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67th Annual EEDLO Gets Down to Business in Pensacola, Florida

Kit Preparation

Donald Russell, Reporter

On Monday June 20, President Charlie Nichols, Florida and South Conference lay members began preparing for the delegation by stuffing kits with items and information that will be required for a successful convention. In an effort to go green, printing and hard copy documents are to be at a minimum. Oral reports will be given to the delegation detailing the officers stewardship since the 66th Annual Convention in Miami.

Registration Began on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 10:00 am and will continue through Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Ann McCelvy, EEDLO Registrar and Mrs. Juanita Hagans, Assistant registrar along with their support staff were busy as they checked in all the registered delegates. The delegation at this convention is expected to be approximately 200 +.

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Beatitudes Of A Leader

1. Blessed is the leader who has not sought after the high places but is sought after for his willingness and ability to ser;
2. Blessed is the leader who knows where he/she is going, why he/she is going there, and how to make the journey;
3. Blessed is the leader who knows the contagion of enthusiasm and conviction;
4. Blessed is the leader who never makes “the big impression” a cheap substitute for sincerity and integrity;
5. Blessed is the leader who is persistent with out being domineering, who is open-minded without being indecisive;
6. Blessed is the leader who, understanding his/her own short-comings, can better understand those of others;
7. Blessed is the leader who develops leadership, experience and wisdom in

those he/she leads;

8. Blessed is the leader who knows the difference between the easy answer and wise judgment, between busyness and accomplishment; and
9. Blessed is the leader whose only partisanship is to the common hope and good of those he/she leads.

Ask yourself, am I such a LEADER???

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

LEDC Breakfast

7:00 A.M.

Registration 8-10:00 A.M.

Devotion 8:30-8:40 A.M.

Bible Study 8:45-9:15 A.M.

Opening General Session

9:15-10:15 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting II,

Bishop McKinley Young

10:15-11:45 A.M.

Hour of Power YAR

12:00-1:00 P.M.

Lunch 1:00-2:30 P.M.

**The Right Reverend McKinley Young
Resident Bishop, 11th
Episcopal District**

**The Right Reverend C. Garnett Henning,
Lay Commission Chair**

**Dr. Dorothy J. Young,
Episcopal Supervisor**

**Dr. Willie C. Glover,
Connectional Lay
President**

**Mr. Charlie Nichols,
11th Episcopal District
President**

**Mrs. Sharon K. Russell,
11th District Director of
Public Relations**

**Mary Silva & Rebecca
Pittman, Business Center**

**Delphine Jackson, EC
Deborah Langston, EC
Dorothy Harley, FC
Connie E. Jenkins-Pye,
FC**

Morning Meditation:

Good Morning Lord! I praise you for you alone are Holy; you alone are Excellent; you alone are Awesome; you alone are Omnipotent; for when I consider the trials of life; I know that when everything else fails, I can go to the ROCK. This ROCK is JESUS, and to this ROCK I come when I need comfort, a friend, a shoulder to cry on or a listening ear. As sometimes the very pressures of life weigh heavy on our souls. Indeed, we know that burdens are lifted through prayer

and the solace of family and friends. So dear Lord to you I pray this prayer.

O Lord, my God, how excellent is your name, I thank you this day for every good and perfect gift, because I know that they come from you Holy Father. I ask forgiveness for sins committed by thought word or deed; I thank you for your amazing grace and your tender mercies. Father, I thank you for protecting all traveler's to this meeting from seen and unseen dangers and I thank you for my

friends old and new. I thank you for the leaders of this Organization and for future leaders that are yet to be named. Father, I thank you for your limitless blessings and pray that you bless not only this meeting, but all households represented here. In the Name of Jesus I pray with much love, and Thanksgiving.

Amen!



First Timers Orientation, Patricia Wright, Director Lay Activities

The Episcopal District Lay Organization's First Timers Orientation had thirteen (13) new members from the West and Central Conferences. The first timer's arrived at the orientation site with enthusiasm, energy, excitement and spirits of eagerness, ready to glean as much information as the presenter was able to share within the parameters of the allotted time.

Patricia Wright, presenter, and Eleventh District's Director of Lay Activities was excited about sharing her wealth of knowledge and other pertinent and interesting factual information about the organization.

Her sharing included some of the historical events within the Eleventh District, and the Connection, including the number of past and present Connectional officers with ties to our state. The first timer's were also informed that the schedule of events and other useful information was in-

cluded within their kits in the souvenir journal specifically.

During the orientation, Director Wright stated that one of the purposes of the Episcopal District Convention was to disseminate information to the laity at the Episcopal District level and the delegates would then share and train on the local level (your specific church).

Ms. Wright encouraged each member to become "actively" involved on all levels of the organization (Connectional, Episcopal District, Conference, District and Local).

During a brief question and answer period questions were raised as to the Electoral College Process.

*The new members were aware of and interested in recent elections held in their various churches for "electoral college delegates." They wanted to know more about **the Electoral Col-***

lege process and the impact of that process in regards to the A.M.E. Church.

