



The 118th Session The East Tennessee Annual Conference

September 6th - 7th 2018



Component Report

TO: The Right Reverend Jeffery N. Leath, Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District, Dr. Susan J. Leath, Episcopal Supervisor, Host Pastor Rev Kenneth Love, Presiding Elders Dr. Eva Settles, Dr. Terence Mayes, Sr Associate Presiding Elder, Pastors, Clergy, Ministers’ Spouses, District and Conference Officers, Delegates, Laity, and Youth

Name of Component.....	Believe, Incorporated
Number of Members in the Annual Conference.....	2
Number of Conference Call Meetings held	<u>3</u>
Average Attendance at Meetings	<u>8-9</u>
Number of Executive Board Meetings	<u>1</u>
Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings	<u>7</u>

List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

Date	Location
<u>March 2018</u>	<u>13th District Midyear Meeting</u>
<u>03/1/2018, 06/5/2018</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 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 **Sister Florence Smith and New Believe Inc. Board Assistant Sis. RobinDeHart** represent the clergy and laity, respectively, from the East Tennessee 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 East Tennessee Annual Conference, 13th Episcopal District and many sponsors for \$5,000.00 earned from our first Spectacular, Relaxing and Entertaining Vacation Caribbean Cruise. On August 25th 2018 Believe Inc. step on board the Magnificent Conquest Luxury Ocean liner. Words cannot express the fun and enjoyment shared by all.

Stay tune and watch for The Believe Inc. 2018 Cruise article and photos in the AME Christian Recorder. Please make plans to join us on the Believe Inc. 2019 Cruise.

What was accomplished on the annual conference level?

During the 2018 Mid Year Conference held in Bowling Green Kentucky, Believe Inc made (5) \$1,000.00 Grant Awards. The recipients were:

- ✓ Brown's Chapel AME Church – Fayetteville, TN
- ✓ Allen Temple AME Church – Chattanooga, TN
- ✓ McGavock Chapel AME Church – Charlotte, TN
- ✓ St. Luke AME Church – Gallatin, TN
- ✓ Suggs Chapel AME Church – Dellrose, TN

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:

- Take the Journey with us on the Freedom Train to our Nation Capital to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Plans are underway to depart from Nashville on a late evening overnight train ride to Washington DC arriving at 9:00 (AM) eat breakfast and tour the Museum. We will end the day with Dinner in the District followed by a comfortable one night hotel stay before returning to Nashville. Visit our web-site www.Believeinc.org for more information or follow us on Face Book
- Believe Inc. will set sail again in 2019 for another (5) Day Cruise. The Date and Location will be announced on January 15th, 2019 Please provide any Believe Inc. member with your email address and phone number to be added to our Believe Blast email list.
- Back by Popular Demand. Believe Inc. will explore providing transportation to the 2010 AME General Conference in Orlando Florida.

Component Financial Information

Balance in Treasury as of September 1, 2018	\$3,273.00
Accounts Receivable.....	\$2,600.00
Total income/budget (July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018)	\$14,600.00
Total expenses (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018).....	\$12,327.00

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 2018 Annual Conference Series)

2019 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, 2019 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 2018-2019 conference year, Believe, Incorporated will have awarded, in 14 years, over \$297,000 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 23, 2017 by:

The Board of Directors of BELIEVE, INC.

Reverend Randy Brown, Sister Florence Smith and Believe Inc. Board Assistant
Sister Robin Dehart Representing the East Tennessee Annual Conference.