

News From The Third Episcopal District Lay Organization



Our Brief Purpose of The Lay Organization is to organize and train the lay members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, so that each member may utilize to the maximum the abilities and skills granted by God, in assisting with the improvement and extension of Gods kingdom. Creating happiness, peace and harmony among its members, while instilling love and appreciation for the history, principles and tradition of African Methodism.

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Winter Retreat 937.925.2299**

Third District Lay Organization Annual Winter Retreat 2009



Salt Fork Resort and Conference Center

Welcome to Salt Fork Resort and Convention Center. Located near the intersection of interstate 70 and 77 tucked away in the beautiful rolling hills of Southeastern Ohio in Ohio's largest state park. The beautiful pine beam and stone captures the flavor

Friday, January 16, 2009		Saturday, January 17, 2009	
	Time		Time
Registration	12:00 PM	Breakfast	8:00 AM
Retreat Begins	1:00 PM	Bible Study	8:40 AM
Workshop 1:		Workshop 3:	9:45 AM
Equip St. for Serv	1:30 -3:15 PM	General Conference Legislation	
Workshop 2:		Check-Out	11:00 AM
Tithing	3:45 -5:45 PM	Biennial Overview	11:20 AM
Arlene Prevost Dinner	6:00 PM	Lunch /Closing Session	12:00 PM
The A.M.E. Challenge	7:30 PM		
Social / R & R	8:30 -11:00 PM		

And ambiance of a grand park Lodge. The resort features indoor and outdoor pools, Jacuzzi, game room, fitness center, full-service restaurant, basketball, tennis, volleyball along with family and children activities. Come prepared for a promising, exciting, educational, uplifting and fun filled week-end. Bring your swim suit, dancing shoes and your sharpest casual outfit. REPRESENT!



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Ametta Reaves new Third District President

By James A. Williams



**Ametta Lorene Reaves
President Third Episcopal
District Lay Organization**

Ms. Ametta Lorene Reaves is our newly elected President of the Third Episcopal District Lay Organization. She is a proud member of Lee Memorial AME Church Cleveland, OH. North Ohio

Conference.

She is dedicated, committed to the continued growth and development of the A.M.E. Church and the Third Episcopal District Lay Organization. As President she will promote the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her plans will honor the memory of Richard Allen, foster love and appreciation for our rich history and traditions. She will continue to strengthen, enhance and develop the growth of the A.M.E. Church in partnership with the ordained leadership. President Reaves will encourage Christian Stewardship, economic development, and thought provoking training on the Doctrine & Discipline of the A.M.E. Church. She is a visionary, a

compassionate leader and a very dedicated Christian.



**Dr. Willie C. Glover
President Emeritus**

In 2000 the members of the Third Episcopal District Lay Organization Elected Dr. Willie C. Glover as its seventh president. The district has approximately 200 Lay Organizations and membership of 3000. Dr. Glover's love and devotion to the Lay Organization has resulted in his desire to serve on a connectional level. He is seeking the position of Connectional Lay President. With prayer, faith and our support Dr. Glover will be highly successful in fulfilling this ambition. Dr. Glover is married to Mrs.



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Special points of interest:

- New President for the Third District Lay Organization.
- New Director of Lay Activities
- Dr. Willie C. Glover Third District Lay Organization President Emeritus
- Wilberforce University National Alumni Conference
- General Conference 2008 of the AME Church St. Louis, MO

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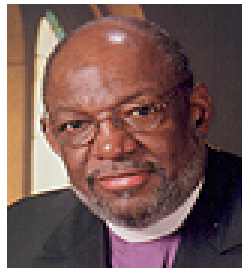
Ruth E. Smith new Director of Lay Activities

Ms. Ruth E. Smith is the new elected Director of Lay Activities for the Third Episcopal District Lay Organization. Ruth is a member of Bethel AME Church in Monongahela, Pennsylvania of the Pittsburgh Conference Lay Organization. She has served as Alternate

and Delegate to the General Conference. Ruth has served as Parliamentarian and Director of Lay Activities in the Pittsburgh Conference Lay Organization and is presently serving local at Bethel AME Church as President of their Lay Organization. She is the

Church Secretary, Steward and Publicity Chairperson to name a few of her duties in Christian Service. Ruth is a woman who understands how to work on every level of the Connectional Church to provide hope, direction and guidance for the future.

New Bishop for the Third Episcopal District



Bishop C. Garnett Henning Sr. is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, in Memphis, Tennessee and received his B. S. degree

from Wilberforce University. Bishop Henning received a M. Div. degree from Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio and completed the course work for the D. Min degree at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, MO. He has received numerous awards, honors and recognitions for civic, social, religious and political contributions to the communities where he

served. He was the Presiding Bishop of the Eighth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal District (2000-2008) which includes the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. While serving the 8th District, Bishop Henning was very vocal about his views regarding the confederate flag that flies over Mississippi.

