

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Second Episcopal District
69th Session
of the
WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Lay Night Service

" Laity Walking Humbly with God to do Justice and to Love Kindness"

Micah 6:8



Washington Conference Lay Organization
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 28, 2019

**Ebenezer AME Church
7707 Allentown Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744**

Bishop James Levert Davis, Servant Bishop
Mother Arelis Beevers Davis, Episcopal Supervisor

Rev. Dr. Louis Charles Harvey, Presiding Elder-Capital District
Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Braxton, Presiding Elder-Potomac District
Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Host Pastor

Sis. Valerie Gary Bell, Connectional Lay President
Bro. Matthew Douglas, Second Episcopal District Lay Organization President

Sis. Glen White, Washington Conference Lay Organization President
Bro. Dontae Foote, Washington Conference Lay Organization DOLA
Sis. Chenay Saunders, Washington Conference Lay Organization YAR
Sis. Kim Mitchell, Host President, Ebenezer AME Church

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Louis-Charles Harvey, B.A., M.Div., M.Phil., PhD, D.H.L

Louis-Charles Harvey was born in Memphis, Tennessee where he attended public schools and LeMoyne-Owen College from which he received the Baccalaureate degree. Further he received the Master of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School (Rochester New York) and the Master of Philosophy and PhD degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1977 and 1978, respectively in the field of Systematic Theology. He was one of the first African Americans to receive a degree in this area of study from this seminary.

Dr. Harvey is a lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has been an ordained elder for more than 30 years. His career in Christian ministry has been rich and varied. As Professor he taught courses in Systematic Theology, Black Church History, Black Gospel Music, and Christian Ethics at the following seminaries: Colgate Rochester, United Theological Seminary (Dayton, Ohio), and Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce Ohio. Moreover, he has served as Pastor or Associate Pastor in the First, Thirteenth, Third and Second Episcopal Districts. He is renowned in the AME Church as scholar, theologian, ethicist, workshop leader, preacher and writer. In these capacities he has written and presented articles for The AME Position Papers for many sessions of The A.M.E. General Conferences.

During his career Dr. Harvey has published many articles dealing with Black Gospel Music, Black Theology, Christian Ethics, and Black Religion in Great Britain. His work has been featured in many scholarly Journals including, The AME Review, The Journal of Religious Thought, The International Review of Missions and in the following books: From Brother to Brother: Black Men in Prison and Something More than Human. In addition, co-edited and contributed chapters to: The A.M.E. Pastors Manual for the 21st Century (2000) and A Model of a Servant Bishop (2003) which is a collection of essays describing the ministry of Bishop Vinton R. Anderson. More recently he contributed an article to the July-September 2006 edition of the AME Review entitled "Another Look at Theodicy and the Hurricane Katrina Event".

Prior to his appointment as the 21st pastor of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington DC., known as the Cathedral of African Methodism in 1996, Dr. Harvey served as President of Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce Ohio. During his seven-year tenure the seminary received full accreditation [in 1995] from the Association of Theological Schools, the first time the seminary had been accredited in its 160-year history.

As pastor of Metropolitan, he led the effort to successfully complete the Christian Education renovation project which was commenced under his predecessor. Additionally, he reorganized the administrative infrastructure, brought many souls to Christ and initiated many new ministries. The Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation was also developed during his administration. On November 20, 1996, The Board of Trustees of Payne, in the effort to honor Dr. Harvey for extraordinary leadership, dedication and commitment, unanimously designated him as President Emeritus-the first president in the school's long history to be so honored. Moreover, he was granted the Doctor of Humane Letters degree (D.H.L.) by Payne Seminary in May 1998.

Moreover, in 1995 he was the recipient of the Alpha Excellence Award by the Alpha Rho Chapter, Columbus, Ohio.

Currently Dr. Harvey is the Presiding Elder of the Capital District, Washington Annual Conference where he has served since his appointment in 2014 by Bishop William DeVeaux and subsequent reappointment by Bishop James Davis. Prior to this he served as Presiding Elder of the Potomac District from 2001 - 2014 appointed by Bishops Vinton Anderson and AJ Richardson. Additionally, he has served as a faculty member of Ebenezer AME Church Bible Institute (Fort Washington, MD); has served as Visiting Professor of Ethics, Howard University Divinity School and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Georgetown Visitation High School in Washington, DC.

On July 31, 2010, Dr. Harvey was joined in marriage to Michelle Stevenson, a retired Air Force Officer. This distinguished Christian servant-preacher administrator, ethicist preacher and theologian is the proud father of three children Marcus Louis, who completed all requirements for the PhD at Emory University and is now Assistant Professor of Religion at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Melanee Charles who received her Master's and PhD degrees from Boston University is presently Assistant Professor of Art at Howard University. His youngest son is Jared Stevenson who is an eighth-grade student at Deal Middle School, District of Columbia.

