



**8<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization  
2014 Lay Leadership and Training Convention  
Convention Survey**



<b>ARRIVAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>
The Check-In/ Out procedure was efficient	<b>4.42</b>
The Hotel Rooms were of quality	<b>4.56</b>
The Convention registration process was efficient and effortless	<b>4.78</b>
The materials provided at the Convention (program booklet, meeting bag, bag materials, etc.) were of quality and informative.	<b>4.59</b>
<b>HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>
Hotel room Accommodations were reasonable and worth the price	<b>4.46</b>
The hotel was in a good location	<b>4.39</b>
Hotel Staff were friendly and helpful	<b>4.60</b>
Parking was accessible and the cost of parking was reasonable	<b>3.97</b>
The Hotel layout and Hotel accommodations were adequate	<b>4.54</b>
The Hotel food was of good quality	<b>4.10</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>
Opening Communion and Worship Service	<b>4.66</b>
General Assemblies and Business Sessions	<b>4.53</b>
Awards Luncheon	<b>4.51</b>
Morning Devotions	<b>4.35</b>
Memorial Service	<b>4.41</b>
Convention Music	<b>4.64</b>
Qualities of Effective Leadership – Dr. Rodrick Moore	<b>4.57</b>
How to be Good Stewards of Gifts and Talents - Ms. Felicia Commodore	<b>4.68</b>
Roles and Responsibilities - Dr. Rodrick Moore	<b>4.66</b>
Lay and Clergy working together to build God's Church – Rev.Dr. Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt	<b>4.83</b>
Evening Concert-Bridgette Brazil	<b>4.90</b>
<b>TRAINING SESSIONS</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>
The Speakers were informative and enjoyable	<b>4.74</b>
The Speakers were prepared	<b>4.71</b>
The Material presented was relevant and Useful	<b>4.66</b>
The Questions and Discussions were handled to your satisfaction	<b>4.57</b>
The time allotted for each session was adequate	<b>4.44</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>

Overall the convention was informative and well planned	<b>4.79</b>
The overall Convention experience was worth the price	<b>4.77</b>
The new Convention date is more Convenient	<b>3.98</b>
Having the meeting in one location is preferable to the previous meeting set-ups	<b>4.45</b>
I will be attending the Convention next year	<b>4.60</b>
I will encourage others to attend the Convention next year	<b>4.69</b>
I would prefer most Convention materials be provided to me electronically (email, DropBox, etc.)	<b>3.99</b>
I do NOT need a convention bag	<b>3.28</b>
Which Month Would you prefer having the 2015 Lay Leadership and Training Convention?	<b>June – 46.25%</b> <b>May- 19.12%</b> <b>Jan/Apr- 14.71%</b> <b>Feb-2.19%</b> <b>Dec-1.47%</b>

### Comments

<b>ARRIVAL</b>
- I really enjoyed the 2014 Lay Convention. I especially enjoyed the fact that you held workshops catered to the younger (Joshua) generation who will be in leadership positions soon. Continue to give them responsibilities and you will continue to have them. Thank you for all you do for God through your commitment and dedication to the Eighth District AME Church.
- It was my 1st time attending the Lay Convention. I must say I was very impressed with the setup and information received. I am looking forward to attend next year's convention.
- Agree to the materials provided, and the items that were inside the bag. As far as the bag, I strongly disagree because the bag was just a plain blue bag, and not the bag that was emailed to us with writing.
- 1. Late registration should have been made available to all members who could not afford to register early.
2. Stop over planning for meetings. Be realistic and invite persons who have extensive knowledge to assist in the planning.
3. Our enrollment was at an all time low because of our selfishness.
4. Great job to Mr. Davis, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Burks. R. W. Smith
- Kinda disappointed in the size of the kit bag, couldn't really hold much of anything in it! Plus I think it could have at least had the Lay logo on it!
- The second registration time started too late. Time management and consideration should have been adhered to. However, I did receive some consideration by getting my bag because it was on the top of the group of bags. In the future do not allow attendees to use the registration table as an eating table. That was very disconcerting and unprofessional.
- Several persons indicated if an evening opening for the Worship Service, attendance would have been increased. Also, consider Bonner Campbell as the centrally located venue to host the Convention.
Presenters were excellent +++ (plus) and very innovative and exciting! The hotel room doors were too heavy. Opening the doors created a severe strain. Concern was voiced by our attendees as well as other visiting occupants.
- This was my first time attending and I enjoyed everything, looking forward to what's next
- Bags were a little small
- I understand the hotel used a temp service for there valet service which was under staff at the time of check out and therfore the sevice was very very poorly excuted and the attiude of the temp employees made it even worst.



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- The bags have out lived their usefulness. Most of us who attends any type meeting have bags running out of our ears. We need to find something else to carry programs and reports in. Maybe we can one of old bags a brief case we already own???
- We were in a good location. The meeting allowed for time to go out into the city to eat, shop, or do whatever. The hotel transportation services were great for getting to food places, etc. The room was very nice!
- Loved that the writing was not on the bag. Can use the bag again. We need to get away from using bags and maybe just a pen, pad and program book.
- It was not the hotel's fault, but the roof top concert across the street, made sleeping tough Friday night.

