



THE LAYMEN'S VOICE

From the Desk of...



Greetings Lay Members:

This year is going to be a very busy year for the AME church and the Florida Conference. As we move forward we will be faced with some challenges that we will overcome by working together.

At the present time, each district should be working on the scholarship program. It is imperative that you follow the instructions given by the scholarship committee. Secondly, the district should be working to get individuals for the various awards to be given at the EEDLO Convention later this year. Also, we still have the Men of Distinction Banquet that is one of our fundraisers. It will take all four districts working towards the same goal. It is important that we support the event in the district it is being held.

I know that several of you will be traveling to the General Conference later this year as Observers. If you have not made reservations you should do so as soon as possible. It's good that you will be there to help celebrate 200 years of the AME Church. Those who are going as delegates, please know that we have a lot of work to do. Let's work to build God's church God's way.

Be Blessed,
Johnnie Hill
FCLO President



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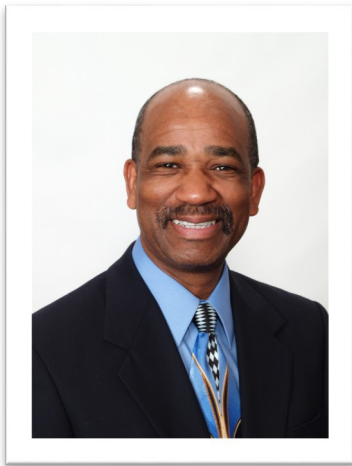
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The Pensacola-Panama City District
President Joseph Johnson

The Quincy-Monticello District
President Sharolyn Wood

The Tallahassee District
President Mary Silva

The Marianna District
President Shepherd Myrick



Church Choir Etiquette ~Worshipping Through Music~

At the core of a church choir is a team of wonderful people who have decided to share their vocal gifts with the members of their congregations. Bringing unity to a group such as this will allow your **voices to blend** in a way that is truly special. It is important to remember that being a member of a church choir involves a *certain amount of dedication*.

1. Attendance

Singing in a choir is a commitment to God, the pastor, the congregation, the director and the other members of the choir. Your voice is just as important as the next person's voice, and everyone has to get used to hearing everyone else. If you miss two or more rehearsals per month, you might want to reconsider your commitment to the choir. The

decision is up to you. Please notify the choir president if you intend to miss a rehearsal. Additionally, if you are sick, plan to stay home or observe the rehearsal from the congregation.

2. Rehearsal Time

Three simple words: **be on time!** Special call rehearsals may be scheduled as needed and should be communicated as far in advance as possible. Please note, arriving late is distracting to the director and other choir members and causes you to miss out on potentially important portions of the rehearsal.

3. Be Prepared

Come ready to work hard at every rehearsal. It is important that your mind, body and spirit are prepared for rehearsal; rehearsal is a part of our worship. Be prayerful and attentive at all times.

4. Paper and Pencils

Always bring paper and a pencil/pen to rehearsal in order to record notes and instructions. Several songs will be covered in each rehearsal and it's impossible to remember from week to week the special direction for each.

5. Talking During Rehearsal

There is no talking during rehearsal, unless solicited from the director. Choir singing is a sociable pastime, and choirs are full of sociable people! The camaraderie in a choir is one of the most important aspects. Feel free to make merry to your heart's content **before and after** rehearsal and during breaks. It's really easy to start up little conversations with your neighbor during rehearsal. Such conversations are distracting to the director and other choir members. When this happens, the director has to either talk over you or wait until you're quiet. ***Chatter slows down rehearsal and will result in early dismissal for participants.***

6. Attire for Choir Members

- Always be in uniform unless otherwise indicated.
- Uniforms must be kept clean, pressed and in good repair; hems must never be hanging.
- Never wear tight-fitting or revealing attire.
- Never wear bulky jewelry or gaudy make-up that will allow your expressions and appearance to attract more attention than the spirit of worship.
- For Women – Always wear a skirt with a length below the knee; pants are not permitted.

