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CHRISTIAN LAITY • LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT • EMPOWERED TO SERVE

The First Session  
*of the*  
Western New York Annual Conference  
*of the*  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

# Lay Night Service

Thursday ~ June 5, 1997  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1525 Michigan Avenue ~ Buffalo, New York



The Right Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Presiding Bishop  
Dr. M. Joan Cousin, Episcopal Supervisor  
The Reverend Ernestine M. Ward, Presiding Eder  
The Reverend Simon P. Bouie, Host Pastor  
Mr. James L. Williams, Connectional Lay President  
Mrs. Margaret Fields, Connectional Director of Lay Activities  
Mr. David Busch, Episcopal Lay President  
Mrs. Estelle Livingston, Episcopal Director of Lay Activities  
Mr. Thomas Davis, Conference Lay President  
Mrs. A. Marie Goff, Conference Director of Lay Activities  
Mr. Meredith Anding, Host Lay President

## The Object and Purpose of the Lay Organization

1. To create a love and appreciation of the history and principles of African Methodism.
2. Keep the memory of Richard Allen alive.
3. Respect *constituted authority*.
4. Stimulate and educate the Laity in the *total program* of the Church.
5. Study the Discipline and learn the laws of the Church
6. Encourage financial support of the Church's Program.
7. Teach and practice Stewardship and work with the youth to teach them Methodism.

# SERMON APPLICATION

Hearing God's Word in the Sermon

Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of what we may receive during the hearing of God's word.

Sermon Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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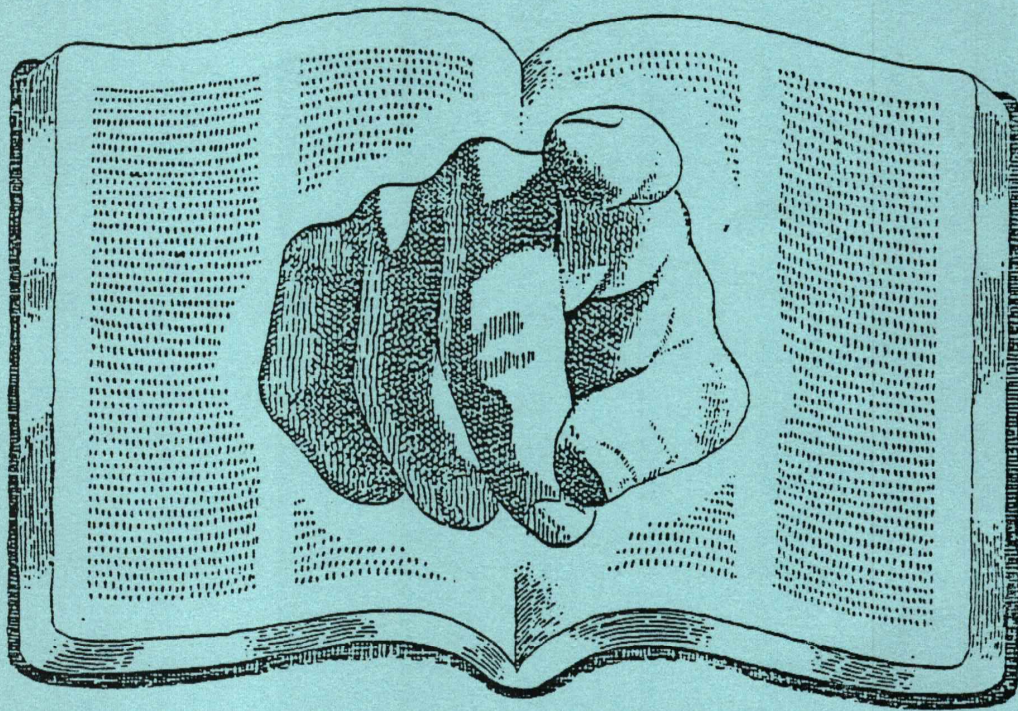
Supporting Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Outline of Main Topics:  
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What was God saying specifically to me during the sermon?  
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What must I do now to be closer to Christ?  
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## Commit First Yourself ...



*"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave  
their ourselves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."*  
II Corinthians 8:5