



The 153rd Session The Tennessee Annual Conference

Date of Annual Conference: October 21-25, 2020

Component Report

Name of Component	Lay Organization
Number of Members in the Annual Conference(based on churches reporting and known deaths).....	272
Number of Conference Meetings held	4
Average Attendance at Conference Meetings	50
Number of Executive Board Meetings	1
Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings	15

List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

Date	Location
<u>December 21, 2019</u>	<u>St. Luke AMEC, Nashville</u>
<u>March 21, 2020</u>	<u>Via Free Conference Call.Com</u>
<u>June 20, 2020</u>	<u>Via Zoom</u>
<u>September 19, 2020</u>	<u>Via Zoom</u>

(List any additional as needed)

What were the goals for the last conference year?

1. Continue with training and fostering educational growth of the laity and clergy in the Conference through meaningful sessions.
2. Participate in the 13th District Lay Organization Retreat and Board Meeting.
3. Convene the 30th OLP Awards Function.
4. Continue viable programming efforts.
5. Continue with the Anthony D. Shanklin Leadership Academy.
6. Provide Scholastic awards to outstanding young people.

What was accomplished on the annual conference level?

- July 2019-Complete delegation attended the Lay Biennial in Seattle, Washington.. Many of the conference delegates served on various committees.
- August 2019-We convened the 29th celebration of the Outstanding Laypersons Awards at the Cal Turner Center on the campus of Meharry Medical College. We recognized clergy, laypersons, youth, academic achievements, a young entrepreneurial, and an aspiring musician during this grand celebration.
- September 2019 (Spend the Day with the Lay)-Workshop, “Knowing and Recognizing the Signs of Suicide.” Presented by Will Taylor and Jaime Harper. Coordinated by Ron Mitchell, DOLA
- Following the September 2019 meeting, we held our annual “Taste of Tennessee” Luncheon.
- October 2019-Lay Witness Service. Paulette Coleman, Ph.D. was our speaker. Dr. Coleman challenged us to get involved in the elections, census, and all aspects of spiritual life.
- November 2019-TCLO made the Beyond the Walls presentation to Hope Station, a non-profit that meets the needs of women and children who are in needs of assistance. A great program, doing great work!
- November 2019-We convened our TCLO Planning Meeting at St. John AMEC, Nashville the Mother Church of African Methodism in Tennessee.
- December 2019-observed our “Dirty Santa” fellowship following our quarterly meeting.
- March 2020 brought a new paradigm for us as we held our first virtual quarterly meeting due to Covid-19. This meeting was held via Free Conference Call. Much of our original programming had to be remapped due to the limitations of in-person gatherings.
- April 2020-I gave away 10 gift cards to member and clergy as a way of checking on the members during quarantine and assessing who is really reading their emails. Communication and contact are key!
- June 2020-brought a close to the reporting year with our final quarterly meeting and first meeting to be held using the Zoom platform. This meeting provided a foretaste of the upcoming events and business that will taking place during the 2020-2021 year.

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

1. Provide training sessions and events that will further the spiritual and educational growth of our members.
2. Convene the Anthony D. Shanklin Leadership Academy.
3. Continue our fundraising efforts to endow our Scholarship Investment Account.
4. Hold an event to recognize, honor, and award Outstanding Laypersons, Clergy members, and Local Organizations. This will be held permitted Covid-19 and our vendor, Meharry Medical College allow such gathering.
5. Provide scholastic achievement, music, and entrepreneurial awards to deserving students.
6. Partner with the WMS on a joint Care Project.
7. Get the TCLO on an electronic giving platform.
8. Continue our meetings and training sessions on a Virtual platform until we can return to in-person meetings.

Component Financial Information

Balance in Treasury as of July 1, 2020	\$48,832.52
Operating Account	\$7,731.04
Biennial Account	\$4,035.05
Scholarship Account	\$2,516.50
Golf Account.....	\$200.00
Scholarship Investment Account	\$34,349.93
Total income (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).....	\$21,343.55
Total expenses (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)	\$25,824.67

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

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

**#3 Assessment/Request per Lay Organization only for churches active at the conference level
(these were the requested amounts set at the beginning of year)**

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| 1. Quarterly (Dec., March, June, Sept.) dues | \$35.00 |
| 2. TCLO Officer Dues (Annually) | \$60.00 |
| 3. Soup to Nuts | \$10.00 each |
| 4. OLP luncheon tickets (<i>allocated based on size of church</i>) | \$50.00 each |
| 5. Lay Witness night offering | \$25.00 |
| 6. Beyond the Walls offering (Each Conference Officer and Church) | \$100.00 |
| 7. Noon Day Revival | \$10.00 each |

#4 TENNESSEE CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

	2018-2020	2020-2022
President	Darwin K. Eldridge	Darwin K. Eldridge
1 st Vice President	Jeffery W. Norfleet, II	Jeffery W. Norfleet, II
2 nd Vice President	Angel S. Wilson	Angel Wilson
3 rd Vice President	Novella M. Page	Novella M. Page
Recording Secretary	Wanda Grandberry	Wanda Grandberry
Asst. Recording Secretary	Walretta Chandler	Marsha Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Paula Y. Holmes	Paula Y. Holmes

Treasurer	Donna Holt-Pollard	Donna Holt-Pollard
Financial Secretary	Juanita Patton	Holly Smith
Chaplain	Harry Bailey	Oliver Goodman
Director of Lay Activities	Ron Mitchell	Ron Mitchell
Director of Public Relations	Linda Faye Bentley	Linda Faye Bentley
Historiographer	Vacant	Vacant
Parliamentarian	Vacant	Walter Searcy
Young Adult Representative	Vacant	Vacant