



The 143^d Session

The West Tennessee Annual Conference

Date of Annual Conference: October 5-8, 2017

Component Report

Name of Component.....Evangelism

Number of Members in the Annual Conference.....See A/C Minutes

Number of Conference Meetings held.....1

Average Attendance at Conference Meetings10

Number of Executive Board Meetings1

Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings4

List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

Date	Location
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(List any additional as needed)

What were the goals for the last conference year?

Goal #1 – Emphasize Spiritual Formation via weekly Team 13 gatherings to reignite the clergy’s and laity’s passion, creativity and human hunger for ministry through prayer.

Goal #2 – To carry out revivals once a quarter (preferably fifth week) at various churches throughout West Tennessee Conference.

Goal #3 – Establish a core Evangelism Team of clergy and lay to implement the plan for: “Kingdom Patrol” ministry to current inmates and former inmates seeking re-entry into society.

Goal #4 – Engage more clergy and lay in the sanctification process required to mentor and transform recent converts into positive change agents for their peers and others who are lost.

Goal #5 – Gather, organize and implement a best practices program to positively influence and encourage parents to enroll and bring their children to Church School and/or other Christian Education Programs at local AME churches.

What was accomplished on the annual conference level?

Goal #1 – Convened a core Team consisting of both North and South Memphis District Pastors and Ministers. Continued the Memphis and Shelby County Office of Reentry (MSCOR) partnership to minister to the needs of both current inmates and former inmates seeking re-entry into society. Note: Several submitted required forms and attended orientation to work as volunteers to follow-up with MSCOR clients to ensure that they receive available services in order not to fall through the cracks.

Goal #2 – Shared in the Conference Sons of Allen Retreat held at Mt. Herman AME Church.

Goal #3 – Participated at the Connectional level on Church Growth Development and Evangelism as a Seminar presenter.

Goal #4 – Provided leadership as presenter on Christology at this year’s Learning Academy Seminar.

Goal #5 – 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 #6 – Worked with West Tennessee’s Christian Education Director as well as other Church School Superintendents on both the North and South Memphis Districts. They’ve committed to become more involved in the work of Evangelism. Also, several lay youth and young adults offered candid critiques and fresh ideas about more effective evangelism outreach efforts.

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

Goal #1 – Advance the kingdom of God by proclaiming the Word of God. By doing this, lives of people will be changed

Goal #2 – Develop a consistent devotional life (Spiritual formation is a lifetime process).

Goal #3 – Clergy and laity to serve cooperatively not competitively in all areas of the church.

Goal #4 – Implement nine-point evangelism strategy: **First, be a soul winner** for empowerment, edification, and transformation. 1Corinthians 4:9... they must see Christ in us. **Second**, we must

truly **love people**, to become missional minded. Revelation 22:17 The spirit and the bride say come. **Third**, we must **meet people where they are** (Jesus never met a stranger). Ephesians 4:32 Notes: Kindness will open doors. **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 He came to call sinners and sick to repentance. **Fifth**, we must **communicate with others**. John 4:20 it's not their heads that are hurting but their hearts. They need to hear of Christ not just invited to church. **Sixth**, we must continually **concentrate on Christ**. John 3:30 We must decrease so Christ can increase. **Seventh**, we must **use tact**. Be sensitive to their feelings. James 1:5 Seek wisdom from God on how to approach someone. **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 Only God can convict and draw them to Him. **Ninth**, teach them how to **listen to God's word**. Introduce them to Jesus and His words. Job 22:21. Last but certainly not least make it clear that there is a difference between knowing God and knowing about God. James 4:8 says draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. If we don't associate the person with the Word of God then they will miss his way. Remember, the authority is God's word!

Goal #5 – Return to the Wesleyan Revival Spirit through implementation of quarterly revivals at our local churches to ban Scriptural illiteracy.

Goal #6 – Identify and cultivate an ethos of spiritual gifting(s).

Goal #7 – Continue to minister to current inmates and former inmates seeking re-entry into society.

Goal #8 – Establish Evangelism Sunday, (congregations can celebrate it at any time). This is a special Sunday designed to highlight the challenge and opportunity of evangelism.

Goal #9 – 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.

Component Financial Information

Balance in Treasury as of July 1, 2017N/A_____

Total income (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).....N/A_____

Total expenses (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)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

