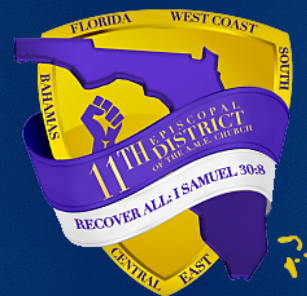


Eleventh Episcopal District

LAY ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

21-24 June 2022

Gainesville, Florida



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Steadfastly Trusting, Indisputably Leaning on the LORD, Harmoniously Engaged, Rejoicing Evermore

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BISHOP'S WORD



To the Greatest Episcopal District Lay Organization Annual Convention in African Methodism



To our great 11th District President, Patricia H. Wright, and our great host President of the East Conference Lay, Nicholas A. Causey, Sr.

To All the Conference Presidents, Officers, Members and Visitors
to the 78th Session of the 11th District Lay Organization Annual
Convention -- VICTORY STARTS HERE!

Your Connectional theme is powerful. This transforming, transcendent theme is a much needed reminder to all African Methodists that we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5: 13-6). Is this our witness in 2022. Are we the salt of the earth globally? Are we the light of the world? Are we letting our good works shine for all to see so that every one is praising God for our global witness or are we slipping into darkness?

The AME Church is under attack by the thief who has come to steal, kill and to destroy the church of Richard Allen and Jarena Lee. There is a war going on in the earth between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. We have seen the kingdom of Satan recently break out in Buffalo, New York and Ulvalde, Texas. In a few weeks we will remember the Kingdom of Satan's attack on the Emmanuel 9. As the thief, the father of lies, intensifies his kingdoms attacks on the church and the world, we have this blessed assurance — -the gates of hell shall not prevail.

Your theme and scripture reference, Luke 4: 18-19, for this Convention is calling the African Methodist Episcopal Church to reclaim, renew and rediscover our Divine purpose and destiny. Thank you!

Finally, the scripture references included in this letter, regarding the Holy Spirit, are meant to help you stay focused on going back to your local churches and communities as instruments of the Holy Spirit who will embody and live a "Global Witness Ministry that Transforms, Transcends and Liberates" African Methodism and people throughout the world.

Victory Starts Here,
Bishop and Supervisor Reid, III



ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL
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THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP FRANK MADISON REID, III

June 21, 2022

**To: The Officers, Members and Participants in the
78th Annual Convention of The Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**

From: Team Reid3

Re: Living A Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends, and Liberates (Luke 4: 18-9)

Scriptural References: Matthew 24: 18 -19a

New Living Translation-Jesus came and told his disciples, I have been given all authority/power in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations.

John 16:7 NLT

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away because if I don't, the Advocate/Comforter/Encourager/Counselor/the Holy Spirit won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.

Luke 24: 49 NLT

And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father Promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.

Acts 1: 8 NLT

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere —in Judea, In Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 19: 1-2

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast where he found several believers. Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? he asked them. No they replied, we haven't heard that there is a Holy Spirit.

Romans 8: 5-6

Those who are dominated by the sinful mind think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.



We Are Still Here

Many people have been prophetic in their singing as it relates to our being here. Andre Crouch talked about "Through It All" in his song. Marvin Sapp's refrain of "Never Would Have Made It" resonates with us all. Perhaps one of the most salient lyrics is found in the Albertina Walker song 'Still Here.'

I'm still here. I'm still here.
I made it through, and so have you.
I've come through the fire,
I've come through the flood
I'm still here, kept by His love.

Since last we met in person, three years ago, we could never have imagined how the world would turn on its axis seemingly to a point of being upended. From every corner of the globe a far-reaching virus swept in taking with it millions of lives. The Eleventh Episcopal District was not left unscathed. The voices of countless people have been hushed up in death because of a virus called Corona. But yet, here we stand as a testimony to say thanks be to God, "We are still here!"

It has been a struggle. It has been a challenge. It has been disruptive, disturbing, discouraging, disheartening. We have attended more funerals whether virtually or in person than we ever thought possible. We've seen loved ones who did not live long enough to comb gray hair, and we've seen the most senior and frail of our population succumb to a virus that three years ago was largely unknown. We have kept our selves locked away, hunkered down, separated and covered up as a way of protection from a virus that was already sneaking in, invading our spaces, cutting off our air supply, and seeking to take our very lives. What we could not prevent from harming us, God could and did! Even when we found ourselves surrendering to emotional and physical anguish, God kept our minds, stayed our breaths and saved our lives. Victory starts here!!

