

## **Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization**

### **Living Legend Guidelines**

#### About Living Legend Membership in Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

Living Legend Membership will be granted to any Lay Member in the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization according to the provisions of Section 14 through Section 16 and Subsections 1-5 of the Constitution & By-laws of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### **Section 14:**

A.) Living Legend Membership nominee will be established for those members of the Fifth District Lay Organization who have served the District as officers and/or standing committee chairpersons for a period of not less than eight (8) years,

OR

B.) Living Legend Membership nominee must have served 16 years of continuous/meritorious service within the Lay Organization as follows:

- Have provided outstanding leadership
- Have made outstanding contribution to the Lay Organization
- Is an active member of their Local and Conference Lay Organizations for a period of not less than four (4) continuous quadrennials?
- Upon recommendation, all of the requirements must have been met by being verified through the Conference Representative
- The recommendation must be submitted through the Living Legend nomination form, accompanied with a one page resume/ bio and enrollment fee.

C.) All such recommendations shall be reviewed by the Fifth District Lay Organization Living Legend Conference Representative, Conference Representative Committee and then the 5<sup>th</sup> District Award Chairperson for final approval.

D.) Once the Living Legend Member nominee is approved by the Fifth District Lay Organization Living Legend Conference Representative, Conference Representative Committee and the 5<sup>th</sup> District Award Chairperson. The Living Legend Member will receive and acquire all of the privileges as set forth in the Constitution and By-laws of the 5th Episcopal District Lay Organization as well as being a member in good and regular standing in their Local and Conference Lay Organizations.

E.) All newly nominated Living Legend Member will be responsible to pay a one-time enrolment fee. (See application for the cost)

Subsection 1. Member should continue to be active in their Local and Conference Lay Organizations as long as their health permits.

Subsection 2. Member who is not elected delegates, will receive a 25% discount on registration to the 5th Episcopal District Lay Convention. This discount does not pertain to any other district meetings or events.

Subsection 2a. When a Member is elected a delegate to the 5th Episcopal District Lay Organization Convention or is an elected officer serving at the 5th Episcopal District Lay level, then the registration privilege is suspended.

Subsection 3. Members shall be extended all the rights and privileges of other active members of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization as set forth in Section 14D.

Subsection 4. Members shall remain a member in the conference where nominated even though he/she moves to a different conference within the 5th Episcopal District.

Subsection 5: Any provisions or condition not expressly covered in either the Constitution & By-laws of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization shall be interpreted and construed in keeping with the long established policy, custom, tenets and traditions of African Methodist Episcopal Church, the AME Doctrine & Discipline and Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised edition.

## Section 15

### **5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Membership Processing Procedures:**

1. Any member of the Local Lay Organization can make a nomination to their Conference for 5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Membership.
2. Applications are available from the Conference Representative and 5th District Lay Award Chairperson or on the website. ([www.fifthdistrictlay.org](http://www.fifthdistrictlay.org))
3. All application forms must have the required signatures such as Local and Conference Representative if they are being presented as a nominee for consideration as a 5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Membership in addition to must be accompanied by one-time enrollment fee as stated on the application enrollment form. (See Section 14 #E)
4. Members requesting Living Legend Membership will have to apply no later than ninety days (90 days) prior to the annual convention meeting of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization.

5. Application form and a one page resume/bio should be sent for the person desiring 5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Membership status to the Conference Representative. He/she should keep a copy of documents and copy enrollment fee for his/her records. The Conference Representative will send all of the documents to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Award Chairperson with the one-time enrollment fee. Then chairperson will send all monies directly to Financial Secretary of the 5<sup>th</sup> District after being approved by the Conference Representative, Conference Representative Committee and the 5<sup>th</sup> District Award Chairperson. A copy of the fee, application and resume/bio will stay with the 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Award Chairperson.

6. 5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Membership will be granted only once during the Conference Year.

7. A Conference cannot have more than a total of seven (7) 5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Members per Conference.

8. No additional Living Legend Member applications will be approved or accepted if the Conference has more than a total of seven (7) names unless the death of one of the Members has occurred during the Conference year and before the ninety (90) day annual convention meeting rule (See procedure number 4).

## **Section 16**

### **5<sup>th</sup> District Living Legend Membership Benefits:**

- Shall have special seating status at all Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization Conventions and worship services.
- Shall be responsible for purchasing decorum such as Living Legend Membership Jacket.
- March in together at the worship services behind the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization Officers.
- Shall have discounts on Registration fee not to exceed 25% to the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization Convention if not a delegate and/or 5<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization office.
- Receive a plaque showing the year of induction.
- Receive a special Living Legend pins.
- Shall have the privilege and honor of being part of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization Executive Board, but will not be paid a stipend to attend conventions unless he/she is an actual Executive Board Member.

Below list the name and phone number of your Conference Representative:

California Conference: Walter Mitchell (650) 871-1785

Desert Mountain Conference: JoAn Cooks (480) 330-4768

Midwest Conference: Doris Bailey (913) 334-3256

Missouri Conference: Pat Samuel (314) 458-7704

Pacific Northwest Conference: Sandy Nelson (206) 251-7870

Southern California Conference: Pearline Hayes (619) 582-2296

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