

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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



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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; Clergy; Delegates; Visitors and Friends

“Humble yourself before the Lord and He will exalt you” James 4:10. This is my report as being the 5th District Lay Second Vice President. I was asked to formulate a Strategic Calendar Planner Booklet for the 5th District Lay Organization which included the officers and calendar dates for the 5th District Lay Organization as well as the other six conferences from July 2014 - December 2015 and therefore the booklets were sold for \$5.00 during our last convention in Oakland, California per the request of President Simeon Rhoden. A special thanks to First Vice President Lamar Rose for the printing of the color planner and the specific designing that denoted the highlight places involved with that conference. As stated in the Connectional Lay Organization Constitution & By-Laws part of my responsibility is to compose suggestions and formulate plans relating to strategic planning documental statements for the organization’s objectives and future goals.

Major Activities

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- I have formulated a July 2015-December 2016 Strategic Calendar Planner Directory that will appear on the 5th District Lay Organization website where you can personally download the directory for yourself.
- The short term goals I would like to present are as follows:
- The support of the total membership to be involved with the training opportunities as being presented by the 5th District Director Of Lay Activities during Midyear Convocation and the 5th District Lay Organization Conventions for the dissemination as training documents to the Conference Directors Of Lay Activities for the training of their membership in each conference.
- The increasing of outreach program activities by the 5th District Lay Organization in each conference.
- The focusing on spiritual education of the Bible within the 5th District Lay Organization with more emphasis on personal evangelism and studying of God's Word under the direction of the 5th District 3rd Vice President.
- To process evaluation results of the 5th District Lay Organization Convention by conference call immediately following the convention to ensure continued success for future conventions.

Major Meetings

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- Planning Meeting November 2014
- Midyear Convocation March 2015
- Attending 58th Session of the 5th District Lay Organization Convention July 28-July 31, 2015
- Attending 34th Biennial Lay Organization Convention August 2-6, 2015

Future Plans

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- The long term goals I would like to present are as follows:
- To start an investment project plan proposal for the 5th District Lay Organization such as the 5th District Lay Organization 300 Covenant Membership Fund to generate additional income for the 5th District Lay Organization.
- To increase feedback from the Young Adults Representatives throughout the conferences by having them to serve on committees as chairperson and on the Executive Board so that they can be mentored into these future positions.
- To generate the increased dollars for awarding scholarships in each conference.
- To focus on the environmental changes in which the organization will be planning, implementing and establishing the dynamic preparation for the future as the vitality of the organization for development and growth.
- To generate a greater involvement and advocacy for the supporting of Social Action initiatives throughout the entire 5th Episcopal District.
- To seek support from corporate source sponsorship within the 5th Episcopal District to assist the organization in self-empowerment provision as stated by our illustrious founder Bishop Richard Allen, so that we will no longer have to rely on assistance from the 5th Episcopal District Bishop.

Recommendations

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- Long Term Goal
- The 5th District Lay Organization 300 Covenant Membership Fund procedure will follow as \$300.00 now or \$25.00 per month for twelve (12) starting in July 2015 for those members that would like to contribute monthly. Financial Secretary will keep a record of contributors to this fund. A certificate will be presented at the 5th District Award Banquet to all who have met their \$300.00 covenant commitment. A separate investment banking fund shall be set up for all monies received in a long term CD or a fund account to get the best interest possibly. These funds shall not be used in the daily operational budget of the 5th District Lay Organization.

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Questions

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