

# 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

Conference:

Missouri

Conference President:

Brenda Simpson

1. Number of Churches in Conference: 29
2. Number of Local Lay Organizations: 17
3. Number of New Local Lay Organizations 2021 - 2022: 01
4. Does the Conference have a Young Adult Representative: No
5. Number of Young Adult Representatives in the Conference: 0
6. Total number of Lay Organization members: 167

#### Accomplishments last conference year:

- Renamed our Outreach Ministry "The Samantha Kendall Outreach Ministry. Donated 2000 diapers and wipes to the Crisis Nursery and Wellston Crisis Infant Ministries. Donated \$200.00 Gift Card to Family in need from one of our local churches. The committee under Sis Dorothy Powell started a "Donate Your Silver" so the Ministry will have operating funds.
- Partnered with the Mo Conference YPD for a "Day On MLK Day" support of a Food Pantry where we fellowshipped and worked to restock and organize donated can goods, health & beauty aids, and school utensils.
- Our Annual Prayer Breakfast Committee fed our souls via Zoo with Prayers from our Mo Better Conference Clergy and Laity.
- Two Lay Day Celebrations: Hosted by St Peter Speaker 5<sup>th</sup> District Sec Sis Jackie Payton inspired our hearts "Keeping it Real" and St. Paul invited Sis Odessa Owens "Lessons how to spiritually survive COVID".

Total number of training sessions held 2021 - 2022: 2

Training Topics: (e.g., Evangelism, Discipleship, Engaging Young Adults, Technology, and Economic Social Justice)

- Understanding Technology by Sis Jasmine Parker Zoom meeting.
- Technical Training by Sis Joanna Schooler, Shannon Schooler, Tamara Buck & Pam Williams where we were able to bring our own devices in person very effective.
- Wellness "How to Organize your Linen Closet" by DOLA Dorothy McGuffin
- Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts by Rev. Beverly Stith
- Living Legend Nuggets from MACLO Living Legends

Proposed Legislation, Constitution Amendments or By law Changes:

- District CBL approved our amendment to increase Cheer & Bereavement to \$50.00

Conference help needed:

- Increase Local Lay organization

Upcoming events:

- August 13 Bus Trip to Branson Mo to see the live play "JESUS"
- Visit Rural church