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The Historiographer's Report SED Lay Meeting

February 25, 2022

Brother Cleveland Frasier



To Brother Keith Britton, SED Lay Organization President, Our Connectional Officer, Episcopal Officers, Conference Officers, Annual Conference District Presidents and committee chairpersons.

My stewardship

I have been corresponding with the Connectional Lay Organization Historiographer, Brother Bill Ayers. I have attended several of his zoom meetings to discuss how the Historiographer influences the life of the Lay Organization. The CLO is still encouraging everyone to purchase a journal at \$30.00 each please go to their website.

<https://ameclay.org/historical-journal/>

In one of the meetings, he asked for information about one of our past Episcopal District President, Brother J. T. W. Mims. He wanted to place his information on the CLO website. The Seventh District was one of two Episcopal Districts that sent in the requested information. When the Connectional Historiographer made his report at the Executive Board Meeting, he commended the report from the Seventh District Lay Organization.

At this reporting, there are procedures in place to interview past presidents on all levels. There is also a procedure in place to address the transition of an officer who is deceased.

I have kept the Episcopal President informed of my progress.

From the Seventh District

I have held zoom meetings with the four of the Conference Lay Organizations. All of the meetings were very productive and I came out of each meeting more committed.

During each session short- and long-term goals were set. I recorded all of the meetings, and a copy of all meetings were sent to the conference.

Stakeholders

- Conference Presidents
- Conference Historiographers
- District Presidents
- District Historiographers
- Districts and Conferences

At least four of the conference Lay Organization leaders have changed and so have some of their other personnel. Many of the conferences and some of the districts may not have historiographers. I propose that if those persons are unavailable from the conference and or district, then the President may assign one of the elected officers or a competent member in that position. Please remember to surround those persons with other persons that may have skills these key persons may not have.

At the SED level

The committee members are

- All conference historiographers (Conference Historiographers should communicate at their conferences. The conference historiographers should communicate also with the District Historiographers who will communicate to their Districts. To do this, they should be placed on the level's agenda)
- Sister Pat Parker
- Sister Sally Wilson
- Sister Jackie Williams

I am asking all the conference and district leaders to add the Historiographers to their meeting agenda and budget. The historiographers before sending out any information please share it in your conference and district meetings. It is important that all levels of the organization have information in the official minutes of the organization. By sharing it if there are any errors the district or conference will catch.

When death occurs among a past lay organization member in the district all attempts should be made to inform the family of their loved one's contribution to the Lay Organization.

The research process will be slow, but the rewards will be great.

Always remember to give everyone credit when writing who helps you obtain your information.

I would like to publish a physical book by the Retreat of 2023.

I am working on a new storage procedure. I will report its process more in the future.

At the close of this meeting the 7sedlo.org site will be turned off. There will only be one site The site is

<https://www.7sedlomuseum.org>.

Respectfully submitted

Brother Cleveland Frasier
SEDLO Historiographer



**Attorney Herbert L. Dudley
Was the CLO President**

- JTW Mims-President
- Lykes D Gamble-Vice-President
- Cora Black-Recording Secretary
- Mable Green-Corresponding Secretary
- Lorraine E. Moultrie-Assistant Secretary
- Priscilla Young-Financial Secretary
- H. W. Isaac-Treasurer
- A. T. Butler-Parliamentarian.
- Henrietta Felder-Youth Director.
- Lillian Y. Robinson-Editor Layman's Activities

Sometime about 1956 Christine Brogdon was elected president (nothing is known as to who served with her)

**Officers of the Seventh Episcopal District
Laymen's Organization, 1979-1983
CLO President was J.D. Williams**

The Right Reverend Frank M. Reid, Jr., Presiding Bishop

- President-James B. Hilderbrand P.O. Box 21, Bluffton, 29910
- First Vice-President- James Mack, Route 1, Box 749, Orangeburg, 29115
- Second Vice- President-Marion Brown, 113 Alexander Street, Charleston, 29403
- Third Vice-President-Fred Washington, P.O. Box 351, Beaufort, 29902
- Recording Secretary-Rosa Lee Luckey, 420 N. Albert St., Bishopville, 29010
- Assistant Secretary-Essie F. Gibbs, Route 4, Graham Village, Lake City, 29560
- Corresponding Secretary-Ermanese Bolton, 1822 Craven Street, Columbia, 29203
- Financial Secretary-Lydia Hamilton, 1007 Dunbar Street, Greenville, 29601
- Treasurer-Henry W. Isaac, Sr., P.O. Box 153, Elliot, 20946
- Parliamentarian-L. D. Bradley, P.O. Box 115, Johnsonville, 29555
- Historiographer-Thomas Haigler, 134 College Terrace, Orangeburg, 29115
- Chaplain- Abraham Lawrence, P.O. Box 607, Pamplico, 29583
- Reporter-Lucy Simmons
- Youth Director-Misbrew L. Times, 120 Lincoln Avenue, Sumter, 29150
- Director Laymen Activities-Mildred Wright, 119 Fishburne Street, Charleston, 29403
- Director Public Relations-Dr. Lela H. Session, P.O. Box 611, Monck Comer, 29461

