

African Methodist Episcopal Church Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

Sixty Fifth (65th) Annual Session

FIFTH DISTRICT LAY CONVENTION

Hosted by: California Conference



Conference:

Pacific Northwest

Conference President:

Bill Dickens

1. Number of Churches in Conference: **12**
2. Number of Local Lay Organizations: **6**
3. Number of New Local Lay Organizations 2021 - 2022: **0**
4. Does the Conference have a Young Adult Representative: **Yes**
5. Number of Young Adult Representatives in the Conference: **2**
6. Total number of Lay Organization members: **60**

Accomplishments last conference year:

- Read the 2016 Book of Doctrine and Discipline (ongoing).
- Visited Camp Baber & 4th District Episcopal Headquarters in Chicago, IL.
- Keynote Speaker for the CA Conference Lay Organization on "Revive, Commit & Grow" May 1, 2022.
- Wrote four (4) bills for the 52nd Quadrennial and one (1) bill for CLO CBL Amendment.
- Sponsored full-page ad for 2022 Turner Seminary for the induction of PE Barrett in their Hall of Fame.

Total number of training sessions held 2021 - 2022: **6**

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

- Developing Leaders, June 3, 2022.
- Worship in the Pandemic, June 3, 2022.
- Constitution and By-Laws, January 29, 2022.
- AME Articles of Incorporation & Articles of Religion April 29, 2022 - 2016 BODD, pp. 25-31 & 57-67.
- AME Bishops, October 30, 2021, 2016 BODD, pp. 3-6.

Proposed Legislation, Constitution Amendments or By law Changes:

- Growing the Local Lay Organization, 2. Restoring the Budget back to the Book of Discipline
- 3. Removing Sexist Language in the Lay Hymn, 4. Cut Travel Expenditure for Retirees

Conference help needed:

- Recognition of Lay Conference Officers (Never received our Credentials last year by Bishop Fugh), 2. Too many pastors choose not to create a local lay organization.

Upcoming events:

- PNWC Lay Witness Night at 131st PNW Annual Conference, August 5, 2022.
- PNWC Lay at the June 25th WNBA Home Basketball game – June 25th 2022, 6pm.