

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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



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President, Pacific Northwest 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

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Conference Lay Organization Officers, and Members, I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I am pleased to submit my second President's report on the Pacific Northwest Conference to the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization, at the 58th Annual Lay Convention.

Our Conference Theme: "Life in the Spirit with a Purpose Driven Laity" Romans 8:28. We thank God Currently there are nine (9) Churches with a Lay Organization as we work with three (3) of our Churches to sustain their Lay Organization.

To maintain strong communication with all Lay Presidents and members in our twelve churches was our main goal for this conference year. Reaching out to one another and share what is happening in the local ,Conference Lay Organization and the A.M.E. Church.

With October as the Lay Organization Membership Drive month each Lay Organization received fliers telling the laity "We Need You" join your Church Lay Organization. Held a members' drawing in November to the Church who had received new members; FAME and Walker AMEC, Seattle tied at the time.

Statistical Report

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1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference:		9	
2. Number of Churches in Conference & Number of Cities		12 Churches: 10	
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization		115	
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year		5 Increase	
5. Number of Persons to This Convention:		15	
a. Connectional Officers:	0	g. Local Church Presidents:	3
b. District Officers:	3	h. Local Church Adult Delegates:	6
c. Conference Presidents:	1	i. Local Church Youth Delegates:	0
d. Conference Adult Delegates:	6	j. Observers:	1
e. Conference Youth Delegates:	0	k. Director of Lay Activities:	1
f. Total Nr. First-Timers:	0	TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES:	14

6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year:	7
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year:	10
8. Number of Workshops Held Last Year:	4

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Conference Meetings and Conventions:

- Officers and Members attended Bishop T. Larry Kirkland's Planning Meeting, Mid Year Convocation, and The Call To the Wall5.
- Officers and Members attended Presiding Elder Spencer Barrett, Planning Meeting, District Conference and our plan to attend the Quarterly Conference Cluster meeting scheduled for August 8, 2015.
- Held PNWC Seventeenth Annual Lay Convention. Host Lay Organization – Primm Tabernacle A.M.E.C. Lay Organization, Seattle, WA.
- Participated and have taken ownership in the Fifth District Lay Organization Personal Evangelism Project where not only two of our requested officers but various members shared their faith experience.

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- Held the Annual Lay-Clergy Institute titled “All in the Family and the African-American Methodist denominations in the United States – African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ) Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. A brief history was provided for each denomination with questions and answers with their similarities for the members.
- Held the Richard Allen Legacy Award Luncheon. Honorees were six laypersons from the Conference churches.
- The Lay Christian Arts Festival was held on May 2, 2015. There are three winners who will travel to the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Convention to compete in the District LCAF.

Budget

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- District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: \$1350
- District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: \$ 0

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Questions

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