

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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CONFERENCES

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Together We Will

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate
Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor
Keith E. Britton, Episcopal Lay President
Darlene W. Ravenel, Director of Lay Activities
Lakendric A. Rush, Young Adult Representative

Episcopal District Report
Connectional Lay Organization
Executive Board Meeting
April 7-9, 2022



MEMBERSHIP



Number of active Lay Organization members in the district: 1,575



Number of Young adults who are members of the Lay Organization in the district: 64



Membership numbers are constant

TRAINING

2021 Lay Retreat

- ▶ Power Up Plenary Sessions
 - ▶ Effective Leadership
 - ▶ The General Conference
 - ▶ Conversation with the Bishop
- ▶ Power Sessions
 - ▶ From Surviving to Thriving
 - ▶ Listen, Learn, Lead
 - ▶ Making the Lay SEXY (Spiritual, Excited, X-tra and Yearning for More)

February 26-27, 2021
The Seventh Episcopal District
Virtual Lay Retreat

FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

PLENARY SESSIONS

POWER SESSIONS

Effective Leadership
President,
Keith E. Britton

From Surviving to Thriving
Rev. Dr. Krystal Sears

Listen, Learn, Lead
Matthew Douglass

Making the Lay SEXY
(Spiritual, Excited, X-tra, & Yearning For More)
Jamesha Williams, Martinique Mix,
Michael Cousin, Jr. and Carrington Rashon Murray

General Conference Update
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Cooper

A Conversation With the Bishop
Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.

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7th Episcopal District

"Still Rising"

Virtual Lay Convention

June 11-13, 2021

Praise
&
Worship

JTW
MIMS
ALLEN
STARS

Oratorical
Contest

MADAME
SEVENTH
PARADE

Power
Sessions

Mrs. Phyllis Green
EPISCOPAL
SUPERVISOR

Mr. Keith Britton
EPISCOPAL
LAY PRESIDENT

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.
7TH DISTRICT
PRESIDING
PRELATE

Mrs. Darlene W. Ravenel
DIRECTOR OF
LAY ACTIVITIES

Mr. Lakendric Rush
YOUNG ADULT
REPRESENTATIVE

REGISTRATION \$25

TRAINING

2021 Lay Convention

► Power Sessions

► Still Rising: THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!

An in depth look at the total church working together for kingdom building, setting goals and developing action plans

► Laity and Clergy: Let's Soar Together!

How to solidify the relationship between laity and clergy to teach, train, and inspire members with the goal of bringing others to Christ.



2021 Seventh Episcopal District Lay Convention Agenda

Friday, June 11, 2021

Time	Activity
6:00 pm	Business Session
7:30 pm	Madame Seventh Event

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Morning Session

Time	Activity
9:30 – 9:45	Spiritual Boost
9:45 – 10:00	Greetings
10:00 am – 10:45	JTW Mims Allen Little Star Event
11:00 – 12:00	Power Session 1: <i>LAITY AND CLERGY: LET'S SOAR TOGETHER!</i>
	Power Session 2: <i>STILL RISING: THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Break

Afternoon Session

Time	Activity
1:00 – 1:15	Afternoon Greetings
1:15 – 1:30	Memorial
1:30 – 2:00	Introduction of the CLO Candidates
2:00 – 2:45	Oratorical Contest
2:45 – 3:00	The Charge

Sunday June 13, 2021

9:00 am	Closing Worship Service with Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.
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TRAINING

2022 Lay Retreat

- ▶ Power Up Plenary Sessions
 - ▶ BUILD: Boldly Unleashing Imagination and Leadership Disciples
 - ▶ The Real You: Young Adults, the Church, the Present and the Future
- ▶ Power Sessions
 - ▶ Send Me I'll Go: No Restrictions, No Boundaries
 - ▶ Choose Life, Choose You
 - ▶ Age Ain't Nothing But A Number

2022 SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY RETREAT

BUILD

**BOLDLY UNLEASHING
IMAGINATION AND
LEADERSHIP DISCIPLES**

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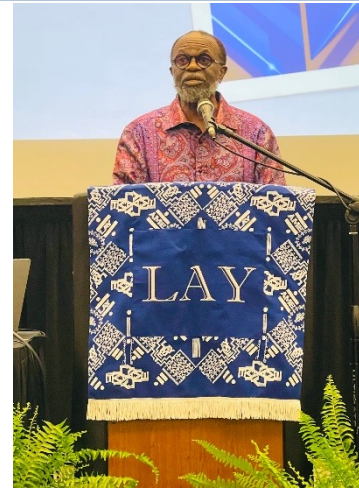
FEBRUARY 25-26, 2022

SHERATON MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION CENTER
2101 NORTH OAK STREET | MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA 29577

BISHOP SAMUEL LAWRENCE GREEN, SR., PRESIDING PRELATE
MRS. PHYLLIS N. GREEN, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR
KEITH E. BRITTON, EPISCOPAL LAY PRESIDENT
DARLENE W. RAVENEL, DIRECTOR OF LAY ACTIVITIES
LAKENDRIC A. RUSH, YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE

2021-2022 *Training Summary and Stakeholder Engagement*

- ▶ **Episcopal District Events (3)**
 - ▶ Power Sessions (8)
 - ▶ Power Up Plenary Sessions (5)
- ▶ **Stakeholder Engagement**
 - ▶ Executive Board & General Meetings (5)
 - ▶ Joint projects with the Presiding Prelate, Christian Ed, Sons of Allen, WMS, and YPD (3)
 - ▶ Clergy members are active participants in lay events



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Delivered God-centered dynamic teaching and training via in-person and virtual formats, successfully making the shift to electronic platforms for the programmatic delivery of lay ministry

Donated \$75,000 to Allen University to assist students in earning their college degrees

Awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to members of the clergy pursuing the Master of Divinity Degree

Awarded over \$5,000 in scholarships to high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education at various higher education institutions

Provided \$12,000 to the Annual Conference Lay Organizations for mission projects. (\$2,000 per conference)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Formed partnership with the YPD, inviting active Episcopal YPD Officers to present during Lay Events and share ideas for collaboration

Partnered with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to obtain funding to assist students with applying for federal aid

Maintained the 15 percent budget reduction for the Annual Conference Lay Organizations

Updated the SED Lay Organization Constitution and Bylaws

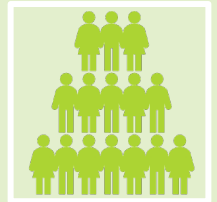
Reactivated the Council of Presidents

Fulfilled all programmatic and financial obligations

CHALLENGES



Full engagement and mentoring



Membership Eligibility Consistency

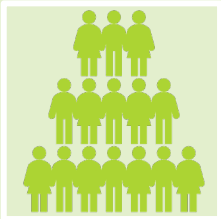


Outdated Officer Duties

HOW CAN THE CLO HELP



Highlight best practices of Lay Organizations on all levels



Continue Membership Recruitment Dialogue and Plan of Action



Amend CLO Constitution (Update Officer Duties)

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Annual Lay Convention
June 10-11, 2022
Allen University
Columbia, SC



In Loving Memory



**We dedicate this report to the late
Brenda Holland Curry,
Immediate Past Assistant
Recording Secretary of the
Connectional Lay Organization
Rest in Peace and Power our
beloved Sister.**

