelish Award, Mr. Raymond Hall, The Community Service Award, and Rev. Larry Campbell was named Pastor of the Year. Two \$500. scholarships were awarded to students attending post-secondary institutions.
- Annual “Spring Into Fashion” Fashion show was held in February. This is an opportunity for fun and fellowship, and it provided a financial stimulas to our budget. This was a sold out event

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- Bishop T. Larry Kirkland was the revivalist for our Annual Lay Spring Revival. This event has been an annual program for the past three years.
- The SCCLO Annual convention was held June 12-14, 2014, First AME Pasadena; Mr. Robert Sherman, local president, Rev. Dr. Allen Williams, host pastor. The second day of the convention, Friday, was devoted to training the entire day, 9AM to 5PM., Jackie Dupont-Walker, Director of Lay Activities. Four workshops were presented by clergy and laity teams: What Every Leader Needs To Ponder: Called and Chosen...Called by Whom...To What: Sistah “ Jackie” Dupont-Walker & Pastor Mary Minor. Murph Chapel. Accountability for Financial Matters: Pastor and Membership In Partnership: Bro Jeff Hill & Pastor Cedric Alexander, Price, Los Angeles Strategic Planning: How to Get The Most Out of AME Scholarships. Dr. Lance Williams & Rev. Clyde Oden Bryant Temple. (The topic of scholarships was used as an example to demonstrate how to do strategic planning)

Recommendations for Conference

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- Increasing Our Territory- How to Grow Your Local Lay Organization in Mission and Membership. Sis. Kathy Drayton & Pastor Arthur Rumph, Grant, Los Angeles
- Executive Board meetings in September, December, March
- Lay Council Training sessions in October, January, April.
- Workshop/Lesson is presented during each executive board meeting.

Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$2,400
- District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: \$ x,xxx

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Questions

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