As we gather together and see each others' faces,
we honor the grace of God. We Are Still Here!



PRESIDENT ON THE MOVE

Whether virtually or in person, at the Connectional Level, the Episcopal Level, the Conference, District of Annual Conference or local levels...

THE EEDLO REPRESENTS

- **Training**
 - **Meetings**
 - **Reporting**
 - **Attending**
- January 15 - Presented Learning Lab to Tenth District
 - January 20 - Training with EDOLA for Mt Carmel, Tampa
 - January 29 - Presented Learning Lab to Second District
 - January 29 - Presented Learning Lab for Leadership Institute - Tampa District (WC Conference)
 - February 25 - Conducted Election for East Conference
 - March 19 - Presented Learning Lab to Fourth District
 - April 8-9 - Attended CLO EBoard, New Orleans
 - April 22 - Presented Learning Lab to Gr. Hurst Chapel, Sarasota
 - May 19 - Presented Learning lab to St. Paul AME, Boynton Beach
 - June 10 - Presented Learning Lab to Seventh District (In Person)
 - June 10 Presented Learning Lab to Twelfth District

THE DOLA'S PEN



Therefore, my beloved brothers,
be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain. —

I Corinthians 15:58

It is with a grateful heart that I greet each of you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. I count it all joy and a pleasure to welcome each of you to the 78th Session of the Eleventh Episcopal District Annual Lay Convention. We have come into His house, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Florida, gathered in His name, to worship Christ our Lord. So, let us worship Him!



As we reflect on the past three years, we find ourselves pivoting, reimagining, and rethinking our gathering together. Although physically apart, we were YET together. We remained steadfast despite the distractions and detours. We boldly proclaim today that We Are STILL HERE!! We are Steadfastly, Trusting Indisputably Leaning on the Lord. As we open this 78th Session of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization Annual Convention, let us continue to share the love and harmony that has sustained us through our times apart. Let US, set aside all that may distract us, and “Worship Him.”

I count it a blessing each and every day to walk and work with some very fine clergy. Thank you all for your continued support. To Madam President Patricia Wright, you are simply the BEST!! I continuously call you “That President.” You are “That President” who is effective, efficient, and always expecting excellence. Thank you for your support in every aspect. Ashley Blakely, our Young Adult Representative, you are ALL that God says You are. Thank you for holding me up...You are truly a blessing to the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization. My sincere appreciation to all who will join us for convention.

“May God ‘Bless Each of You’ is my prayer.

ANNUAL LAY LEARNING RETREAT

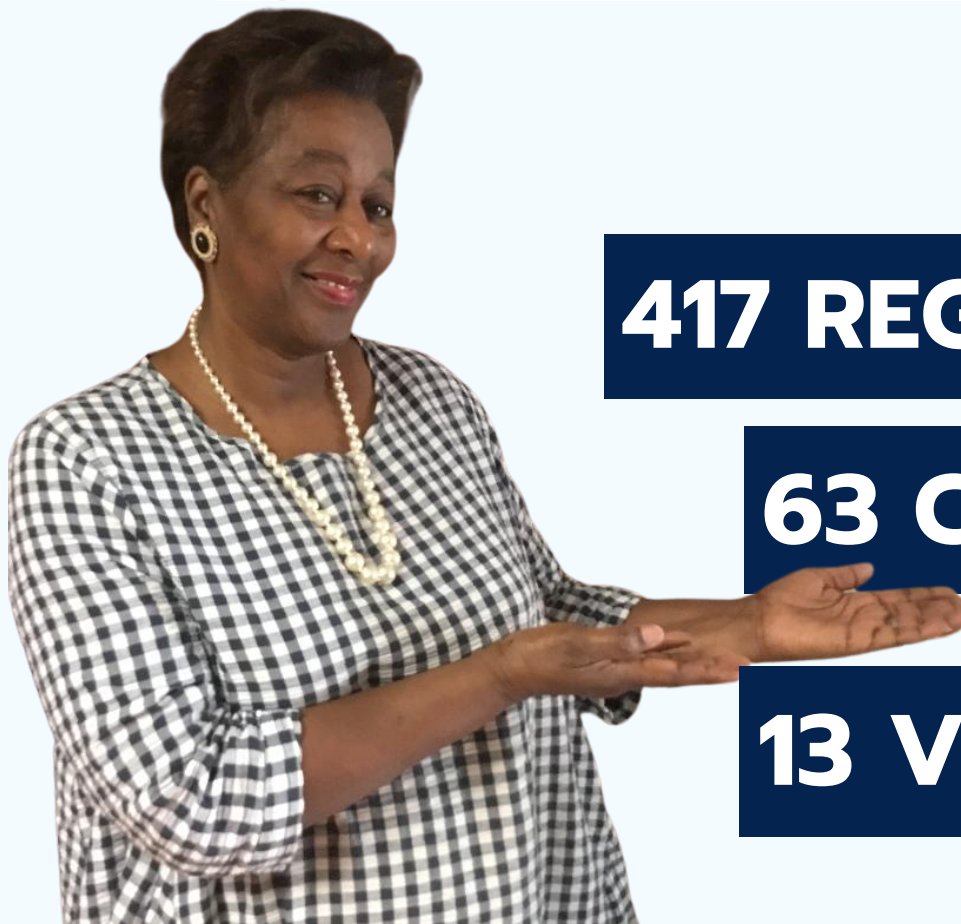
Our mission is to teach and train.

