

# African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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



**Marilyn Lovelace-Grant**

*President, California Conference*

**FIFTY-EIGHTH (58TH) 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; Clergy; Delegates; Visitors and Friends

## “A SEASON TO STEP UP”

And finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might  
Ephesians 6:10

The California Conference Lay Organization is pleased to make our report for this program year. For every hill there is a valley and for every valley there is a hill. We thank God for his promise that he will show us a more excellent way.

The California Conference theme this past year has been “A Season to Step Up”. This has been a year to stretch in ministry and the work of the Lay Organization. Members have been asked to give their best in time and talent. Faithful members have carried more than their fair share of the load. New members have challenged the status quo. We are excited about what God is doing with the California Conference Lay Organization as we move to a higher level of service.

# Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		21	
2. Number of Churches in the Conference & Number of Cities		28 Churches: 277 cities	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		335	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		4 Decrease	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		12	
a. Connectional Officers:	0	g. Local Church Presidents:	1
b. District Officers:	2	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	1
c. Conference Presidents:	1	i. Local Church Youth Delegates:	2
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>	<b>11</b>

6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:	8
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:	5
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:	9



# Conference Lay Projects/Accomplishments

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- Gospel Jazz Breakfast September 2014
- Lay Witness Night September 2014
  - Theme: "A Season to Step Up"
  - Tasion Kwamilele, Local YPD Director, Speaker
  - Jene'l Sconier, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. Lay YAR, Mistress of Ceremony
- 17 Annual Musical Extravaganza January 2015
- Training Day March 2015
  - Church Finances – P.E. Cedric Alexander Presenter
  - General Conference Church Delegates – Randy Scott, Presenter
- General Membership Meeting Sparks Nevada April 2015
- Lay Witness Day May 2015
- LCAF May 2015



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- Annual Convention June 2015
  - Historical Skit of the Lay Org., Marilyn Lovelace-Grant, Facilitator
  - The Bishops Council – Gloria Maness, Presenter
- Executive Board Meetings Conducted by Conference Call
- Presiding Elder Connections
- Attended the Nov. & March 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Executive Board Meetings



# Recommendations for District

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- District Conduct Focus Groups Within Each Conference
  - Building Lay Organizations from the local to the District Level
  - Challenges & Threats of the Lay Organization
  - Opportunities for the Lay Organization (New or Re-Mix)
  - Strategies to Grow and Develop the Lay Organization: Short and long-term
- Training Topic – Establishing Non-Profits
  - 501c3 or other structures
  - Process
  - Benefits to the Lay Organization
  - Disadvantages to the Lay Organization





# Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$2,000



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# Questions

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