



# District Committee Report

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## Committee members

**Rochelle Gray, Nedra Locke, Barbara E Blanton, Esq. , Carol Young, Dallas Richardson**

## Committee Activities

**I attended the 39th Biennial Lay Convention and met with Social Action Chair, Jeremy Satterwhite. We discussed the meaning of Social Action; Is a collective effort by individuals or groups to improve community well-being, influence public policy or drive institutional change. We further discussed some social issues facing our country at this time. The issue of the voter apathy and lack of participation in local elections was one of those discussions.**

## Issues Discussed, Findings, Conclusion

**Empowering and encouraging voter participation in local state municipal elections in every state in the 5th District. Empowering and encouraging our youth to vote in their local state municipal elections throughout the 5th District. We found that some voters do not vote in local state elections due to a lack of knowledge of the importance of voting in these elections. Citizens don't believe their vote count. Some feel due to the gerrymandering and redistricting, the power of the vote has been watered down and does not matter. We proposed each Conference collaborate and partner with like minded organizations , eg. Urban League, NAACP, Divine 9 , League**

of Women Voters to educate voters on the ballot issues in your respective state and communities. Invite them to the church to speak with your members. Invite local candidates running for office and hold candidate forums. Educate voters how to plan their voting action, voting regulations germane to your state. Educate membership on the duties and responsibilities of local officials. Attach voter registration to your public events. If your state has Grill to Glory , get involved and have voter registration attached to it. Visual Impact, if you are able to go as church to the polls , let's pick up our seniors, establish a time we can meet at the polling place to vote as a Church. We have designed shirts that we all could wear when voting at the polls. Theme, "Sacred Votes", We will not be silenced. Each Conference President disseminate to your Local Lay Organizations, and Local Lay share with your Church Membership. Take pictures of AME's voting at the polls and send to our Public Relations Director, Pam Williams to put in the District Lay Newsletter, Submit to Christian Recorder, After the November election have a Sacred Vote Sunday and wear your shirts and take picture of your Church membership and submit your pictures to Pam Williams. We will reach out to Mr Kirkpatrick who is a part of Rayac and has created a 5th District Social Action project, We will do It ourselves. We will reach out to the Connectional Social Action Chair to discuss the possibility to take this effort to other districts throughout the US to increase voter participation in local and state elections

**Recommendations**

**Budgetary Needs**  
(2026-27 Committee Budget needs)