

**ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
LAY ORGANIZATION
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**70th Annual Convention
Pre-Convention Guide
Revised: 5/7/2014**



June 17-20, 2014

**Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson, Episcopal Supervisor
Reverend Howard Williamson, Host Presiding Elder
Reverend Ranford Patterson, Host Pastor
Dr. Willie C. Glover, Connectional Lay President
Edith Bartley Cartledge, Connectional Director of Lay Activities
Charlie Nichols, Episcopal Lay President
Patricia Wright, Episcopal Director of Lay Activities
Brian Brown, Host Conference Lay President
Pamela Murphy, Host District Lay President
Esther Ferguson, Host Local Lay President**



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President's Message

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew: 28:18-20 ESV

Greeting Brothers and Sisters:

I take this opportunity to officially welcome you and all of our guest to the Breeze Island of Nassau, Bahamas. We welcome Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., and Supervisor Connie S. Richardson to the 70th Episcopal Convention of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization. We thank God for their leadership and commitment to the organization thereby making this convention a success.

I am extremely proud of the wonderful people of the Bahamas Conference for their time and dedication. They have worked endlessly to make our stay a pleasant stay and to make their island assessable for our enjoyment.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve as your Episcopal Lay President and thank you for your support and encouragement.

The following objectives can best be met when one works to understand the Program of the church and relate the church to the World around us.

The main objectives are stated in brief as follows:

1. To create a love and appreciation of the History and Principles of African Methodism.
2. Keep the memory of Richard Allen alive.
3. Respect Constituted Authority.
4. Stimulate and Educate the Laity in the Total Program of the Church.
5. Study the Discipline and learn the laws of the Church.
6. Encourage Financial Support of the Church's Program.
7. Teach and Practice Stewardship and work with the Youth to teach them Methodism.

Charlie Nichols



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The Official Family OFFICERS 2012-2016

- Charlie Nichols ----- President
- Deborah Langston ----- First Vice President
- Jai Ingraham ----- Second Vice President
- Lother Cherry ----- Third Vice President
- Delphine Jackson ----- Recording Secretary
- Ella Wilson ----- Assistant Recording Secretary
- Iva Major ----- Corresponding Secretary
- Pricilla Salter ----- Treasurer
- Mae Devoe Fields ----- Financial Secretary
- Dr. W. Dean Goldsby ----- Parliamentarian
- Coretta Omolola ----- Chaplain
- Beverly Outler ----- Historiographer
- Angela Surcey Garner ----- Director of Public Relations
- Eboni Curry ----- Young Adult Representative
- Patricia Wright ----- Director of Lay Activities

ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Beulah Gregory
- Dr. Samuel Hunter
- James L. Williams
- James Honor
- Tyrone Presley

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

- South - Richard Simpson
- Florida - Johnnie Hill, Jr.
- Central - Lenora Mobley
- West Coast - Hugh Yancy
- East - Aaron Jones
- Bahamas- Brian Brown

CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

- Eileen Warner-----3rd Vice President
- Tyrone Presley-----Chairman, CLEDC
- Samuel Hunter-----General Board Member Advisor, CLEDC
- Reginald McGill-----General Board Member



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Welcome to the Bahamas Conference!

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters

I want to take this time to extend a very warm welcome to all of you, especially if this is your first time gracing the shores of our beautiful Bahama land, welcome to the sunny isle of the Bahamas. We're delighted to have you here.

We welcome Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., and Supervisor Connie S. Richardson, Episcopal Lay President Charlie Nichols and the Eleventh District Lay Officers to the 70th Annual Episcopal District Lay Organization Convention.

As we gather here in the Bahamas to do the business of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us remember that we are called to be witnesses and ambassadors for the kingdom of God. We have come here to be instructed and inspired. Many messages, covering a variety of topics, will be given during the next few days. These men and women who will speak to you have sought heaven's help concerning the messages they will give.