(Please list characteristics that you believe a "Good Leader should possess? If you are having a hard time with this question; please review your church school lessons for the Winter and Spring Quarters)

Characteristics of a Good Leader:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

67th Annual Worship Service

“Praising God Through Worship”

Mary Silva, Connie Jenkins and Ethel Wooten, Reporters

The service of worship and celebration was electrifying and highly energetic, as it began with the procession of choir members, worship participants and the Eleventh Districts Lay Officers, stepping lively to hymn # 6 “All Hail The Power of Jesus Name.” The song implies that there may have been hard times, tribulations, tests, and trials, since the last annual convention; notwithstanding all of those external forces, we the membership maintained because we know and actively attest to the truth that God is truly our FATHER, Christ is most assuredly our REDEEMER, and Man will forever be our BROTHER.

Our capable, efficient and proficient President Charlie Nichols, sounded the call of the official opening of this 67th session and led the delegation, inclusive of the Reverend Clergy into the printed Pledge. We again pledged our oath and loyalty to God, the Church, our communities, and above all to our fellowman. We further pledged to show love, harmony, and unity, in other words we were again challenged to actively take on the attributes of the fruits of the spirit as provided in the book of Galatians.

The worship participants in the form of the Reverend Clergy throughout the Eleventh District were tremendously represented, and in attendance, along with many of the Bishop’s cabinet of Presiding Elders. We

tip our lay hats to each worship participant and attendee during the worship celebration.

The choir of the host church, Bethel AME, Pensacola, Florida, were willing workers for the Lord and were more than marvelous as they rendered musical selections from various Christian genres during the worship experience. Each selection was majestically presented and allowed the membership to offer up thanks to God the great architect of the universe who always provides the gifts that we need. Thus, we gladly proclaim as the psalmist, “The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want!”

The HOLY GHOST is too big for any one place; God has enough for the world!

Bishop McKinley Young, preached a message that was understandable by all age groups, the young, young at heart, the newly converted, mildly-seasoned and super-seasoned saints. His scriptural reading was Acts 2:42-47; key verse, 43 verse, subject: ***Empowered By The Spirit To Turn the World Upside Down and Right Side Up.***

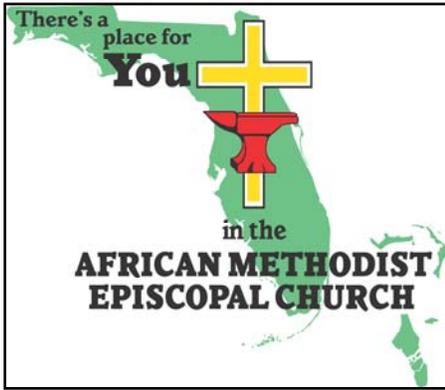
Bishop began by remembering the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., recounting some of the gifts that he had during his lifetime. He recounted Dr.

King’s last night in Memphis, TN and his spiritual astuteness. He then began to expound on the disciples in his text scriptures. He believed that this early band of disciples were empowered by the spirit and that they turned the world upside down and right side up. He further believed that tarrying with them for a little while would have been truly a Pentecostal experience. Bishop then pondered “what would this Lay Organization look like if there was a Pentecostal Experience within the group?”

Bishop provided many thought provoking analogies and real world experiences of crab mentality, backbiting and ditch digging. He implored the congregation to get some “Fresh Faith.” Moreover, if and when we are filled with “Fresh Faith” there will not be any pushing and shoving to out per-

form others, or believe that you are the person for positions, we will be able to become empowered with spiritual gifts. Because God has enough Holy Ghost for all His children; there is no one place that is “Holy Ghost Headquarters” as God has enough Holy Ghost to go around the world. He is the God of More Than Enough and God is in charge of all that is AWESOME!

More than 200 persons were communed during the service. Thus, ended a spirit-filled worship experience.



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Health Activities

Sister Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, Florida Conference

Health Activities to include high energy walk- speed-walking, sprinting, running, and low pact walking, please meet Sister Jenkins-Pye in the lobby as near 5:45 a.m., as possible.

As we are all aware, members of the African American community are likely to suffer and/or develop certain medical conditions, i.e., high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, lupus, and many other medical conditions in our lifetime. Preventive measures may include, improved eating habits, proper diets, exercise, rest, increased water intake, and above all see your medical care specialists yearly.

So, let's make this a year to make wiser choices in health, for we know that our bodies are also temples that should be holy unto God. I Corinthians 6:19.

Remember to join us for the health walk; the walks are scheduled for Thursday and Friday 5:45-6:45 a.m. All interested parties are to meet in the lobby of the hotel! Please be on time!!



Eleventh District History and Trivia Section

- ◆ What was the name of Brother E.M. Blocker's Church?
- ◆ What date/year is recognized as the organizational date for the Episcopal District Lay?
- ◆ Who was resident Bishop during that time?
- ◆ What was the Bishop's reaction?
- ◆ Who was the Episcopal District Lay President in 1965?
- ◆ 1993?
- ◆ 2004?
- ◆ What is your position on the Local Level, District, Conference, Episcopal, Connection?
- ◆ How many conferences presently comprise the 11th District?
- ◆ How many conferences were there in 1999?
- ◆ Name the Conferences.
- ◆ What Episcopal Officer said: "therefore the journey continues as we embark on the road of service."
- ◆ Which conference records a membership of "733."
- ◆ Which conference reported 432 members in one of its districts?
- ◆ These questions are meant to test your knowledge

