

African Methodist Episcopal Church Baltimore Conference Lay Organization

Laity Fulfilling the Great Commission

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- AIM:
- TO REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST BY EFFECTIVELY ALIGNING THE CORE VALUES OF THE LAITY WITH THE INTENT OF THE **GREAT COMMISSION.**

SCRIPTURE

- FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM.
 - Matthew 18:20

OBJECTIVES

- Define **Core Values** within the context of organizational planning: Scanning, Mission, Vision, Values, Goals and Priorities, Action Planning
- Identify the Core Values of the Lay Organization
- Consider how the Core Values advance the cause of the Great Commission.

AGENDA

- 15 Mins. **What are Core Values?**
 - Presentation
- 45 Mins. **What are our Core Values?**
 - Small Groups 15 minutes
 - Group Presentations
 - What do our perceptions about our Core Values tell us about our alignment with Matthew 28:18-20

WHAT ARE CORE VALUES?

- KEY STANDARDS OR QUALITIES, BELIEFS & BEHAVIORS CONSIDERED
- WORTHWHILE OR DESIRABLE IN WORKING
- EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER AS A TEAM,
- ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION

- THEY PROVIDE FOR COMMON DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE FOR DAY TO DAY BEHAVIOR

WHAT ARE OUR CORE VALUES?

- HOW DO WE WANT TO TREAT EACH OTHER?
- HOW DO WE WANT TO CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS?
- HOW DO WE WANT TO TREAT OUR STAKEHOLDERS? (Persons or entities that have an interest, concern or are affected by our results)

SAMPLE STATEMENTS

- **Each Other**
- We will affirm each others unique gifts and experiences.
- We will work with and challenge one another in our personal spiritual journey.

SAMPLE STATEMENTS

Conduct Our Business

Excellence honors God and inspires people.

We work toward leading people through a journey of faith to reach their full potential.

We provide teaching and leadership that points people to Christ-likeness.

SAMPLE STATEMENTS

- **Constituencies (Stake Holders)**
- We create ministries that serve the real needs of local congregations and their communities.
- We provide a safe place where people can hear and see the love and joy of God.
- We are committed to open, effective communication at every level of the Connectional Church.

APPLICATIONS & REFLECTIONS

- Our **Core Values** enable us to advance the Great Commission of the **Lord Jesus...**
- To a great extent?
- To some extent?
- Not at all?
- **What is God saying to us?**