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Greetings from our President

For our Lay Organization, the highlight of the summer and for the year has been our 33rd Lay Biennial Lay Convention, held in Atlanta, Georgia. New elections have reaffirmed for some and brought in new blood with others. We anxiously await our spiritual marching orders for another two years. But marching orders for the 4th Episcopal District Lay Organization are already in place. Teach and Train - the tenets of African Methodism among the clergy and the congregants of our great Zion and establish a Lay Organization in every church in the 4th Episcopal District. Let us work together to be on one accord with each other. Let us come together in a unified effort to lift up Christ in our churches, as we pray for and support the ministries of our District.

The season of Annual Conferences has already begun and once again we anticipate appointments and maybe

some disappointments, that is a part of our great church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We are delighted that our Bishop, Rt. Rev. John R. Bryant is in the best of health and will once again lead us through the Fourth Episcopal District's Annual Conference beginning in Canada in August. As always, I will represent you at all the Annual Conferences and I ask you to be in prayer for me, as my travels take me from Annual Conference to Annual Conference.

Thank God for the fellowship that we have in our 4th Episcopal District, yes, "What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms."

Thank you once again for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Lay President and I will see you at the Annual Conference. ■

Madge M. White, President

www.fourthdistrictlay.org

Visit the Fourth District Lay Organization website at www.fourthdistrictlay.org. Information pertaining to the Fourth District will be posted on the website. Additional features include photos, minutes from meetings and Connectional Lay Organization information. ■



71st Annual Lay Convention



**President
Madge M. White**

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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**Academic Award:
Rachel Juliene-Farthing
(Indiana Conference)**

**Churchill Swan
Academic Award:
Abriana Green-McCant
(Chicago Conference)**

**Juanita Jarrett
Educational Award:
Avery Imani Powell
(Indiana Conference)**

**Idell Henry
Fine Arts Award:
Rachel Crouch
(Michigan Conference)**

**Albert Williams
Non-Traditional Award:
John Charles Tolbert, Jr.
(Indiana Conference)**

The Wyndham Hotel in Lisle, IL was the site of the 71st Annual Lay Convention. Chicago Conference Lay Organization President Lorine Hearn, and the members from the Chicago Conference hosted the delegation. Robin Jordan served as Convention Chairperson. They were superb hosts doing all they could to ensure their guests were comfortable.

President Madge White's presidential message was uplifting and inspiring. She encouraged us to recommit to teaching and training, even more so than we have in the past.

Director of Lay Activities Jerry Turner, Jr. did an excellent job of planning the Worship Service, the Awards & Scholarship Luncheon and four workshops. The workshop presenters and their topics were: DOLA Jerry Turner, (Chicago Conference), - "Back to Basis-Financial Accountability-Town Hall Session-Christ Centered Leadership"; Director of Public Relations, Angela T. Pettis

(Chicago Conference) - "Effective Intergenerational Communication"; Young Adult Representative, Michael Cousin (Michigan Conference), "How to Attract and Retain Young Adults in the Lay Organization"; Brenda Barnes Jones (Indiana Conference), "Our Temple: Let's Take Care of It". Each workshop topic was timely, and the presenters were well prepared.

Bishop John Bryant was the preacher at the annual Worship Service, which was held at DuPage AME Church, Lisle on Thursday evening. Angela Pettis, President of the local Lay Organization, and the members of DuPage AME Church hosted the delegates. Presiding Elders Tyson, Bauldrick and Hughes assisted Bishop John in serving Holy Communion. Pastor James F. Miller graciously welcomed the 4th District to DuPage. A reception, hosted by the Chicago Conference Lay Organization followed the Worship Service.

The Awards and Scholarship luncheon featured music from Kendall Hodge, musician from

DuPage. He entertained the attendees through song and praise. Presentation of the Theodore Harris Leadership Institute was a major highlight at the Luncheon. Those mentees and mentors who were present were introduced to the body.

Chaplain Patrick Efiom led the Memorial Service on Saturday morning. First Vice-President Pearla Gholston led the musical tributes to the deceased members.

