THE SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
SPRING CONVOCATION
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THEME: An Essential Church: Developing Rock Solid Lay Ministries
DEVELOPING ROCK SOLID
ESSENTIAL MINISTRIES
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Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr.
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
The sincere notion of serving the needs of others (one’s neighbor if you will) with humility and devotion to God.
BECOME MINISTRY MINDED
MINISTRY IS NOT A VOCATION, BUT IT IS A MENTALITY THAT DRIVES ONE’S ATTITUDE AND LIFESTYLE; MINISTRY IS TO BE EXERCISED REGARDLESS OF ONE’S GIFTS OR ONE’S CALLING.
ACTIVE LAY MINISTRY

Lay men and women building up the church and serving the needs of others (with humility and devotion to God) in and outside of the church.

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.
Mother Teresa

I believe that the church has an added opportunity to be strengthened when both laity and clergy know, understand, and promote the lay ministry beliefs and objectives and embrace them as a viable part of the churches' total ministry.

BASIC TO THE FOUNDATION OF LAY MINISTRY WITHIN THE CME CHURCH ARE:

FOUR TIME TESTED BELIEFS
STUDYING - SEEKING - SHARING - SERVING

FIFTEEN SOLID OBJECTIVES
I.E. (2) To promote & engage in ministries yet unfulfilled in the local church.

AN ACTIVE MISSION
"Reaching, Teaching, and Ministering to All of God's People; Equipping Them for Greater Works and Service for Him."

AN INCLUSIVE QUADRENNIAL THEME
Laity Engaged in 21st Century Ministry: "Helping Every Age Group, With No Generation Left Behind."
EMBRACING OF THE LAY MINISTRY
BELIEFS, OBJECTIVES, MISSION, AND
THEME ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO AN
ORGANIZED LAY MINISTRY COUNCIL.

Active Lay Ministry Of Any Kind Should
Be Defined By The Active Participation
Of Lay Men And Women Engaged In
Reaching, Teaching, And Ministering
To God's People In And Outside Of The
Church.

QUESTION FOR ESTABLISHED
MINISTRIES: How Can We
Expand Our Ministry Opportunities
And Are We Truly . . .

Stewards - Stewardesses - Ushers
Lay Ministry Council - Trustees
Board of Christian Education - CYF
MTM - Young Adults - Choir

Jeremiah 29:11
For I know the plans I have for you,
SUCCESSFUL AND SUSTAINED MINISTRIES MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGEABLE LEADERS THAT FOSTER AN ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL ALLOW THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TO SERVE WITH SINCERE LOVE AND GENUINE JOY.

MINISTRY EFFORTS SHOULD ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO LOVE GOD MORE DEEPLY AND DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF AND AN APPRECIATION FOR OUR ZION!
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Christmas Every Month
Shoes for Kids
Coats and Caps for Kids
Meet for in the Parking Lot
Shoes for Christmas Morning (located on the left side of the church)
Taxes Are Taxing
Career Development Ministry
Media & Communication Ministry
Meals for Seniors
Meals for Seniors
Ushers Spreading God's Love
Reach and Teach Tutorial Ministry

STONES FOR DEVELOPING ROCK SOLID ESSENTIAL MINISTRIES

Clear Vision
Intentional Teaching
Accountability
Focus
Build Relationships
Fulfill Need
Willing Leader
Teachable Leader
Teachable Team
Energy and Patience
Identify/Manage Members
Resources
Sacrificial Giving
Fair & Inclusive
Maintain Positive Attitude
Leadership
Consistent and Effective
Joy in Serving
Solid Plan of Action
Communication
Set Goals
Evaluate Results
Transferable Mentor Potential
Processes
Leaders