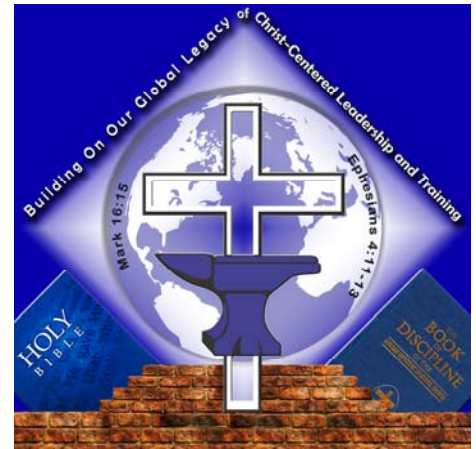


**66th Annual Convention
11th Episcopal District Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church**

DAILY COMMUNIQUE

Third Edition—June 24, 2010



**The Electrifying Eleventh Episcopal District
Lay Organization
“Energetic Health Walk”**

Reporter, Connie E. Jenkins-Pye (Florida Conference)

The Electrifying Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization continues making smiles for God’s people by keeping their physical armor healthy to do God’s work.

On the breezy summer cool mornings June 23-25, 2010 from 6:00am—7:00am laity from the Florida to the South Conferences began their day with a brisk walk at Bayside Park.

Prior to the walk beginning, each participant stretched their body parts to prevent cramping of their muscles as well as stretching after the walk. The path of the walk consisted of four (4) laps around the park, approximately 1.5 miles.

After walking, the faithful and dedicated eleven (11) walkers engaged in a “healthy snack” (water, apple and orange juice, bananas, apples and granola bars).

The participants who began the early morning walk from the several conferences were: Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, (Coordinator) Joe Johnson, George Stakley, Ethel Wooten, & Bobbie Bates, Florida Conference; Shirley Thomas, Douglas Thomas, West Coast Conference; Esther Ferguson, Bahamas; Jerchene Savage Franklin & Marie Dixon-Jones, Central Conference; Beverly Outler, East Conference.

Commissions at Work—Awards

We anxiously await the presentations of our award recipients for 2010. The awards will be presented during our Annual Awards Banquet, on Thursday night. Awards will be presented in the following categories: Outstanding Community Service; Hall of Fame Inductees; The Anvil Award; The Soldier of the Cross Award, and the Outstanding Lay Person of the Biennium.

The Awards Committee is comprised of a representative from each conference in the 11th Episcopal District, and their selections are made in accordance with the established award process of the 11th Episcopal District Lay Organization.

We congratulate ALL of our nominees, and express sincerely that “You’re All Winners!” Congratulations and sincere thanks to our Awards Committee, who had a difficult task in making selections, but completed a magnificent, professional job!

- **WHERE TO GO.....**
- **Fisher Room
....Business Center
Opens 9am—9pm
(6pm-9pm by Ap-
pointment ONLY)
Monday—
Thursday**
- **Registration
In Front of Salons
A-E**
- **Annual Awards
Banquet—Biscayne
Ballroom, Doors
open 7pm**
- **Reports Drop
OffPlease Allow
24 hour turn
around**
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For Your Information

Thursday - June 24

6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.

Health Activities

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Registration

8:30 A.M. - 8:40 A.M.

Devotion Episcopal Chaplain

8:40 A.M. - 9:15 A.M Bible Study

9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. General Assembly

**President & Cabinet
Leadership Training
Training Session I**

**Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Young
10:15A.M.—11:45 A.M.**

**Youth Hour of Power
12:00P.M.—1:00P.M.**

Lunch 1-2:30P.M.

**2:30P.M.—4:00P.M.
Continuation of General Assembly**

**Annual Awards Banquet
7:00P.M.**

“LEADERSHIP IS AN ACTION,
NOT A POSITION”

Presenter, Helen Brown Oliver

Christian leadership according to Helen B. Oliver must rely on the Holy Spirit in order to become an effective leader

Spirituality is a must!!!

Leadership under God is like the baton in a relay race. She gave an example of Moses and Joshua as Christian leaders in action. Deuteronomy 31:1-8

As leaders, we must rely on guidance by the Holy Spirit and we must guide others with divine direction. Mrs. Oliver referred to Barak and Deborah in Judges 4:8-15, to show the importance of the “Heart of Leadership.”

As leaders, we must respect the legacy of obedience. As required of Moses and Joshua, God only requires one thing of us as leaders - Obedience to God.

Mrs. Oliver wrapped u her session by saying that the apostle Paul taught that God wants leaders who are disciplined, seasoned, and convicted in faith. I Timothy 3:1-3, 8-10.