During the 58th Annual Convention of our Episcopal Lay Organization held June 18-21, 2002, then President Mrs. Marian Bacon White, included in her message bulleted highlights of her stewardship and accomplishments for the year. 'Instituted the First Annual Lay Development Retreat' was one of the bulleted items. What began twenty years ago by our sixth episcopal president, along with the then Director of Lay Activities, Mrs. Evelyn Welch Graham, has continued to this present date.

Although teaching in every church is not at the same level, the need for it is the same. People crave and yearn for new knowledge, but there are not always persons readily available to provide it. The Learning Retreat is a way to narrow the knowledge gap when it comes to learning about our church. The learning labs presented can be replicated and presented at the church level. Persons can attend together and then take the information back home to share and discuss as a group. Snippets can even be used as mini lessons among the components. There is ALWAYS worthwhile and eye-opening learning that occurs at the retreats. Training is never a one and done experience. Learning is perpetual.

The 2022 Lay Learning Retreat was no exception. It was well attended and included 2 Outstanding Presenters: Kevin Taylor from the First Episcopal District and Martinique Mix from the Sixth Episcopal District. Additionally, we shared some unknown stories in tribute to six lay persons, namely: Mr. Johnnie Hill, Mr. Tyrone Presley, Mrs. Inez Harris Brown, Ms. Ashley Blakely, Mr. Nicholas Causey and Mr. Jordan Jerome Corbett.

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417 REGISTERED

63 CLERGY

13 VISITORS

STANDING RULES

The following are proposed as the rules governing the 78th Annual Convention of the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization.

- Rule #1** The 78th Annual Session of the EEDLO shall convene, on June 21, 2022 through June 24, 2022.
- Rule #2** The program outlined, as adopted by the Convention shall be the official program for the 78th Annual Session.
- Rule #3** The presence of a quorum shall be established by registered delegates in attendance. Fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the delegates to the 78th Annual Session shall constitute a quorum for each business session.
- Rule #4** a). There shall be a Credentials Committee, appointed by the President, to serve during the convention. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for the supervision of the accreditation of delegates. The chairperson of the Credential Committee shall give a report at the first session of the convention.
b). There shall be a Registration Committee, appointed by the President, to serve during the convention. All delegates must register via the EEDLO Web-site, and pay the appropriate fees established. Registration for the 78th Session opened on April 15, 2022, and ended May 30, 2022.
- Rule #5** The "order of business" of the convention shall be the first item of business at the opening session of the convention. The convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization Constitution and Bylaws, the Standing Rules, special rules incorporated herewith, and pertinent provisions established for the Convention. Cases not specifically covered otherwise shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, latest revised edition.
- Rule #6** Committees of the Convention shall meet during the business hours of the Convention unless it secures permission of the Convention.
- Rule #7** No delegate shall speak without being recognized by the Chair. During debate, no delegate shall speak more than twice to the same question during the same session, nor longer than two (2) minutes at one time if speaking as an individual or three minutes at one time if speaking for the delegation, unless permission is granted by majority vote of the convention. No more than thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by the Convention, shall be allotted for all debate on a single proposition on the floor
- Rule #8** A delegate may yield the floor or speaking time to another delegate only for the unused portion of the allotted time.
- Rule #9** No delegate speaking on a question may move the previous question.
- Rule #10** At the request of the presiding officer or any delegate, any amendment or main motion shall be in writing.
- Rule #11** There shall be an official Parliamentarian to whom questions may be directed through the presiding officer only. If deemed advisable by the presiding officer, a question may be referred to the Bylaws and Rules Committee for interpretation.
- Rule #12** When applicable, all reports presented to the Convention should be available electronically or in printed form with sufficient copies for each delegate. The copies will be accessible to the delegates before or at the time the reports are presented.
- Rule #13** Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and Proposed Legislation shall be submitted to the Organization and Structure Commission in writing before the end of the first business session of the convention.
- Rule #14** A specific part of these standing rules may be suspended, provided that;
a) A proper motion to suspend the desired section is presented;
b) The motion is properly supported by a second, and
c) The convention approves the motion with a 2/3 vote of delegation.

