

Dr. Stanley Hearst II, Pastor

_____, President

The Class Leaders' Council

The **Class Leaders' Council** is comprised of Class Leaders who are to nurture, care, and provide spiritual support and guidance to the members of the church.

Class Leaders perform a very important role in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. They are the liaison or lay ministers as well as officers in the A.M.E. Church. Therefore a bond of friendship and trust must be developed between class leaders and members.

Class Leaders help the pastor serve, as they are the under-shepherd of the flock, which extends to fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ in preparing persons for God's Kingdom.

A **Class Leader** is appointed by the Pastor.

A **Class Leader** is an assistant to the pastor who aids the pastor in discharging his/her duties more effectively.

A **Class Leader** positively influences every member on his/her class.

A **Class Leader**, like the pastor is a consultant, a spiritual advisor, a confidant and a friend.

A **Class Leader** must be well informed, spiritually mature, emotionally stable, compassionate, understanding, caring and one in whom class members can place confidence.

The **Class Leader** is a second set of eyes, ears, hands and feet for the pastor.

The **Class Leader** functions on behalf of the pastor, for the pastor and as an extension of the pastor.

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The Class Meeting

At the birth of Methodism, congregations were divided into small groups, called **classes**, for the purpose of expanding the church's influence.

These **classes** met in the homes of individual members. Members thus, got together for worship, study, prayer and fellowship.

Some of the most important things that the **Class Leader** is called upon to do are:

- † **Check on the members at least once per week,**
- † **Advise, reprove and comfort the members,**
- † **Encourage members to participate and be actively involved in the activities of the church,**
- † **Receive whatever contributions the members have for the support of the work of the church,**
- † **Report all monies collected to the Stewards,**
- † **Inform the pastor of any who are sick, are in need, are in trouble, and who need to see the pastor,**
- † **Meet monthly with the Class Leaders Council, and**
- † **Report at the Quarterly Conference.**

A monthly "Class Leader Report Form" should be used for gathering data for sharing at the Class Leaders' council meeting, and for reporting at the Quarterly Conference.

1) Class Leaders organization (Pres, VP, Sect'y, etc)

2) The Class Leaders Annual Day

**3) The Class Leaders meet at _____ PM on the _____ of
each month.**

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The Class (2016 Doctrine & Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church)

- 1) **Number:** usually composed of twelve (12) or more persons
- 2) **Purpose:** to discern whether its members are working out their own salvation and to receive what they contribute to the support of the Gospel
- 3) **Class Leader**
 - a. One of the persons assigned to each class is the leader
 - b. Must be appointed annually by the minister. They shall serve for one year and may be appointed as long as their conduct is satisfactory. They shall be examined by quarterly by the minister and presiding elder.
 1. To meet the members in class once per week, to inquire how their souls prosper, to visit members from time to time, and receive what they are willing to contribute for the support of the Gospel
 2. To read the rules of Band Societies to those who meet with the class for the first time
 3. To visit other classes frequently
 4. To converse with the pastor frequently and freely
 5. To admit non-members to their class meeting no more than three times, with none of them to be consecutive
 6. To exclude suspend, or expel members from the class meeting
 7. To watch over probationers with special care and recommend those who are eligible at the end of (90) days for full membership, upon their profession of saving faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
 8. To report to the Official Board: (a) those who are sick, (b) those who walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd, (c) the amount of money collected for the support of the Gospel, paying the same to the Stewards
 9. To serve as leaders for children's classes. Such leaders shall perform the duties as outlined above and, in addition, give instruction in the Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Our Vision: To Be a Community of Faith That Helps People in
Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, and Going for Christ**

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The Monthly Class Leader Report Form

Date: _____

Class Leader: _____

Class No. _____

1. **Members Contacted:**
2. **Members Status:** Active ____ Inactive ____
3. **Who are sick?**
4. **Do they desire to be listed in our bulletin?**
5. **Who are in need?**
6. **Who needs to contact the pastor?**
7. **Any suggestions for the good of Mt. Pisgah?**