



THE OFFICIAL QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

THE LAYMEN'S VOICE

From the Desk of...



Greetings Fellow Lay Members,

To the members of the Florida Conference I thank God for the opportunity to serve. Great news for our conference, we completed the 11th Episcopal District Lay Convention and elected five new members from the Florida Conference; also the General Conference is over and we elected a New Bishop from Florida, The Reverend Michael Mitchell from St. Stephens, Jacksonville.

With the Annual Conference approaching let us all work to make our Annual Lay Witness Night a success. I am asking the Conference to continue to work together to make us the best Conference in the 11th Episcopal District.

Be Blessed,
Shepherd Myrick
FCLO President

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The Pensacola-Panama City District
President Joseph Johnson

The Quincy-Monticello District
President Sharolyn Wood

The Tallahassee District
President Beulah Gregory

The Marianna District
President Dorise Griffin

THE PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION
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The Pensacola-Panama City District
Lay Organization
PRESIDENT'S STATISTICAL REPORT
July 30, 2016

PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION AND SUBMIT TO THE FOLLOWING:
• MR. SHEPHERD MYRICK

DISTRICT: Pensacola-Panama City PRESIDENT: Mr. Joseph Johnson
ADDRESS: 2011 Doomar Drive CITY, STATE, ZIP: Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Year of last election: April 2015 Number of years served: 6

NUMBER OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DISTRICT: 32

NAME OF CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

1. Bethel - Pensacola	17. St. Joseph-Chipley
2. Gregg Chapel - Ft. Walton Beach	18. St. Paul-Springfield
3. Allen Chapel - Pensacola	19. Mt. Zion-Panama City
4. Greater Bethel - Panama City	20. St. Paul-Campbellton
5. Greater St. Joseph-Defuniak Springs	21. Mt. Olive-Ponce de Leon
6. Good Hope-Warrington	22. New Bethel-Bonifay
7. Allen Chapel-Lynn Haven	23. St. James (Millville)-Panama City
8. Mt. Zion-Crestview	24. Greater Mt. Pleasant-Cantonment
9. Henshaw Chapel-Cottondale	25. St. John-Ponce de Leon
10. Bethlehem-Cottondale	26. New Bethel-Vernon
11. Hurst Chapel-Pensacola	27. Mount Pleasant-Paxton
12. St. John-Campbellton	28. New Bethel-Argyle
13. Grant Tabernacle-Chipley	29. St. Mary-Caryville
14. St. Luke-Vernon	30. Sylvania-Vernon
15. Mt. Olive-Panama City	31. Mt. Pisgah-Freeport
16. Greater Bethlehem-Milton	32. St. Mark-Bonifay

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL LAY ORGANIZATIONS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION: 75

DOES YOUR DISTRICT USE THE COMMISSION SYSTEM? YES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 1

NUMBER OF CHURCHES VISITED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 2

NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 3

THE PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT CONTINUES...

THEME OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP:

- Know Your Church

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Pensacola-Panama City District continues to have meeting every month.

- May 14, 2016 the PPC District Lay meeting was held at Hurst Chapel AME Church in Pensacola, Florida where The Reverend Thomas Franklin is the Pastor.
- June 18, 2016 the PPC District Lay meeting was held at St. Paul AME Church in Campbellton, Florida where the Reverend Linda Nickles-Dukes is the Pastor.
- July 16, 2016 the PPC District Lay Meeting was held at Allen Chapel AME Church in Lynn Haven, Florida where the Reverend Sandra Hooper-Clark is the pastor.

Our attendance with Pastors attending meeting has increase.

- Attended the Church School Convention held June 8-10, 2016 at Bethel AME Church, Pensacola, Florida.
- Attended the 72nd Lay Convention that was held June 13-17, 2016 in Orlando, Florida.
- Attended the Fiftieth Quadrennial Session of the General Conference held July 6-13, 2016 at Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA.

THE PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr. Joseph Johnson, President

Mrs. Velma Murphy
1st Vice President

Mrs. Barbara Travis
Chaplain

Mr. Nate Smith
2nd Vice President

Mrs. Ida Valentine
Assistant Chaplain

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Recording Secretary

Ms. Erika Dotson
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Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Rebecca Pittman
Director of Lay Activities

Mrs. Ann McCelvey
Financial Secretary

Mrs. Bertha Griffin
Director of Public Relations

Mr. Robert Lane
Treasurer

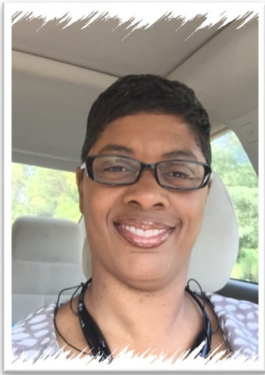
VACANCIES
3rd Vice President
Director of Youth & Young Adults
Director of Lay Benevolent Auxiliary

