

# African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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



**Melba Salter**

*Desert Mountain Conference*

**FIFTY-SEVENTH (58TH) ANNUAL SESSION**  
**FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION**

*Hosted by The Midwest Lay Organization*

# 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

The Desert Mountain Conference Lay Organization is looking forward to a spirit-filled, informational and motivational convention.

We are grateful for The Midwest Conference Lay Organization for hosting this 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the Fifth District Lay Convention.

# Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		14	19
2. Number of Churches in Conference & Number of Cities		23 Churches	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		210	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		Increase of 7	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		19	
a. Connectional Officers:	1	g. Local Church Presidents:	4
b. District Officers:	0	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	8
c. Conference Presidents:	1	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 Number of First-Timers	0	<b>TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES:</b>	<b>18</b>

6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:	5
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:	0
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:	10

# Conference Lay Projects/Accomplishments

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- Compiled a Desert Mountain Conference Lay Organization directory, which includes the names of members, churches, and pastors with contact information
- Finalizing the work on a quilt project that is being designed as a Centennial project for the Desert Mountain Conference to be placed in archives
- Participated in an Evangelism Walk in Holy Trinity Community Church neighborhood
- Held an annual Black History “Unity in the Community” Fellowship Breakfast with a silent auction
- Sponsored an annual “Day at the Park”
- Sponsored an annual “Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Breakfast” with over 760 participants

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- Held an Electoral College Workshop at the Rocky Mountain District Convention and showed the ECHOS video about the AME General Conferences
- Hosted Lay Emphasis Weekends
- Host weekly New Disciples training classes
- Participated in Mental Health Seminars

# Recommendations for Conference

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- Identify economic ways to get more people certified on Parliamentary Procedures
- Identify ways of getting more young people age (18-30) involved in the Lay Organization
- Incorporate some team building activities in our meetings.

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- None at this time

# Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$1750
- District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: \$ x,xxx



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# Questions

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