7. Strong Scents

Please be aware that many people are sensitive or allergic to strong scents. The deep breathing that accompanies singing worsens the effects of strong perfumes and other personal products.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING

General Conference Delegates and Alternates,
be mindful of the schedule below and please plan to be in
Jacksonville, Friday, February 12, 2016.

FOUNDERS' DAY

Friday, February 12, 2016

Dear Eleventh District Constituents, Delegates, Alternates and Observers:

Please take note of the schedule for Founders' Day. All activities will take place in Milne Auditorium on the EWC campus. Lunch will also be provided. A block of rooms has been set aside at **Springhill Suites** for Thursday night at the Jacksonville International Airport (\$115 rate). Rooms are also available at the **Embassy Suites** Bay Meadows (\$109 rate).

SCHEDULE and AGENDA

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| 8:30 -10:00 a.m. | General Conference: Delegation Organization |
| 10:15 - 12:00 noon | Founders' Day Worship and Celebration
Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Preaching |
| 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. | LUNCH
(Adams-Jenkins Sports and Music Complex) |
| 1:45 - 3:45 p.m. | Launching of Young Adult Ministry Initiative
A "Blue Ribbon Panel" will Discuss and Encourage this Ministry as the next Focus and major point of Emphasis in the 11th Episcopal District. |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Third Party Voter Registration Training
Under the new guidelines for registering persons to vote in our State, Registrars and Congregations desirous of offering this service must be trained and certified. The Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office will provide the training. The brief symposium will qualify/certify any person and congregation, meeting the standard, to do voter registration <i>anywhere</i> in the State. Throughout the day, a PBS film crew will cover this aspect of our work, a documentary to be broadcast closer to the National Elections. |

The 29th Black Heritage Weekend will begin Friday Evening in the Gymnasium.

Yours in His Service,

A. J. Richardson

Bishop

EEDLO LAY RETREAT

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION



Annual 2016 RETREAT

February 26-27
FRIDAY - 7:00 P.M.

SPIRITUALS & HYMNS OF PRAISE

*Come learn the history and stories behind
some of the greatest spirituals and hymns
AND hear them being sung in the key of perfect praise.*

SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
"CONFLICTED, YET STILL COMMITTED!"

*Timely & compelling conversations and workshop
opportunities for Clergy & Laity*

- ♦ **CONFLICT RESOLUTION: When Sheep Squabble**
- ♦ **DECISION TIME...** How do I care for myself
when *I am the Caregiver?*
- ♦ **KNOW YOUR CHURCH: Decently and In Order -**
What Steps Do I Take to Lodge A Complaint?

Continental Breakfast, Mid-morning Snack and Lunch included with Registration

Featured Soloists

PRESIDING ELDER
LEROY KENNON

PRESIDING ELDER
VALARIE WALKER

PRESIDING ELDER
HENRY L. POSTELL

THE REVEREND
ELLA EDWARDS

THE REVEREND
CHARLES GRAHAM

THE REVEREND
LARRY D. KEYS

THE REVEREND
JACK WASHINGTON

THE REVEREND
RONALD MIZER

THE REVEREND
MARLETTE GILBERT

THE REVEREND
GREGORY GAY

MT. OLIVE A.M.E. CHURCH - 1902 W. LA SALLE STREET - TAMPA, FL 33607
Host Pastor - The Reverend Gregory Gay

SEND REGISTRATION OF \$40.00 to: Priscilla Salter 953 Crawfordville Trace, Tallahassee, FL 32305
Make Checks payable to: The 11th Episcopal District Lay Organization

Hotel: HILTON TAMPA AIRPORT WESTSHORE 2225 Lois Ave I Tampa FL 33607 :: RATE: \$129.00
Reservations may be made by individuals calling the Hotel directly at 813-877-6688

FCLO LIFETIME ACHIEVERS AWARD BANQUET

*Saturday, December 12, 2015 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Hosted by the Tallahassee District
Smith-Williams Community Center ♦ 2295 Pasco Street ♦ Tallahassee, FL 32301*

