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## Sons of Allen



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To: The Right Reverend Frank Madison Reid, III, *Presiding Prelate*;  
Mrs. Marlaa Hall Reid, *Episcopal Supervisor of Missions*;  
The Reverend Dr. Eric L. Brown, Host Presiding Elder, *The Allegheny-Scranton District*;  
The Reverend Alton B. Dillard, Co-Host Presiding Elder, *The West Virginia District*;  
The Reverend Dr. James H. McLemore, Co-Host Presiding Elder, *The Pittsburgh District*;  
The Reverend Dr. James H. Harris, Sr., *Host Pastor*; and  
Mrs. Marsha Washington and Mr. Andre Nelson, *Conference Co-Chairpersons*.

Your committee for the Sons of Allen respectfully submits the following report that describes the state of the Sons of Allen in the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Annual Conference.

*Pittsburgh-West Virginia  
Annual Conference Committee Report*

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- On March 14, 2018, Bishop McKinley Young met with the Third District Sons of Allen (SOA) coordinators to discuss ways to build up the Sons of Allen within the District. Bishop Young made a primary directive to have each Sons of Allen coordinator work with their Presiding Elders to have some planned activities during the Church School Conventions to create dialogue and interaction with our young men. Despite the passing of Bishop Young, the principle of his directive is still vitally needed and is an important component of the Sons of Allen mandate.
- There are churches in the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Conference in which SOA members are involved in productive ministries at the local, conference and district levels. Several SOA members from this conference assisted in the YPD and WMS Quadrennials hosted by the Third District.
- However, many churches still do not have Sons of Allen organizations or their Sons of Allen organizations remain inactive. SOA members within the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Annual Conference have made themselves available to assist churches in the conference on starting a SOA. Information has also been sent to churches explaining the purpose of the SOA and how to start one.
- The expanded geographical area of the conference since the merger of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences with respect to planning conference-wide events presents a challenge. Nevertheless, this does not preclude districts within the conference from providing ministries that encourage men and address their spiritual and social challenges.

The SOA committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The Pittsburgh-West Virginia Sons of Allen should work with our presiding elders to use a portion of time in their meetings to create dialogue and interaction with our male youth.
2. Active SOA organizations should be encouraged to remain active and we should recognize those who are making a difference in the lives of other men through godly influences.
3. More effort needs to be made to encourage churches to start a SOA organization or to encourage inactive SOA organizations to become involved in ministries that promote godly examples for our young men.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Reverends:** John Sylvia, Darian Banks, Thomas Fant, James Harris, Erwin McIntosh Jr., Dale Snyder, Mark Alexander, Carl Kemp, Barrett Spencer, Solomon Cooper, Kary Williams, Geoffrey Tate, Alfred Thompson, Andrew Newberry, John Cofield, Frank Brown, Mortty Ivy, Darrell Lowe.  
**Lay Persons:** Andre Nelson, Fredrick Rush, Douglas McDonald, David Wade.