

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR
A NEW AND DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE
OFFERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM!**

The Rev. Dr. James C. Wade, Executive Director of the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism, together with Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah, Commission Chairman, is calling all clergy and laity to mark their calendars, pack their bags and head to the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel, Jacksonville FL., January 6-9, 2009 for the 22nd Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Evangelism. "Returning to the Biblical Mandate of Witnessing to and Evangelizing Your Community (the World) [Acts 1:8] promises to be a spirit-led, faith filled time of dynamic reaching, teaching and preaching. The Rt. Rev. McKinley Young, Presiding Prelate, 11th Episcopal District is the Seminar Host Bishop.

In this day and age, when all manners of assault are raging against Christianity and the people of God, it is imperative for clergy and laity to be effectively spiritually readied and positioned to defend the faith and win souls for Christ's Kingdom. Moreover, there is a need for pastors, other ministry personnel and laity to work in tandem and be involved in evangelism and discipleship if churches are going to grow. This Annual Seminar guarantees to provide all with solid teaching and preaching that will give persons something new and relevant as they go forth in service to the Lord.

On Monday January 5, 7pm, Bishop Sarah F. Davis, Presiding Prelate, 16th Episcopal District will lead attendees in An Evening of Teaching on and a Time of Prayer. On Friday January 9 at 6 pm, there will be a Children, Youth and Young Adult Evangelism Convocation. This event is designed to make sure that all our children, youth and young adults are saved and will also teach them how to evangelize their peers.

The Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Senior Pastor, Allen Cathedral AME Church, Jamaica NY., will present during a plenary session, "The Need for Discipleship Training." In addition, Dr. Flake will facilitate two sessions for clergy, "Changing the Culture of Evangelism" and "Communicating the Vision for Evangelism." He will also facilitate a session for laity on "The Culture of Evangelism."

This Seminar has sections/sessions for: Presiding Elders, Pastors and Ministers, Youth Pastors and Workers, Children's Ministry, Ministry to Men, Ministry to Women, Prison/Angel Tree Ministry, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Ministry, HIV/AIDS Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Health Ministry, Healing Ministry, Church Planting, Media Ministry, E-Evangelism, Music Ministry and Cross Culture Ministry.

The Seminar Registration fee is: **\$130.00 on or before December 5, 2008; \$150.00 after December 5, 2008 and On-site.** Credit card payments are accepted.

What is more, the brand new *Evangelism Certification Program* will launch during this Seminar as well! This two (2) year program is guaranteed to educate and equip students in the very depths of evangelism, so that once coursework is completed, persons will be more than prepared to reach others anywhere for Christ Jesus. In partnership with Edward Waters College, Jacksonville FL., persons can obtain CEU's for their work done through the Certification program. This certification program offers five (5) tracks for persons to chose from: **Basic:** Provides the foundational requisite skills, knowledge and ability for students to evangelize their community; **Laity:** Provides laity with the foundational requisite skills, knowledge and ability for students to engage in evangelism and evangelistic activities in any contextual setting; **Pastors:** Provides pastors with the requisite skills, knowledge and ability to educate and prepare their local congregations in purposeful, transformational evangelism; **Children and Youth Evangelism:** Provides persons with the foundational requisite skills, knowledge and ability to specialize in evangelistic witnessing to children and youth and; **Church Planting:** Provides persons with the foundational requisite skills and knowledge to specialize in evangelism and evangelistic activities unique to church planting.

This certification program is designed for persons who:

- 1) are presently pastors seeking to grow their local church spiritually and numerically;
- 2) are not seeking licensure or ordination and have a passion for evangelism;
- 3) are ordained, but are without pastoral charges and have a passion for evangelism;
- 4) are presently in the Board of Examiners process but are not called to parish or pulpit ministry exclusively – the comprehensive training in evangelism will fill a void missed in the Board of Examiners process;
- 5) are called by the Holy Spirit to be evangelists and have received license at the Quarterly Conference to preach;
- 6) are called by the Holy Spirit to be church planters and have received license at the Quarterly Conference to preach;
- 7) by the unction of the Holy Spirit are compelled to serve children and youth and;
- 8) The AME Church, by preparing persons to renew stagnate and declining churches

All certification courses are taught by qualified persons who bring both passion and knowledge concerning the courses. Students will earn certification hours during selected attendance and participation in events and/or sessions at the Annual Seminar. In addition, students can earn certification hours through Independent Study courses which will be made available. The Evangelism Certification Registration fee is: **\$225.00, \$60.00 for college students with id.** Registration is open until **December 5, 2008**. Credit card payments are accepted.

To register online for either the 22nd Annual Seminar on Church Growth and Evangelism or the Evangelism Certification Program go to www.ameharvest.org or call (901) 523-2777 for additional information and registration materials. Either way you choose to do, just do it! Our prayers and hopes are that we will see you in Jacksonville, FL. in January 2009!