I certify that the information in this President's Statistical report is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Submitted by: Joseph Johnson

Date: July 30, 2016

THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION



The Quincy-Monticello District Lay Organization PRESIDENT'S STATISTICAL REPORT JULY 30, 2016

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- CONFERENCE PRESIDENT
- CONFERENCE RECORDING SECRETARY
- CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITY
- FILE COPY

DISTRICT: Quincy
ADDRESS: PO Box 926
Year of last election: 2016

PRESIDENT: Ms. Sharolyn T. Wood
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Quincy, FL 32353
Number of years served: 3

NUMBER OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DISTRICT: 32

NAME OF CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Arnett Chapel, Quincy (10) | 12. Concord, Miccosukee (0) | 23. Centenary, Miccosukee (0) |
| 2. St. Hebron, Quincy (5) | 13. St. Peter, Midway (9) | 24. St. Paul Midway (2) |
| 3. Tanner Chapel, Quincy (18) | 14. Greenshade, Quincy (2) | 25. Union Branch, Miccosukee (0) |
| 4. New Bethel, Quincy, (16) | 15. New St. John, Havana (4) | 26. Mt. Pleasant, Monticello (0) |
| 5. Mt. Zion, Havana (30) | 16. Steward Temple, Quincy (18) | 27. Philadelphia, Monticello (0) |
| 6. Bethel, Monticello (5) | 17. Mt. Pisgah #1, Tallahassee (1) | 28. Ford Chapel, Miccosukee (0) |
| 7. Palace, Havana (5) | 18. Old Bethel, Quincy (10) | 29. Mt. Olive, Miccosukee (0) |
| 8. Bethelonia, Tallahassee (5) | 19. Hopewell, Havana (4) | 30. Ebenezer, Quincy (1) |
| 9. New Bethel, Monticello (10) | 20. Richbay, Havana (7) | 31. Shiloh, Miccosukee (0) |
| 10. Friendship, Tallahassee (12) | 21. New Zion, Quincy (15) | 32. St. Peter, Quincy (4) |
| 11. St. Phillips, Tallahassee (10) | 22. Mayflower, Havana (3) | |

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL LAY ORGANIZATIONS: 206

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION: 50

DOES YOUR DISTRICT USE THE COMMISSION SYSTEM? NO

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 2

NUMBER OF CHURCHES VISITED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 2

NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 32

THEME OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP:

- Being in "Ship" Shape and we completed The Purpose and Objectives of the Lay Organization

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Met the goal of effective training and met all financial responsibilities.
- We have continued a working relationship with the Conference and Episcopal District organizations to help meet and exceed the goals and objectives of the Lay Organization.
- The Quincy-Monticello District continues to have meetings EVERY month.
- We continue to provide EXCELLENT and EFFECTIVE trainings.

THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONTINUES...



THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ms. Sharolyn T. Wood, President

Mr. Robert Jackson
1st Vice President

Mr. Harold Carter
2nd Vice President

Vacant
3rd Vice President

Mrs. Ruby Houston
Recording Secretary

Vacant
Assistant Recording Secretary

Vacant
Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Annie P. Knight
Financial Secretary

Mrs. Davetta Jackson
Treasurer

Mr. Ned Hill
Chaplain

Mrs. Jeneice Smith
Director of Lay Activities

Ms. Delbra McGriff
Historiographer

Vacant
YAR Director

Ms. Vivian Cromartie
Director of Benevolence

Vacant
Director of Public Relations

Mr. Charlie Smith
Parliamentarian

VACANCIES
3rd Vice President
Assistant Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Director of Public Relations
YAR Director

I certify that the information in this President's Statistical report is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Submitted by: Sharolyn T. Wood

Date: July 30, 2016

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT



Greetings from the

“7 T’s” District

Thankful, Talented, Terrific,

Tenacious, Trendy, Thrilling

& Tantalizing Tallahassee District

Mary Brown Silva, District President

The Tallahassee District and its membership remain fruitful in every sense of the “7 T’s” giving all Glory and Honor to our Father, the Master creator of All things. We strive to remain steadfast and un-moveable always abounding in the Lord, for we know that our Labor is not in vain as we serve God’s people in this present age.