There were six first timers to this Convention. First Timers Committee Chairperson Pearla Gholston met with the delegates during Thursday's lunch discussing the Lay Organization and the AME Church. She enjoyed working with the first timers. They are Gloria Cotton (Chicago), Timothy Cousin (Michigan), Dwight Dorsey (Michigan), Rolita Howard (Chicago), Gwendolyn Pinager (Chicago) and Audrey Smith (Chicago).

The 72nd Annual Lay Convention will be hosted by the Michigan Conference in July 2014. Save the date, and plan to attend. ▪

4th District Lay Person of the Year



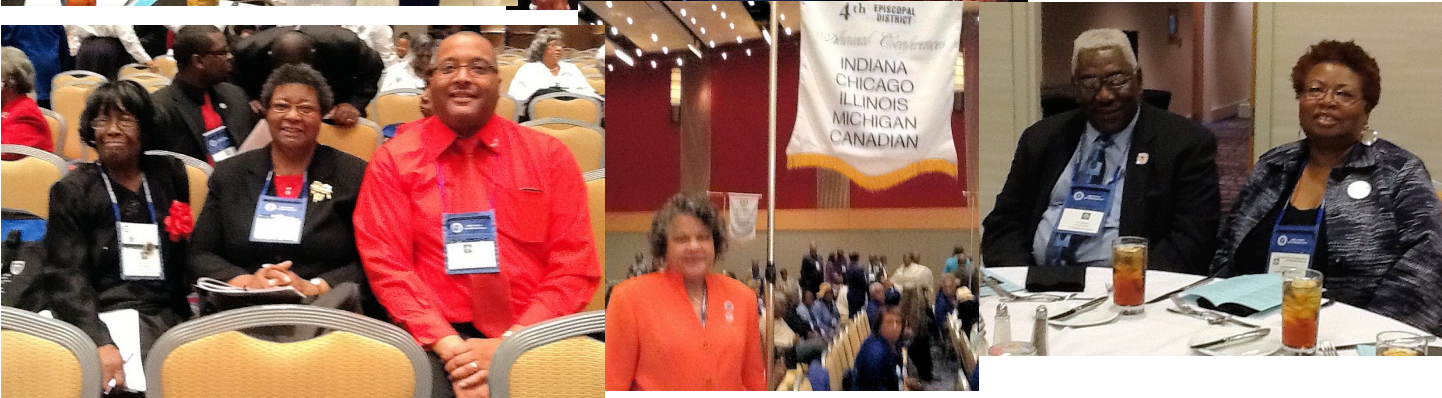
Robin Jordan, Parliamentarian for the Chicago Conference Lay Organization, was selected by the Awards Committee as the 4th District Lay Person of the Year for 2013. She is a member of Miller Chapel AME Church in University Park, Illinois, where she serves as the President of the Lay

Organization, in addition, to several other positions. Robin is a member of the General Board of the AME Church and the Chicago Conference Board of Trustees. Robin has served in many capacities throughout the 4th District Lay Organization and the Chicago Conference Lay Organization.

In addition, she assists with organizing local lay organizations within the Chicago Conference, has been a workshop presenter and lay day speaker for several churches.

She is a retired educator. Congratulations to Robin! ▪





Connectional Lay Organization 33rd Biennial Session



Hundreds of lay persons from around the Connection arrived in Atlanta, GA, on July 27 & 28 for the 33rd Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization.

The Opening Worship Service was held on Sunday, July 28. Most of the Bishops joined their colleague, Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Sr., Chairperson of the Lay Commission, in attending the Service. The Senior Bishop of the AME Church and our Bishop, Bishop John, was the preacher. The subject of his message was "We Have Got to Give Jesus Our Best" with scripture reference Matthew 26:6-13. Holy Communion was served after the sermon.

The official opening of the 33rd Biennial Session was Monday morning, July 29. 1,042 registered delegates were in attendance. President Dr. Willie C. Glover delivered his presidential address. His stewardship report was reflective of his leadership. A highlight of the opening day was the Election of Biennial Officers (election results are on page 14).

