

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

SIXTIETH (60TH) ANNUAL SESSION

The Diamond Anniversary Year – Laity Synergized-5th District Unified, A Holy Nation

FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION

Hosted by: The Pacific Northwest Conference Lay Organization
(Alaska, Montana, Oregon, Washington)



June 29th – July 1st 2017 | Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel, Seattle, WA



Pamela Williams

President, Missouri Conference



Introduction

To: Bishop Clement W. Fugh, Presiding Prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District; Mrs. Alexia B. Fugh, 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 greet you with Jesus joy. I pray that the awesome power of God is moving throughout your Conferences and guiding you in magnificent directions.

We have had overwhelming support of our events this year: the Annual Prayer Breakfast in January had to be canceled due to icy weather, but the Holy Smoke! in February broke attendance records again this year. In June, we held our 2nd Annual Lay Convention. We continue to conduct monthly meetings and special conference call meetings as needed.

We continue to cultivate the membership of the local organizations and we have revitalized the Lay at two of our outlying churches where they were inactive but have now started participating on the local & conference levels.

Our final major event of this year will be the Missouri Annual Conference Lay Witness Night in Friday, October 6, 2017. Plans are still in the works.

Thank you to District President, Simeon Rhoden, for helping the Missouri Conference to have a very successful year. A special thank you to my Advisors, MCLO past presidents Lamar Rose, Nona Simpkins and Samantha Kendall for the advice, instruction and for answering questions, and to the officers & members of the MCLO for the steadfast support to make this a very successful year.

We welcome you to join us at any of our meetings and all of our events. Please keep the Missouri Conference Lay Organization in your prayers as we are in continual prayer for each of you.

Yours in His Service,
Pamela L. Williams, MCLO President



Statistical Report

1. Number of Local Lay Organizations in the Conference: **23**
2. Number of Churches in Conference: **30**
3. Total number of members in Lay Organization: **204**
4. This is an Increase/Decrease Over Last Year: **Increase**
5. Number of Persons to This Convention: **14**
6. Number of Persons Deceased This Year: **1**
7. Number of Churches Visited Last Year: **1 – unless you consider that our monthly meetings are held at a different church every month**

Recommendations for Conference/District

Recommendations came from local church members, not directly from the Conference President

- Revitalize the LCAF
- Do regular newsletters or letters from the District regarding what's happening, so the local members are updated.
- Seminars to encourage and facilitate effective collaboration between the Lay and Clergy.

Lay Projects/Accomplishments

- Missouri Conference Lay Organization's Holy Smoke
- MCLO 2nd Annual Convention
- MCLO Celebrated Birthdays for members age 90 and over
- Supplied new winter coats to children
- Annual Lay Day
- What Every AME Should Know Lessons on the Five Conferences
- How to Prepare and Take Communion
- Pray for Your Pastor/Spouse and Presiding Elder
- Workshop: A Biblical Perspective of Giving
- Partnered with our First Lady's Spoonful Of Love Ministry to feed the homeless
- "Advent by Candlelight"
- "Getting to Know the StJ" church ministry forum
- Annual Conference and Planning Meeting Review
- Lay Trivia Night
- Showed the DVD "The Spirit of African Methodism - Annual Resource Guide 2016-2017" by the Council of Bishops of AME Church
- Held a flea-market
- Hosted Church Anniversary Celebration
- Hosted Sacred Conversations sessions with St. Charles Ministerial Alliance
- Assisted with the New members Class and Bible study
- Assist with running joint VBS with Charleston United Methodist Church for third consecutive year
- Partnered with two other AME churches and a local motorcycle club on the Shoeboxes of Caring program, which provided more than 100 gifts for foster children in the Missouri Bootheel
- Led partnership with St. James AME to operate a fireworks stand as a church fundraiser
- Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon w/Souvenir Journal

Budget

District Budget Paid Prior to Convention: **\$2100.00**

District Budget Paid On-Site at Convention: **\$0000.00**

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