

## THE MEANING OF THE LAY MINISTRY LOGO



**THE WORDS AROUND THE SHIELD** – Laity as essential members of “The Body of Christ” are to: **STUDY** with Purpose and Determination; **SEEK** the Lost and Hurting; **SHARE** with a Sense of Thankfulness; **SERVE** with a Glad Heart. Laity in the CME Church have been furthering the Beliefs of Studying, Seeking, Sharing, and Serving SINCE 1910.

**THE SHIELD** – Symbolizes the “shield of salvation” and “the breast plate of life” that all Christians should wear as Children of God.

**CME** – The **CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** was founded by 41 African American men on Friday morning, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1870, in Jackson, Tennessee, after a night of prayer and commitment to God.

**LAY MINISTRY** – Laity actively and orderly addressing the needs and concerns of one’s neighbor, church, community, and world.

**THE CROSS** – The ever present symbol of Jesus the Christ, who died that all men and women might live and have a chance to make a difference in the lives of others.

**THE LAMP AT THE TOP OF THE CROSS** – The light of Jesus that illuminates the path of lay men and women, so that all can make meaningful contributions to the life and witness of God’s Church in the world.

**LAUREL LEAVES** - The laurel leaves represent our opportunity for triumphant salvation and the unwilling victory over sin because of the shed blood of Jesus the Christ. 2 Tim. 2:1 “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”