Members of the Tallahassee District were busy in the past three (3) months as late April found a great contingent of the membership in service with the Reverend Barbara Sutton and the members of St. Matthews AME Church in Greenville, Florida. May found us (TDLO) worshipping with the Reverend Marcus Payne and the members of St. Thomas AME Church, Madison, Florida. June began with our Annual Scholarship Banquet, June 3, 2016; New Mt. Zion AMEC, the Reverend Anton Elwood, Pastor, Sister Liz Chambers, host local lay president, Sister Marrie W. McQueen, Third VP, TDLO and Scholarship Chairperson. Four high school graduates from Bethel and Mt. Pisgah applied for the R.L. & Joyce Wilson scholarship for 2016. The winning recipient, Bryant Mutanga, Bethel, Tallahassee. June also saw a changing of the guard, so to speak within the TDLO as President Silva resigned to run for election as the EEDLO Director of Public Relations. The new TDLO President is Sister Beulah B. Gregory, former First VP of the TDLO. *A special thanks to all lay and clergy of the Tallahassee District for your support during my tenure as President, TDLO.*

Upcoming events within the Tallahassee District include the following: Tallahassee District Lay Organization annual picnic, August 13, 2016 and Lay Witness Night during the Florida Annual Conference, hosted by Gregg Chapel AMEC, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

THE TDLO CONTINUALLY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONTINUES...



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The Tallahassee District Lay Organization

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CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES
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DISTRICT: **Tallahassee**
ADDRESS: **Post Office Box 5701**
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

PRESIDENT: **Beulah B. Gregory**

YEAR OF LAST ELECTION: 2015

NUMBER OF YEARS SERVED: 3 YRS 2 MONTHS

NUMBER OF LOCAL LAY ORGANIZATIONS IN DISTRICT: 18

NAME OF CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

1. BETHEL, TALLAHASSEE (58)	16. MT. ZION-CHERRY LAKE (0)
2. NEW MT. ZION (8)	17. JESLAMB-MADISON (0)
3. FOUNTAIN CHAPEL (10)	18. HIGH ANTIOCH-CHERRY LAKE (4)
4. FLIPPER CHAPEL (14)	19. AUCILLA CIRCUIT-MONTICELLO (0)
5. ST. PHILLIP- MONTICELLO (10)	20. MT. PISGAH-TALLAHASSEE (11)
6. ANDERSON CHAPEL-TALLAHASSEE (12)	21. UNION BETHEL CIRCUIT-MONTICELLO (0)
7. ST. PAUL-CHAIRES (25)	22. SPRINGFIELD-MONTICELLO (0)
8. STEWART MEMORIAL-PERRY (5)	23. ST. THOMAS-MADISON (0)
9. MT. ZION-MADISON (0)	24. MT. ZION-LLOYD (1)
10. NEW ST. JOHN-TALLAHASSEE (6)	25. GALILEE-WOODVILLE (2)
11. UNION HILL-WACISSA (13)	26. SPRINGHILL-TALLAHASSEE (0)
12. ALLEN CHAPEL-GREENVILLE (3)	27. ST. MATTHEWS-GREENVILLE (0)
13. MT. NEBO-MADISON (8)	28. LITTLE BETHEL-PERRY (4)
14. MT. ARARAT-WAUKEENAH (19)	29. BRIM FOUNTAIN-CRAWFORDVILLE (0)
15. MT. SINAI-TALLAHASSEE (0)	

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONTINUES...

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN LOCAL LAY ORGANIZATIONS: 190

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION: 35

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 1

NUMBER OF CHURCHES VISITED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 2

NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 2

THEME OR SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOPS:

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

MRS. BEULAH B. GREGORY, PRESIDENT

MRS. CONNIE JENKINS-PYE
1ST VICE PRESIDENT

MRS. MARRIE W. MCQUEEN
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

VACANT
3RD VICE PRESIDENT

MRS. VALERIE DAVIS
RECORDING SECRETARY

MRS. BARBARA POMPEY
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

MS. CASSANDRA JENKINS
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. DONALD RUSSELL
TREASURER

MR. LEON HIGHTOWER
CHAPLAIN

MRS. BOBBI BATES
HISTORIOGRAPHER

MRS. SHARON K. RUSSELL
DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES

YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE
VACANT

MRS. FLORA WOODFAULK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

MRS. OLA IRVIN
PARLIAMENTARIAN

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS PRESIDENT'S STATISTICAL REPORT IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

SIGNATURE: *Beulah B. Gregory*

DATE: July 30, 2016

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONTINUES...

THE HAT AFARE



11th Episcopal District Lay Organization

The Laura P. Robinson Benevolent Auxiliary

Hats, hats and more hats in every style and hue. Did you know that in 1865, John Batterson Stetson invented and sold his first hat in Central City, Colorado, a wide-brimmed, high-crowned, design that he called Boss of the Plains, more commonly known as the "ten-gallon cowboy hat".

