

8th Episcopal District Lay Organization
Lay Leadership and Training Institute
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
June 14, 2014
9:00 A.M.

The third day General Assembly and Business Session of the 8th Episcopal District Lay Leadership and Training Institute was called to order by President Melvin Davis at 9:00 a.m. in the Riverview Ballroom of the hotel. Sister Delphine Bridgewater, Chaplain, directed the morning devotion.

Sister Davis called the roll of Lay officers: absent were Dr. Mel Evans, President Emeritus, Bobbie Hollins, Young Adult Representative, and Mr. Raymond Morrison, Central No. LA Conference Lay President.

President Melvin Davis (LA) greeted the body and presented the agenda for the morning. Darlene Gordon (LA) moved to accept the agenda with the President's modifications; Carolyn Dyson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Following, President Davis organized officers at tables, which were set up in the large meeting space. 30 minutes were allowed for the presentations and discussions. Following, summary reports were given of the sessions.

Information was given by Stephanie Burks, DOLA, about the funeral of Connectional Officer Sister Eileen Warner: scheduled June 14, 2014 in Florida – address of husband was the following: Michael Warner, 2604 Pottsdamer Street, Tallahassee, FL 32310. President Davis asked Corresponding Secretary Elna Huel to send condolences from the Episcopal Lay Organization.

Sessions were held and summary reports were given:

Parliamentarian	Eddie Pitts (No. MS)
DOLA	Stephanie Burks (So. MS)
Recording, Assisting, and Corresponding Secretaries	Shirley H. Davis (So. MS)
Vice Presidents	William Brown (So. MS)
Young Adult Representative	Stephanie Brooks (LA)
Chaplain	JoAnn Trotter (LA)
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	Sherry Peyton & Ann Fields (So. MS)

The President mentioned that he is considering getting Ann Fields (So. MS) to do an internal audit of the District Lay Organization.

President Davis announced that Connie Brothers (3rd Vice President, No. MS) lost her brother, and he wanted her to know that we are praying for her and the family. He asked Rev. Rayfield Palmer to offer prayer.

The Budget Committee Report- Henry Edwards, Chair (LA), Maria Gauthier, Vice Chair (LA), JoEtta McClain (No. MS), Reader: Robert Chambliss (LA) moved to accept the proposed budget; Brenda Taylor (LA) seconded the motion. After clarification on the membership drive (the \$40 fee includes all registration fees for meetings). The motion carried.

Report on Legislation: The committee presented the report, gave the dates that proposed legislation should be submitted – March 2014, proposed legislation; December 2014, compiled pack to be presented at Executive Board (sponsor one committee to the Executive Board, March 2016. Other discussion on legislation as printed or not printed in the *Discipline*. To get corrected, a bill must be re-submitted. Eddie Pitts (No. MS) moved to receive the report; Darlene Gordon (LA) seconded. The motion carried.

2015 Lay Convention...where?...when? President Davis said he would have a conference call of the Executive Board within the following two weeks to make a decision.

Lay Biennial 2015 will be held in Charleston, S.C. the latter part of July. Suggested also was that the 8th District Lay Convention in 2015 be shorter, perhaps held at Bonner-Campbell.

William Brown (So. MS) suggested his working with others to plan the conventions going forward. He needed to concentrate more on carrying out his official role of 1st Vice President.

President Davis thanked all chairs and members for an excellent convention. He said he would take orders for t-shirts; Elna Huel would get him the form for ordering.

Prayer was offered and the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley Hopkins Davis, Recording Secretary

Melvin Davis, President