The Program

*Brother Dontae Foote, Presiding
Director of Lay Activities, WCLO*

The DoxologyThe Choir & Congregation

*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.....Brother Dontae Foote

Leader: Laymen now have thus assembled, in Thy Blessed name, O God
Guide us in our true endeavor, Light the pathway that we trod;

People: Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.

Leader: We are banded one in union, to fulfill Thy just command
May we be Thy true disciples, holding to Thy mighty hand;

People: Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.

Leader: As we walk this Christian journey, let us keep our armor bright
Let our words be pure and holy, that we stand within Thy sight;

People: Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.

Leader: May we stand before Thine altar, pledging, Lord to work for Thee
In the vineyard, in the pastures, let us Lord Thy pilgrims be;

All: Let us lift the Cross forever to the skies. Amen

The Opening Hymn.....Mt. Moriah Women's Ministry Choir

Under the Direction of Rev. Dr. Shelley Hawkins
Annapolis, MD

"How to Reach the Masses"

The Occasion.....Sister Quintina Kornegay Brown

1st Vice President, WCLO

The Invocation.....Sister Cynthia Bryant-Pitts

Advisor, BCLO

Worship Through Song.....Riverdale Baptist School Concert Choir

Under the Direction of Ms. Sandra Novell
Upper Marlboro, MD

The Scripture Readings:

The Old Testament.....*Psalm 150*.....Brother Alvin White
1st Vice President, BCLO

The New Testament.....*Romans 8:31-39*.....Brother Juan Curtis, II
Turner Memorial AME Church, Hyattsville, MD

The Gospel (Please Stand).....*Matthew 5:1-12*.....Sister Georgia Ellard
Brown Memorial AME Church, Washington, DC

The Lay Litany.....Sister Ashleigh Murray
Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, DC

Leader: With grateful hearts, we the Washington Conference Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, give thanks to Almighty God for His divine inspiration and revelation to our ancestors.

People: We thank God for our ancestors.

Leader: For the privilege of hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the desire to live daily according to His Holy Word.

People: We thank God for the privilege.

Leader: For His Commandments to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, and to be a bold witness for him.

People: We thank God for the Commandments.

Leader: For the teachings of Richard Allen, to minister unconditionally to the Spiritual, Emotional, Intellectual and Financial needs of our brothers and sisters.

People: We thank God for the teachings of Richard Allen.

Leader: For forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation for all of us when our faith has been displaced by pain, despair, hatred and fear.

People: We thank God for the ability to forgive.

Leader: For continued appreciation and teaching of the History, Doctrine and Philosophy of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

People: We thank God for the leadership of our Bishops, Presiding Elders, Pastors and Laity.

Leader: For spiritual guidance and Biblical teaching to our youth and young adults that are actively seeking answers to morals, political and religious issues influencing the growth and development of the church.

People: We thank God for the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Leader: With grateful hearts, the Washington Conference Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is thankful for the preaching of the gospel; the teaching of the Bible, Discipline, and Doctrine; the privilege to minister, to sow and serve; the forgiveness of sin and the promise of an eternal home in Heaven.

All: We thank God for the opportunity to Worship and Serve Him.

Worship Through Song.....Riverdale Baptist School Concert Choir
Upper Marlboro, MD

The Welcome.....Sister Kimberly Mitchell
Host Lay President
Ebenezer AME Church, Ft. Washington, MD

Special Presentations.....Sister Catherine Johns
Reid Temple AME Church, Glenn Dale, MD

Sister Taylor Sutton
Mt. Moriah AME Church, Annapolis, MD

Worship Through Dance.....The Pearls of Praise
Embry AME Church, College Park, MD

Introduction of the Speaker.....Presiding Elder Ronald E. Braxton
Potomac District, Washington Conference

Worship Through Song.....The Singing Preachers

The Message.....Presiding Elder Louis Charles Harvey
Capital District, Washington Conference

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Worship Through Giving.....Finance Committee

The Offertory

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

Remarks & Presentation of the 2nd Episcopal District Lay President.....Sister Glen White
President, Washington Conference Lay Organization

Remarks & Presentation of the Connectional Lay President.....Brother Matthew Douglas
President, Second Episcopal District Lay Organization

Remarks & Introduction of the Bishop.....Sister Valerie Gary Bell
President, Connectional Lay Organization

