

The President's Travel and Activities:

- ◆ In June, I attended three lay days, the First District Planning Meeting at First District Plaza, the First District Lay Executive Committee Meeting, TGNCDC Father's Day Event at the African American Museum, the West/Mainline Church School Convention at Allen, Oxford, presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay Annual Meeting at Mt. Tabor, and was a delegate to the General Conference in Nashville, TN.
- ◆ In July, I attended General Conference in Nashville, TN, attended one lay day, and attended the First District Lay Annual Meeting in Dover, DE.
- ◆ In August, I attended the second annual PCLO cookout in Gap, PA, and was the lay speaker at Bethel, Milton, DE.
- ◆ In September, I attended five lay days, was the lay speaker at Bethel, Wilmington, attended the 5th Sunday Delaware Conference Lay worship service at Fairview in Woodlyn, PA, the First District Women's Missionary Society Luncheon at First District Plaza, the 80th birthday celebration for Vivian Gee, the 65th birthday celebration for Reverend Juanita Hall-Walters and presided over the PCLO Executive Committee Meeting and monthly meeting at Bethel, Reading.
- ◆ In October, I attended four lay days, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Awards Luncheon at First District Plaza, the AME Minister's Alliance Revival at St. Matthew, the South District Conference at St. John, Paschall, the West/Mainline District Conference at St. Matthew, the PCLO Retreat at AME Union, the First District Church School Seminar at Mt. Tabor, Unity Day at Bethel, Downingtown and presented a budget workshop at Mt. Pisgah.
- ◆ In November I attended five lay days, the AME Voting Rally and Hurricane Relief at Mt. Pisgah, the Self-Help Board Meeting at First District Plaza, Fall Convocation and the First District Lay Executive Committee Meeting at First District Plaza, the Appreciation Breakfast for Reverend Earl R. Jefferson at First District Plaza, the First District Lay Frank C. Cummings Scholarship Luncheon at First District Plaza, the Retirement Celebration for Reverend Earl R. Jefferson at Ms. Tootsie's Restaurant, and presided over the PCLO monthly meeting at Bethel, Carlisle.
- ◆ In December, I attended the Farewell Celebration for Reverend Trevor Woolridge at Bethel, Lansdowne, the South District Christmas Celebration at Zion, the PCB WMS Christmas Celebration at the Hilton, City Avenue, the PCLO Christmas Service and Fellowship at Campbell, Frankford, the Philadelphia Conference Advent Service at AME Union, the AME Church General Board Meeting and General Conference Commission Meeting in Little Rock, AR, the Welcome Reception for Bishop Ingram and Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram at City Hall, the West/Mainline District Christmas Celebration at Ward, and a worship service at St. James in Atlantic City, NJ.
- ◆ In January, I attended three lay days, was the lay speaker at St. Marks in Jackson Heights, NY, attended the PCLO Education Service, the 75th birthday celebration for Sister Julia Robinson at Galdo's in Philadelphia and presided over the PCLO monthly meeting at Jones Tabernacle.
- ◆ In February, I attended two lay days, the funeral of Brother Frank Gilyard at Bethel, Reading Founder's Day at the First District Plaza, the AME Ministerial Alliance Founder's Day service at Mother Bethel, Ash Wednesday Service at Tyree, the West/Mainline Heritage Night at Jones Tabernacle, Steward and Stewardess Day at Bethel, West Chester, the First District Lay Mid-Year Meeting at the Embassy Suites, Philadelphia, and presided over the PCLO monthly meeting at Grimes, Phoenixville.
- ◆ In March, I attended four lay days, was the lay speaker at Ward in Philadelphia and St. Paul, Elmwood, attended the South District Heritage Night at St. Paul, Elmwood, the Lutheran Theological Seminary AME Night at Mt. Pisgah, the Delaware Conference Lay Night at Mt. Zion in Dover, DE and presided over the PCLO monthly meeting at New Bethel, Germantown.
- ◆ In April, I attended five lay days, the NJ Conference Lay Night at Mt. Zion in New Brunswick, NJ, the Retirement Revival for Reverend James E. F. Lawrence at Morris Brown, the Retirement Luncheon for Reverend James E. F. Lawrence at First District Plaza, the New England Conference Lay Night at Bethel, New Haven, CT, Unity Day at Bethel, Ardmore, the NY Annual Conference Lay Night at Allen Cathedral, Jamaica, NY, the 80th birthday celebration for Sister Bertha Smith and presided over the PCLO monthly meeting at Mt. Zion, Darby.
- ◆ In May, I attended one lay day, was the lay speaker at St. Paul, Malvern, attended the Revival at St. Paul, Elmwood, the PCLO Elegant Evening the repast for the late Brother Ronald Wesley, Sr. at Allen, Philadelphia, the Western NY Conference Lay Night at Bethel, Buffalo, NY, and the Payne Theological Seminary Board Meeting and Graduation in Wilberforce, Ohio. We look forward to our Lay Night where Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram will be our preacher.