On Friday, July 11, 2008, Bishop C. Garnett Henning, Sr., was assigned by the 48th Session of the General Conference of the AME Church to the Third Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which is composed of Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. As a graduate of Wilberforce University and Payne Seminary, he brings renewed emphasis on our educational institutions. As a

community activist, we will be seeking ways for our communities to be strengthened spiritually, politically, socially and economically. Ernestine Henning is our new Third Episcopal District Supervisor.

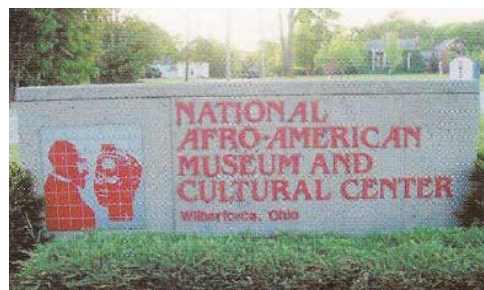
“ The greatest call one can receive is the call to empower other people.”

Bishop C. Garnett Henning Sr.

Wilberforce University National Alumni Conference



The Wilberforce University Alumni Association, Columbus Chapter, Hosted the National Alumni Association Conference here at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel from July 23 thru 27th 2008. The conference attendees enjoyed the Wilberforce University Campus Tour. They were very impressed with the new Living Learning Center that was complete this summer and ready to house new students this Fall. The visit to the National Afro-American Mu-



seum gave a lasting impression of the museum's permanent exhibition, from Victory to Freedom. The exhibition presents the Black American experience in American history from 1945 with the ending of World War II, to 1965 with the passage of the 1964 Voting Rights Act.

After the highlights of seeing the new dorm and visiting the Museum and Culture Center the tour ended at the Fountain for the Greek Roundup and Serenade.

Representing were Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma. Later in the proud African tradition drum sounded the opening of all sessions. Everyone enjoyed the rooftop presidents reception under the moon and stars with the Columbus skyline in the background. The Stub Renaissance and the Columbus Chapter Alumni Hospitality Suites were enjoyed by all. It was a slower paced Jazz setting where old friendships were renewed and new friendships were established. Other activities

Included The Green & Gold Dinner and the Green & Gold Dance. The best Pajama Party ever. It was provocative some what naughty but over all very nice. A golf outing was held, Class reunions, Board meetings, WUAA Committee meetings, Presidents meetings and much more.

The success of this National Alumni Association Conference, is do to the skills, dedication and very heard work of the WUAA Columbus Chapter and Ms. Carrie P. Boston and Dr. Willie C. Glover. They were the Columbus Alumni Conference Co-Chairpersons. This year the theme was Reconnecting, Reaffirming, Retooling the Alumni Agenda.

This WUAA National Conference truly enjoyed thought provoking meetings, creative visions expressed for our future along with a thrilling, unique blend of entertainment, hospitality and Fellowship that was an occasion to remember.



New Elected District Officers & Conference Presidents

THIRD DISTRICT OFFICERS

President	Ms. Ametta Reaves
1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. Ladonna Liggins
2nd Vice Pres.	Mrs. Josella Abrams
3rd Vice Pres.	Ms. Kim Dorsey
DOLA	Ms. Ruthie Smith
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Asst. Recd Sec.	Ms. Michelle Moore
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Parliamentarian	Mr. Carl White
Chaplin	Mr. Khary Nettles
Historiographer	Mrs. Daisy Brown
Public Relations	Mr. James Williams
Young Adult Advisor	Ryan Nall
CLEDC	Ms. Barbara Davis

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

North Ohio	Mrs. Barbara Rosser
South Ohio	Mrs. Jimmie Lee Jackson
Ohio	Mrs. Donna Blackburn
Pittsburgh	Mr. Andre Nelson
West Virginia	Mr. Derek Anderson

Congratulations to all the newly elected Officers. It is truly an honor to be selected by ones peers to lead in any capacity. I'm sure with trust in God, prayer and patients we will be successful in each of our elected positions. To God be the Glory.



COLLEGE TOUR 2009 Southeast Region

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Georgia Tech
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Morehouse

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From The Editor

How did you feel when Senator Barack Obama became President elect Obama? I was moved to tears because I was so proud. I can relate to being raised in a predominant white environment being the only person of color in a class, being the target of racial slurs, having low self-esteem, but expected to excel in sports. It was only after serving in Viet Nam as a Marine Squad Leader, did I become

aware of black pride. My squad was given a mission to rescue a downed pilot. Other squads had achieved the same task with high casualties. I was afraid and reluctant to go. I prayed for strength, guidance and the ability not to show fear. My prayer was answered and when I saw the pilot was black, it became more important for me to accomplish the mission. Our Bishops must feel that same pride and power in prayer.



Surround Yourself with Academic Success at JCSU

The featured Historic Black College University is Johnson C. Smith University. This beautiful one hundred acre campus is located in Charlotte, North Carolina. The JCSU homecoming queen was our tour guide. The Vice President over admissions offer three of our senior students scholarships. One accepted and is presently attending JCSU with full ride benefits. We are very proud of her.



Mt. Vernon Ave. AME Church Annual College Tour on campus at JCSU.