Training consisted of two Plenary Sessions and three workshops. The Plenary topics were "Lay/Clergy Partnerships" and "Intergenerational Leadership". Each featured panelists of both clergy, including Bishops, and laity.

Fourth District YAR Michael Cousin participated on the panel discussing lay/clergy partnerships. He did an excellent job sharing his thoughts on how the laity and clergy can more effectively work together.

Titles of the workshops were, "What Does it Take to Grow", "Christian Lay Leaders" and "Finance: Handling God's Money, God's Way". Several clergy and laity presented the workshops. The topics were appropriate for growth and created lively discussions.

At the Fourth District Luncheon,

we were able to applaud our newly elected Chaplain, Alice Belden. She thanked us for supporting her and shared her outlook for her role as CLO Chaplain. We were blessed to have Bishop John, Rev. C, and 4th District Lay Organization Media Sponsor, PE Hughes, attending the luncheon.

The Jesse L. Burns, Jr. Black Tie Soiree was a benefit for Wilberforce University. The event was an evening of elegance and a glorious red carpet parade of laity and clergy in their finest garments. The musical entertainment was enjoyable. Dr. Patricia L. Hardaway, M.P.W., J.D., President of Wilberforce University talked about the history of the school, along with sharing the legacy of Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams, a 75 year alumni. Namesake Jesse L. Burns, Jr. attended the benefit and gave remarks. \$50,000 was raised.

Outgoing Connectional YAR John Thomas, III gave a rousing address. His focus was on bridging the gap and opening positions for intergenerational leadership. His presence on the Connectional Executive Board will be missed.

At the Awards & Scholarship Banquet District Lay Persons of the Year and Ted Harris Young Adult honorees were showcased. The Outstanding Lay Person of the year award was presented to Tamara G. Bonner, 9th District, and James Campbell, 11th District, received the

Connectional Lay Ted Harris Young Adult award.

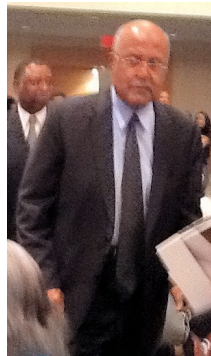
Representing the 4th District were Myrtis J. Jenkins (Michigan Conference) and YAR Michael Cousin (Michigan Conference). They were both acknowledged for the outstanding work they have done throughout the AME Church. Journalist Roland Martin was the keynote speaker, and the African/Caribbean delegation entertained us with their touching dance and song. Three \$5,000 scholarships were awarded to students in the 7th, 10th and 18th Districts. Four \$500 book awards were also presented, and Hans Isaac Peddiny from the India Conference was the recipient of one of these awards.

All Committees gave reports reflective of the work that is being done throughout the Connection. Some Committee work is ongoing and members will continue to work.

The 34th Biennial Session of the Connectional Lay Organization will be held in the Seventh Episcopal District. President Roger Cleckley and the delegates from the Seventh District made an inviting presentation showing a video of what South Carolina has to offer. The site is The Coliseum, the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, August 2-6, 2015. Save the date.

The 33rd Biennial Session concluded with the Installation Service for new officers. Bishop McKinley Young performed the installation. ■

Connectional Director of Lay Activities Edith Bartley Cartledge presented the Connectional Lay Theme: "Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission of the AME Church" - Matthew 28:16-20. This theme is our focus for the next two years. This theme is in line with the Council of Bishops Quadrennial Theme, "Fulfilling the Great Commission -The African Methodist Episcopal Church". The focus for 2013 is The Goal of Discipleship and the focus for 2014 is The Cost of Discipleship.



