



THE PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE

Lay Organization



Annual Report 2013 - 2014

It is with gratitude that I make this my sixth report as Philadelphia Conference Lay President. We are proud to report on the conference lay monthly activities:

May 2013 Lay Night at the Philadelphia Annual Conference at Hilton Hotel, City Ave. We had a wonderful service with Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram as our preacher.

June 2013 Philadelphia Conference Lay Annual Meeting hosted by Trinity at Metropolitan where officers, local presidents, and committee chairpersons gave reports of their stewardship for the conference year.

July 2013 First District Lay Annual Meeting in Wilmington, DE and Connectional Lay Biennial in Atlanta, GA.

August 2013 Philadelphia Conference Lay third annual cookout at Salisbury Park in Gap, PA.

September 2013 Executive Committee Meeting and regular monthly meeting at St. Paul, Elmwood. Workshop consisted of reports from delegates to the First District Lay Meeting in Wilmington, DE and the Connectional Lay Biennial in Atlanta, GA.

October 2013 Awards Luncheon at First District Plaza; chair Brother Walter Jeffers and co-chair, Sister Deborah Stancil. We honored Lay Person of the Year, Sister Shirley Moore-Harris and Unsung Heroes from various churches. Annual Retreat at Allen, Philadelphia on "First Things First, the Priority of Worship". Morning message by the Rev. Richard Lackey; workshop presented by the Rev. Jocelyn K. Hart.

November 2013 Monthly meeting at Mt. Zion, Atglen. Workshop was on "Stewardship" presented by the Rev. Linwood Smith.

December 2013 Christmas Fellowship at Bethel, Ardmore. Morning message by the Rev. Albert Johnson. Card shower was collected for Sister Frances Archer.

January 2014 Monthly meeting at Calvary. Workshop was on "Duties of Officers" presented by Brother Walter C. Jeffers.

February 2014 Monthly meeting was canceled due to the weather. First District Lay Mid-Year Meeting in Rocky Hill, CT.

March 2014 Monthly meeting at Morris Brown. Workshop consisted of reports from the delegates to the First District Mid-Year Meeting in the Rocky Hill, CT. Education Service to benefit the Cheryl Hammond Hopewell Lay Scholarship followed the meeting with the Rev. Carlos Bounds as the preacher and music by the Men's Chorus of Mt. Pisgah under the leadership of the Rev. Jay B. Broadnax.

April 2014 Monthly meeting at Monumental, Steelton. Workshop was on "The Role of Youth and Young Adults in the Lay Organization" presented by Sister Felecia Commodore.

May 2014 No May meeting due to the date change of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.



*Sis. Cheryl Hammond Hopewell
President*

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age".
Matthew 28:18-20

Lay Night
May 2013

Annual Cookout
August 2013

Awards Luncheon
October 2013

Christmas Fellowship
December 2013



Annual Meeting
July 2013

33rd Biennial Session
July 2013



Director of Public Relations Results	
• Number of Votes	#1016
• Number Needed to Elect	#509
• Ms. Vickie E. Houston	#181
• Mr. Walters C. Jeffers	#549
• Ms. Amanda Johnson	#107
• Mr. Robert T. Matthews III	#179



Annual Retreat
October 2013

Education Service
March 2014



Various Activities
2013 - 2014



The President's activities and travel:

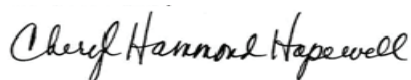
- ✦ In June, I attended two lay days, the Self-Help Board Meeting, the First District Planning Meeting, the First District Lay Executive Committee Meeting, the West/Mainline Church School Convention at New Bethel, Willow Grove, presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay Annual Meeting at Metropolitan, and the Delaware Conference 5th Sunday Worship Service at Zion in Camden, DE.
- ✦ In July, I attended the Main Line Black Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Revival at Memorial COGIC in Haverford, PA, lay day at Bethel, Reading, the First District Lay Mid-Year Meeting in Wilmington, DE and the Connectional Lay Biennial in Atlanta, GA.
- ✦ In August, I attended the third annual Philadelphia Conference Lay cookout in Gap, PA, Family and Friends Day at Bethel, Harrisburg and the Alvy Powell Concert at Bethel, Bryn Mawr.
- ✦ In September, I attended four lay days, was the lay speaker at New Bethel, Germantown, attended the First District Women's Missionary Society Luncheon at First District Plaza, and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay Executive Board Meeting and monthly meeting at St. Paul, Elmwood.
- ✦ In October, I attended three lay days, was the lay speaker at Bethel, Pottstown, lay speaker at Bethel, Harrisburg, attended the AME Ministerial Alliance Revival at St. Matthew, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Awards Luncheon at First District Plaza, worship service at Ward Chapel AME in Prattville, AL, Revival at Jones Tabernacle, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Retreat at Allen, Philadelphia, and the Payne Theological Seminary Board Meeting in Beavercreek, Ohio.
- ✦ In November, I attended five lay days, the Self-Help Board Meeting at First District Plaza, Fall Convocation and the First District Lay Executive Committee, and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Mt. Zion, Atglen.
- ✦ In December, I attended the Philadelphia Conference Lay Christmas Service and Fellowship at Bethel, Ardmore, the Philadelphia Conference Advent Service, the West/Mainline District Christmas Fellowship at Bethel, Bryn Mawr and the Philadelphia District Christmas Fellowship at Mother Bethel.
- ✦ In January, I attended two lay days, and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Calvary.
- ✦ In February, I attended two lay days, the Philadelphia Conference Church School Concert at AME Union, the Self-Help Board Training Meeting at First District Plaza, the First District Lay Executive Board Meeting, Founder's Day at First District Plaza, the funeral for the Rev. Martha Lang at Mt. Tabor, and the First District Lay Mid-Year Meeting in Rocky Hill, CT.
- ✦ In March, I attended four lay days, the West/Mainline Heritage Night at St. Matthew, the Delaware Conference Lay Night in Wilmington, DE, presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Morris Brown and the Education Service to benefit the Cheryl Hammond Hopewell Lay Scholarship at Morris Brown.
- ✦ In April, I attended the lay breakfast at Morris Brown, the NJ Conference Lay Night in Cherry Hill, NJ, the New England Conference Lay Night in Norwalk, CT, the NY Conference Lay Night in New York City, NY, the Pew Rally at Jones Tabernacle, Evangelism Day at Mt. Zion, Devon and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Monumental, Steelton.
- ✦ In May, I attended lay day at AME Union, presented a budget workshop at Bethel, Reading, the Retirement Banquet for the Rev. Simon P. Bouie at First District Plaza, the Western NY Conference Lay Night in Albany, NY, and will be attending the Payne Theological Seminary Board Meeting and Graduation in Beavercreek and Wilberforce, Ohio. We look forward to the Philadelphia Conference Lay Night where the Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram will be our preacher.

We thank God for the support of Bishop Ingram, the Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram, the Presiding Elders, and 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 blessings flow.

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In his service,



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