**1987 Officers for the Seventh District Lay
Organization**

**The CLO President was Dr. Katherine Brown
The Right Reverend F. C. James, Presiding Bishop**

- Mr. Ralph James: President
- Mrs. Rosa Luckey: First Vice President
- Mr. John Rivers: Second Vice President
- Mrs. Myrtle L. Gordon: Third Vice President
- Miss Gloria De Veaux: Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Helen Coakley: Assistant Recording Secretary
- Mrs. Agnes Alexander: Corresponding Secretary
- Mrs. Virginia Nimmons: Financial Secretary
- Mr. John Snider: Treasurer
- Mr. C. I. Thompson: Parliamentarian
- Mrs. Albertha Sheares: Chaplain
- Mrs. Lila Nedd: Director, Lay Activities
- Mrs. Carolyn Emily: Director, Youth Activities
- Mrs. Marion Sumter: Director, Public Relations

The information for this page comes from the book that was written when Bishop FC James was the bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District.

The name of the book is '***African Methodism in South Carolina, A Bicentennial Focus***'.

The Conference Presidents



Conference Presidents in 1948

South Carolina-Mrs. Mable Greene
 Piedmont- O. L. Smith
 Central-Miss Cora Smith
 Palmetto-J. E. Smith
 Northeast-L. E. Hyman
 Columbia-H. R. Rikard

Conference Presidents 1979

Palmetto-John Seabrook
 Northeast-Henry W. Isaac, Sr.
 Columbia-George Harkness
 South Carolina-Marion Brown
 Piedmont-Robert Strickland
 Central-Thomas Haigler

Conference Presidents 1987

Ms. Carolyn Emily-Palmetto
 Mr. Samuel Bradley-Northeast
 Mrs. Myrtle L. Gordon-Columbia
 Mr. Ralph James-South Carolina
 Mrs. Lyda H. Bridwell-Piedmont
 Mr. Roosevelt Mitchell-Central

The information for this page comes from the book that was written when Bishop F. C. James who was the Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District.

The name of the book is 'African Methodism in South Carolina', A Bicentennial Focus.

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Pictures of Past Episcopal Presidents

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Of the Seventh Episcopal District Lay Organization



Bro. JTW Mims



Sister Christine Brogdon Gilchrist



Bro. Ralph James - A past president



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SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
LAY ORGANIZATION
A M E C H U R C H

CONFERENCES:
PALMETTO
NORTHEAST
COLUMBIA
SOUTH CAROLINA
PIEDMONT
CENTRAL

Together We Will

A model

Sister Pat Parker was emailed a copy of these questions, because she had the questions, she was able to interview herself. When possible, I would like to use Sister Parker's answers to the questions as a model that could be used. But the interviewer should help the person being interviewed to allowed some of their personality to be included in the process.

Page 8 are the question Sister Parker used

Pages 9 and 10 is the way she responded to the questions.

Brother Cleveland Frasier



Procedures to interview a District President



Primary needs

What is your name? What is the name of your church? What is your district's name?

When did you served as a president? Who were the conference president during your tenure?
What was your leadership style?

What were some of the challenges that existed during your administration?
How were they addressed?

During your administration, how was information from your level disseminated so that it reached the local churches?

Give some examples.

Is the Lay Organization still facing some of the problems that were common during your administration?

Allow the interviewee to summarize their position.

Secondary needs

The person being interviewed should be made aware of other information are also, wanted later:

Or, in setting up the interview let the candidates now in advance so that they may have time to gather the needed information.

- Some of their meeting minutes
- If they served as a Conference President a copy of a souvenir Journal from hosting the State's Convention.
- Approve financial reports
- Approved budget
- Lists of some of the District Committees
- Some of the events that affects their district.

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My name is Patricia Goff Givens Parker and I was privilege to serve as the Charleston District Lay President from November 1995-October of 2003. I'm currently widowed twice and I'm grateful to have one son and 2 sons in love and a daughter in love. They've blessed me with 11 grandchildren and 3 great grands.

I had the pleasure of serving under the conference leadership of President Cleveland Frasier from 1995 to 2001 and President Lia Brown Nedd from 2001 to 2003. Though their leadership styles were different, their desire for the growth of the South Carolina Conference Lay was the same.

I'm a proud member of Bethel AMEC in Ridgeville, South Carolina since October 1969. There I have served as a Steward and Financial Secretary of the church for 28 years, where we instituted a computerized system of checks and balances with an accurate accounting of all monies coming in and going out of the church. I have also served as Local Lay President, Christian Education Director, Church School Teacher. Currently, I served as a Class Leader and sing on the Chancellor Choir. I have served as 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the South Carolina Conference Lay Organization. I have served as a Conference Trustee from 1985 to 2020 (35 years) and elected to serve as a delegate to the General Conference 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2020. I have represented the 7th Episcopal District on the following General Conference Committees; Preliminary Inquiry, Rules, Credentials, Revisions and Episcopal.

