

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

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Young Adult representative, 5th District Lay Organization

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

“I Will Bless The Lord At All Times And His Praises Shall Continually Be In My Mouth!”

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My name is Jene'l A. Sconier and I am the Young Adult Representative of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church! I am excited that the Lord has continued to shine His light on me and allowed me to have the heart to “Move Forward” and expand on the roles and duties of this position. The Young Adult Representative shall be responsible for coordinating, teaching, and training, opportunities for young adults and youth in conjunction with the Director of Lay Activities (DOLA), to voice the concerns and vision of a new generation of laity, and to serve as Christian mentors to a younger generation of African Methodists. Other duties include, but are not limited is: providing adequate training programs for Young Adults, expressing concerns of Young Adult Laity, and serving as a mentor to Youth (under 18) so that they will become active members of the Lay Organization when they reach 18.

Major Activities

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- Coordination of the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Fifth District Lay Christian Arts Festival,
- Mistress of Ceremony for California Conference's 2014 Lay Witness Night theme: "A Season To Step Up",
- Informal Presentation through Skype for the Desert Mountain Conference during their 2015 Lay Weekend - "Know Your Church and Lay Organization",
- and Guest Lecturer for Ebenezer's AME Church 2015 Women's Day Program – "The Heart Of A Young Woman" topic: 'Self & Social Media'

Major Meetings

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- Planning Meeting November 2014
- 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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- Continue to work with the Director of Publications in establishing 5th District Lay YAR Social Media Websites - Creating Social Media Pages; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube Channel, Pinterest, etc., and research different technological forms that will allow for individuals to be apart of the various meetings if physical appearance is not able, i.e., SKYPE, GO-TO-MEETING, etc.,
- Continue working with the Director of Lay Activities to develop ongoing Youth & Young Adult Workshops that can be organized throughout the District,
- Plan a 5th District Young Adult Retreat,
- and Work with designated District Officers/Chairpersons to include at least one Young Adult on their respective committees.

Recommendations

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- Increase the events and activities for Young Adults during District Meetings in addition to the Lay Christian Arts Festival during District Meetings,
- Designate a time and space that Young Adults can meet in conjunction with the Delegation and not just “Get in, where we fit in”
- Encourage designated District Officers/Chairpersons to include at least one Young Adult on their respective committees,
- and Modifications to the Lay Christian Arts Festival to include – SPOKEN WORD, RAP, and VIDEO/MOVIE CLIP.

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Questions

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