



# African Methodist Episcopal Church

## Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

### Sixty Fifth (65<sup>th</sup>) Annual Session

FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION  
Hosted by: California Conference

Committee Name:

Issues Facing the Church & Nation

Committee Chair:

Wendell Callaway

#### Committee Assignment/Activities:

- The Committee shall identify and bring burning issues to the fore-front which are facing our "Zion" with recommended solutions, programs and opportunities for addressing these issues
- The plan is for the Committee to meet once or twice a month as we continue to address the issues impacting the AME Church

#### Recommendations:

- Work with other demographics to increase voter registration for people of color
- Social Action and AME/V Alert work with other organizations outside of the Church
- Look at Grants and donations to help local Churches with funding
- Share information across the conferences and Districts that benefit the AME Churches
- Bring Scouting back to our Churches to get more young people involved

#### Issues Discussed, Findings, Conclusion:

- Voter Registration and how difficult it is for people of color to vote
- Member retention/growing the Lay Organization at all levels and have more Young People involved at all levels of the Church
- Supreme Court Decisions that are affecting the Church
- Developmental department to identify resources for Churches
- Missing Retirement Funds and the impact on the AME Church
- Virtual/Hybrid Church to reach members that have not returned due to COVID

#### Budgetary Needs:

2022-23 Committee Budget needs: **\$TBD**

- Listed Activities
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#### Committee members:

- Wendell Callaway, Geneva Allen - Patterson, Karen Caffee and Barbara McCombs