On my secular job and as a Lay Leader, I use the Democratic management style which is deeply rooted in collaboration. I tried hard to always listen and to be open to new ideas and encouraged members to share their opinions which forged a strong bond and mutual respect between members and officers. We put it to a vote and whatever the majority agrees to; that's what we do. Most times it works to the organization's advantage.

The officers who were elected along with me on November 18, 1995 were as follows; 1st Vice President-Bro. Charles Miller (Trinity), 2nd Vice President Bro. Joseph Boyd (St. Paul), 3rd Vice President Bro. James Cato (Cumberland), Secretary Sis. Wilhelmina Pringle (Mt. Pisgah), Financial Secretary Sis. Alice Cummings (Branch), Corresponding Secretary Sis. Angelyn Simmons (St. James), Treasurer Sis. Jeanette James (Bethel Summerville), Director of Lay Activities Sis. Willie Mae Gibbs (St. James), Chaplain Bro. Willie Jefferson (Mt. Pisgah), Director of Public Relations Sis. Sophia James (Bethel Summerville), Parliamentarian, Sis. Rachel B. Jenkins, (Mt. Zion-Harleyville), Historiographer, and Mrs. Beatrice Sweat (Bethel Holly Hill), Parliamentarian. Reverend Levern Stevenson and Mrs. Maxine Stevenson was serving as the Presiding Elder and Area Consultant of the Charleston District this time.

The Local Presidents includes the following; Bro. Kenneth High-Unity, Bro. Edward Gervin-Target, Sis. Blanche Johnson-St. James, Sis. Julia Marshall-Mt. Zion-Charleston, Bro. Joseph Mackey, III-Bethel St. George, Bro. Otis Green-Trinity, Sis. Betty S. Doctor-Bethel Ridgeville, Bro.

Joseph Boyd-St. Paul, Bro. James Cato Cumberland-Aiken, Bro. Jerome McGill Mt. Pisgah, Bro. Jesse Mitchum Bethel Summerville, Bro. Joseph Myers Ebenezer Zion, Bro. Cornelius Geathers Mt. Zion Goose Creek, Sis. Joan Morgan New Hope Ridgeville, Sis. Beatrice Sweat Bethel Holly Hill, Bro. James Hampton Ebenezer Lincolville, Sis. Wanda Haynes Branch, Bro. Willie Risher New Hope Byrds, Sis. Thelma Johnson Mt. Zion Harleyville, Sis. Eleese Haigood St. Luke, Bro. Robert Simmons, , Sr. Bethel Goose Creek, Sis. Denise B. Sanders Bethel Denmark, Bro. Robert Sampson Mt. Zion Sheep Island, Sis. Diane Gregory-Cooper Mt. Carmel, Sis. Teresa J. Spann Ebenezer Aiken, Sis. Gerlinda Williams Providence, Bro. Leroy Council Shiloh, and Sis. Wilhelmina Pringle Adams. By the end of my tenure with the help of the Presiding Elders, all 28 churches had an organized lay organization. Rev. John Randolph, Jr. along with Mrs. Ethel Randolph were sent to lead the Charleston District in December of 1998.

With the above listed leadership, the Charleston District Lay Organization began to work on a few initiatives:

First, ATTENDANCE-We felt that the more involvement the more growth. It was suggested that we have our meetings at 8 a.m. so that they could have more of their day to do personal things with their families. We did change the time and decided to serve a hot breakfast. I asked my mother, Sis. Mattie B. Goff to prepare the breakfast because she used to manage the Fox and Hounds Restaurant in Summerville, SC. She agreed. Our menu included homemade biscuits, salmon croquettes, grits, eggs, pudding, liver and onions to name a few. Needless to say our attendance quadrupled to upwards of 80 persons from 16-20. More congregations were involved in the planning and participation the District's Lay Organization activities. Even the Elder came to our meetings along with some pastors! We're still having a hot breakfast to this day.

Second, Fund Raiser to finance our Benevolence Fund which aided our mission churches. We incorporated a 'Behold the Bride Waiteth' program in memory of Sis. Caroline Haynes who transitioned before its fruition. At first, it was truly a success and we were able to supplement other ministries. However, folks lost interest so the program fizzled out.

Third, a Scholarship Program. Bro. David Young (Local Lay President of Mt. Zion Goose Creek) was concerned about scholarships for the District's young people and donated \$100.00 toward that effort. Sis. Patricia Parker and Sis. Wilhelmina Pringle joined him with \$100.00 each. Sis. Rachel Jenkins gave \$300.00. This was the seed money which was the beginning of the David Young Memorial Scholarship Fund (Charleston District Scholarship Fund) named for and in memory of Bro. David Young. Our scholarship award started out at \$500.00. This past year 2019-20, we gave 2 \$1,000.00 scholarships and \$800.00 in book stipends.

I am proud to say that during my tenure as President, the Charleston District Lay Organization was never late with any financial obligation to the District, Conference or Episcopal level of the church! Allen University has always been a ministry that we were sensitive to and always supported. To God Be the Glory!