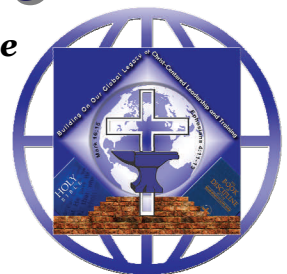


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Kit Preparation

On Monday June 17, the Support Services Committee of the East Conference and other lay workers began preparing for the delegation by stuffing kits with items and information that will be required for a successful convention. In a continuing effort to go green, printing and hard copy documents are to be kept at a minimum. Oral reports will be given to the delegation detailing the officers stewardship since the 68th Annual Convention in Sarasota.

Registration Began on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 9:30 am and continued through Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 8:40 a.m.

Mrs. Ann McCelvy, EEDLO Registrar, Mrs. Juanita Hagans and Sharon White, Assistant Registrars, 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 +.

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 serve;
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 19, 2013

LEDC Breakfast—7A.M.

Brother Joseph Coppock, Jr. Executive Director, LEDC greeted and thanked everyone for attending this special function.

Even at an early hour the LEDC breakfast was well attended with LEDC officers, supporters, and program participants. We were blessed with soul-stirring musical renditions and with spiritual food preached by the Reverend Tan C. Moss. His scriptural text came from Deuteronomy 8:18, subject: "We Can Do It Again." His message was based on the aspiration of a young couple needing to start a business without the necessary capital. He informed us that the purpose of the LEDC as stated by Bro. Willie Williams was to assist smaller churches without capital to complete projects. Thus, the LEDC purpose.

The Right Reverend Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
 Presiding Bishop,
 11th Episcopal District

The Right Reverend William P. DeVeaux,
 Lay Commission Chair

Mrs. Connie Speights Richardson,
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The YAR Hour of POWER!

The Young Adult Representatives under the direction of the Episcopal YAR: **Ms. Eboni Curry**, joined in with the praise team, singing and magnifying the Lord. The praise team led members into singing "I Love You Lord."

The program was awesome led by the Youth/Young Adult Reps from the East, Bahamas, and the Florida Conferences.

Maurice and Ms. Robin Forbes were the praise team; **Ms. Danielle Carlisle** prayed a heart-warming prayer from the heart; **Mr. James**

Campbell welcomed the delegation with excitement and vigor.

Ms. Antanisha Evans gave the worshippers a glimpse of what happiness is all about! She sang with fervor and joy, "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Ms. Danielle Carlisle read the scripture from Romans 8:26-37; **Ms. Jordan Johnson** recited a Poem: "A sold out woman for God!" **Ms. JaMeka Thomas** collected the offering.

Mr. James Campbell, East Conference YAR introduced the preacher of the hour **Pastor Jared Williams** who

preached a word of encouragement from **Joshua 1:1-9: "It's My Time."**

He provided three major points in his sermon: (1) Joshua was Full of Wisdom; (2) Joshua Put the work In; (3) Joshua was Counted Worthy. Pastor Williams informed the delegation that victory out of time is death; we must therefore, wait for our time to come.

Ethel Wooten, FL Conf. Reporter

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Laura P. Robinson Lay Benevolent Activities Program

Mary Silva, Reporter

The 11th District Lay Organization Laura P. Robinson, Lay Benevolent Activities Program, led on by Sister Lother Cherry, Episcopal District Director of Lay Activities and her support staff 'presented a worship experience that will be long remembered.

The service was vibrant, invigorating, interactive, soul-stirring, spirit-filled and full of fire. The delegation, worship participants, clergy and audience appeared to have come to the worship experience ready, willing and able to Praise the Lord with their whole hearts.

From the singing of the Doxology one could tell that the spirit of the Lord was within the room, hearts and minds of the worshippers.

The service was then elevated to new levels as youth and adults alike from

across the East Conference performed and presented their best to the Lord. The performances covered a broad spectrum from singing to praying to scripture reading to mime presentations and through our giving of our offerings.

As the Lay Benevolent Activities Program ended for this 69th Session, this service will be one talked about for years to come as a new standard of service was set. Many of the delegates fondly remember Mrs. Laura P. Robinson, a faithful member of the Electrifying Eleventh Episcopal District.



First Timers' Orientation

The Episcopal District Lay Organization's First Timers Orientation had fifteen (15) new members with many under the age of 25. The first timer's were instructed by Immediate Past President, Marian Bacon White. She provided explanation and an intensive review of the daily schedule of the Convention.