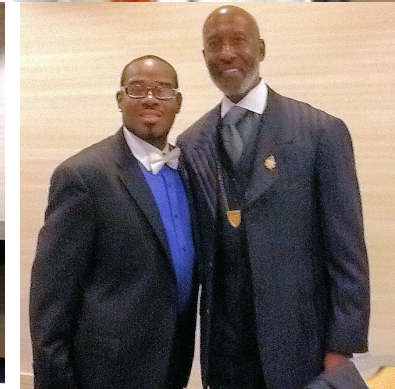
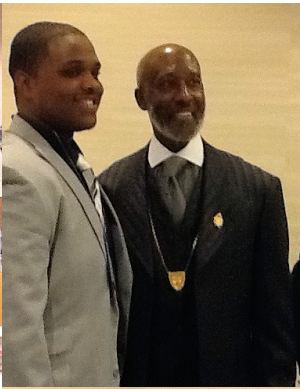
Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Sr.



Past CLO President Jesse L. Burns, Jr

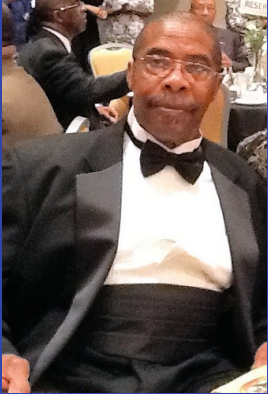


CLO President Dr. Willie C. Glover & Wife, Karen





Paul S. Wilson, Treasurer



Paul S. Wilson

Mr. Paul S. Wilson is a 44-year member of Newman AME Church in Pontiac, Michigan. He serves at the local, Conference and District levels within the church. Paul is a Steward, chairperson of the Commission on Christian Social Action and a member of the Usher Board. In the Michigan Conference Lay Organization Paul is the Parliamentarian, and he was appointed Treasurer for the Fourth District Lay Organization in March.

His favorite scripture is Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." He says he knows that life is a journey and he is only passing through; therefore, he strives to live as God would have him so that in the end heaven will be his home.

The fruit of the spirit that is strong for Paul is faithfulness to service. He is lacking in patience.

Paul's goals as Treasurer include improving upon the voucher system that is in place, ensuring expense reports are submitted in a timely manner and receipts are paid in a timely manner. He believes doing these things will bring integrity and good character to the position of Treasurer and to the 4th Episcopal District Lay Organization.

It is important for Paul to serve the Lay Organization so that he can be of assistance in mentoring other young adults while still learning. This is the process from which Paul learned from the AME Church. It is by example that he teaches his children and grandchildren. He is hoping they will do the same. On his bucket list is to help his grandchildren through school.

Paul says the 4th District Lay Organization should be the teaching and training arm for the Conference Lay Organization and the AME Church. In addition, he believes they should also be open and receptive to new ideas and learning. He says, it was best said at the Biennial, "we must be willing to pass the baton and not hold on to it."

Paul's greatest accomplishments include service to his country during the Vietnam War and setting up a computer parent volunteer training class at one of the elementary schools in Pontiac. The training class is designed to help parents help their children with homework.

Paul has a BS degree from Wayne State University and a MSA from Central Michigan University. He worked as a Die Engineer Group Manger with General Motors for 40 years. Currently, he and his wife own an Engineering Consultant Business.

He uses social media as a communication vehicle for his Consulting business and to relate to his kids. Paul's ideal travel destination is to return to Rome, Italy. ▪

Patrick O. Efiom, Chaplain



Prince Patrick O. Efiom

Prince Patrick O. Efiom is a member of Ebenezer AME Church in Evanston, Illinois. He has been at Ebenezer for three years. He serves as President of his local lay organization, and he is a faithful member of the Chicago Conference Lay Organization. He was appointed Chaplain for the 4th Episcopal District Lay Organization in March.

Patrick's favorite scripture is The Epistles by Paul. He applies these scriptures to his life because each letter deals with our daily life. He takes a lesson from Paul's letter to his people, churches and community and approaches life with some of the writings because the things that Paul talked about still exist today.

His goals as Chaplain are to be engaging, to teach while leading the devotion portion of our meetings and to encourage prayers amongst the laity.

Kindness, faithfulness and goodness are the fruits that are dominant within Patrick. He is lacking in humility.

One of his greatest accomplishments has been supporting his wife, Rev. Patricia Efiom, in her ministry and growing together as Christians. She is the Pastor of Ebenezer AME Church.