John Stetson was a hatmaker from New Jersey who moved west to seek his fortune during the gold rush. Stetson's cowboy hat was later renamed "Stetson" after the maker and other styles later followed. We have Fedora, Derby, Fascinator, stovepipes, and baseball caps, lamp shades, fancy and decorated with all types' sequins, flowers, ribbons, brooches, feathers and tulle even tied, knotted and twisted.



In styling the men wore hard felt hats that match the suits that they were wearing and the ladies had to have a matching decorated hat just to match their outfit they were wearing. In "72nd Annual Lay Convention, The 11th EEDLO Benevolent Auxiliary held a "Hattitude Fashion Show Extravaganza" of men and women showing off the hats that best suited them, as they strolled across the floor and model there style of HAT with gloves and mint julep for the Derby, Church and other occasions. Hats were posed from tilting on the side and pulled forward. We were brought to tears and laughter with comedians of Christian Comedy by Darius Kerrison.

If you are not a hat person just try one for the fun and let light shine on your head, tilt it pull over the eye to the side and pull straight on the head. There is a "HAT" just for you for church, wedding, gardening, riding and just for show. "Hattitude says that I take my hat, tip, bring it back or bring it down, but when I walk out I decide who I am by the hat I put on my head."

That's having a "HATTITUDE."

THE MARIANNA DISTRICT

From The President's Desk

Mrs. Dorise Griffin



Due to the election at the 11th Episcopal District Lay Convention, I am now the Marianna District President and Brother Shepherd Myrick is the Florida Conference President.

I am asking this great District to continue the great work we have started, and I am soliciting all of the members for your prayers as we continue to do the work of the Lord. Everything comes from God and everything lives by His Power and everything is for his Glory. Romans 11:3b

Congratulations
to
President Shepherd Myrick
President of the Florida Conference
Lay Organization



THE MARIANNA DISTRICT CONTINUES...



African Methodist Episcopal Church Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization Florida Annual Conference Lay Organization

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District: Marianna

Address: 1415 Louisiana Avenue

Year of Last Election: November 2015

President: Mrs. Dorise Griffin

City, State, Zip: Lynn Haven, FL 32444

Number of Years Served:

Number of Local Organizations in District: 33

Number of Churches and Number of Members in Local Organizations:

1. St. James – Quincy	18. Salem - Greensboro
2. St. John - Quincy	19. Oak Grove - Chattahoochee
3. St. James – Marianna	20. Mt. Ararat - Marianna
4. Jerusalem –Marianna	21. Greater Mt. Sinai - Sneads
5. St. Paul –Blountstown	22. Greenwood Chapel - Greenwood
6. Union Chapel – Quincy	23. St. Luke – Malone
7. New Bethel – Port St. Joe	24. Mt. Olive - Carrabelle
8. Springfield – Gretna	25. Mt. Shiloh - Bascom
9. Springfield – Marianna	26. Salem - Graceville
10. Elizabeth – Chattahoochee	27. Magnolia - Marianna
11. Friendship – Chattahoochee	28. St. Stephens - Bristol
12. Snow Hill – Malone	29. Bethel - Bristol
13. Pope Chapel –Marianna	30. Fountain Head - Gretna
14. McChapel – Marianna	31. St. James - Wewa
15. St. Paul – Apalachicola	32. Antioch - Marianna
16. St. Rose – Grand Ridge	33. Pleasant Grove - Marianna
17. Mt. Olive - Marianna	

Total number of members in local lay organizations: 250

Total number of members in district lay organization: 45

Does your district use the commission system? Yes

THE MARIANNA DISTRICT CONTINUES...

Number of meetings held since last conference meeting: 3

Number of churches visited since last conference meeting: 1

St. John AMEC/Quincy

Number of workshops held in the district since last conference meeting: 2

Theme or subject discussed at workshop:

- Case Study on Stewardship
- Who Move My Cheese

Accomplishments:

- The Marianna District has paid all obligations to the conference

Marianna District Lay Organization Executive Board

Mrs. Dorise Griffin, President

Mr. Ronnie Price, 1st Vice President

Vacant, 2nd Vice President

Ms. Pecola Baker, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Patricia McCalister, Assistant Recording Secretary

Mrs. Mary Reed, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Mamie Hall, Treasurer

Mr. Lenzy Reed, Chaplain

Ms. Felicia Bryan, Parliamentarian

Mrs. Barbara Patterson, Director of Lay Activities

Mr. Willie Reeves, Marshall

Mrs. Lillie C. Proctor, Director of Benevolence

Mrs. Mamie Gainer and Mrs. Elease Varner, District Advisors

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Submitted by: Mrs. Dorise Griffin

Date: July 30, 2016



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