EEDLO

Agenda

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Pre - Convention

June

21

- 9:30 a.m. EEDLO Pre-Meetings
- 9:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 9:00 a.m. LEDP Meeting (Dogwood Rm)
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Board at Work
- 4:00 p.m. First Timers' Orientation (Dogwood)
- 4:00 p.m. Commissions meet, as needed
- 6:00 p.m. *East Conference Welcome Program
- 7:00 p.m. *Opening Worship Experience

*Greater Bethel AMEC
701 SE 43rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

Convention Day 1

June
22

- 6:30 a.m. Health Activities (Run/Walk)
- 7:00 a.m. LEDP Breakfast (Ticketed event)
- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens
- 8:30 a.m. Devotion/Bible Study

Plenary Session I

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order
- A. Roll Call of Officers - Asst Sec. Odom
- B. Adoption of the Agenda
- C. Reading of Standing Rules - Org & Struc
- D. Registrar's Report - A. McCelvey
- E. Approval of Minutes
- F. President's Message

- EEDLO Business - Elected Officers' Reports
- A. First Vice President - John Love
- B. Second Vice President - Lother Cherry
- C. Third Vice President - Johnnie Hill



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**June
22**

10:30 a.m.

Elected Officers' Reports

DOLA	Teresa White
YAR	Ashley Blakely
Rec Secretary	Ethel Wooten
Asst. Rec Secretary	Evelyn Odom
Chaplain	Deborah Langston
Historiographer	Debra Gilliard
Financial Secretary	Priscilla Salter
Treasurer	Sharon Causey
Director of PR	Robbyn Hopewell

Conference Presidents' Reports

Bahamas, Central, South, Florida,
West Coast, East

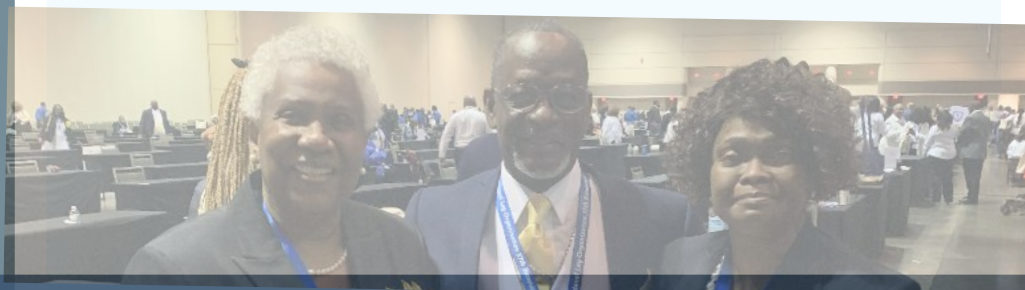
11:45 a.m. Lay Benevolence Hour of Praise

12:50 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Hospitality Room Open (Live Oak)

2:00 p.m. Plenary Session II

Business of EEDLO

- A. Amendments to Constitution - D. Russell
- B. Election of Biennial Delegates
- C. Financial Information
- D. LEDP Report E. Graham



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Convention Day 1

E. Commission/Committee Reports

Commission on Organization and Structure - Russell/Berry

Commission on Program and Activities - Coppock/Brown

Commission on Personnel and Procedures - McBride/Graham

6:30 p.m. Young Adult Representatives Take Over
GAME NIGHT - FamILAY Feud

Bring your competitive Spirit & your Game Face

**June
22**

Convention Day 2

6:30 a.m. Health Activities (Walk/run)