It is important for Patrick to serve the Lay Organization because for him it is a way to keep our rich history and tradition. He says, "not knowing your church history is like a tree without a root". He says the officers of the 4th District Lay Organization serving the Indiana, Illinois, Canadian, Michigan, India and Chicago Conferences are working very hard to train, educate and engage active and non-active members.

Patrick has a BA degree in Arts and Sciences from Yale University, graduate degrees in social work, history and psychology. He worked as a psychotherapist at Meadows Hospital and Wishard Hospital, at a youth shelter in Indiana, as a school social worker and an adjunct professor at Indiana University for ten years. He supervised graduate Yale students, taught classes in DSM IV diagnosis, treatment plans and medication. He also supervised an out patient clinic for drug and alcohol addicts. He currently serves as a Social Service Coordinator at Ebenezer Primm Tower/Jacob Blake Manor in Evanston.

Patrick tweets, is on Facebook and LinkedIn. ▪

Vicki Whitsett Jackson, Parliamentarian

Ms. Vicki Whitsett Jackson is a member of Vinson Chapel AME Church in Flint, Michigan. She has been a member for 33 years and currently serving as Director of Lay Activities for the Lay Organization, member of the Women’s Missionary Society, Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir. She is member at large in the Michigan Conference Lay Organization, She was appointed Parliamentarian for the Fourth Episcopal District Lay Organization in March.

Vicki’s favorite scripture is Colossians 3:15-17: “15. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” She says these are her rules for Christian living. She calls them to mind when attempting to navigate through life humbling trying to obey the will of God.

Her goals as Parliamentarian are to assist the President of the Fourth District, when requested to conduct a meeting and plan conventions; provide upon request procedures for conducting a meeting following the Fourth District Constitution and Bylaws; serve as consultant to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and provide clear definition of parliamentary rules of order and procedures.

It is important for Vicki to serve the Lay Organization because she loves being a part of the African Methodist Episcopal Church fellowshiping with other believers. Membership in the organized Lay gives her an opportunity to uplift our rich AME Church history and Richard Allen. She enjoys participating in our global ministry empowering other laity to learn, teach, train and share the gospel.

The fruit of the Spirit that Vicki is strong in are kindness and self-control. She is lacking in patience and joy.

Vicki’s ideal travel destination is any place with a beach. She loves the sound of the surf crashing on the shore, sitting under an umbrella with a book or just watching the water. She does not use social media very much, only to keep up with the younger generation of her family.

Vicki has spent 38.5 years as a professional educator as a licensed professional counselor. ▪



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*Angela T. Pettis
Director of
Public Relations,
Fourth
Episcopal District
Lay Organization*

*Editor has the
right to edit
and regulate
information
contained in the
newsletter.*

Chicago Conference Lay Organization’s Annual Fall Festival

The Chicago Conference Lay Organization’s Annual fall event is an evening of fellowship, eating and entertainment. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, September 14, at Quinn Chapel AME Church in Chicago at 4 p.m. The theme is “It’s Drama Time” and will feature hilarious ‘skits’ that have blessed messages. This annual affair allows the members of the Chicago Conference to enjoy great fellowship, and they donate items to give to individuals in a shelter. This is their service project that allows them to help others. Tickets are \$10, and all are invited to attend! ▪

**FOURTH
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
LAY ORGANIZATION
CONFERENCE
PRESIDENTS**

**CANADIAN CONFERENCE
WENDY ST. CYR**

**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
BETTY J. TUGGLE**

**ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
DARPHY HARRIS**

**INDIANA CONFERENCE
ANNIE ROBINSON**

**CHICAGO CONFERENCE
LORINE HEARON**

**INDIA CONFERENCE
J. SANTHANAM**

4th District Lay Organization Executive Board Meeting

The 4th Episcopal District Lay Organization Executive Board meeting will be held during Bishop John’s Planning Meeting, Thursday, October 31-Saturday, November 2. Meetings for the Lay Organization will occur on Thursday and Friday.

