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SEDLO Executive Board Meeting Leadership Congress Planning Meeting - Hampton, VA

HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to our new Director of Christian and all of the persons who put countless hours into planning a great meeting. There was plenty for the youth to take part in and great workshops.

The speakers were excellent and the music was awesome. On Monday evening, the newly elected Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr. Frank Madison Reid, III delivered a dynamic sermon, **“Better not Bitter”**. He told us to not be bitter no matter what the situation might be; it will get better. Using himself as an example, he stated, look where he is now for not allowing his circumstances to make him bitter.

Rev. Dr. Calvin Sydnor, the retired editor of The Christian Recorder, was the guest speaker for Tuesday afternoon. As always, he shoots from the hip and cuts no corners when he speaks. We are going to miss his great articles, but he will still be “telling it like it is” even in his retirement.



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Rev. Alphonso McGlenn and his daughter greeted us at registration each morning. We thank them for volunteering to perform this service.

During the day on Monday, the youth had a Bible Bowl and they were quizzed on how much they knew about the AME Church. Destiny Parker, granddaughter of Mrs. Betty Parker (our 2nd Vice President) won a 7-11 gift card for getting her answers correct for her age group.

On Monday afternoon, the young people had their choice of going bowling, skating, to play laser tag or to a trampoline park.

On Tuesday night, the young people of the District showed us why the Second Episcopal District is 2nd to none. There was a program entitled “Second’s Got Talent”. It showcased young people from each of the Conferences. You had singers, dancers, pianist and poets. All of the talent was exceptional.

Wednesday was closing service with everyone excited and full of expectation.

Thanks Hampton for the great food and service that was provided.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 6 Conference Meeting at Springdale,
5554 S NC Highway 62,
Burlington – 10:00 am
- Sep 10 Prayer Breakfast - Macedonia,
4164 Yarboroughs Mill Rd, Milton -
10am - Tickets - \$15.00
- Oct 22 Lay Institute - Bethel, 200 N.
Regan Street, Greensboro
9:30am - 12:30pm
- Nov 1 Presidential Election - **VOTE!**
- Nov 2-3 SED Convention
- Nov 4-5 SED Mid-year Conference
Portsmouth Renaissance
425 Water Street
Portsmouth, VA
Room Rate = \$99.00 per night
757-673-3000
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Our New Bishop

Each evening after the programs, there was a reception so that persons in attendance could “Meet & Greet” our new prelate, Bishop James Davis and his lovely wife.

Our new Bishop is very approachable and is open to listen to what you have to say. He has stated that he knows why the phrase “2nd to know” applies to our District.

He is promising to get to ALL of the churches in the District at some time. We look forward to him coming to the WNCC.

Episcopal Supervisor Davis is very down to earth. A comment was made “When have you seen a Bishop’s wife in pants?” She was ready to “get down” with the young people at the talent show. She commended them all on a job well done.

CONDOLENCES

The funeral arrangements for **Mrs. Mamie Hopkins Battle Miles** are as follows:

WHEN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016

**WHERE: ST. JOHN AME CHURCH
3001 TRYON ROAD - RALEIGH**

**TIME: FUNERAL 12:00 PM
VIEWING 11:00pm -12:00pm
PUBLIC VIEWING 12 NOON - 9 PM ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**

