

# THE LAY COMMUNIQUE



The Official Convention Newsletter of the  
Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization

June 12, 2012

## Welcome From The President

Welcome to the 68th Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization Convention here in the city of the Arts, Sarasota, Florida, and in the West Coast Conference. This Conference under the directions of the EEDLO has worked endlessly in making sure that your experience will be the best ever and to provide a daily publication second to none. This publication will report all health related activities, educational, and spiritual opportunities to help stimulate the body, mind and spirit for the uplifting of God's Kingdom.

You will see written reports on many activities to include the following:

1. Worship Experience
2. Tour
3. Bible Study
4. Health Related Activities
5. Stewardship Reports

6. Commission Reports
7. Awards Banquet
8. Episcopal Election
9. Lay Benevolent Activities
10. President's Message and other related activities

I encourage you to purchase your daily publication for it will assist you in providing a quality delegate's report and to document the progress of this organization. We pray God's Blessings upon you the delegates and participants in making this publication the "Best in the West".

Bro. Charlie Nichols

## Lay Economic Development Corporation

The presenters for the meeting were: Mr. James Robbins, President of the LEDC, who presided over the meeting and Mr. Douglas Thomas conducted the Devotion. The Devotion included singing of the song-In The Name of Jesus. The scripture was taken

from Psalms 92.

The presented were: The By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation to be ratified at the seat of Christian Education Congress, to be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida during July-26, 2012. The election of board members

was presented. One of the three candidates presented, Mr. Reginald Robinson of the East Conference was elected as Board Member to the LEDC.

## OOPS!!!!

*A Thousand and one apologies to the publications committee for omitting these names from the souvenir program.*

Dr. Alma Hires, Chairperson  
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## Excursions for Thursday, June 14, 2012

- Family Heritage Museum: located on the campus of State College of Florida in Bradenton; Includes local, state, and national history and artifacts of African American culture; guided tour or on your own.
- Westfield Mall (Formerly Southgate Mall): Three anchor stores: Macy's, Dillards and Sacs; specialty stores to name a few: Chiccos, Ann Taylor, Talbots, Victoria's Secret, and many more; Restaurants: Cosimos, Too Jays and others.  
Pick up location TBA.  
Meet at 1:45 P.M. in pick up location when announced; van leaves at 2 P.M.

**Hospitality Room**  
(Ringling Room, Lower Level)  
Hours Are  
10:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.  
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Health Walk**  
6:30 A.M. -7:30 A.M.  
Meet in front of the  
hotel.

**Congratulations**  
Douglas & Shirley  
Thomas for their 2nd  
Wedding Anniversary  
(June 12, 2012)

### **THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

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## **FROM THE WEST COAST CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

Greetings,

It is my privilege to welcome President Charlie Nichols and the laity of the Eleventh Episcopal District to the West Coast Conference. We are blessed to have opportunity to serve our fellow workers in the labors of the Lord Jesus.

As we endeavor to accomplish the work of the church through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, It is my prayer that you find the accommodations pleasant and serene.

As we review the past 100 years of the Lay Organization, we will continue to see many trials, but great triumphs; we will see some frustrations, but steadfast fortitude; we will see the men and women who stayed the course, furnished the race and left for us a great legacy and a solid foundation.

David wrote in Psalm 133, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"- truly his words are true for we are excited to have you

with us working in unity to accomplish the will of God.

Bro. Hugh Yancy, Jr.

## **THE FIRST TIMER'S SESSION**

The "First Timers Session" was a wonderful fellowship and interactive learning experience. The goal was to insure each of the first time attendees felt a part of the activities, commission work sessions and services.

The session was divided into two components. Part one featured introductions by all in attendance. Each person shared information pertinent to their local church, Lay Organization, Local activities presented by DOLAs, Presiding Elder District and Conference Lay information.

Part two was an interactive activity. The following statements lead to very lively discussions:

1. As the Pastor Pro-tem of the Board of Stewards what would you do?
2. If you were a member of the choir or an usher what would you do?
3. If you could tell the Bishop your thoughts what would you say to him.
4. What is something that you wish your church would or would not do.

First Timers Session Presenter  
Evelyn Welch Graham

First Timers Session Reporter  
Dr. Hazel Harvey – Reporter

## **Lay Convention Dinner Sale**

Tuesday Dinner: Fish Sandwich (Basa or fresh water), Rib or Chicken Sandwiches or Dinners

Fish Sandwiches-\$7.00; Chicken Sandwiches-\$6.00; Rib Sandwiches-\$7.00

Chicken or Rib dinners \$10.00. Dinners include baked beans and potato salad

Any questions call the church 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. at 941-355-6033 or 941-487-7574. You may email your menu to [yancy64@verizon.net](mailto:yancy64@verizon.net)