

# LAY COMMUNIQUE

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**Special points of interest:**

- Thursday, July 02, 2009
- Health Walk
- Youth/Young Adult Activities—Hour of Power
- Lay Development Training
- General Assembly
- Annual Awards Gala
- Session Reporters NEEDED
- Newsletter Staff

Mary Silva, Florida  
 Connie Jenkins-Pye, Florida  
 Carole Croskey, Central  
 Ann Woodie, Central  
 MaryAnn Thomas, Central  
 Marion Bacon White,  
 Convention Planner, South

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY W/ BIBLE STUDY

The opening assembly began with devotion led on by Episcopal Chaplain, Katheryn Gillis. Opening Hymn, "I'll Be Alright," with a medley of other hymns and praise songs. Scripture, Mark 11:23-24 and John 5:14-15, dealing with prayers of faith. Deborah Langston of the South Conference gave a spirit-filled and soul-stirring testimony during the devotion.

Rev. Glenn B. Dames, Jr., Pastor, St. James AMEC, Titusville, was the Bible Study Presenter. Topic: "The Fear of the Lord."

Rev. Dames began with asking a question as to what the delegation thought about the fear of God. In the study Rev. Dames reminded the delegation regarding the struggles encountered by the children of Israel as to their disobedience, lack of respect for authority, murmuring, complaining, and generally bad attitudes.

Rev. Dames reminded and admonished that persons professing Christianity and



Christian principles had responsibilities not only to God and His church, but to our brothers and sisters in Christ. He implored us to consider our attitudes, the manner in which we look upon God, how we respond to God, we should fear God with reverence, deep respect, and with deep awesomeness. Our responses to God and his mercies are individual as we are all different. As Psalm

139:14 states, we are fearfully and wonderfully made, in other words we are designer originals. In closing we were reminded to continue to thank God as we go forward this week. (cont'd pg 3)

## YOUTH / YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

The youth and young adults participated in two innovative training sessions. The first workshop was entitled "The usefulness of Social Networking Websites."

The second session was entitled "Conflict Resolution for Youth in the Church." In this

workshop attendees discussed the benefits of conflict resolutions in the church.

The Youth and Young Adults also show-cased their many talents in the Hour of Power Worship Service. All YYA's are looking forward to planned activities scheduled during the Convention.



Jai Ingraham, YYA Director  
 Photo by AJSGarner

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING 101

Reported by Dr. Lee Fowlkes,  
Central Conference

Presenter, Val Croskey, Jr.,  
Central Conference with a  
handout authored by Rev. Dr.  
G. Lovelace Champion, Sr.;

The book Joy Unspeakable  
written by Amicitia Maloon  
Gibson was given to the first  
fifty (50) participants.

Highlights of the workshop  
were:

- ◆ .People—the most impor-  
tant part of any church;
- ◆ The church cannot exist  
without people;

- ◆ Church People Members  
include the following:
  - ◆ Pastor;
  - ◆ Stewards;
  - ◆ Trustees;
  - ◆ Stewardess;
  - ◆ Deaconess;
  - ◆ License Missionary  
Worker;
  - ◆ Class Leader(s);
  - ◆ Church School Superin-  
tendent;
  - ◆ Officers - Organizations  
& Auxiliaries
- Do's and Don'ts of a good  
leader was outlined as well as

information provided as to the  
phrase: "good and regular  
standing."

The delegation was advised  
that Lay Leaders must have  
experienced Christ; must be  
dedicated to the church in  
general and the AME church  
in particular.

Mr. Croskey also provided the  
negative attributes of a poor  
leader admonishing that one  
must never ascribe to being a  
poor leader, but tackle every  
job, position as if working for  
the Lord. A Q & A was pre-  
sented with active participa-  
tion by the delegation.

*“Leadership 101,  
ascribe to being a  
good/positive  
leader.”*  
**Remember that the  
church can not  
exist without  
PEOPLE!**

## HEALTH WALK—JULY 1 & 2, 2009

Reported by Connie Jenkins-  
Pye, Florida Conference

On July 1 & 2, 2009, the Elec-  
trifying Eleventh Episcopal  
District Lay Organization's  
Health Walk set the stage for  
keeping your body, mind and  
spirit physically fit on the bat-  
tlefield for the Lord.

Val Croskey, Central Confer-  
ence and members of the  
host conference coordinated  
the health walk.