Our host is Grant AME Church in Toronto, ON Canada. The host pastor is Rev. Cory Milben, and the host Presiding Elder is The Rev. Tracey Thomas. Worship Services, all stakeholder meetings and housing will be held at the Westin Prince Hotel. Room rate is \$145 per night per tax (Canadian funds) . Reservations should be made as soon as possible, and the deadline to make reservations is Tuesday, October 1. There will not be any extensions granted to us. Also, Bishop John is encouraging everyone to make your flight reservations immediately. Don’t forget your passport!

Bishop John is looking forward to seeing all clergy, laity and youth in Toronto on October 31-November 2, as we move from “Membership to Discipleship”. ▪

THE WESTIN PRINCE HOTEL
900 York Mills Road • Toronto, ON Canada
416-444-2511

RESERVATIONS:
886.627.8550
DEADLINE: October 1

ROOM RATE:
\$145/night plus tax (Canadian funds)



The Theodore Harris Lay Leadership Institute

The Theodore Harris Lay Leadership of the Fourth Episcopal District is established to prepare members of the Lay Organization, ages 18 to 40 years, to assume leadership roles at all levels of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, specifically within the Lay Organization. This model has been adapted from several other Lay and Missionary Leadership Institutes and is established in the memory of Mr. Theodore E. Harris, a former member of St. Paul AME Church (downtown) in Detroit, Michigan. This plan was approved by the 4th Episcopal District Lay Organization Executive Board in March 2013.

The vision is to build a strong culture of lay leaders, who practice a unifying leadership style, which builds oneness in an organization. This will be done through educational, practical and mentoring experiences. The period of training and mentoring is from the District Convention 2013 to the District Convention 2014. 20 young adults and 20 mentors (lay leaders) are the target group.

Theodore E. Harris was an active member of the AME Church for over 40 years. He served as a member of the Steward Board, President of the Lay Organization and a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission. Ted was also a leader in the Connectional AME Church, where he served as a delegate to several General Conferences, Lay Biennial Conventions and a member of the AME Church General Board.

Mentees and Mentors were presented at the Fourth District Convention that was held in July.

President Madge M. White is Chief Consultant of the Institute. Jerry Turner, Jr. is the Institute Dean and founder and Co-Dean is Michael Cousin, Jr. In addition, Lynda Sparks (Canadian Conference), Bryan Gray (Chicago Conference), Valerie Holmes (Illinois Conference), Brenda Barnes Jones (Indiana Conference) and Hendrean H. Williams (Michigan Conference) are serving as Co-Deans. ■



Theodore Harris Lay Leadership Institute
Mentees with
Madge M. White & Jerry Turner, Jr.



Theodore Harris Lay Leadership Institute Mentors
with Madge M. White & Jerry Turner, Jr.

Message from our Media Sponsor



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END OF LIFE PREPARATION

Recommendations to begin the process

- Write a brief personal profile including all vital stats, i.e. maiden name for females, parent's name, mother's maiden name, birth dates, places of employment, retirement dates, number of years worked, family history, sibling's names and if any family members are deceased, their year deceased.
- Make a list of all insurances, investments, personal property, bank accounts, beneficiaries, retirement benefits, personal items with value, i.e. jewelry, furs, etc.
- If a will is prepared - and one should be - who is the executor? Where can it be found?
- Meet with a Pre-Planner for End of Life Celebration Service; request guaranteed arrangements if available; there are optional ways to pre-plan, so be sure you understand what is guaranteed and what is not; know the name of the agent who will be holding your deposits for a Pre-Planned Service; this is not an asset.

CONTACT REV. HUGHES at 1-877-848-4437 for additional information and/or to make an end of life preparation. ▪

**There will be a Fourth Episcopal District Lay Organization
OFFICERS RETREAT,
which will be held at Camp Baber.**

DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

**This retreat is for all officers within the Lay Organization.
President Madge M. White's request for this training was
approved at the 71st Annual Lay Convention.**

MORE DETAILS TO COME. ▪

SAVE THE DATES! CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CANADIAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Host: Grant AME Canada
The Westin Prince Hotel
Toronto, ON, Canada
Tuesday, August 8-Sunday, August 11