It is my prayer that as Pastors and Laity, we would be filled with the Spirit of the Lord as we listen and learn in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, that our faith will be fortified and our testimonies deepened so that we can find strength in each other to stand strong amid the fiery darts of the evil one in these last days.

May God bless you and enjoy your stay while in the Bahamas.

Brian Brown

Conference Lay President



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“Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission in the African Methodist Episcopal Church”

DATE	TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES	LOCATION
<u>Monday, June 16th</u>		
2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.	EEDLO Office Opens	
2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.	Preparation of Kits for Distribution	
<u>Tuesday, June 17th</u>		
9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.	EEDLO Office Opens	
9:30a.m. - 6:00p.m.	Registration	
2:00p.m.-3:00p.m.	LEDC Board Meeting	
3:00p.m.-4:00p.m.	Directors of Lay Activities at Work	
4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.	First Timer's Orientation	
7:30p.m.	Opening Worship & Communion Service	Cousin-McPhee A.M.E. Church
<u>Wednesday, June 18th</u>		
6:30a.m.-7:30a.m.	Health Activities	
7:00a.m.-8:30a.m.	LEDC Breakfast	
8:00a.m. - 8:30a.m.	Registration	
8:40a.m.-9:00a.m.	Devotion/Bible Study	
9:15a.m.-12:00p.m.	General Assembly	
	a. Reading of Minutes	
	b. Reading of Standing Rules	
	c. President's Annual Report	
	d. Reports of Executive Board, Conference Presidents	
	e. Registrar's Report	
	f. All Committee Reports	
12:00noon-1:00p.m.	YAR Hour of Power	

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<u>Wednesday, June 18th (cont'd)</u>		
2:00p.m.-3:00p.m.	Lunch on your Own	
2:30p.m.-4:30p.m.	General Assembly Cont'd	
4:30p.m.-5:30p.m.	Commissions at Work	
6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.	Songfest (Concert)	
9:00p.m.-10:00p.m.	Commissions at Work	
<u>Thursday, June 19th</u>		
6:30a.m.-7:30a.m.	Health Activities	
8:00a.m- 8:30a.m.	Devotion/Bible Study	
8:30a.m.-9:00am	General Assembly Cont'd	
9:15a.m.-12:00p.m.	Adult Training Session	
9:15a.m-12:00p.m.	YAR Training Session/Activity	
12:30noon	LUNCH	
	FREE TIME/ACTIVITY	
7:00P.M. - 9:30p.m.	AWARDS BANQUET	
9:30p.m. - Until	Dancing	
<u>Friday, June 20th</u>		
6:30a.m. -7:30am	Health Activities	
8:00a.m.-8:45a.m.	Devotion/Bible Study	
8:45a.m.-1:00noon	CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION	
	Conference Presentation	
	Memorial Service	
	Adjournment	

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Conference Registration:

Registration Fee:

- \$100 for Adult Laity and Clergy
- \$75 for Youth Lay (ages 13-17)

Registration Fee Includes:

- Lay Development Training Seminars and Materials
- Awards Banquet Invitation (for one)

Additional Awards Gala Banquet Tickets:

- \$50.00 each

Registration Deadline:

Late registration from June 17th - June 20th will be \$125.00 for adult laity. There is no late registration for ministers and youth. However, late registrants are not guaranteed kits and/or materials.

All registrations must be post-marked by June 1, 2014 and mailed to:

**Mrs. Ann McCelvy, Registrar
610 Manor Ct. NW
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547**



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Souvenir Journal:

All Convention Souvenir Journal Ads should be sent "camera ready"

To:

EEDLO Souvenir Journal Committee

All funds must accompany ads. Make check payable to:

Bahamas Conference Lay Organization

Barbara Murphy

P.O. Box -cb11449

Nassau Bahamas

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ADS AND PAYMENT IS May 1, 2014
ADS SENT AFTER MAY 1 **MUST BE E-MAILED** TO BRIAN BROWN:

