

**The 48<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session  
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**Department of Church Growth  
and Development**

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# New Ministry Partners

- American Red Cross
- Cancer Treatment Centers of America
- Prison Ministry Fellowship
- First Step Withdrawal Program
- World Methodist Evangelism Council
- The National African American Tobacco Education Network

# Overseas Ministry

- Bishop Samuel Green, 15<sup>th</sup> District
- Bishop Carolyn Guidry, 16<sup>th</sup> District
- Bishop Sarah Davis, 18<sup>th</sup> District
- Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah, 20<sup>th</sup> District

# The Annual Seminars

- *Evangelism A Way of life (2005)*
- *Moving Toward The Flame That The world May Know Jesus (2006)*
- *Evangelism In The Midst of Secular Humanism I (2007)*
- *Evangelism In The Midst of Secular Humanism II (2008)*

# Stewardship

- See itemized Financial Statement in the printed *Combined General Officers' Report*.

# What's Next

## The Department of Church Growth and Development

will offer:

- Evangelism Certification Training:
  - For Clergy and Laity

# Certification is Designed:

- To enable pastors to develop and grow healthy congregations;
- To develop and inspire clergy and laity to “plant and grow” new congregations;
- To facilitate environments for the laity to grow spiritually and academically as Christ’s disciples;
- Prepare all for the ability to reach across cultural milieus, ethnicity and races to win souls for the Kingdom of God.

# What's Next (Con't)

- ***Basic Evangelism Certification for local church evangelism***
  - To equip ambassadors with more than the necessary foundational skills and abilities to evangelize their community.
- ***Evangelism Certification for Pastors***
  - To equip pastors to educate and prepare their local congregations for purposeful evangelism in their communities.

# What's Next (Con't)

- ***Evangelism Certification for Laity***

This certification will equip laity to engage in effective evangelism and evangelistic activities.

- ***Evangelism Certification in Church Planting***

This certification training will equip ambassadors with foundational skills and abilities that allows them to specialize in Church Planting.

- ***Evangelism Certification In Children and Youth ministry***

This certification training will equip ambassadors with more than the necessary foundational skills and abilities which will allow them to specialize in evangelistic children and youth ministries.

# Our Goals

- Develop evangelism methods that strengthen local church growth
- Participation of local churches in Episcopal Districts 1 – 13 to be involved with the *Angel Tree Program* thru *Prison Fellowship Ministry*
- Increased subscriptions for *The Secret Chamber*

# Our Goals (Con't)

- Increased witnessing, evangelizing and disciplining, taught at the Annual Church Growth Seminar become valuable teaching tools for presiding elders, pastors and laity
- Increased registrations at the Annual Church Growth Seminar
- Increased use of the materials/ tools created by the Department of Church Growth and Development to execute Church growth evangelism programs

# Thank You

- Episcopal District Directors of Evangelism
- The Bishops of our denomination who have helped in many different ways.
- Bishops Kirkland, McKenzie, DeVeaux and Williams hosted the Annual Seminars with great leadership.
- People who elected me to serve