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Host: St. Stephen AME Church
Double Tree Suites by Hilton
Downtown Detroit Hotel
Detroit, MI
Wednesday, August 21-Sunday, August 25

ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hosts: St. Paul AME Church & Bethel AME Church
Holiday Inn-Des Moines Airport Hotel
Des Moines, IA
Wednesday, September 4-Sunday, September 8

INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Host: Indiana Conference-South District
Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel
Indianapolis, IN
Wednesday, September 18-Sunday, September 22

CHICAGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Host: Quinn Chapel AME Church
Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel & Executive
Meeting Center
Lisle, IL
Wednesday, October 2-Sunday, October 6

FOURTH DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING

Host: Grant AME Church
The Westin Prince Hotel
Toronto, ON, Canada
Thursday, October 31-Saturday, November 2

AME-INDIA 5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

India
Saturday, May 3-Sunday, May 10, 2014

CANADIAN CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Lay Night at Annual Conference
The Westin Prince Hotel
Toronto, ON, Canada
Friday, August 9

DUPAGE AME CHURCH LOUIS A. GARLAND, JR. LAY ORGANIZATION

Annual Lay Day
Sunday, August 11-8:15 & 11:15 am Services
Kimberly D. Russaw, Speaker

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Lay Night at Annual Conference
St. Stephen AME Church-Detroit, MI
Thursday, August 22

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Lay Night at Annual Conference
Holiday Inn- Des Moines Airport Hotel
Des Moines, IA
Thursday, September 5

CHICAGO CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Annual Fall Festival—"It's Drama Time"
Quinn Chapel AME Church-Chicago, IL
Saturday, September 14, 4 pm-6 pm

MAYO AME CHURCH LAY ORGANIZATION

Annual Lay Weekend-Saturday, September 14,
10:30 a.m. Rev. Barbara Wilson, Workshop
Presenter; Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m.
Angela T. Pettis, Worship Service Speaker

INDIANA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Lay Night at Annual Conference
"Future Lay Leaders" Pageant
Marriott East Hotel-Indianapolis, IN
Thursday, September 19

CHICAGO CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Lay Night at Annual Conference
Wyndham Lisle Chicago Hotel &
Executive Meeting Center
Thursday, October 3

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

Executive Board Meeting
Lewis Chapel AME Church-Albion, MI
Saturday, October 12

CONFERENCES

Canadian • Michigan • Illinois • Indiana • Chicago • India

CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS 2013-2015

These laypersons were elected Connectional Lay Organization Officers at the Biennial. All contested elections were elected on the first ballot. Several candidates were not opposed, and the secretary was able to cast one vote for those individuals. New to the Executive Board are the 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Chaplain, Director of Public Relations and Young Adult Representative.

- PRESIDENT: Dr. Willie C. Glover (3rd Episcopal District)
- 1st VICE PRESIDENT: Ms. Gloria Byrd (6th Episcopal District)
- 2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Matikane Abednego Makiti (19th Episcopal District)
- 3rd VICE PRESIDENT: Mrs. Eileen Warner (11th Episcopal District)
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. Gloria De Veaux-Cobb (7th Episcopal District)
- ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY: Ms. Doris M. Bell (13th Episcopal District)
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Ms. Ada Groff (5th Episcopal District)
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Mr. Richard L. Bowden (9th Episcopal District)
- TREASURER: Mr. Darwin K. Eldridge (13th Episcopal District)
- CHAPLAIN: Ms. Alice W. Belden (4th Episcopal District)
- DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES: Ms. Edith Bartley-Cartledge (1st Episcopal District)
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mr. Walter C. Jeffers (1st Episcopal District)
- PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mrs. Virginia Henderson Harris, RP (6th Episcopal District)
- HISTORIOGRAPHER: Mrs. Pamela F. Tilley (10th Episcopal District)
- YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Felecia E. Commodore (2nd Episcopal District)



The Fourth District is very proud of our Chaplain,
and we know the work she is capable of doing.
The Devotional Services will continue to be spirit filled and uplifting.
Congratulations to Alice Belden! ▪