Berkley32@hotmail.com

PLEASE EMAIL ADS BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 9

Inside Front	\$200.00
Inside Back	\$200.00
Outside Back	\$200.00
Full Color Page	\$125.00
Full Black & White Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$ 60.00
Half Color Page	\$ 85.00
Quarter Page	\$ 30.00
Quarter Color Page	\$ 55.00
Black and White photo scans add	\$ 15.00
Color Photo scan	\$ 25.00



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Hotel Accommodations (Changed):

British Colonial Hilton Hotel

One Bay Street

P.O. Box N-7148

Nassau, Bahamas

1-242-322-3301 or 1-800-445-8667

Rates

\$119.00 (Plus 20% Tax-\$23.80, Resort Fee \$36.00) \$178.80 per night

The charge for a third adult in a room is \$35.00 per night, plus tax & resort fee

Reservations Deadline:

To guarantee room availability for the above rate,

Reservation must be completed by May 17, 2014

No Exceptions

Hotel Reservation Procedures

Reservations will be made directly through the **British Colonial Hilton Hotel**, using the phone numbers above. When making reservations, you must mention the group name to ensure they receive the group rate:

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Process for Reports submittal:

All Episcopal Officers' reports (excluding prior meetings minutes, Conference President's Statistical Reports (with narratives), Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report for the Conference Year 2013-2014) should all be submitted to the Episcopal President no later than May 18, 2014. These reports should also be saved on a flash drive and brought to the Episcopal Convention for video projection when reports are made to the delegates in attendance.

Commission Work Sessions:

Commission Directors are reminded that the Narrative Section of Commission Reports addressing Conference Year Activities should be completed in commission meetings prior to the convening of the convention.

Commission Sessions scheduled for the Convention are designed to give Commissions an opportunity to complete and compile recommendations from the respective Commission for the 2014-2015 Convention Year.

Commission Sessions are not scheduled during Lay Training Sessions so that all delegates may participate in the Training activities.

Commissions will be assigned rooms for use throughout the Convention. If keys are needed, the room key will be distributed to each Director. The rooms will be accessible 12 hours per day.

General Information:

Each registered person must wear their issued badge to attend the session(s).



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Bahamas Conference Committee Leaders

Program Services

Vivienne Arnett
Dr. Clara McPhee
Brian Brown
Clinton Josey

Registration

Ann McCelvy
Juanita Hagan
Sara McCombs
Marion Saunders
Gianna Darville
Lillis Zonicle

Banquet Services

Esther Ferguson
Berkley Williamson
Desmond King
Dorothy Grant
Karen Bonaby
Flossie Brown
Pandora Greenslade

Convention Training

Patricia Wright
Lionel Merritt
Esther Ferguson

Transportation Services

Rickey Sealy
Patricia Wallace
Rolando Darville
Douglas Culmer
James Williams

Clinic Convention Staff

Thinah Moxey
Sherry Johnson
Amelia Collie
Carolyn Russell
Tamara McPhee
Raquel

Souvenir Journal

Barbara Murphy
Sharon Fernander
Valderine Evans
Charmaine Adderley
Barbara Cooper

Hospitality

Valderine Evans
Angela McKinney
Victoria Ambrose



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Commission Members

When registering for the 70th Annual Episcopal Lay Convention each delegate should be assigned to a commission and their names and the name of the Commission should be listed on the registration form. The name and Commission that each registrant will serve on will be listed in the booklet.

<p>Organization and Structure</p> <p>Director: Donald Russell</p> <p>Assistant Director: Catherine Johnson</p>	<p>Stewardship and Finance</p> <p>Director: Robert Lane</p> <p>Assistant Director: Shelia Hammond</p>
<p>Programs and Activities</p> <p>Director: Loretta Coppock</p> <p>Assistant Director: Lolita Brown</p>	<p>Personnel and Procedures</p> <p>Director: Katheryn Gillis</p> <p>Assistant Director: Carolyn Floyd</p>