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Annual Awards Banquet

The evening concluded with our Annual Awards Banquet. This was an evening of elegance and grace as the members and friends of the 11th Episcopal District Lay Organization assembled to celebrate the past accomplishments of lay persons and community builders, and the future leaders of our Zion by awarding educational scholarship to students from various conferences.

Ms. Judith Hollinhead introduced the Dias filled with President Nichols, DOLA Patricia Wright, John Henry Powell, Sr., Jennifer Lawson, worship leader and Connectional Correspondence Secretary Eileen S. Warner. The prayer of Invocation was offered by Pastor Morris our host Pastor. Lift every voice was the opening selection lead by Mr. Willie J. Williams followed by the welcome by Sister Warner, where she stated “We answered the call.” Jai Ingraham featured us with a melody “I’m building me a home”. Grace was offered by Rev. Calvin Griffin, Pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Blountstown. We feasted on a delicious dinner consisting of Mixed Green Salad (with balsamic Vinaigrette or Creamy Peppercorn Dressing), Plumb Sautéed Citrus Marinated Chicken Breast (drizzled with lime butter sauce on a bed of almond lemon rice pilaf), steamed broccoli, oven fresh rolls, dessert of Key Lime pie. The awards presentation with Mrs. Loretta Coppock, Director Commission on Program and Activities and Assistant Director Lolita Brown. The Scholarship presentation was presented by Mrs. Beulah B. Gregory, chair. The awards are as follow:

Scholarship Awards

South Conference- Dariel White

West Coast Conference-Omar J. Woodard

East Conference- Biron Eason

Florida Conference-Victoria Johnson

Music Scholarship- Tomasena Jones (South)

Anvil Award

Tyrone Presley-Central Conference

Hall of Fame

Judith Hollinhead, Florence Murphy-Florida Conference

Alphonso Simpson, Lenora White-West Coast Conference

Charles Jackson, Tyrone Presley-Central Conference

Maria Pearson, Mary Ward-East Conference

Buster McFadden-South Conference

Roslyn Johnson, Selina McPhee- Bahamas Conference

Outstanding Layperson of 2011

James L. Williams-East Conference

Community Service Award

John Henry Powell, Sr.

Soldier of the Cross

Ann McCelvy-Florida Conference

President Nichols presented service awards to members who assisted in hosting the Connectional Regional Training in Jacksonville.

LuCretia McBride, Patricia Wright, Joseph Coppock, Johnson, St. Paul AME Church & St. Stephen AME Church

Connectional YAR scholarship to Jai Ingraham- South Conference.

Closing remarks were given by President Nichols ending with the Lay Benediction.

The evening ended in celebration through dance, where many of the members participated in line dancing.

The closing session of the 67th Annual Session of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization will follow on Friday June 24, 2011 with the presentation of reports and recommendations from the Organization and Structure, Program and Activities, Personnel and Procedure, and the Statistics and Finance Commissions. A memorial service is planned by the Chaplain followed by remarks from President Nichols. The West Coast Conference made a presentation inviting the Organization to the 68th Annual Convention which will be held in that Conference. We pray for traveling mercies as you travel home to your destination.

***“May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together
not as man over man, but as laypersons working with God.”***