

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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Commission on Health Report

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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

•Daniel 1:12-15

- **12-Please test your servants for ten days. Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink.**
- **13-Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food. And treat your servants in accordance and what you see.**
- **14-So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.**
- **15-At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.**

Committee Assignment

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- The Objective of The Commission on Health From The Doctrine And Discipline Of The African Methodist Episcopal Church
- The Health Commission is to promote the health concerns of members of the AME Church. It shall advocate health care as aright and not a privilege. It shall also challenge and work to reform to the unjust structure that prevalent in health delivery systems. It shall encourage each organization in our church to include a health component in its life and work.
- The Health Ministry Objectives of the Fifth District on Health are:
 - To focus on health and wellness for all people
 - To distribute information received from the African Methodist Episcopal Church Health Commission
 - To promote wholeness of adults, youths and children of our congregations and communities through service, programs and activities targeting the mind, body and soul.

Committee Activities

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- Education is important in understanding-which hopefully leads to healthy behavior, change and ways to cope with chronic problems.
- Our churches have worked very hard putting together workshops, health fair, community activities, conferences and conventions providing information to the community.
- **H**ealth education-new knowledge to make healthy changes
- **E**mpowerment for persons to improve their own lives
- **A**dvocacy for individuals and public policy
- **L**istening, counseling
- **T**raining, learning skills
- **H**ome/hospital visitation

Recommendations

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. All Churches have an Emergency Health Contact Form for your members. Put in a safe secure place in the health room
- 2. Conferences have First Aid Encounter Form and Consent Form for First Aid Treatments
- 3. Each conference appoint a Chair and Co-Chairpersons

RATIONALE

- 1. Legal/law suit protection
- 2. Speedy/faster treatment in the Emergency Room at the hospital or EMT
- 3. Report to the Commission on Health twice a year of your activities

Prayerfully submitted

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Questions



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