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Devotion/Bible Study

POWER SESSIONS

8:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. POWER Session I

A) Laughing Your Way Through

Presiding Elder Jimmy J. Thompson, Presenter

B) We Are Still Here –

Pressing, Praying, Persevering

EDOLA Teresa White & ECYAR Dante Buckson, Presenters

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. WELLNESS BREAK

10:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m. POWER Session II

A) We Are Still Here –

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Convention Day 2

**June
23**

11:35 a.m. Whole Group Wrap Up

12:00 p.m. **Afternoon Choice** of Events

Rosewood Presentation @ Mt. Olive Church*
Cotton Club Museum
Shopping
Relaxing

* Mt. Olive AME Church 721 8th S.E. Street, Gainesville, FL

7:00 p.m. Denim & Pearls Awards Banquet



Convention Day 3

**June
24**

6:30 a.m. Health Activities (Walk/run)

8:00 a.m. Devotion/Bible Study

8:35 a.m. Plenary Session III

CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION

Final reports - President's remarks

Committee Recommendations

Bahamas Conference Presentation

9:45 a.m. POWER Session 3

Dangerous Speech

Simeon Rhoden - Presenter

Closing Remarks

Memorial Service

Lay Benediction

Acknowledgements



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Morning Glory

Devotion Leaders

Wednesday June 22, 2022 8:30 AM

Song Sis. Dessie Matthews, 3rd Vice President - East Conference
Scripture Sis. Ann Lovett, Treasurer - Suwannee South District
Prayer: Sis. Jennifer Lewis, Phillip R. Cousin AME - Suwannee South District

Bible Lesson: Carolyn Y. Floyd, 1st Vice President - East Conference Lay

Friday June 23, 2022 8:30 AM

Song: Rev. Carl Smart, Pastor Mt. Zion AME - Hawthorne, FL
Scripture Rev. D. Ayoka Jasey Sowala, Minister - East Conference
Prayer: Rev. John E. Brown, Pastor St. Paul AME - Windsor, FL

Bible Lesson: Rev. V. Montgomery, Pastor - Allen Chapel AME, Houston, FL

NOTE: Thursday is Learning Lab day, and a collective devotion has been planned under the direction of Chaplain Deborah Langston.

I will bless the Lord at all times...



Presiding Elder Jimmy Thompson

FAVOR REPORT

- 50 Years in Ministry
- President PE Council
- Senior Presiding Elder
- Premiere Revivalist
- Seasoned Pastor

Born and raised in Pahokee, FL, Jimmy Thompson received the call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the age of 17. One of his first experiences as an Evangelist was in Loxahatchee, where he ministered diligently and faithfully at Saint John A. M. E. Church to an audience of one member. That experience prepared him for what God had in store for him later, which included a charge at New Bethel A. M. E. Church in Lakeland, Florida. His leadership, guidance, and vision from God allowed him to lead the membership from 400 to 1650 members. His experiences there prepared him for his appointment as Presiding Elder of the "Lovely, Lively Lakeland District".

Elder Thompson is sharp minded and quick witted. Both of these attributes have served him well during the vicissitudes of his life. Deemed a 'People Person,' Elder Thompson possesses the uncanny knack of making everyone feel a sense of hospitality and joviality. Under God's direction, Presiding Elder Thompson and his wife Kathy intend to serve the Lakeland District to the very best of their abilities. When at rest, Presiding Elder Thompson enjoys good music, writing, and grilling some good barbeque.





DANTE' DESHAWN BUCKSON

Mr. Dante' D. Buckson serves as the Young Adult Representative for the East Conference Lay Organization of the Eleventh Episcopal District and is a member of Greater Grant Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida, where the Rev. Micah C.T. Sims serves as Pastor.

Professionally, Mr. Buckson serves as the National Director for Account Services for the National Hypertension Control Initiative at the American Heart Association. He has also been recognized nationally for his expertise in grant writing and strategic development.

Dante' is blessed to also serve as the Administrative Aid to Bishop Marvin C. Zanders II and Supervisor Winifred H. Zanders.

He is the Founder and CEO of Beacon Enterprises, a Florida based conglomerate that includes artist management, a nationally recognized podcast, and provides scholarships for graduating High School seniors.

His passion for ministry, youth development, and service to the community are manifested through his work with numerous organizations existing both in and outside of the church.

Mr. Simeon Rhoden

OUR PRESENTER

Mr. Simeon P. Rhoden is a Senior Project & Facilities Management consultant for city municipalities in the state of Washington and serves as a Facilities Management consultant to Seattle's MLK FAME Community Center, Board of Directors. Simeon's educational background is extensive – in addition to receiving his MBA, he is a graduate of University of Oklahoma, holding a Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture. He is also a graduate of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, holding a Bachelor of Arts in English Education, and while attending the University of Oklahoma, he spent 2 years studying vocal performance at the University of Graz, in Graz, Austria.