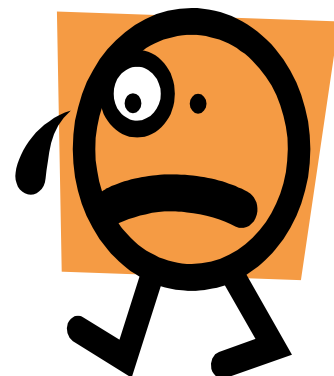
The courageous members  
who set the pace from the  
various conference and did  
not find it robbery to ensure  
that being healthy is a part of  
their daily regiment included  
the following: Val Croskey,

Central; Connie E. Jenkins-  
Pye, Florida; Carey Greer, Jr.,  
West Coast; Ethel M. Wooten,  
Florida; Mae Devoe Fields,  
East; Marie Dixon-Jones, Cen-  
tral; Dessie P. Matthews,  
East; Lucretia McBride, East;  
Sharon Serrant, Florida; and  
Shepherd Myrick, Florida.

Episcopal President Charlie  
Nichols, is challenging the

## HEALTH WALK—CONT'D

Organization to become more  
involved in the Health Walk as  
we prepare to take it to the  
next level in 2010 by the  
South Florida Conference as  
they host the 66th Annual  
Convention.



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY & REGISTRAR'S REPORT

During the General Assembly President Nichols presented to the members the appointment of Commission Directors for the next year in the persons of:  
Loretta Coppock, Director, Program & Activities and Sis. Wanda Glover, Assistant Director, Organization & Structure.

Recommendations addressed during the Executive Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 were presented to the general membership.

Ann McCelvy, Episcopal District Registrar gave the following as her report:

Florida - 51: 46 adults, 1 youth, 4 clergy;

West Coast - 34: 32 adults, 2 clergy;

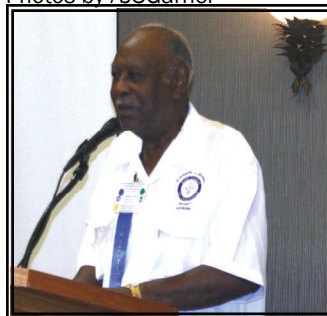
South - 50: 37 adults, 10 youth, 3 clergy;

Central - 82: 66 adults, 4 youth, 12 clergy;



East - 38: 35 adults, 1 youth, 2 clergy;  
Bahamas - 4 adults

Photos by AJSGarner



## LEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTION

After devotion, the roll was called to make sure all present were members.

The following Directors were elected:

President — Marion Bacon White (South)

VP—John Love (Florida)

Secretary—Ella Wilson (Central)

Treasurer—Douglas Thomas (West Coast)

Other Directors:

Florida - Harry Holt

Central - Marie Dixon Jones

South - Deborah Langston

West Coast - James Honors

East - Dessie Matthews & Mae Devoe Fields

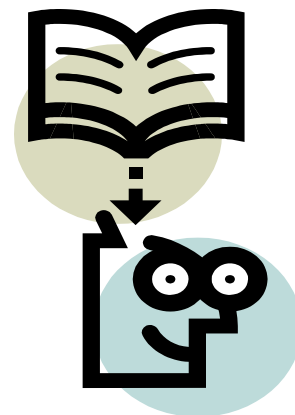
The following members were appointed by Episcopal President Charlie Nichols:

Joseph Coppock - Executive

Director; George Stakley - Liaison between LEDC and the Episcopal District.

Dr. Samuel Hunter will remain as registered agent. Mr. Coppock appointed the LEDC Staff members. They are Phillis Filer, secretary and Shirley Kennedy, treasurer. Forty members of LEDC participated in the election.

Marian B. White, Reporter



## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The Central Conference provided scrumptious and enticing food, drink and conversation to all members who graced the hospitality area.

The Central Conference Hospitality Room was open and available on the 8th floor in room 810 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

### The Nurses Station / Clinic

Located across the hall from the Business Center in the Canaletto Room; nurses are on duty until 5pm daily.

### “Banquet Tickets”

Don't forget to stop by the Registration Desk and pick up your Banquet Ticket(s) before tonight's Awards Gala

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South  
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*65th Annual Convention Mini-Collage*



*Photos by AJSG*

**A.M.E. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to; minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional, and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through word and deed. At every level of the Connection and in every local church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church shall engage in carrying out the spirit of the original Free African Society, out of which the A.M.E. Church evolved; that is, to seek out and save the lost, and serve the needy through a continuing program of:

1. Preaching the gospel;
2. Feeding the hungry;
3. Clothing the naked;



**Fulfilling our obligations to our fellow-man**

4. Housing the homeless;
5. Cheering the fallen;
6. Providing jobs for the jobless;
7. Administering to the needs of those in prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, asylums and mental institutions, senior citizens' homes, car-

ing for sick, the shut-in, the mentally and socially disturbed;

8. Encouraging thrift and economic advancement.

How many areas do you and your church fulfill on this continuum?

If none, do make yourself a committee of one to begin the work of the church and carry-on the Mission of this great church of Allen.

Blessings to each of you as you begin your Mission Journey.