

## **LAY LEADERSHIP AREA OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES**

### **Purpose:**

Lay Leadership works in many different areas to bring laity of the SC AC together. Our 3 largest lay-led groups, UMM, UMW and LSM, are making an impact on their communities. Our youth continue to shine and SC is blessed with laity who make a difference and give of their time, talents and resources.

### **Key moments from the previous year:**

1. In 2019, the Lay Leadership Area of Connectional Ministries welcomed 2 new District Lay Leaders-Orangeburg-Monty Felix and Rock Hill-Stacey Newlon.
2. The Executive Committee of Lay Leadership held two workshops for First Time Attendees to Annual Conference in 2019 and also held two workshops called Laity Conversations where laity and clergy discussed missions and ministries that take place in local churches.
3. In addition, the Lay Leadership Executive Team also sponsored its annual Mission Fair where a variety of ministries were on site to give instruction to interested churches. These ministries included Pillowcase Dresses for Girls, Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Prayers and Squares, PLARN and B.E.D.S. (Better Education Deserves Sleep).

### **Objectives for the coming year:**

In 2020, Lay Leadership will again sponsor two workshops for First Time Attendees to Annual Conference. This year's mission fair will be combined with an international mission fair in order to create one large event which will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Lay Leadership Executive Team members are Valerie Brooks-Madden, Betty Void, Jenny Rawlings, Pamela Goodwine-Glover, David Salter, Sylvia Green, Jeff Fogle, Rick Hammett, Debbie Watford, and Lisa Fusco, Chairperson

**Action(s) required from the 2020 Annual Conference:** None

### **If you take away nothing from this report, know this:**

We thank the following District Lay Leaders for their 8 years of service to the Annual Conference and their respective districts:

Charleston-David Braddon, Columbia-Betty Void, Greenville-Mike Cheatham, Florence-Dennis Sullen, Marion-Becky Green and Walterboro-Pamela Goodwine-Glover

**Narrative:**

I will conclude my 8-year term as Conference Lay Leader in June 2020 at Annual Conference.

To the many laity and clergy who welcomed me into your churches and districts, I am forever grateful. To Bishop Holston and Felicia Holston, my sincere thanks for the gift of your friendship. To the Cabinet and Extended Cabinet I served with over the last 8 years, thank you for making me feel welcomed.

To Jenny Rawlings, our LL secretary, the Executive LL team and the DLLs from the last 8 years, I am grateful for the journey we shared. To the 3 Associate CLLs I have served with, Donald Love, David Salter and Betty Void, thank you.

To Conference Connectional Ministries staff and team, you were the best! And, to all the laity across SC, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve the AC and the church.

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Monty Felix, Rock Hill DLL Stacey Newlon,  
Spartanburg DLL Rick Hammett, Walterboro-Pamela  
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## **LAY LEADERSHIP AREA-LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**

### **Purpose:**

To educate leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are the bridge connecting churches through the districts and all throughout the world. We strengthen churches by developing local leadership.

### **Key moments from the previous year:**

1. Saturday's Annual Instructors' Academy was proceeded with Worship and Holy Communion Services on Friday evening. The Rev. Dr. Junis Dotson, President/CEO of Discipleship Ministries, delivered a spellbinding, dynamic sermon. On Saturday, Rev. Dotson conducted a profound training to instructors.
2. Superior in-depth "Train-the-Trainer" / hands on training. Infusion of new course offerings, unique alternate training methods in all districts.
3. Wide and varied support of church and community missions in all districts.
4. AC 2019 Luncheon; huge success! Fully attended by Laity & Clergy throughout all districts & conference offices. The Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson (Clergy) delivered an excellent presentation!
5. Tremendous increase in the number of "Certified Lay Speakers & Certified Lay Ministers."

### **Objectives for the coming year:**

1. Work closer with our congregational specialists to promote "connecting with our community."
2. Stay active with the Bishop's agenda for our conference. Continue advocating the Bishop's Big Vision/Big Dreams, Forward Focus, Missions & Young Adult projects.
3. Going out offering "HOPE" to our communities.
4. Sharing the knowledge that there's "POWER" in the name of Jesus!
5. Continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Action(s) required from the 2020 Annual Conference:** None

### **If you take away nothing from this report, know this:**

1. Lay Servant Ministries is the backbone of the United Methodist Church.
2. Lay Servant Ministries is the educational wing of the UMC; equally, we are wind the beneath the UMC wings.
3. Lay Servant Ministries is essential to the growth of ministries and missions.
4. Lay Servant Ministries strongly advocates Laity/Clergy partnership!
5. Lay Servant Ministries builds authentic leadership.

**Narrative:**

Lay Servant Ministries supports all facets of the local church; the local church is the arena where “all those people” come in the door - and disciples are made! Lay Servant Ministries is the key to the growth and the driving force in our church for continued denominational growth and development. Lay Servant Ministries is the spark to making disciples a priority and inspiring others into the ministry.

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Gwendolyn Brown (Anderson District); Constance Wilborn (Charleston District); Deborah Watford (Columbia District); Dr. Evelyn Fulmore, (Florence District); W. Edward Herlong (Hartsville District); Ken Moore, Suzette Alexander, Susan Underwood (Greenville District); Cathy Trevino (Greenwood); David Lovell, Bill Barber (Marion District); Rosa Kennerly-Dance (Orangeburg District); Pam Brenwald, Lynne Tyner (Rock Hill District); Annie Crocker, Beth Lewis, Terry Sturgill (Spartanburg District); Thelma Hudson (Walterboro District). Extended members: Betty Void, David Salters, Pamela Goodwine-Glover, Francis Hipp, Rev. Kris Bergmann, Rev. Cathy Jones, Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson, Tammy Fulmer, and Barbara Ware.