Mr. Rhoden has been engaged successfully at every level of the AME Church, throughout the 11th, 12th, and 5th Episcopal Districts. He's served well in leadership roles in the music department, church leadership positions, and the Laymen's Organization. Recently, he successfully and effectively completed 10.5 years as the 5th Episcopal District Lay President (2.5 years beyond his 8-year term) and is now serving as an Advisor to the current President and Team.

Mr. Rhoden is an active member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. He is recognized in his community and the AME Church as a respected leader who understands the meaning of teamwork, while fostering open and honest communication, and showing compassion and empathy towards humanity.

SKILLS

EDUCATION

MBA: Business Administration
BS: Interior Architecture
BA: English Education
Minor in Vocal Performance

CURRENTLY

Member of CLO Constitution
& By Laws Committee

Chairman of the Constitution
& By Laws Committees for the
5th District Lay & the Pacific
Northwest Annual Conference
.Conference Trustee of the
Pacific Northwest Annual
Conference.



Mr. Rhoden is a husband, father, and now grandfather, but most important, he is a man of God.

78th Annual Lay Convention

LAY BENEVOLENT PROGRAM

June 22, 2022 11:45 A.M.

Sister Phillis Filer, Worship Leader
Alachua Central District

Doxology

Dr. Kevin Sharpe, Musician

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above Ye heavenly Host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Call to Worship

(Psalm 150)

Sister Maria P. Cole
Suwannee North District

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

P: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

L: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

P: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

The Hymn of Praise

Musician

The Invocation

Brother Reginald Robinson
Suwannee North District

The Scripture Lesson

Galatians 6:7-10

Sister Aurora Arnold
South District President

The Worship Through Giving

Sister Sharon Causey
Sister Lucretia McBride

The Introduction of the Speaker

Sister Gina Monlyn

The Selection

Musician

The Messenger

The Reverend Brittany Bryant
St. Luke AMEC
East Conference

The Remarks

Sister Lothar Cherry
EEDLO 2nd Vice President
President Patricia Wright

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sister LuCretia A. McBride, Chair
Personnel & Procedures Commission

The Opening Song

"Blessed Quietness"

Joys are flowing like a river since the Comforter has come,
He abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart His home.

(Refrain)

Blessed quietness, holy quietness what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea He speaks peace to me how the billows cease to roll!

Like the rain that falls from heaven, like the sunlight from the sky,
so the Holy Ghost is given, coming on us from on high.

The Prayer

Sister Shirley Morgan, Chaplain
West Coast Conference-St. Petersburg District

The Scriptures

John 5: 24-30-----Brother Ned Hill, Chaplain
Florida Conference-Quincy/Monticello District
1 John 4: 7&8 -----Sister Dorothy Reid, Benevolence
South Conference-Central District

The Solo

Amazing Grace---Sister Leona Williams
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Gainesville

Celebration of Life (PowerPoint)

Lighting of Candles

"White"	Sister Lotter Cherry, Lay Benevolence Central Conference
"Red"	Sister Peggy Rice Johnson, Advisor East Conference

Closing Prayer

Sister Melanie Weatherspoon, Chaplain
South Conference-Central District

Closing Song

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansion bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

(Refrain)

When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

Onward to the price before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

Atlantis Resort - Nassau, Bahamas



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2 GREAT LAY CONVENTIONS

**79TH EEDLO
ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 12-16**

**NASSAU - BAHAMAS
ATLANTIS RESORT**

**REGISTRATION \$125
HOTEL \$169+ RESORT FEE**

**38th Biennial Convention
of the
Connectional Lay Organization
JUNE 26-30
Chicago - Illinois**

**REGISTRATION \$275*
HOTEL CHICAGO HILTON
\$159+ Service fees**

*After Feb 28, 2023 registration \$325

Start Planning Now

POWER SESSIONS

SCHOOLING

Begins with the Lay Organization

LAUGHING YOUR WAY THROUGH

Two learning take aways are:

1. _____

2. _____



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PRESSING, PRAYING, PERSEVERING

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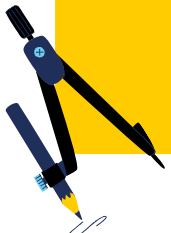
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DANGEROUS SPEECH

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