

"The Lay Communiqué"



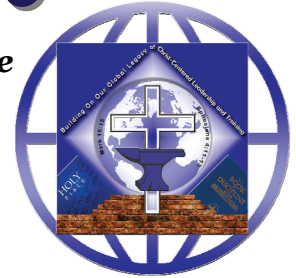
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Registration Report,

Ann McCelvy, EEDLO Registrar

Florida Conference	36
A-32; YAR-2; Clergy-2	
Central Conference	31
A-31	
South Conference	30
A-29; Clergy-1	
West Coast Conference	18
A-17; Clergy-1	
East Conference	84
A-65; YAR-9; Clergy-10	
Bahamas	5
A-4; YAR-1	
Total	204

A = Adults

YAR = Youth & Young Adult Representative

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???

Thursday, June 20, 2013

The Day began with the health walk at 5:45 a.m., led by Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, Florida Conference. There were many participants from across the District.

Devotion and Bible Study was conducted by Sister Katheryn Gillis, immediate past EEDLO Chaplain.

The training session overview was provided by EEDLO Director of Lay Activities, Sister Patricia Wright.

Then, the series of Workshops and Training began!

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

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Episcopal Officers' Reports

The Episcopal District Officers of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization read and provided reports of their Stewardship since the 68th Session in Sarasota. The reports detailed their past work in the respective offices and recommendations for improvements in the coming year. Each Officer is required to answer a short questionnaire in regards to their particular office, detailing accountability.

Plans are in place for the 70th Annual Session hosted by The Bahamas Conference in Nassau, Bahamas. We are inviting all to join us next year: June 17-20, 2014, for the Annual Episcopal Lay Convention! The Delegates also discussed the possibility of our meetings being held at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida during the 2015 Annual Session; Sis. Christine Garner-Atkinson works with the committee and explained the interim plans to us.

First-Timers' Orientation ~ Patricia Wright & Marion Bacon White



Workshops / Training

Ethel Wooten, Florida Conference Reporter

Session I

Brother Lionel Merritt, Bahamas Conference, presenter for the workshop; *Heritage: Our Zion Marked for Distinction or Extinction*. His session was segmented into three parts.

Segment one: Bro. Lionel presented the heritage of the AME church back then which compared to our society today.

Every local church shall engage in carrying out the spirit of the original Free African society, that is, to seek out and save the lost, and serve the needy.

Segment two: Bro. Lionel spoke about “The Church Now and Present Environment & Practices.” The questions asked were to define the church and what makes the church. A survey and question and answer session followed.

Segment three: This segment was about moving forward: survival and influence in the eyes of God. The information was about the ways of doing church work or conducting church business and how it has changed drastically. This was good and informative information about how we should look at the changes in our church, then pray about how we should improve it.

Session II

Hospice: Not just a Dying Concern

Did you know that Hospice is not just for persons dying? No, it is not, because persons are admitted to hospice for varying and different reasons.

Ms. Toulah Wootan and Mrs. Hazel Yates-Campbell from Community Hospice presented information on how we as the black culture do not like to hear about dying and what is involved when a person is losing their life with diseases like CHF, Pulmonary Issues, Cancer and the list could go on.

The fears of most persons going to Hospice are:

- Pain and suffering
- Losing your autonomy/control
- Not wanting to be a burden to family or friends.

Session III

“Hope: Getting out of the rut we sometimes find ourselves in as Lay Leaders in the AME Church”

Reverend Rodney D. Smith presented to the members a workshop on leadership where we were asked to define in our own words the meaning of leadership and being a leader. We do know that some leadership is influential and charismatic and others may be domineering and selfish. However, we as leaders have a serious responsibility to above all LOVE as Jesus did and to know that it’s not all about US.

The workshop attendees were presented with the 5 P’s of a leader and the levels of leadership.

- Position
- Production
- Permission
- Personhood
- People Development

Some additional points and questions that we should ask ourselves are:

The Workshops were well attended and enjoyed by the delegation.

We should enlighten ourselves about caring for loved ones and self. We also should prepare ourselves for what we need to do before the loss of loved ones. Information regarding Hospice was distributed to all in attendance.

What and when do we need to step away from a job or situation?

What do I need to step into as a leader?

What is my spiritual development in the local church and who is it important to or for?



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Health Activities—June 20, 2013

Sister Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, Florida Conference

“An Energetic Stride to Walk with God!”

Members from the Florida, East, and Central Conferences met at 5:45a.m., in the front lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel to begin the day with an energetic and brisk walk preparing our temples to begin God’s work.

Sister Nina West, East Conference provided the opening prayer before the walk began by asking God to bless each of the walkers and order our steps in God’s Kingdom to prepare our bodies and minds. The health walk is a time of being health conscious and to fellowship with one another.

The health walk is one of the highlights of the Episcopal District Lay Organization Convention.

The following members participated in the Health Walk: Ethel Wooten, Florida; Beverly Outler, East; Marie Dixon-Jones, Central; Nina West, East; Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, Florida.

The final day of the Health Walk will occur on Friday, June 21, 2013, 5:45a.m., and we will meet in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza.

Please be on time!!



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