

# 58<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION KANSAS CITY

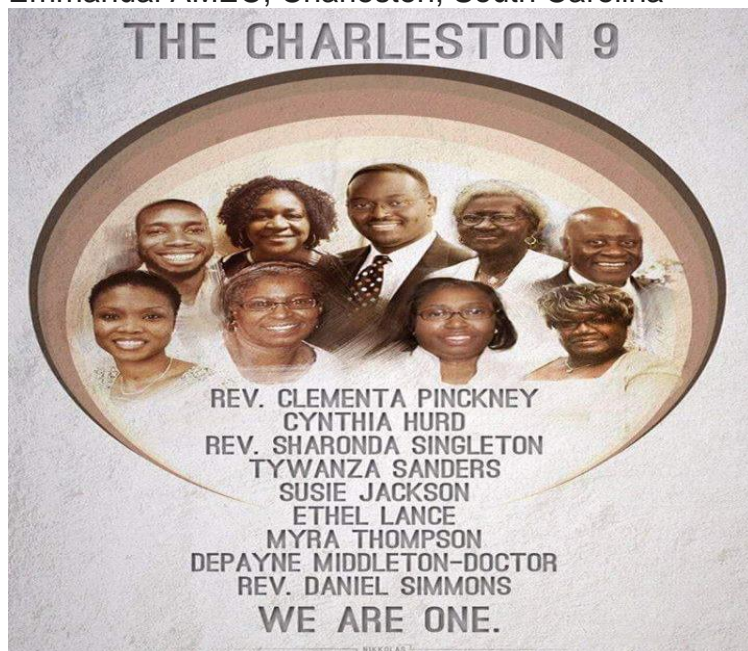


HISTORIOGRAPHER REPORT MARCH 2016  
SYNERGY MINI CONVENTION 5TH DISTRICT  
LAY ORGANIZATION DR. VERDA BRADLEY

**PHILADELPHIA** — The U.S. Postal Service began the national observance of Black History Month with the dedication of a Forever stamp honoring preacher, activist and civic leader the Reverend Richard Allen for his inspirational life and profound contribution to American history. The ceremony was held at Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded by Allen.

The stamp is the 39th in the Postal Service's Black Heritage stamp series, which began in 1978 with a stamp honoring abolitionist Harriet Tubman. It coincides with the 200th anniversary of Bishop Allen's founding of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church.

June 18, 2015 nine killed at prayer meeting at Emmanuel AMEC, Charleston, South Carolina



Under the leadership of Mr. Simeon Rhoden Jr. 250 persons attended the 58th Lay Convention in Kansas City, MO July 29-31, 2015. 120 persons were registered as delegates. 5th District Lay Organization recognized the Rev. Cedric Alexander (Now Presiding Elder) as Outstanding Pastor, Ms. Cassandra Marshall was voted as the Outstanding Young Adult, and Judge Patricia Mayberry as the Outstanding Lay Person. Nixetta Williams received the Dr. Jamye Coleman-Williams award. Nona Simpkins, J.D. Williams award and the Presidents Circle, went to Patricia Samuel. Also recognized were Clinton Randolph Community Service, Garnita James, Evangelism. 5<sup>th</sup> District donated the LAOS offering totaling \$1,500 dollars to the Cultural Arts Center in Kansas City, MO. 5<sup>th</sup> District was strong with 120 attendees to the 34th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization in Charleston, SC. Of that number 65, were delegates. 5 District delegates made significant impact throughout the Connection. Nine pieces of legislation were reviewed hopefully will move to the General Conference.

President Rhoden stressed we must prioritize goals:

1. Strategize to implement legislation in our communities; Inform and speak against racial inequality;
2. Break the chains of hypocrisy and misunderstanding in our local churches and communities;
3. Build and restore laws that empower the people to get out and vote;
4. Continuation of purpose driven training and development strategies that inspire and enhance the mind, body and soul of Laity.



Fred J. Stuart was instrumental in the growth of the Lay Organization in Southern California Conference through his leadership as President for eight years. He dedicatedly served as President of the 5<sup>th</sup> District for eight years and brought new life

into the organization. Fifth District boundaries cover 15 states and he tried to visit each one. He then went on to serve as Connectional Lay Organization Parliamentarian for eight years. It is with great sadness we acknowledge his passing. He will be missed!

### Candidates Forum



# 2015-2016

## Historiographer's Activities

58<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention Kansas, MO July 29-31, 2015

34<sup>th</sup> Biennial Charleston, South Carolina August 2-7, 2015

5<sup>th</sup> District Planning Meeting, Los Angeles Oct 28 2015

CLO Executive Board Meeting Oct 29- Nov. 1, 2015

Global Development Conference Trinidad Feb 22-24, 2015

## PICTURES: THANKS TO LAURA TERRY

Executive Board hard at work Mr. Alvin Brooks

Ms. Jacqueline Payton Lay Christian Arts Team

Praise Dancers Ms. Jene'l Sconier 5<sup>th</sup> District Delegates

LCAF Ms. Lovelace.

