



# 20-21 SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTAL/OFFICER REPORT

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**Department/Office:** Episcopal Lay Leader

### List of Current Officers

- Reginald Williamson
- Sandra Hill
- Travis Reid
- Robert Harbert

### Mission/Purpose

The Lay Department aids the CME Church in equipping and enabling her members to engage in effective ministry in the Glorious Name of Jesus Christ. The Lay Department develops information and promote initiatives that will educate and strengthen and empower "God's People" to provide meaningful and effective ministry in all levels of the church. The core Lay Ministry Beliefs of Studying, , Seeking, Sharing, and Serving are the foundation for the Sixth Episcopal District Mission and Purpose.

### Objectives

- \* Establish strong Health initiatives
- \*Develop a vibrant church that promote interests that will draw children and young adults closer to the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- \* Establish community connections that encourage and assist in the Voting Process and Reducing Crime and Violence throughout our Neighborhoods and Communities without fail.

### Accomplishments

- Attended the Unity Summit in New Orleans, LA.
- Developed Health Initiatives throughout the regions in the State of GA.
- Creation of Dynamic Homeless Ministry Programs that specifically look to attack the healthy food deserts in our CME communities.
- Developed strong Bible Study programs for children throughout the State of GA.

### Challenges

- \*Technology and communication shortfalls at the local level and national level.
- \*Develop stronger programs that will attract the Young Adult segment of the Laity and more men to become involved in all levels of the CME Church.
- \* Seeking ways to attract and maintain disciplined committed leaders to the CME Church that are Bold, Impactful, and Dedicated to the mission of the CME Church.

### Recommendations

Create a church atmosphere, that is positive and open to new Spiritual Christian ideas that promote a wholesome environment without bias and prejudicial behavior. Encouragement to Pastors to develop sermons that relate to the NOW in our society, addressing the many problems that our young congregants face in today's society.

Respectfully submitted to Presiding Prelate Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.,

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