

Department of Ministry to Men
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

General Connectional Board Report
of the General Secretary



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Mr. Chairman, Bishop Henry Williamson, Senior Bishop William H. Graves, Members of the College of Bishops, General Officers, Judicial Council members, Presidents of our educational institutions, Connectional Board members and Members of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, "Praise God at all times!"

To the College of Bishops, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Laity and churches for your openness in affording us the opportunity to gather in various churches and retreat settings, we say thank you. This could not have been done without a team of dedicated Episcopal, Regional, District and local Directors of the Department of Ministry to Men, who have embraced the vision with total commitment in strengthening the development of this ministry.

It gives me great pleasure to give my third consecutive report of our stewardship as General Secretary of the Department of Ministry to Men. This year has been quite exciting with the political campaign in full swing and the election of America's first African American

President, President Barack Obama. Change has truly come but there is still work to be done both here in the USA and abroad.

The department activities on the mentoring front has seen growth not only in the youth, but major growth in the team pairing process for our young adults and adult population. This process is to match interest and commitment levels for the local, district, and connectional church so we may fully feel the impact at the maximum potential developing disciples who will then disciple others. What an awesome witness for our great Zion in this world.

We have seen an increase in attendance and involvement at all levels with more men getting engaged fully in the church business and ministries. This, again is done by finding a way to connect their gifts and time so as to not only assist the church but have a profound impact on their lives and the greater community.

The Male Emphasis Sunday initiative has seen some growth both in the influence in the church's attendance as well as the impact it is having on the community as a whole. When done properly, it is a majestic site to behold. In this process, the church not only recognizes their own but those men that are making contributions to society on various planes such as health and wellness, business and economics, and law and government, education, mentoring and other social concerns.

We celebrate and embrace the success of our ministry as we persevere to engage men of all ages to witness the goodness of God and his purpose for them in the life of the church. We continue to solicit your prayers as we embark on another year of moving the church from good to great.

Peace and Joy
Always!

Dr. Leo Pinkett, General Secretary