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## AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THIRD DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION

*63rd Annual Convention*  
*June 25 - June 27, 2009*

### Pre-Convention Guide & Registration Materials

*"Refocusing Our Ministry  
to Serve the Present Age"*  
*Scripture -*  
*Galatians: 6:9-10*

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MS. RUTH E. SMITH,  
*District Director of Lay Activities*  
MR. DEREK ANDERSON,  
*West Virginia Conference President*  
MS. SHELIA SIMS,  
*West Virginia Director of Lay Activities*



*Dear Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal District:*

*It is my honor to greet you on the occasion of our 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention. Our District Director of Lay Activities and the wonderful people of the West Virginia Conference have been working tirelessly to assure that the convention in Charleston will be enjoyable and productive. This has been a very busy transitional year and I thank each you for your commitment to the Lord, our great Zion and the Lay Organization.*

*The Annual Convention is one of our most important meetings. It is here where important issues are discussed and decisions made. As we prepare for the Lay Biennial and the election of Dr. Willie C. Glover, as Connectional President, I encourage you to register early so you can be a part of history. We have designed interactive business sessions, Bible studies and a powerful worship service. We are blessed to have Bishop C. Garnett Henning as our Presiding Prelate and we look forward to a spirit-filled and thought-provoking opening sermon.*

*Finally, I would like to thank you for your participation in the Annual Winter Retreat and the Raymond Davis Educational Awards Banquet. Your participation helped to make both events very successful. Thank you and I look forward to seeing your lovely faces in “wild wonderful” West Virginia!*

Your humble servant,  
*Ametta Lorene Reaves*



### **Be the Change you wish to see in the World!**

The Third District Lay Organization has chosen as its outreach service project: “The Florence Crittenton Home” in Wheeling West Virginia. This home has been in existence for 113 years and provides services for young women who are between the ages of 12 and 18 who are pregnant and/or young mothers. These young women come from financially impoverished backgrounds and are in need of emotional, spiritual and academic support.

We are requesting donations of the following items from the Conferences within the Third District.

#### **Items for Babies**

Newborn clothing for babies ages 3–9 months  
Baby Books, Sippy Cups  
Educational Baby toys  
Little Swimmer Diapers, Arm Floaties

#### **Items for Young Girls**

Reading Material (Jody Picoult books only)  
Educational Books from Dover Publishing  
Colorful Notebooks (used as Journals)  
Colored pencils, Calligraphy Kits  
Beach towels, sunscreen lotion, Flip-flops sizes 5 – 10  
AAA Batteries

We are asking that each Conference President coordinate the solicitation of these items from your local lay organizations. We request that you bring these items to the Annual Convention.

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**A Change You Can Trust**



Dr. Willie C. Glover

Candidate for Connectional Lay Organization President  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Third Episcopal District Lay Organization enthusiastically supports the candidacy of Dr. Willie C. Glover for President of the Connectional Lay Organization.

With Dr. Glover at the helm of the Connectional Lay Organization we can expect:

1. Accountability, Transparency
2. Teaching and Training
3. Increased Visibility
4. Inclusion Communication
5. Preservation of the Legacy
6. Recruiting Young Adults
7. Self-Sustaining
8. Global Outreach
9. Compassionate Leadership
10. Economic Empowerment

***ELECT***

***DR. WILLIE C. GLOVER***

***PRESIDENT - CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Convention Overview

Thursday, June 25, 2009

11:00 am Registration  
12:45 pm Devotions  
1:00 pm Plenary – Opening Business Session  
4:00 pm Registration Closes / Break  
5:15 pm Departure for Dinner  
5:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Worship and Holy Communion Service  
9:30 pm Welcome Reception

Friday, June 26, 2009

7:30 am Registration Opens  
7:30 am Breakfast  
8:45 am Bible Study  
9:45 am Plenary – Second Business Session  
12:30 pm Presidential Luncheon  
2:30 pm Break  
2:45 pm Plenary – Third Business Session  
5:45 pm Break  
7:30 pm Living Witness Award Dinner

Saturday, June 27, 2009

7:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Prayer and Memorial Service  
9:30 am Plenary – Final Business Session  
1:00 pm Convention Closing, Love Circle  
Lay Benediction

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**CONVENTION & LIVING WITNESS  
SOUVENIR JOURNAL**

The Third District Annual Lay Convention Souvenir Journal is an opportunity to acknowledge our 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting as well as congratulate the Third District Lay Person of the Year and our Living Witness Awardees. This year we honor the following persons:

**District Layperson of the Year**

Dr. Willie C. Glover

**Living Witness Awardees**

**West Virginia**

Mrs. Bessie Yates

Rev. John Sylvia

**Pittsburgh**

Ms. Gladys Russell

Rev. Lawrence Thompson

**South Ohio**

Mr. Kevin Mays

Rev. Michael Simmons

**Ohio**

Mr. Eric Bruce

Rev. L. A. Gatewood, Presiding Elder

**North Ohio**

Mrs. Brunetta O'Neal

Rev. Arnett Thornton

**Annual Convention Registration includes:**

**Convention Materials, Dinner on Thursday  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Friday  
Breakfast on Saturday**

**Convention Registration Deadline**

Pre-registration \$135.00 postmarked by May 29th  
After **May 29th** and on site - \$145.00

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1. An administrative and/or processing fee of 10% deducted from all cancellations.
2. In case(s) of an "apparent" emergency that prevents attendance prior to the guaranteeing of meal count (usually 5 days prior to event) nothing more than the administrative fee shall be deducted.
3. In case(s) where the meal count has been confirmed an additional \$10 per meal shall be deducted from registration. (Convention (4) meals = \$40)
4. Individuals who are registered and unable to attend the meeting may send a substitute in their place in keeping with the above policy. Financial Secretary and President must be notified in a timely manner.

**HOTEL REGISTRATION  
CALL THE EMBASSY SUITES DIRECT  
TO SECURE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION**

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**Embassy Suites**  
300 Court Street  
Charleston, West Virginia  
Telephone: 304-347-8700

**Daily Room Rate:**

Single and Double Occupancy **\$119.00 + 15% tax**  
**There will be a \$10 charge per person**  
**beyond 2 individuals in a room.**

Deadline for Hotel Registration is **May 29, 2009.**

First night must be guaranteed with a credit card.  
Use "AME Church" for the above rate.

**Thursday Night**

**Dinner and Worship Service on Thursday. Please wear**  
**"White" for the Worship & Holy Communion Service.**  
**All other activities will be at the Embassy Suites -**  
**Charleston, West Virginia**

**Don't Forget To Bring:**

Your Bible, Lay Study Guide, Equipping the Saints for Service Training Manual, 2004 Edition of Doctrine and Discipline of The African Methodist Episcopal Church, at least one person under the age of 30, and 2 of your favorite friends. Remember to invite your Pastor and his/her spouse, **and remember your \$100 donation for the Raymond Davis Scholarship.**

Contact Person: Ruth Smith – 724.483.2019 or contact via e-mail: [fastforward110@comcast.net](mailto:fastforward110@comcast.net)

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