



Thinking Outside the Box


THE FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION
“Re-Imagining Ministry - Serving the Present Age”

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<p>Mission Statement:</p>	<p>The Lay Organization is commissioned to teach, train and empower its members for lay ministry, global leadership and service following the tenets of Jesus Christ. The purpose shall be to organize and train the laity of the African Methodist Episcopal church so that lay persons may maximally utilize their God given abilities and skills to improve and extend the kingdom, to create happiness, peace and harmony among its members.</p> <p>Our challenge for 2020-2021: Staying engaged while staying apart</p>		
<p>Goals for re-imagining ministry:</p>	<p>Promote physical and mental wellness, in consultation with our AME International Health Commission</p>	<p>Engage the District Laity on a regular basis</p>	<p>Encourage evangelism and outreach, put more effort into voter registration</p>
<p>Activities that accomplish each goal:</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notification and promotion of wellness webinars and zoom-sessions, as scheduled. 2) Provide links to online content related to wellness, bi-weekly newsletter email. 3) Perform remote wellness checks on the membership (phone calls and text messages) initiated by each Local Lay Organization, monthly cadence. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Zoom call with the District Laity; agenda includes a teaching/training topic and time allotted to game play (Know Your Church and AME trivia challenge); use Kahoot! or similar platform; monthly cadence. 2) Zoom call with the District Laity; an Online Panel Discussion and Q&A period, moderated by the Young Adults; once-per-quarter cadence. 3) Word search, crossword puzzle, or internet scavenger hunt (Know Your Church and AME trivia challenge); bi-weekly email. 4) First Episcopal District Lay 2021 Mid-Year Meeting hosted by the NJ Conference Lay Organization (Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic City). We will make plans for it to be a virtual meeting if needed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Encourage Laity to invite family and friends to participate in our virtual events. 2) Allot time for Local and Conferences lay ministries to spotlight their new members at our zoom sessions; it could be promoted as a friendly competition to see who can get the most new members. 3) Participate in District-level voter registration initiatives. 4) Support the AME V-Alert; First District Lay representative will work directly with Sister Jacqueline Dupont-Walker.
<p>Key Dates:</p>	<p>February 26-27, 2021</p>		