Remarks.....Bishop James Levert Davis
Servant Bishop, Second Episcopal District

The Lay Benediction.....Brother Brian Glover
Allen Chapel AME Church, Washington, DC

*May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity; that we may live together,
not as man over man, but as Lay persons working with God. Amen*

2018-2020 Elected Officers

President – Sister Glen White
1st Vice President – Sister Quintina Kornegay Brown
2nd Vice President – Sister Joan Collins
3rd Vice President – Sister Maria Wallace
Recording Secretary – Sister Lil Hill
Assistant Recording Secretary – Sister Janice Murray
Corresponding Secretary – Sister Cheryl S. Vaughn
Treasurer – Brother Curtis Butler
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Chaplain – Vacant
Parliamentarian – Sister Edna Dorsey
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Advisor – Sister Patricia Matthews



WCLO – A Year in Review 2018-2019













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17th Lay Convention
September 27-29, 2018



Social Justice: EMPOWERING THE PEOPLE

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Mrs. Valerie G. Bell, Connectional President

Ms. Armetta L. Reaves, Connectional Director of Lay Activities

Ms. Jamesha Williams, Connectional Young Adult Representative

Mr. Dwight Patterson, District President

Ms. Adrienne Warren, District Director of Lay Activities

Mr. Dontae Foote, District Young Adult Representative

Mrs. Joan C. Wilson, President of Virginia Conference Lay

Rev. Samuel E. Hayward, III, Host Presiding Elder







































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EDUCATIONAL LAY INSTITUTE & COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Save The Date

**Saturday, May 18, 2019
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Turner Memorial AME Church
7201 16th Place,
Hyattsville, Maryland 20785**

- ✓ Four Educational Workshops
- ✓ Community Health Fair
- ✓ Informative and relevant hand out material
- ✓ Registration fee includes, breakfast, lunch, four workshops, printed material and health fair
- ✓ Bring your family and friends



Registration Fee - \$10.00

Please see your local Lay President to register.
Registration payment is due by
Saturday, May 11th.

Sister Glen White - W.C.L.O. President
Brother Dontae Foote - Director of Lay Activities

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CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION



ONWARD TO GREATER



50TH
BIENNIAL CONVENTION

JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2019

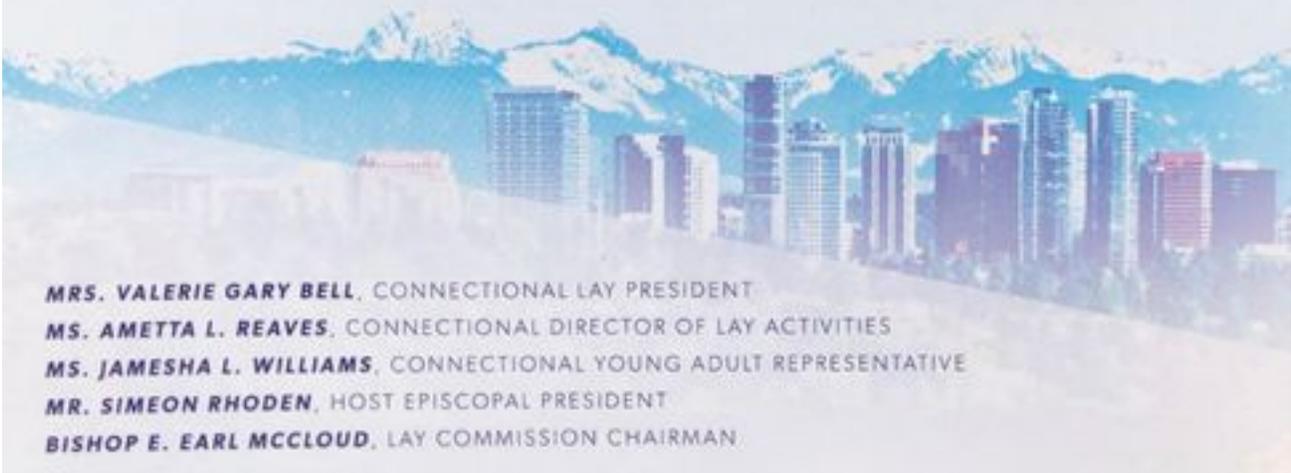
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CONFERENCE CENTER
BELLEVUE, WA

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SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2019



MRS. VALERIE GARY BELL, CONNECTIONAL LAY PRESIDENT
MS. AMETTA L. REAVES, CONNECTIONAL DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES
MS. JAMESHA L. WILLIAMS, CONNECTIONAL YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE
MR. SIMEON RHODEN, HOST EPISCOPAL PRESIDENT
BISHOP E. EARL MCCLLOUD, LAY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN