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Evangelism, Church Growth and Development Committee Report

To: Bishop Frank Madison Reid, III
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Presiding Elders, Clergy, Laity and
visitors to the 152th Session of the
Pittsburgh-West Virginia Annual
Conference, we the Committee on
Evangelism, Church Growth and
Development submit the following
report:

This committee is tasked with identifying programs and projects that have the short term and long-term effect of increasing the number of disciples in the local church.

List some background or research information: AME Church Seminar on Church Growth and Development, Plan an evangelism Strategy, Workshop on Evangelism

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List 3 recommendations for the conference to act upon:

1. Develop an evangelistic prayer strategy
Prayer is the foundation upon which all evangelism strategies should be built. By centering the strategy upon prayer, a church's strategy is connected to the real power-source.

2. Plan a minimum of two annual evangelism events

- AME Day of Caring and Prayer Walk across the Conference on a Single Day for All Local Churches
- Visit Community Senior Centers take a small gift or stuffed animal
- Revival
- Block Party
- Door-to-door Survey
- Ministry Evangelism Activity or Event
- Children's Evangelistic Activity or Event
- Revitalize the Sunday Church School
 - Attract students from other sources, after school programs, athletic leagues.
 - Serve breakfast
 - Have Church School outside

3. Development

- Review the AME Vision and Mission Statements
- Include an AME History Lesson during Fellowship meals, Church Conferences, and auxillary meetings.
- Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
- Complete a SWOT analysis

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