



## The 119<sup>th</sup> Session East Tennessee Annual Conference

Thursday, September 5 - Sunday, September 8, 2019



### Believe, Inc. Component Report

Number of Members in the Annual Conference = 1

Number of Conference Call Meetings held = 2

Average Attendance at Meetings = 6

Number of Executive Board Meetings = 1

Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings = 4

#### List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

March 5, 2019 – Conference Call      March 29, 2015- Mid-year meeting

*Believe, Inc. stands with humble spirits and grateful hearts, highlighting the corporation's accomplishments through the guidance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is our Annual Conferences of the 13<sup>th</sup> District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.*

We thank the churches and members of the Tennessee Annual Conference, 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District and many sponsors for \$7,560.00 earned from our Mid-Night Train to DC (National Museum of African American History and Culture) trip.

Pictures of our journey can be found on our website [www.believeinc.com](http://www.believeinc.com), beginning October 1, 2019

***What was accomplished on the annual conference level?***

During the 2019 Mid-Year Conference, held in Memphis, Tennessee, Believe Inc. applied for (7) \$1,000.00 Grant Awards. We are pleased to report that all Grants were approved, bringing our total Grant Awards for 2019 to \$7,000.00

- ✓ Claiborne Chapel AME Williamsport, KY
- ✓ Robyn Cleveland Claxton - Theological Training
- ✓ Salter Chapel AME, Dyersburg, TN
- ✓ St. James AME Ashland, KY
- ✓ St. James AME Chattanooga, TN
- ✓ St. James AME Nashville, TN
- ✓ Boyce Wilkins – Theological Training

Our future goals, under the leadership and vision of Bishop Jeffery N. Leath, include developing and implementing a fundraising campaign to increase our fiscal resources for grants throughout the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District.

\*\*\*Heavily requested; We will explore providing transportation to the 2020 AME General Conference in Orlando Florida.

## **Believe Inc. 2019 Financial Report**

Ending Balance 2018	\$722.27
Mid-Night Train to DC Income	\$7,560.00
Balance in Treasury as of September 1, 2019	\$8,282.27
Accounts Receivable (Rev. Eric Knowles)	\$460.00
Total income/budget (July 1, 2018– June 30, 2019)	\$17,450.00
Total expenses (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)	\$9,890.00

### ***2020 GRANT APPLICATIONS***

The new Believe Inc. 2020 grant application will be available on October 1, 2019. This may be found at [www.Believeinc.org](http://www.Believeinc.org)

- The grant application's postmark deadline is January 15, 2020. Applications can be mailed (or hand delivered) to the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Office.
- No handwritten applications or fax transmittals will be accepted.

***By the close of the 2019-2020 conference year, Believe, Inc. will reach funding over \$304,000.00 towards supporting New Church Projects and Theological Scholarship within the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District!***

***MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU MUST BELIEVE!***

Submitted, Friday September 6th, 2019

Vice Chairman, Joe Turner  
Believe, Inc.