The Honorees

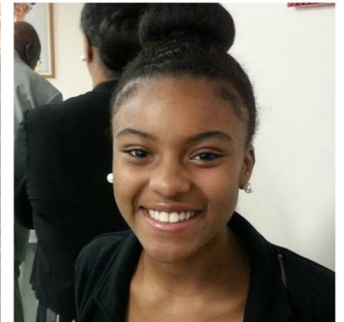
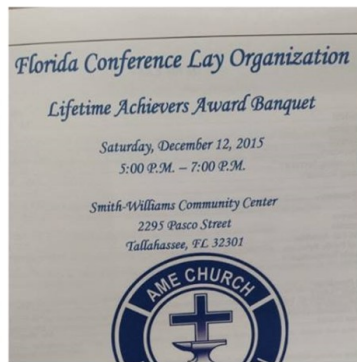
*Brother James Sawyer
Pensacola-Panama City District*

*Brother Ned Hill
Quincy-Monticello District*

*Sister Alice B. Mitchell
Tallahassee District*

*Brother Lenzy Reed, Jr.
Marianna District*

*"You can't help someone climb a mountain
without getting to the top yourself."*



"Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission"

THE PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT



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



The Pensacola-Panama City District
Lay Organization
PRESIDENT'S STATISTICAL REPORT
January 30, 2016

PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION AND SUBMIT TO THE FOLLOWING:
• MR. JOHNNIE HILL, JR.

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: 3

NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 1

THE PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT CONTINUES...

THEME OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP:

- Jeopardy/Know Your Church

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The Pensacola-Panama City District continues to have meeting every month.
- October 17, 2015 the PPCD Lay meeting was held at Mt. Zion AME Church in Crestview, Florida where The Reverend Darryl L. Hooks was host Pastor.
- Pastors attending PPCD Lay meetings have increased.
- October 21, 2015 the PMD Lay meeting was held at Bethlehem AME Church in Cottondale, Florida where The Reverend Matthew Ewing was host Pastor.
- Our attendance with Pastors attending meeting has increase.
- Attended Bishop Planning Meeting, November 18-19, 2015 in Orlando, FL
- Attended Day of Sharing in Quincy, FL on December 5, 2015.
- Attended our Pensacola-Panama City District Planning Meeting January 13-15, 2016 at Greater St. Joseph AME Church, Defuniak Springs, FL. Laity presented a workshop on The Role of the Stewards.
- We had Lay Meeting on January 16, 2016 at New Bethel AME Church, Vernon, FL. The Reverend Calvin Pierce was host pastor.
- Had 2 more churches to participate Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Paxton, FL and Greater Bethlehem AME Church, Milton, FL.

THE PENSACOLA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr. Joseph Johnson, President

Mrs. Velma Murphy
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Mrs. Barbara Travis
Chaplain

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2nd Vice President

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Ms. Katrina Stakley
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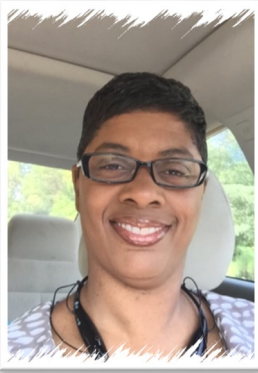
VACANCIES
3rd Vice President
Director of Youth & Young Adults
Director of Lay Benevolent Auxiliary

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

Submitted by: Joseph Johnson

Date: January 30, 2016

THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT

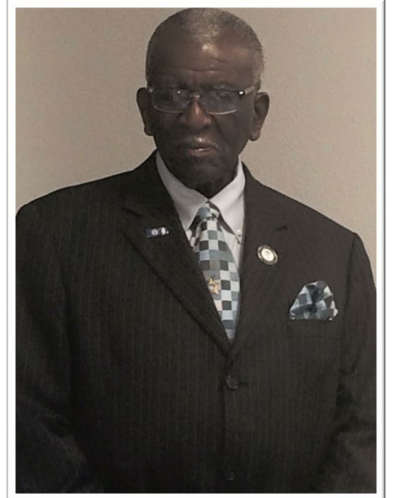


Greetings,
QMD

is focus and committed to the vision of Prayer, Faith and Love. As we embrace this vision we are excited about the many accomplishments thus far as more and more join our quest. We are still organizing Lay Organizations within the district and planning workshops. We give God all the praise and the Glory for His grace and mercy and pray His continued blessings.