Bible Study—Rev. Samuel Sullivan, I

Rev. Sullivan began the Thursday morning session with the question, what does the word “Steward” mean; answer: A steward is the temporary guardian of the resources that God has placed in our care; thus, for the laity raising hands as to the position in their church...

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Lay Benevolent Activity

The Lay Benevolent Activity was filled with talent, energy and zeal as participants were engaging as they lifted the theme of the Celebration: "This is The Way We Praise God."

The enthusiasm and energetic Praise was shared from the Doxology through every level of the worship experience. We say thanks for a Job Well Done to Third VP, Lothar Cherry for assisting Sister Albany with the service recognizing Lay Benevolent Activities.

JUNE 23, 2010
 "KEEPING THE VISION"

Rev. Rodney Smith gave a very exciting and energetic workshop "Marrying Your Vision in the AME Church". As leaders we need to tap into our vision. We can not do things without being unified. We need to stop letting our ego's cause our people to leave our churches.

"Truth out of Season is Harmful"

We as lay leaders need to step back and let God take charge. We have to remember that this is for only a while therefore we are not taking a "vacation" on doing what God has asked of you. We must remember the battle is not ours it belongs to the Lord.

Ethel M. Wooten, Florida Conference

Commissions at Work-Program & Activities

Sister Loretta Coppock and the Members of Program & Activities have been diligent in working to complete their most challenging, but pleasant responsibility of making the final selections for the recipients of our scholarships. Selmo Bradley and Willie J. Williams (Music) Scholarships.

Scholarship applications were re-

ceived from our various conferences within the 11th District. The Episcopal Level Scholarship Committee made the final selections.

Scholarships will be announced and presented on Thursday night, June 24, 2010 during the Annual Awards Banquet. Accolades to a very professional, well organized and dedicated Episcopal Award Committee.

Our sincere thanks and love to

them for a Par Excellent work of Love.

Beulah Gregory, Scholarship Chair

Loretta Coppock, Director, Program & Activities;

Lolita Brown, Assistant Director, Program and Activities

Sis. Loretta Coppock & members of the Commission on Program & Activities will present Scholarship Winners during the Annual Awards Banquet!

REGISTRAR'S FINAL REPORT ANNIE McCELVY, Registrar

	<u>LAY</u>	<u>CLERGY</u>	<u>YAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FLORIDA CONFERENCE	45	1	1	47
CENTRAL CONFERENCE	30	2	1	33
SOUTH CONFERENCE	66	10	12	88
WEST CONFERENCE	32	3	1	36
EAST CONFERENCE	38	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	48
BAHAMAS CONFERENCE	<u>6</u>			<u>6</u>
Total Registrants	217	21	20	258

Business Center Staff:

Richard Simpson, South Conference President

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Loretta Coppock, East Conference

Mary Silva, Florida Conference

Connie E. Jenkins-Pye, Florida Conference

Ethel Wooten, Florida Conference

“Health Activities”

Health Walk

6:00A.M.—7:00A.M.

Friday morning:

Please Meet

Florida Conference

coordinator

Connie E. Jenkins-Pye,

at the 3rd Floor Lobby!

Water & healthy snacks

provided!

San Marco Island Room

Training Sessions Overview Delphine Jackson & Deborah Langston, East Conference, Reporting

“Am I In An AME Worship Service?”

Presenter, Tyrone Presley

Mr. Tyrone Presley enlightened the group with the importance of reverence and expectancy for worship service. Many AME churches have moved from the traditional AMEC order of service to a more contemporary one.

AME churches have moved from the traditional use of “The Prelude” to a “Worship and Praise Service.”

Mr. Presley emphasized that the Order of Service should begin with soft music to set the mood for congregants to open their minds and hearts to receive God’s word.

Mr. Presley invited the group to join in the singing of “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” to personify the power and movement that an opening hymn brings to the worship experience.

“Marrying Your Vision in the AME Church”

Presenter, Rev. Rodney Smith

The intent of Rev. Rodney Smith’s presentation was to develop a clear vision for leadership through unity.

He further emphasized:

1. Pastor’s become effective leaders when they establish a relationship with the membership of the church.
2. Pastor and members must be on “one accord” to build a spiritual vision.
3. Pastor and members should not be fighting against each other, but rather, working together in the unity of the Spirit of Christ.

◆ In conclusion, he stated that the steps to “Marrying our vision and Spiritual Unity” is:

- ◆ Believers must become one in the Spirit;
- ◆ Humble one’s self; and
- ◆ Work out one’s own salvation and deliverance!