



LAY HIGHLIGHTS

News, Views and Highlights from the Bahamas Lay Organization of the A.M.E. Church

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The Benevolent Program of the 78th Annual Lay Convention



The Benevolent Program of the 78th Annual Lay Convention will go down in the history books as a power packed spirit filled event. It was evident that spirit of the Lord was in the place as Sis. Phillis Filer was our worship leader. All participants were eager to lift up the name of Jesus, and they sure did!

We had a spirit lead prayer by Bro Reginald Robinson that was surely heard by God himself as he awakened the spirit of God to another level. The musician played and sang melodiously, and I am sure that God's glory was in the place.

The harmonious singing set the foundation for us to hear from God and we were not disappointed as the messenger poured out her heart and left us better than we came.

The speaker was the Rev. Brittany Bryant from St. Luke AMEC East conference, and her topic was "Excuse me watch my cup" the scripture text was Genesis 26:1-3 & 12.

She reminded us to stay connected to the right people, the right source and in the right alignment of the vision. Just as Isaac was blessed because he was connected to Abraham we too can be blessed if we stay connected to God. There will be times that people around us will wonder what is in our cup and will question why our cups are always filled; they will soon realize that because of our obedience and divine connection with God, His favor will be on our lives!

BY: Brian Brown

Cousin McPhee Annual Youth's Day

Cousin McPhee Cathedral's young people held their Annual Youth's Conference beginning on Wednesday June 8th 2022 through Sunday June 12th 2022. The youths held four informative, fun-filled, power packed Holy Ghost filled events during this time. On Wednesday they kicked off their events with a very engaging and informative bible study under the theme "In Him, we are ELCTRIFYING"

with the key verse 1 Timothy 4:12. They then hosted their second Annual Debate Competition on Thursday night with the topic "Be it resolved, virtual learning is a great supplement to formal learning". The participants showcased their oratory skills in a fantastic delivery of their viewpoint. The winning team consisted of Travis Collie, Felesha Gedelian and Skylar Swain. On Friday the youths held their first Fun Run Walk that started at 6am.

There were over twenty persons registered and present. Registrants consisted of both the young and not so young, as they took to the streets of Carmichael road celebrating the youths of CMC. Finally, the grand finale came and the youths closed their week with an exciting Sunday morning

worship service experience. They were able to show case their talents and demonstrated that God can use young people and led worship in their own unique style. We can truly say that lives were touched by this display of young talent. To God be the glory!

Cousin McPhee Annual Youth's Day Highlights



Robinson Morris Annual Youth Day

During the week of July 4th, 2022, to July 10th, 2022, Robinson Morris AME Church held an explosive and praise-filled youth's week with the theme of: Passing the Baton. In addition to that, to propel one of the YPD's main initiatives of opening the church's doors to more youths, there was a competition to bring the most guests. People who were inspired to share the Word of God and the Spirit filled excitement won prizes such as monetary gifts, tablets and a television.

The excitement started off with a wonderful tribute to the seniors of the church in the form of a breakfast give away. The fired-up youths all loaded into the church bus to deliver a delicious meal to the well respected and most loved seniors of our church. After that, an informative leadership seminar was held. It was officiated by the successful entrepreneur, Mr. Jaydian Miller. He gave key points on being a great leader along with encouraging the members of not only the YPD, but the entire church to pursue those qualities on being a great leader. Furthermore, the next event was a fun-filled round table talk where the youths were able to have an intelligent and judgement-free safe discussion while wearing their pajamas. It was facilitated by Bro. Neville Woodside.

They enjoyed answering questions as it related to problems in society, the home and in their lives, while sipping on hot cocoa and enjoying snacks.

After the Round table talk, came the praise explosion Praise-a-Thon. The Praise-a-Thon had various displays of talent and gifts by the youths, and it was facilitated by the energetic Rev. Thelma Williamson. The Holy Spirit moved all around the atmosphere where we offered up unrestricted praise and glory to our Heavenly Father.

Finally, the closing out services were extraordinary! The Youth choir sang praises unto the Most High along with the congregation. During these services, two dynamic youths declared the word of God; Rashonique Rolle-Ferguson spoke at the 8am worship service, and Cryslyn Williamson spoke at the 10:30am Service. Two incredible youths were also honored at the closing events. Garvinique Johnson won the Youth of the Year award with a round trip ticket to C. E. Y. L. C. and Nathan Hamilton won the Director's Youth Award with round trip ticket to C. E. Y. L. C.

Again, it was an explosive service nothing short of spectacular. RMC's Youth's Day celebration closed off with the recognition of excellent youths, a wonderful report and a tribute to their former leader, Kushna Rolle-Miller, who has gone on to be with the Lord. Robinson Morris's 2022 Youth's Week was nothing less than a major success!

BY: Myeesha McPhee

Robinson Morris Annual Youth Day Highlights



Cummings Young Temple Monthly Tea Party



The Cummings Young Temple Women's Ministry hosted their monthly Tea Party fundraiser. It was an exciting time to gather together to fellowship in the Lord with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The participants were treated to a delightful afternoon where they were able to enjoy a fashion show, played trivia games and feasted on great food and music. We can say everyone certainly enjoyed themselves and

a grand time was had by all!
We look forward to next month's event and
it is our prayer that we continue to grow in
the Lord.



KNOW YOUR CHURCH

Our Name

African means that the church was organized by people of African decent and heritage. It does not mean that the church was founded in Africa or that is for persons of African decent only

Methodist: The church's root is of the family of the Methodist churches. Methodism provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on a plain and simple gospel

Episcopal refers to the form of government under which the church operates. The chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination are the Bishops of the church.

The mission of the AME Church is to minister to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people

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EMBLEM AND MOTTO

The emblem displays characteristics that can be equated to a significant aspect of the African Methodist Episcopal doctrine and belief. The shape of the emblem is in the form of a three pointed shield. The three points symbolic of the original Church motto, "God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother."

A new motto,

"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family" was adopted at the 2008 General Conference in St. Louis, MO.

An anvil and cross occupy the center of the Emblem. The anvil represents the blacksmith shop in Philadelphia where the first AME Church was established, and the cross represents the Church