Best Wishes Brother Henry W. McGill

Brother Henry W. McGill, a strong servant leader of God has chosen to continue this journey with the Lord as a member of Tabernacle MB Church, Tallahassee, Florida under the leadership of Elder Stanley Walker. Brother McGill was a strong servant leader in the AME Church for many years and served as District Lay President of the Quincy District as well as the local Lay President of Mt. Zion AME Church in Havana, Florida. He has left the flock he has loved for many years, but is still fighting and working on his journey. We wish Brother McGill all the best the world can give. We love you Brother McGill, we pray you will continue to be faithful and hold on to God's unchanging hand. Even though you are gone, you are always be in our hearts and forever AME.



The Quincy-Monticello District Lay Organization Bids a Fond Farewell and Welcomes Newest Churches By Yolanda Foxx Smith



Officers (Pictured Left to Right): Robert Jackson, Annie Knight, Sharolyn Wood, Delbra McGriff Ruby Houston, Ned Hill, Vivian Cromartie, Harold Carter

On Saturday, January 23, 2016 over a dozen churches gathered together at New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church as the newest members of the Quincy-Monticello District Lay Organization were introduced to the community and outgoing churches were recognized for their hard work and dedication with certificates and plaques by President Sharolyn Wood. The theme of the evening was, "An Evening with the QMDLO Strong in Prayer, Faith and Love."

The Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the newest in our church relative to our total years of existence. The purpose of the local lay organization is to get the membership of the local church involved in spiritual and political areas of the AME Church. The Purpose is also to learn about the rules, regulations and duties of the members, officers and the pastor of each local church. All persons who have joined the AME denomination and have not been ordained are a layperson. It is each person's responsibility to become an active member of the Lay Organization.

THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONTINUES...

Our Silver and Gold Celebration



THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONTINUES...



AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

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



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- CONFERENCE PRESIDENT
- CONFERENCE RECORDING SECRETARY
- CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITY
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DISTRICT: Quincy
ADDRESS: PO Box 926
Year of last election: 2015

PRESIDENT: Ms. Sharolyn T. Wood
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Quincy, FL 32353
Number of years served: 2 1/2

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: 3

NUMBER OF CHURCHES VISITED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 3

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

THEME OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP:

- The Language of Lay and The Synthetic Drug FLAKKA

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

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Parliamentarian

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Director of Public Relations

YAR Director

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Submitted by: Sharolyn T. Wood

Date: January 30, 2016

THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONTINUES...

Bishop Richard Allen Commemorative Stamp



Dear Members and Friends of the 11th District,

It's hard for me to fully convey the excitement I feel about the release of the Bishop Richard Allen Commemorative Stamp. It's been a long process, a long time from conception, to approval, to development, to distribution. At last, the Richard Allen Stamp will be available for purchase on February 2nd.

Sister Carol Croskey (St. Paul, Ocala) has come up with an idea with which I can agree and fully endorse. On the February 2nd, let's have business at the Post Office. PLEASE, go to your local Post Office and purchase at least one book of Richard Allen stamps as an exercise in Social Action across the 11th Episcopal District. Our goal is for the 11th Episcopal District to purchase at least 10,000 stamps. Please join us on that day for this memorable occasion, just in time for Founders' Day.

Again, this is an exciting time in the life and history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Richardson joins me in declaring: Let's make it big! Let's make it exceptional! Let's make it extraordinary! Let's make it News Worthy! We'll see you at the Post Office on February 2nd. Thank God for our history; thank God for our future!

A. J. Richardson, Bishop



2016 DMC RECRUITMENT

Calling all youth ages 5-22 to participate in this year's DMC Ceremony. The Christian Debutante Master Dedication Ceremony is an official activity under the auspices of the Debutante-Master Commission. It is a solemn religious service that celebrates AME youth in their period of transition to their new adult status in the church. Contact your district or conference director for registration forms.

