



# 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:

Southern California

Conference President:

Linda Smith

1. Number of Churches in Conference: **50**
2. Number of Local Lay Organizations: **48**
3. Number of New Local Lay Organizations 2021 - 2022: **none**
4. Does the Conference have a Young Adult Representative: **Yes**
5. Number of Young Adult Representatives in the Conference: **3**
6. Total number of Lay Organization members: **300**

#### Accomplishments last conference year:

- Membership Growth Goal Established. **24** Local Lays reported **74** new members
- Conducted a Virtual Fashion Show with **21** models and **147** virtual attendees
- Awarded **\$2,800** in scholarships to four continuing college students
- Successfully conducted Hybrid 2-day Revival and Annual Convention

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

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

- Class Leader Refresher Course
- Constitution & By Laws
- Social Action- Black Families in Child Welfare System
- Annual Conference Committees Structure
- Effective Leadership Tools for Local Lay Presidents

Proposed Legislation, Constitution Amendments or By Law Changes:

- None currently

Conference help needed:

- Offer District-Wide Training for new DOLAs

Upcoming events:

- 7/1/22 Kick Off a new pilot program ministering to Black Families in Child Welfare System
- 10/22- Lay Witness Night