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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: _____

Sermon Title: _____

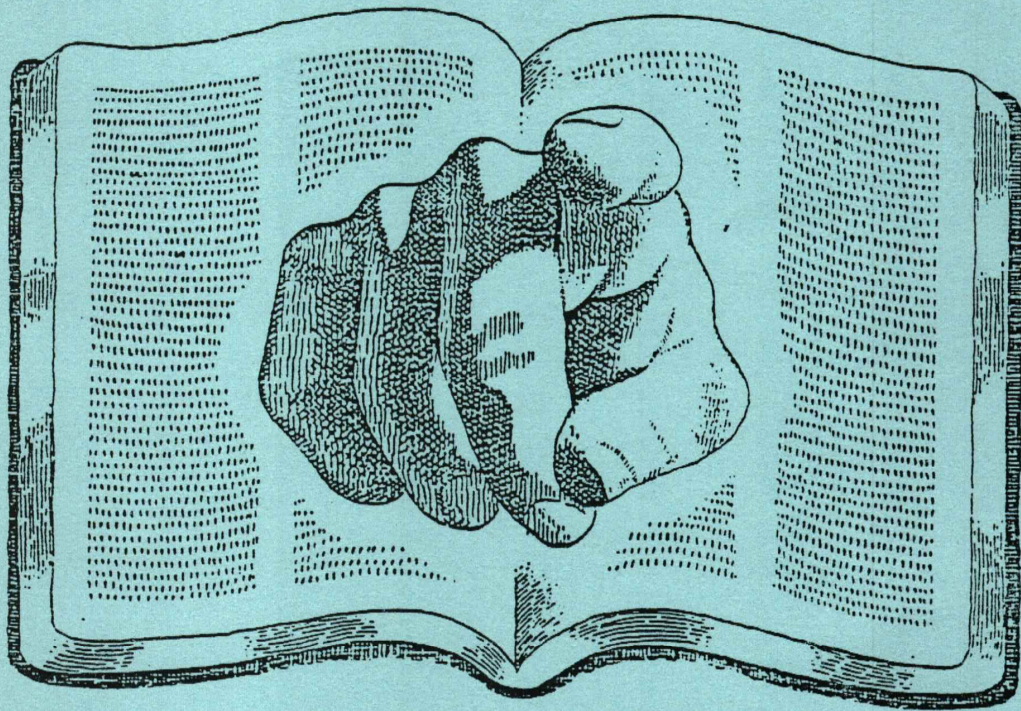
Supporting Scripture: _____

Outline of Main Topics:

What was God saying specifically to me during the sermon?

What must I do now to be closer to Christ?

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