

Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization Announces Recipients of the 2015 Educator Awards Seattle, WA

The Fifth District Lay Organization announces the recipients of the 2015 Educator Awards designed to recognize educators in our church and community who have impacted the life of the church and community through educational programs and activities. Following are the recipients.

Norma Washington - California Conference

Mrs. Washington, a teacher for over 32 years, taught special education to students with disabilities with an aim to prepare them for college or a career after high school.

Fannie Williams - Pacific Northwest Conference

For 42 years, Mrs. Williams has served the Seattle community as an early childhood educator, a teacher, trainer and coach, an advocate for children and parents rights, and a voice for the needs of childcare centers and family home providers of color. She has shared her expertise by working as an Early Childhood Field Instructor for several community colleges providing training and staff development.

Dorothy Powell - Missouri Conference

Ms. Powell conducts an after school program designed to provide one-on-one tutoring sessions to ensure students understand their classroom assignments and are

successful in their academic pursuits. Ms. Powell has received numerous awards including Teacher of the Year - Oakland Unified School District and the Outstanding Educator of the Year - Ferguson-Florissant School District in Missouri.

Dr. Jeannette R. Patterson - Desert Mountain Conference

Dr. Patterson, the 2014 Colorado Middle Level Principal of the Year, is credited with being able to maintain a school environment that reflects high expectations for students and staff. This is evidenced by a school Median Growth Percentile of 55 in Reading, 51 in Writing, and 53 in Math. Dr. Patterson is a leader who ushers her students into the future by focusing on the ability of her students, rather than on their disability.

The educator awards will be presented during the ***Evening of Elegance - Scholarship Reception***, which will be held at the site of the **Fifth Episcopal District Mid Year Convocation** in Los Angeles, California at the LAX Hilton Hotel. Presiding Elder Roosevelt Lindsey, Rev. Dr. Kelvin T. Calloway and Bethel AME Church - Los Angeles, host the Convocation. Presiding Elder Allen Williams is co-host. The Convocation will convene March 10 - 13, 2015. The Evening of Elegance - Scholarship Reception is Thursday, March 12, 2015 in the La Jolla Ballroom.

For more information on the ***Evening of Elegance - Scholarship Reception***, please contact Chairperson

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The Right Reverend T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church