



# THE PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE *Lay Organization*



## Annual Report 2014 - 2015

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

*May 2014* Lay Night at the Philadelphia Annual Conference at First District Plaza. We had a wonderful service with the Rev. Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram as our preacher.

*June 2014* Philadelphia Conference Lay Annual Meeting hosted by Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia where officers, local presidents, and committee chairpersons gave reports of their stewardship for the conference year.

*July 2014* First District Lay Annual Meeting at Doubletree Hotel in Wilmington, DE. I was blessed to be the speaker for the Annual Sermon.

*August 2014* Philadelphia Conference Lay fourth annual cookout at Salisbury Park in Gap, PA.

*September 2014* Executive Committee Meeting and regular monthly meeting at AME Union, Philadelphia. Workshop consisted of reports from delegates to the First District Lay Annual Meeting in Wilmington, DE.

*October 2014* Awards Luncheon at First District Plaza; chair, Sister Deborah Stancil and co-chair, Sister Marie Butler. We honored Lay Person of the Year, Brother Gilroy Reid and Unsung Heroes from various churches. Annual Retreat at New Bethel, Willow Grove on "Maintaining Unity in the Body of Christ". Morning message by the Rev. Dr. Miriam Burnett and the workshop was presented by the Rev. Glenn Shepherd.

*November 2014* Monthly meeting at Mt. Sinai, Harrisburg. Workshop was on "Maintaining Unity in the Body of Christ" presented by Sister Erica Flagg.

*December 2014* Christmas Fellowship at Zion, Philadelphia. Morning message by the Rev. Bruce Points. Fellowship followed and card shower was collected for Sister Mary Davis.

*January 2015* Monthly meeting at Mt. Zion, Norristown. Workshop was on "Elder Abuse/Violence" presented by Sister Elaine Gjeltema.

*February 2015* Monthly meeting at Bethel, Pottstown. Workshop was on "Alzheimer's" presented by the Rev. Barbara Jones. First District Mid-Year Meeting in Newark, NJ.

*March 2015* Monthly meeting at New Bethel, Germantown. Workshop consisted of reports from the delegates to the First District Mid-Year Meeting in Newark, NJ. Education Service to benefit the Cheryl Hammond Hopewell Lay Scholarship followed with Brother Sean Lewis as the speaker and musical solos by the Reverends Jay Broadnax, Carolyn Cavaness and Michael Chism.

*April 2015* Monthly meeting at Bethel, Carlisle. Workshop was on "The Electoral College" presented by Sister Wanda Ringgold.

*May 2015* Monthly meeting at Bethel, Bryn Mawr. Workshop was on "Unity in the Spirit" presented by Sister Ingrid Broadnax.



*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 2014

Payne Bd. Mtg./Grad.

