



The 146th Session
The West Tennessee _____ Annual Conference

Date of Virtual Annual Conference: October 7-11, 2020

Component Report

Name of ComponentEvangelism_____

Number of Members in the Annual ConferenceSee A/C Minutes_____

Number of Conference Meetings held2_____

Average Attendance at Conference Meetings8_____

Number of Executive Board Meetings1_____

Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings4_____

List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

Date	Location
<u>17 January</u>	<u>Quinn Chapel</u>
<u>10 March</u>	<u>Quinn Chapel</u>
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(List any additional as needed)

What were the goals for the last conference year?

Goal #1 – Implemented nine (9) point Strategy:

First, be a soul winner that lives what they are preaching. 1 Corinthians 4:9...

Second, we must absolutely love people, you can't pretend. Revelation 22:17

Third, we must meet people where they are. Jesus never met a stranger. Ephesians 4:32

Fourth, we must look for need. You will be surprised how many people want to have someone that has a listening ear. Mark 2:17

Fifth, we must communicate with others. John 4:20

Sixth, we must continually concentrate on Christ. John 3:30

Seventh, we must use tact. Be sensitive to their feelings. James 1:5

Eighth, be able to bring a person to decision, then allow God to do the conversion. You can't save them, only God can. John 16:8

Ninth, teach them how to listen to God's word. Introduce them to Jesus and His words. Job 22:21.

Goal #2 – Emphasize Spiritual Formation via weekly Connect 13 gatherings to reignite the clergy's and laity's passion, creativity and human hunger for ministry through prayer.

Goal #3 – To implement revivals once a quarter (preferably fifth week) at various churches throughout West Tennessee Conference.

Goal #4 – Establish a core Evangelism Team of clergy and lay to carry out plan for: “Kingdom Patrol” ministry to current inmates and former inmates seeking re-entry into society.

Goal #5 – Engage more clergy and lay in the sanctification process; especially required to mentor and transform recent converts into positive change agents for their peers and others who are lost.

Goal #6 – Gather, organize and implement best practices program to positively influence and encourage parents to enroll and bring their children to Church School after COVID-19 and/or other Christian Education Programs at local AME churches. Great impact at 2019 church schools and CE functions.

What was accomplished on the annual conference level?

Goal #1 – Shared in the Conference Sons of Allen Activities.

Goal #2 – Participated at the Connectional level on 2020's Re-Ignite Church Growth Development and Evangelism Seminar held 8-11 January.

Goal #3 – Churches are implementing “Operation Multiplication” discipleship programs to effectively develop spiritual maturity of recent converts so that they will become positive change agents for their peers and others who are lost.

Goal #4 – Worked with West Tennessee's Christian Education Director as well as other Church School Superintendents on both the North Memphis, South Memphis and Paris-Jackson Districts.

Goal #5 – Seasonal revivals held across the West Tennessee Conference throughout local churches.

Do you have your goals for this coming year? If so, please list.

To become a prolific soul winner (Matthew 4:19).

To fulfill the Great Commission... to go, win, make, baptize, teach and train disciples via the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20).

To Evangelize our community via Personal and small group; use these key tools to sharing the gospel during our stint of the pandemic then resume door to door when COVID-19 lifts. Share your faith with the unsaved and unchurched friend, co-worker, neighbor etc.

To establish Evangelism Sunday for salvation, reclamation, restoration, and liberation of the captive.

To implement Family and Friends evangelism in one's home...

To establish a stronger evangelism fellowship among all WTNAC churches.

To provide necessary tools, resources, literature, and webinars, needed to further equip our congregations.

To advance the kingdom of God by proclaiming the Word of God. By doing this, lives of people will be changed

To develop a consistent devotional life (Spiritual formation is a lifetime process).

To have clergy and laity serve collaboratively not competitively in all areas of the church.

By understanding how to share the gospel, following the prompting of the Spirit, and conveying a concise testimony; any Christian can evangelize effectively...

Noteworthy are statistics listed below:

Ninety-five (95) percent of Christians have never won a soul for Christ (Parrott, 1993)

All Christians are evangelists via the Gospel (Chan, 2018, p.12).

Pew Research Center reported in 2011 that **thirty-one (31) percent of people preferred texting to talking** (Smith, 2011).

Tweet give deep insights to our soul in less than a two hundred and forty characters

There are four (4) major points that we need to address:

God, man, Christ, and response (Gilbert, 2010)

Why? **“No one is righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:11 ESV)**

We must show them that all have sinned and need Jesus

He served our sentence so that we may commune with a Holy God. **“Justified**

by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus the Christ, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Romans 3: 24-25 ESV).

This faith in Jesus as our Savior allows us to be counted as righteous despite our sins.

These four points lie at the center of all their presentations of the Gospel. We are accountable to God, who created us. We have sinned against God and will be judged. God has acted in Jesus Christ to save us, and we take hold of that salvation by repentance from sin and faith in Jesus. **God, man, Christ, response (Gilbert, 2010, p. 32)**

The Spirit guides us to share the Gospel with head and heart faith touching power; now, He will guide us to share our testimony in the last step.

The final step is to share what has God done in your life so that you may connect to the listener on a more intimate level. Being obedient and reliant upon the Holy Spirit; we have shared the gospel with them. Now, we will share what Jesus has done in our lives. The way he moved to change our heart.

Present the gospel boldly

Share your story intimately

It's our responsibility to evangelize... so embrace it

Therefore, step out and make an effort!

WE must show LOVE for one another through evangelism

We're brought into God's family through community, and He wants His family to grow.

Let's hear **"Well done good and faithful servant"** (Matthew 25:22 ESV).

Goal #4 – Return to the Wesleyan Revival Spirit through implementation of quarterly revivals at our local churches to ban Scriptural illiteracy.

Goal #5 – Identify and cultivate an ethos of spiritual gifting(s) within our Conference.

Goal #6 – Continue to minister to current inmates and former inmates seeking re-entry into society.

Goal #7 – Establish a hybrid virtual Evangelism Sunday, (congregations can celebrate it at any time). This is a special Sunday designed to highlight the challenge and opportunity of evangelism.

Goal #8 – Solicit resources and support from both clergy and lay for development of best practice programs to positively influence and encourage parents/guardians to enroll and bring their children to Church School and/or other Christian Education Programs at local AME churches, as well as to participate in other outreach efforts.

Goal #9 – Obey local ordinance(s), seek God to use you mightily and pray for the Lord of the harvest to bless your efforts.

Component Financial Information

Balance in Treasury as of July 1, 2019N/A_____

Total income (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).....N/A_____

Total expenses (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)N/A_____

Please attach the following:

1. Financial statement of summary details of income and expense.
2. Copy of your Budget for the last annual conference year.
3. Copy of the financial assessments/requests on each congregation.
4. List of officers

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Humbly submitted,
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