We thank God for the support of Bishop Ingram, Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram, the Presiding Elders, the Pastors who have been so supportive and have participated in our services, visited our meetings, and even came to have fun with us at our cookout. We thank God for the loyal laity of the Philadelphia Conference Lay who are the best anywhere. We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. To God be the Glory for the great things he has done, is doing now, and will continue to do. Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature".

Mark 16:15

In his service,
Cheryl Hammond Hopewell
President, Philadelphia Conference Lay Organization

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The Philadelphia Conference Lay Organization Annual Report 2012-2013



It is with gratitude that I make this my fifth report as Philadelphia Conference Lay President. We are proud to report on the following:

May 2012 - Lay Night at the Philadelphia Annual Conference at Mother Bethel. We had a wonderful service with our Connectional Lay President, Dr. Willie C. Glover as our speaker. We awarded three students with the Cheryl Hammond Hopewell Lay Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each.

June 2012 - Philadelphia Conference Lay Annual Meeting at Hickman Temple where officers, local presidents, and committee chairpersons gave reports of their stewardship for the conference year.

July 2012 - First District Lay Annual Meeting in Dover, DE.

August 2012 - Philadelphia Conference Lay second annual cookout at Salisbury Park in Gap, PA.

September 2012 - Executive Committee Meeting and regular monthly meeting at Bethel, Reading. Workshop consisted of reports from delegates to the First District Lay Meeting in Dover, DE.

October 2012 - Awards Luncheon at First District Plaza; chair Sister Wanda Ringgold, co-chair Brother Walter Jeffers. We honored Lay Person of the Year, Sister Fern Wesley and Unsung Heroes from various churches. Annual Retreat at AME Union on "The Power of Prayer."

November 2012 - Monthly meeting at Bethel, Carlisle. Workshop was on "Music Ministry in the Local Church" presented by Sister Alda Epps.

December 2012 - Christmas Service and Fellowship at Campbell, Frankford. Advent message by Reverend Glenn Shepherd. Card shower was collected for Sister Diane Long.

January 2013 - Monthly meeting at Jones Tabernacle. Workshop was on "Answering our call to Social Action" presented by Sister Juanita Bryant. Education Service to benefit the Cheryl Hammond Hopewell Lay Scholarship followed the meeting. Reverend James P. Baker, Jr. was the preacher and the Philadelphia Conference Lay Choir made its debut.

February 2013 - Monthly meeting at Grimes, Phoenixville. Workshop was "Black History in the AME Church" presented by Brother Walter Jeffers. Philadelphia Conference Lay hosted the First District Mid-Year Meeting in Philadelphia at the Airport Embassy Suites.

March 2013 - Monthly meeting at New Bethel, Germantown. Workshop consisted of reports from the delegates to the First District Mid-Year Meeting in Philadelphia.

April 2013 - Monthly meeting at Mt. Zion, Darby. Workshop was on "Health and Hospice Care" presented by Reverend Corine Butler.

May 2013 - Monthly meeting at Waters Memorial. Workshop was on "Utilizing your Gift to its Full Potential" presented by Sister Shirley Moore-Harris. PCLO Elegant Affair at Unity Hall.



"And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ".

Ephesians 4:11-13

Lay Night
May 2012

Annual Cookout
August 2012

Awards Luncheon
October 2012

Christmas Fellowship
December 2012

First District Lay Mid-Year Meeting
February 2013

Elegant Evening
May 2013



General Conference 2012

Education Service January 2013

Various Activities 2012 - 2013