### **HOTEL AND ACCOMODATIONS**

- The hotel parking price (\$16.00 per night) should have been reduced because there were enough of us there using hotel parking to makeup for a reduced price.
  - didn't eat at the hotel
  - Very pleased w/ hotel accommodations!
  - I did not drive a vehicle to the convention because I rode with two other lay members; however, the cost seemed to be reasonable. The room rate was reasonable, especially if you roomed with someone else.
  - the rooms were very comfortable and lots of space. the location was great , after the convention meeting I was able to walk over to the state capitol and also the museum and other attraction. enjoyed the view of the river
  - The food was extraordinarily excellent !
  - I didn't eat in the hotel. I chose to eat at restaurants outside the hotel. Maybe something can be worked out with the hotel to offer discounted meals inside the hotel. \$13.00 for breakfast was rather expensive
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### **PROGRAMMING**

- Laity should be encouraged to wear the Lay color for Opening Worship Service and the Awards Luncheon. Opening Worship Service is to long. Maybe could start an hour earlier. So it will not be so late when completed.
- It was my 1st time attending the Lay Convention. I must say I was very impressed with the setup and information received. I am looking forward to attend next year's convention.
- Well planned, variety of helpful info w/ great interactive workshops
- I was one of the facilitators with Dr. Moore; therefore, I did not hear Ms. Commodore's presentation. I can only assume that it was well received. Our bishop took too long with protocol. I very much appreciated the business sessions ending at 5:30 in the evening. As a result, I was well-rested for the next day's session. In the future, I feel that the participants in the Memorial Service should sit on the podium to alleviate so much movement back and forth. Other than that, the service was solemn.
- Evening concert was excellent!!!!!!
- The sessions were quite enlightening.
- The concert was wonderful
- The Memorial Awards service needs a little work.
- Sorry, but there needed more to take notes on. Call me "old school" but I preferred some literature/handouts for more effective workshop presentations. On the other hand, now that I think about it, if allowed could there have been videos of workshops? Then 8th District could have used as a fund raiser for a nominal fee?

- The training session were very informative. But Dr. Pruitt did excellent job and The Lord showed up to approve it. An outstanding musical event.

Perhaps the worship service should be scheduled later on opening day, maybe evening service.

- Great meeting! Enjoyed the concert with Ms. Bazile.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

- Stress support from the Laity to support the Convention through attendance

- There was never enough time to ask questions. Presentations were good, but by the time presenters finished, the allotted time was up, therefore no time for questions and discussion. I thoroughly enjoyed the interactive activities but we seemed to run out of time on those also.

- The session by Ms Felecia Commodore did not allow for Q&A.

- with the exception of the break out session the allotted time was short and I being a first timer would have like to have had the opportunity to express my exprience or how i enjoy it with the first timer's we were acknowledge I thank GOD for the experience very enlighting and helpful.

- The session were timely, but we were not in being place for things to get started. I believed that if we are going to continue our " breakout sessions, one of the nights .

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Awesome

- It was a good convention . The convention was well planned.

- It was my 1st time attending the Lay Convention. I must say I was very impressed with the setup and information received. I am looking forward to attend next year's convention.

- I really appreciated ending each day at a decent time, so we could enjoy some down time for whatever. I look forward to the next Convention if the Lord says the same!!!!

- I am very pleased with the layout of this convention. Hats off to the planning committee for a job well done!!!!

-I think we need not turn away folk who want to come at the last minute w/ not having on site registration. They need to understand that kits may not be available, so that's a chance they take Timing was GREAT w/ finishing up around dinner time w/ business & workshops, so people could eat out & enjoy the city

- I will attend the next meeting God willing. When I returned I urge all leaders and lay to be in attendance next year God permitting.

-Excellent job--William & Stephanie

-The date for this convention was convenient. But I now have a job where I can use my annual leave. So, as long as it doesn't conflict with some other event, the date is not really an issue. With that being said, I suggest that the 2015 convention be held after Mardi Gras and before Easter, since Bishop McAllister's Investiture is in June. So, I recommend the following dates: March 26-28, 2015. Mardi Gras is February 17, 2015 and Palm Sunday is March 29, 2015. From that point on, I suggest we have the convention every other year, like the Biennial.

-Prefer an awards dinner (Friday evening event) instead of the luncheon. Time and place of convention should be established before we leave the convention

- need the new convention date, I really like my convention , hopefully next year we may be able to have some type of monogam on it

- Excellent food and presenters.

- Instead of bags; maybe small portfolio and pen.

- I don't need another "bag", but we do need something to put things in and it avoids me having to pack a bag to carry. However, if I had to bring something I could. The bag we had this time was cute and just right color and size, not to cumbersome.

- Can't think of anything.

- It was an awesome spiritual experience ... The workshop material presented by Dr. Moore can be a useful recruitment tool by local, district, and even conference DOLAs.



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- We need to keep the convention at the same time every year so people can place on their calendars.
- I do not know the new convention date.