Patricia Wright, 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 and provided each first timer with a book titled How to Be an Effective Lay Person.

Stay tuned for the update.



69th Annual Worship Service

“Rejoicing and Praising God Through Worship”

**Ethel Wooten,
Florida Conference Reporter**

The Reverend Dr. Michael L. Mitchell was the worship leader for the 69th Annual Convention Worship Service on Tuesday evening. The processional was led by St. Stephens A. M. E. Church Mass Choir, Episcopal District Officers, Conference Officers, the Reverend Clergy and program participants. The processional song was appropriate for the service as all in attendance sang and marched to the tune of “We are Marching in the Light of God.”

Our capable, efficient, erudite and proficient President, Charlie Nichols, sounded the call of the official opening of this 69th session of the Episcopal District Lay Organization in the coastal city of Jacksonville, Florida.

The call was answered by the many loyal lay members across this expansive district inclusive of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas who pledged to continuously show love, harmony, and unity, as we actively and intentionally take on the attributes of the fruits of the spirit as provided in the book of Galatians.

Reverend Tan C. Moss, Pastor of Greater Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, prayed for the youth, pastors and laity of this great Zion. The St. Stephen A. M. E. Mass Church Choir preformed a melodious rendition of the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” lifting the roof of the church. The scripture readings were

presented from the Old Testament- Isaiah 12:1-6 by Reverend Charles Graham, Epistle- Ephesians 4:1-6 by Reverend Ron Rawls, and the Gospel - St. John 17:20-26 by Reverend Willie McLaurin.

The worship service was well represented with Young Adult Representatives of the Lay Organization from the East Conference. It was awesome to see the Usher’s marching in unison with the Joy of Jesus on their faces as they performed their duties during the offering and communion.

Reverend Jimmie B. Keel, Host Presiding Elder, presented Bishop Richardson, the preacher of the hour.

Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. greeted, and acknowledged Bishop Robert Vaughn Webster and

Bishop Richardson expounded on the three books with continued authority and meaning within the church.

thanked the church for his invite and that he was highly favored and delighted to be in Florida as the Resident Bishop. He shared with the congregation that all the sermons that he has preached he never took them lightly. He further stated that there were three (3) books that have meaning in the church, they are the Hymnal, Discipline, and Bible.

Bishop Richardson’s scriptural text was read from **Joshua 1:8** (Joshua 1:1-9); His subject: **“The Books of the Church.”**

Bishop Richardson’s points included:

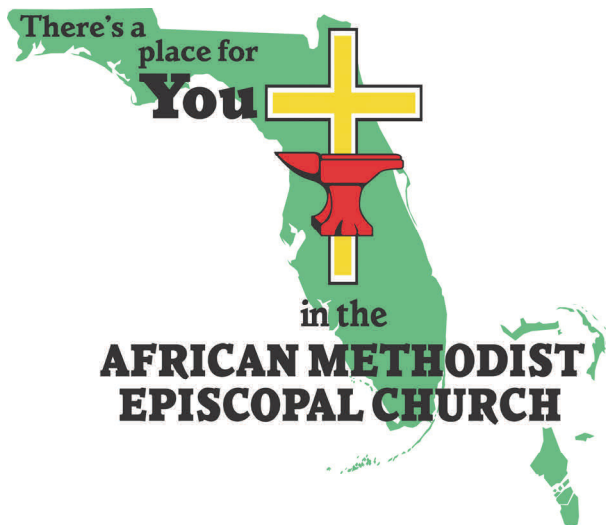
1. The hymnal is in the archives of the church and it gets lost reminding us of our sins, the songs have no blood.
2. The discipline is only used when we have grievances within the church.
3. The bible used to be called Holy and is only left open on the pulpit during the day; as most pastors/preachers remove it when they preach nowadays.

After Bishop shared a story about the loss of his Bible and retrieving it, he informed the congregants that the pages were still in tact and this meant “That God was in this Book.” Our God is Holy, has given us all Binding Promises and gives Comfort.

Holy Communion was shared with the congregation followed by closing remarks and the benediction.

A repast was then enjoyed by all!





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Health Activities

Sister Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, Florida Conference

Health Activities to include high energy walking; speed-walking, sprinting, running, and low impact walking, please meet Sister Jenkins-Pye in the lobby as near to 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.



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 Episcopal 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 Episcopal 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?

