



The 150th Session The Kentucky Annual Conference

September 16, 2017



Component Report

TO: The Right Reverend Jeffery N. Leath, Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District, Dr. Susan J. Leath, Episcopal Supervisor, Host Pastor Kenneth Golphin and First Lady Dianna Golphin, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Clergy, Ministers’ Spouses, District and Conference Officers, Delegates, Laity, and Youth

Name of Component.....Believe, Incorporated

Number of Members in the Annual Conference..... 3

Number of Conference Call Meetings held4

Average Attendance at Meetings8-10

Number of Executive Board Meetings 1

Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings 10

List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

Date	Location
<u>March 2017</u>	<u>13th District Midyear Meeting</u>
<u>12/3/16; 3/21/17; 7/13/17; 8/17/17</u>	<u>Conference Calls</u>

The Board of Directors of Believe, Incorporated stand with humble spirits and grateful hearts, highlighting the corporation’s accomplishments through the guidance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is our second report to the new Kentucky Annual Conferences of the 13th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Believe, Incorporated (Believe) is approved by the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It was formed to represent the educational, economic, community development and social/criminal justice efforts of the 13th Episcopal District. The **Reverend William Hale, Sister Renee Smith and Sister Therese Baker** represent the clergy and laity, respectively, from the Kentucky Annual Conference.

Believe, Incorporated is rooted and grounded in God's blessed assurance that all things are possible through Him if we only believe.

What were the goals for the last conference year?

We thank the churches and members of the Kentucky Annual Conference and 13th Episcopal District for \$10,000 profit from the General Conference Bus Trip in 2016 to support the seven 13th District Believe grant recipients in 2017 including four grant recipients from the Kentucky Annual Conference.

What was accomplished on the annual conference level?

The four grant recipients from the Kentucky Conference were Saint Mathews-Midway (Vacation Bible School initiative successfully completed); Shorter Chapel Paris (general church support grant successfully completed); and Rev. Sherry Green (theological training grant).

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

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 13th Episcopal District.

Believe, Incorporated is proud to announce two upcoming 13th District Fundraisers:

- You, your family and friends are invited to join us next year, in the Fall of 2018, as we set sail for a rejuvenating, restorative, relaxing 4-day cruise. This all-inclusive vacation package will include airfare, staterooms, first-class amenities, meals and entertainment. Be sure to check the Believe, Incorporated website at believeinc.org for regular updates. This is an opportunity that you do not want to miss.
- The 13th District celebrates a legacy and history of Quality, Excellence and Leadership which it has displayed throughout the Connectional AME Church, playing major roles in its development and impact on local, state, federal and international issues like social and economic growth, education, equality and

criminal/social justice. Who made these life-changing contributions? You, me, us...our families, our churches, our Clergy, our Laity, our businesses, our parents, our sons, our daughters, our communities. Together, our struggles; together, our rewards.

In recognition of our blessed inheritance, Believe, Incorporated is privileged to announce the creation and compilation of the 13th Episcopal District AME Church Chronicles, a collection of historical facts submitted by its Clergy and members. The intent is to share the story of how the 13th District came into existence and provide an opportunity for us to gratefully acknowledge the people, places and events that have shaped us and brought us to where we are today. With God’s guidance, and your support and prayers, we will weave a tapestry of “Commitment, Courage and Contributions” in recognition of the Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, Missionaries, Lay Persons—ALL of our members whose stories may have never been told before, but will be told now and forever cherished. Program Introduction is scheduled to take place at the conclusion of the 13th District Planning Meeting.

Component Financial Information

Balance in Treasury as of July 1, 2017	\$1,200
Total income/budget (July 1, 2016– June 30, 2017)	\$10,000
Total expenses (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)	\$8,800

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 (included in report)
3. Copy of the financial assessments/requests on each congregation-N/A
4. List of officers (available after the 2017 Annual Conference Series)

2018 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The new grant application will available on the Believe Inc. website by October 30.

- The grant application’s postmark deadline is January 16, 2018 to the 13th Episcopal District Office.
- No handwritten applications or fax transmittals will be accepted.

Program areas Believe, Incorporated supports include:

- Scholarships—Theological Training
- HIV/AIDS Education and other Health Initiatives
- Start-up funds for new criminal and social justice ministries
- Developing young adult ministries;
- Assisting small and rural churches; and
- Utilizing technology to improve communication and visibility of the Thirteenth Episcopal District.

By the close of the 2017-2018 conference year, Believe, Incorporated will have awarded, in 13 years, over \$292,000 in project grants and theological training scholarships to the 13th Episcopal District!

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE!

I BELIEVE – ...EYE HATH NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEAR HEARD, NOR
HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE
THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO
LOVE HIM (I Corinthians 2:9)

I BELIEVE - THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD!
(Luke 1:37)

This ends the report from BELIEVE, INC.

Respectfully Submitted this day, Saturday September 16, 2017 by:

The Board of Directors of BELIEVE, INC.
Reverend William R. Hale, Sister Therese Baker and Sister Renee Scott-Smith
Representing the Kentucky Annual Conference