

20-21 SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTAL/OFFICER REPORT

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Department/Office:

South Georgia Regional Lay Leader

List of Current Officers

Wendell Roberts - ATD Lay Leader Kerry Williams - MMB Lay Leader

Mission/Purpose

The lay council mission and purpose is to engage in effective ministry in the name of Jesus Christ by focusing on the whole people of God. We must venture our way forward in taking care of God's business. Our initial efforts coming from our General Officer centers around Sunday School and Bible Study. We must continue our ministry beliefs of Studying, Sharing, Seeking and Serving and live out its mission: To reach, teach and minister to ALL of God's people.

Objectives

- 1. To study the Holy Bible with purpose and determination by our attendance in Sunday School and Bible Study throughout the Region and Episcopal districts.
- 2. To assist in communicating the need for and support of a strong tithing program.
- 3. Increase ministries throughout the South Georgia Region and Episcopal Districts.
- 4. Observe 'National Lay Day'.

Accomplishments

- 1. The laity (here in Thomasville) partner with New Covenant Church in the following ministries: feeding, clothing and ministering to the needs of the disenfranchised. The need is great in the South Georgia region.
- 2.. Successful workshops to train church officers on duties, responsibilities and obligations as church officers.
- 3. Several churches have teamed with local schools to mentor students and assist in working with their local school councils.

Challenges

- 1. Increasing male participation at all levels of the local church and maintaining effective and progressive female support.
- 2. Full/Complete church participation across the district on the 2nd Sunday in October for Connectional Lay Day and collect funds/raise offering for the Graham/Webb/Kennedy Scholarship.

Recommendations

1. Implement an all-inclusive meeting of Laity at the commencement of all conference meetings; a

necessity for a successful Lay program.

2. Implement more effective evangelism programs for the entire State of Georgia to help the local church.

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

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