


## 8<sup>TH</sup> Episcopal District Young Adult Representative



## Mission Statement

- The objectives and purpose of the Lay Organization are outlined in its Constitution. The main objectives are stated in brief as follows:
- To create a love and appreciation of the History and Principles of African Methodism.
- Keep the memory of Richard Allen alive.
- Respect Constituted Authority.
- Stimulate and Educate the Laity in the Total Program of the Church.

## Mission Statement Continued...

- Study the Discipline and learn the laws of the Church.
- Encourage Financial Support of the Church's Program.
- Teach and Practice Stewardship and work with the Youth to teach them Methodism.

## Connectional YAR Retreat

- Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Connectional YAR Retreat, but was able to receive insight on the workshops presented. A few of the question asked (which may be applied to all adults):
- What are spiritual gifts?
- What are MY spiritual gifts?
- How do I use MY spiritual gifts?
- Do I know how to recognize others spiritual gifts?

## Future Goals

- Ensuring that the YAR works diligently with the Director of Lay Activities (DOLA) and is active and established at all levels of the 8<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Districts
- Possible 8<sup>th</sup> District YAR Retreat/Training Session
- Work with and support the YPD (ability for great recruitment for the Lay Organization)
- Monthly or Bi-Monthly Conference Calls
- Have more participation from our District in the Connectional Lay Organization Scholarships: Joseph C. McKinney Scholarship, J. D. Williams Scholarship, and Jamye Coleman Williams Scholarship
- Bring awareness to the laity regarding health and the importance of individual lifestyle choices.

## Congratulations!!!

- Congratulations to all of our Young Adults who have graduated from high school and college.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall make your path straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

## Special Thanks

- Thank you to THE BEST OF THE BEST Episcopal District President, Melvin Davis; Episcopal District Director of Lay Activities, Stephanie Burkes; officers on the Eight Episcopal District, YARS on each level, pastors, presiding elders, and all members of the lay organization.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10: 23-25)

- **MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH OF YOU!**