Registration fees are due by March 19 to the conference commissioner, Sister Carolyn Hill. Sister Daisy Bush is our District Commissioner. The ceremony takes place in July the Sunday before Christian Education Congress. The ages and fees below along with meeting attendance are required.

Debutante/Masters - 16-22, \$50

Sub Debs/Sub Masters - 1-15, \$25

Allenites - 5-10, \$15

Ladies and Gents - \$30

Sponsorship, \$50 - \$300

Carolyn K. Hill, Conference Commissioner
chill5253@comcast.net

THE QUINCY-MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONTINUES...

The Reverend Dr. James R. and First Lady Vera Gibbs



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 10, 2016

TIME: 3:00p.m.

**Place: East Gadsden High School,
27001 Blue Star Highway US 90, Havana, FL 32333**

The pastor, officers and members of Palace African Methodist Episcopal Church have been working very hard for this proud moment and are happy to announce our grand celebration and we want you and your church to be present as we celebrate
“125 Years of Worshiping and Praising God Together.”

The speaker for this occasion will be our own Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.



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.

We, in the Tallahassee District are excited as we look forward to the blessings that God has in store for us in the New Year 2016. Our excitement is fresh and new as we prepare ourselves for the 50th General Conference of the AME Church. A General Conference Delegation meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2016, Jacksonville, Florida.

Members of the Tallahassee District participated in the Winter Executive Board Meeting and Worship services held January 8-9, 2016 at St. Mark AME Church, Orlando, Florida. Three members of the Tallahassee District are vying for election to the Episcopal District Lay Organization during the June convention. Due to several offices being open, the Nominating Committee requested additional time for vetting persons for the open offices and were granted the extension by the EEDLO Executive Board, thus the date was extended to February 14, 2016. Open offices include the following: Parliamentarian; Chaplain; Historiographer; Director of Public Relations; Young Adult Representative and Corresponding Secretary. If you are interested and meet the requirements for office, please contact Sister Evelyn Graham or Sister Sheila Hammond, intent forms should be on the EEDLO website, if not, please contact Conference President, Johnnie Hill.

Upcoming events within the Tallahassee District include the following: Tallahassee District Conference, January 28-30, 2016, Fountain Chapel AME Church, Rev. Marque Woodard, Pastor. Next bi-monthly meeting, February 13, 2016, location to be provided. TDLO Scholarship Applications were provided via email by the Third VP and Scholarship Chair, Sister Marrie W. McQueen on Monday, January 11, 2016. Application Deadline is April 18, 2016.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONTINUES...



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The Tallahassee District Lay Organization

PRESIDENT'S STATISTICAL REPORT JANUARY 30, 2016

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

PRESIDENT: **Mary B. Silva**

YEAR OF LAST ELECTION: 2015

NUMBER OF YEARS SERVED: 2 YRS 11 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: 1

NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE MEETING: 1

THEME OR SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOPS: *Proposed Legislation – (October 2015-Joint Meeting December 2015)*

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

MRS. MARY B. SILVA, PRESIDENT

MRS. BEULAH B. GREGORY
1ST VICE PRESIDENT

MRS. CONNIE JENKINS-PYE
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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

SIGNATURE: *Mary B. Silva*

DATE: January 30, 2016

THE TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONTINUES...

African Methodist Episcopal Church ~ Florida Conference Tallahassee District Lay Organization

Ralph L. and Joyce Wilson Scholarship

The R.L. and Joyce Wilson Scholarship was established by the Tallahassee District Lay Organization for the purpose of assisting young men and women of the Christian faith in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Tallahassee District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- A member of the Tallahassee District
- A member of a local lay organization who has attended at least **ONE** of the District Lay Organization's meetings in the current conference year prior to application deadline date.
- Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree

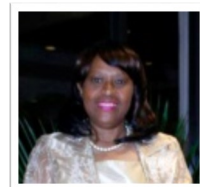


Eileen S. Warner Scholarship

The Eileen S. Warner Scholarship was established by the Tallahassee District Lay Organization in recognition of Sister Warner's passion to educate our young men and women. This scholarship is for the purpose of assisting young men and women of the Christian faith in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education majoring in the field of Education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Tallahassee District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- A member of the Tallahassee District
- A member of a local lay organization who has attended at least **ONE** of the District Lay Organization's meetings in the current conference year prior to application deadline date.
- Pursue course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree in the field of Education



THE SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Tallahassee District Lay Organization. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on academic record, reference letters, qualities of leadership and extracurricular activities and accomplishments. Winners will be notified by the President of the Tallahassee District Lay Organization by June 30, 2016. All decisions by the judges are final. No material will be returned. An application not completed in its entirety will not be processed.

THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

There are two different scholarships to be awarded. The Ralph L. & Joyce Wilson scholarship and The Eileen S. Warner Scholarship. Each recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750). Scholarships will be disbursed after recipients have provided proof of school acceptance. In the event the student is unable to attend school in the fall of 2016, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must submit the following materials in ONE package:
 - o A current official high school transcript of grades (seal must appear on transcript)
- Three letters of recommendation from your pastor, president of your local Lay Organization, and a school representative.
- A two paged double spaced essay on **ONE** of the following topics: "Why I want to Attend College," OR "How This Scholarship Will Assist My Financial Need"
- Provisional acceptance to a College of Education (for the Eileen S. Warner Scholarship ONLY)
- All materials must be received by the deadline to be considered.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Mrs. Marrie W. McQueen
mwmcqueen@comcast.net

Mrs. Alicia Washington
msal921@hotmail.com

Scholarship Committee Co-Chairpersons

Application Deadline: April 18, 2016

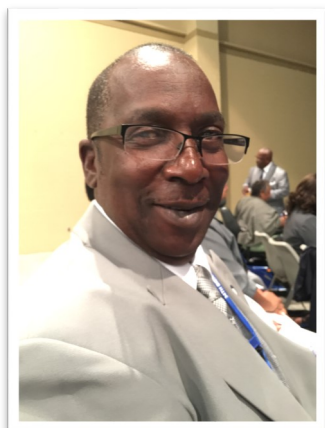
All Applications must be postmarked on or before April 18, 2016.

**Mail to: Tallahassee District Lay Scholarship Committee
Post Office 5701 ♦ Tallahassee, Florida 32314**

THE MARIANNA DISTRICT

From The President's Desk

Mr. Shepherd Myrick



Thank God for the vision of our Bishop to bring the FANTASTIC Marianna District back in the Florida Conference. As we look forward to the future, we anticipate wonderful changes in our spiritual growth and development. I would like to thank the Marianna District Lay for your unwavering support and the cohesive bonding with portions of the Quincy and Pensacola-Panama City districts. Remember there is no growth without change and together we can make a difference in growing the Kingdom of God.

The Marianna District Election of Officers was held following the Annual Conference in Marianna at the District house Complex on November 22, 2015 by the Conference President Brother Johnnie Hill. He was accompanied by Brother John Love, Conference Director of Lay Activities. Our officers were also installed by President Hill.



2015-2017 Officers (Pictured Left to Right) are:

Front row: Mamie Hall, Lenzy Reed, Mary Reed, Barbara Patterson, Lillie Proctor

Second Row: Felisha Bryan, Patricia McCalister, Mamie Gainer, Pecola Baker, Dorise Griffin, Shepherd Myrick

Third Row: Willie Reeves, Ronnie Price

THE MARIANNA DISTRICT CONTINUES...



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

The Marianna District
Lay Organization
PRESIDENT'S STATISTICAL REPORT
JANUARY 30, 2016



PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION AND SUBMIT TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

District: Marianna

Address: 4759 Meadowview Road

Year of Last Election: November 2015

President: Mr. Shepherd Myrick

City, State, Zip: Marianna, FL 32446

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: 2

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

Theme or subject discussed at workshop:

- Hymns of the Church
- Role of the Class Leader in the AME Church

Accomplishments:

- Organizing the District Lay Organization

Marianna District Lay Organization Executive Board

Mr. Shepherd Myrick, President

Mrs. Dorise Griffin, 1st Vice President

Mr. Ronnie Price, 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. Elese Varner, District Advisors

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

Submitted by: Mr. Shepherd Myrick

Date: January 30, 2016



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