May 2014

Annual Meeting

June 2014

Annual Cookout

August 2014



1st District Lay Annual Meeting

July 2014

Annual Retreat

October 2014



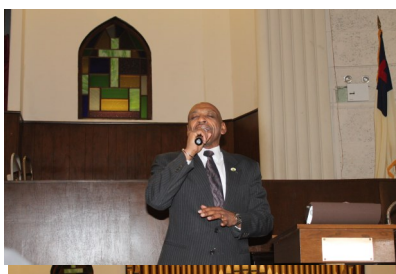


# Christmas Service & Fellowship

December 2014

# Education Service

March 2015



## Various Activities

2014—2015





## *The President's Activities and Travel:*

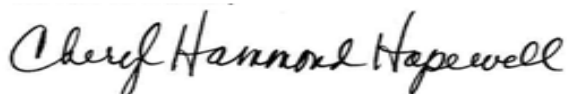
- In June, I attended one lay day, the First District Self-Help Board Meeting, the First District Planning Meeting, the First District Lay Executive Board Meeting, the West/Mainline Church School Convention at First AME, Sharon Hill, the Delaware Conference Lay 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service at Bethel, Smyrna, DE and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay Annual Meeting at Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia.
- In July, I attended two lay days, a DE Conference Worship Service at St. James Union, Frederica, DE, the First District Lay Annual Meeting in Wilmington, DE, was the Lay Speaker for the First District Lay Annual Sermon, the special election for the Connectional Lay Organization in Columbus, Ohio, and the Greater Mt. Olive Church Dedication at Greater Mt. Olive, Philadelphia.
- In August, I attended the fourth annual Philadelphia Conference Lay cookout in Gap, PA, the one-year anniversary service for the Rev. Maxine Johnson at St. Paul, Harrington, and the DE Conference Lay 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service at Graham, Greenwood, DE.
- In September, I attended four lay days, the Mt. Zion, Devon 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet at Mt. Zion, Devon, a Philadelphia Conference Trustee Board Conference Call, the Welcome Reception for the Rev. Albert Johnson at Mt. Tabor, Philadelphia, the funeral of Monique Drew-Woodley at Bethel, Wilmington, DE, the Philadelphia District service at Disney/Nichols, Philadelphia, the First District WMS Luncheon at First District Plaza, the funeral of Irene Armstrong at Mother Bethel, Philadelphia and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay Executive Board Meeting and monthly meeting at AME Union, Philadelphia.
- In October, I attended four lay days, was the Lay Speaker at Mt. Zion, Dover, the AME Ministerial Alliance Revival at St. Matthew, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Awards Luncheon at First District Plaza, the West/Mainline District Conference at Grimes, Phoenixville, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Retreat at New Bethel, Willow Grove, and Men's Day at Jones Tabernacle, Philadelphia.
- In November, I attended five lay days, the St. James Union Appreciation Banquet in Dover, DE, the General Conference Commission Meeting in Nashville, TN, Self-Help Board Meeting at First District Plaza, Fall Convocation and the First District Lay Executive Committee and the Payne Theological Seminary Board Meeting in Beaver Creek, OH.
- In December, I attended the Philadelphia District Christmas Fellowship at Mount Tabor, Philadelphia, the PCBWMS Christmas Luncheon at First District Plaza, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Christmas Service and Fellowship at Zion, Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Conference Advent Service at Jones Tabernacle, Philadelphia, the West/Mainline District Christmas Fellowship at Mt. Zion, Devon, a Worship Service at St. James, Atlantic City, NJ, and the New Year's Eve Watch Night Service at Zion Baptist, Ardmore, PA.
- In January, I attended two lay days, presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Mt. Zion, Norristown, and the Retirement Banquet for Sister Cheryl L. Ford at the McCall Center in Upper Darby, PA.
- In February, I attended two lay days, the Self-Help Board Meeting at First District Plaza, the Conference Trustee Meeting at First District Plaza, the First District Lay Executive Board Meeting, the First District Founder's Day at First District Plaza, the West/Mainline District Heritage Night at Bethel, Ardmore, the Retirement Luncheon for the Rev. Wassetta Moses in Dover, DE, YPD Day at Zion, Philadelphia, Ash Wednesday Service at Tyree, Philadelphia, the First District Lay Mid-Year Meeting in Newark, NJ, the Preachers Helping Preachers Service at St. Paul, Elmwood, and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Bethel, Pottstown.
- In March, I attended three lay days, the Bermuda Annual Conference Lay Night and Christian Education Service in Southampton, Bermuda, the Concert of Encouragement for Sister Wanda Ringgold at St. Matthew, the New Jersey Conference Lay Night in Newark, NJ, the Delaware Conference Lay Night in Wilmington, DE, the Philadelphia Conference Lay Education Service at New Bethel, Germantown and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at New Bethel, Germantown.
- In April, I attended four lay days, was the Lay Speaker at Disney/Nichols in Philadelphia, the New England Conference Lay Night in Cambridge, MA, the Retirement Celebration for Sister Diane Pope at Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia, the New York Conference Lay Night in New York City, NY, the Western New York Conference Lay Night in Rochester, NY, and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Bethel, Carlisle.
- In May, I attended two lay days and presided over the Philadelphia Conference Lay monthly meeting at Bethel, Bryn Mawr, PA. We look forward to the Philadelphia Conference Lay Night where Brother Walter Jeffers will be our speaker.

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 have come to our fellowships. 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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