

Ministry To Men  
Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday September 18, 2007  
At the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual CME Convocation in Las Vegas, Nevada  
Mr. Leo Pinkett, General Secretary of Ministry To Men  
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pinkett at approximately 10:00 AM. Mr. Travis Hicks was asked to pray. Following the pray Mr. Pinkett gave a brief statement of purpose and a review of activities of past months, the meeting was open to a session that focused on developing ministries and activities on the local, district, and regional levels to improve the lives of men of all ages and to increase their involvement in the church and the community as well as in the home.

Some of the events and activities that were mentioned have already been put into action; they have been tried and found to be true. The discussion began with the mention of the first of hopefully many, "Tailgate Sundays." This event took place at the Lynch Street CME Church in Jackson, Mississippi where Dr. Charles Holbrook serves as pastor. This event took place during the regular Sunday morning worship service, but was moved outside under tents. The men of the church prepared food for the more than 400 people in attendance. This allowed members of the neighborhood to attend without the pressure of having to "dress up." It also opened the service up to those who were just passing by; and also to the homeless. This was a great event.

The discussion then turned to the "Macedonia Project," which deals with certification and demographics, and the changing population and decline in membership within our local churches. Some ways to stop this decline were mentioned.

1. Develop Mentoring programs as a means of drawing men of all ages into the Christian Men's Fellowship; within the Church.
2. Sponsor Concerts to introduce ministry; creating a sense of excitement and enthusiasm, and interest.
3. Identify problems that hinder men's relationship with the Lord, and allow them to express themselves and how they feel about certain problems and situations.
4. Incorporate athletics; use basketball, football, and other sports as an attraction to bring young, energetic, and talented men into the fold of the Church.
5. Develop and organize Food Banks and provide a feeding ministry to those who are homeless or without food in their homes sufficient to feed the family.
6. Organize Health Fairs to provide some kind of health services for those who cannot afford simple and regular doctor visits.
7. Organize Boys to Men Ministries as mentioned by Bro. Emmanuel Temple. Invite fathers, uncles, [grandfathers] and males inside and outside the local church to Roundtable Discussions.
8. A brother from Oklahoma suggested the sponsoring of Fishing Clinics and Trip with Motivational Speakers, Recognitions of Past and Future Legends. Our young men need to know and be exposed to those men who have achieved and overcome the same circumstances they are presently in.

9. Brothers from Graham, NC suggested sponsoring Hot Breakfasts as an opportunity to bring men together.
10. Develop and initiate Drug and Alcohol Ministries to help those brothers who are presently using drugs to overcome and to help prevent those who may start.
11. Brother George Powell from Miami, FL suggested establishing events that will attract young men by using video games and competitions; Madden 2008. Also bring young rappers together to engage in Christian Rap. Continue to utilize Sports and keep them involved in Annual Conferences beginning in 2008.
12. Develop Male Emphasis Sundays once per quarter to emphasize or celebrate church members and at least one from the community; a non-member, and invite their family members and friends to celebrate with them.
13. A Playbook is in the development stages and will contain suggestions for Ministry to Men and Step by Step processes to carry out these ministries. This was suggested by Bro. Vernon Johnson from Houston, TX.
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15. Jeffrey Whitmore in Louisiana has passed a law to fine and put in jail, young men who wear their pants baggy, slouchy, sagging, etc.
16. It was also suggested that Grandparent Organizations be established at local schools. This was suggested by Mr. Leo Pinkett. Grandparents can have a great deal of influence on their grandchildren; after all, grandparents are in many situations, rearing their grandchildren because the parents of these children have dropped the ball.

The meeting was adjourned after a very lively and enthusiastic discussion. The men in attendance were greatly motivated and committed to return to their respective church and continue this great Ministry to Men in their communities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Charles Holbrook, Secretary

Mr. Leo Pinkett,  
General Secretary of Ministry to Men.

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