



The 144th Session West Tennessee Annual Conference

October 4th - 6th 2018



Component Report

TO: The Right Reverend Jeffery N. Leath, Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District, Dr. Susan J. Leath, Episcopal Supervisor, Host Pastor Rev Walter R. Henry, Presiding Elders Rev C. Robert Finch, Elder Linda Thomas Martin, Pastors, Clergy, Ministers' Spouses, District and Conference Officers, Delegates, Laity, and Youth

Name of Component.....Believe, Incorporated

Number of Members in the Annual Conference..... 6

Number of Conference Call Meetings held3

Average Attendance at Meetings8-9

Number of Executive Board Meetings 1

Average Attendance at Executive Board Meetings 7

List Dates and Locations for Conference Meetings

Date	Location
<u>March 2018</u>	<u>13th District Midyear Meeting</u>
<u>03/1/2018, 06/5/2018</u>	<u>Conference Calls</u>

The Board of Directors of Believe, Incorporated stand with humble spirits and grateful hearts, highlighting the corporation's accomplishments through the guidance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is our Annual Conferences Report of the 13th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Believe, Incorporated (Believe) is approved by the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. **It was formed to assist the educational, economic, community development and social/criminal justice efforts of the 13th Episcopal District.**

Believe, Incorporated is rooted and grounded in God's blessed assurance that all things are possible through Him if we only believe.

What were the goals for the last conference year?

To provide grants to individuals and churches throughout the 13th District. We thank the churches and members of West Tennessee Annual Conference, the 13th Episcopal District and many sponsors for \$5,000.00 earned from our first Relaxing and Entertaining Caribbean Cruise. On August 25th 2018 members and friends, sailed on board the Magnificent Conquest Luxury Ocean liner. Words cannot express the fun and enjoyment shared by all but more importantly the funds for grants that were provided from this activity.

Please look forward for The Believe Inc. 2018 Cruise article and photos in the AME Christian Recorder.

What were our accomplishments this conference year?

During the 2018 Mid-Year Conference held in Bowling Green Kentucky, Believe Inc. made (5) \$1,000.00 Grant Awards. The recipients were:

- ✓ Brown's Chapel AME Church – Fayetteville, TN
- ✓ Allen Temple AME Church – Chattanooga, TN
- ✓ McGavock Chapel AME Church – Charlotte, TN
- ✓ St. Luke AME Church – Gallatin, TN
- ✓ Suggs Chapel AME Church – Dellrose, TN

Do you have goals for this coming year? If so, please list.

Our future goals, under the leadership and vision of Bishop Jeffery N. Leath, include developing and implementing a fundraising campaign to increase our fiscal resources for more grants throughout the 13th Episcopal District.

2019 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The new Believe Inc. 2019 grant application is available NOW on the Believe Inc. website.

- The grant application's postmark deadline is **January 16, 2019**. Applications can be mailed (or hand delivered) to the 13th Episcopal District Office.
- No handwritten applications or fax transmittals will be accepted.
- Application can be found on Believe INC website.

Believe, Incorporated is proud to announce our planned upcoming 13th District Fundraisers:

- Take the Journey to our Nation Capital to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Plans are underway and details will be forthcoming. Visit our web-site www.Believeinc.org for more information or follow us on Face Book.
- Believe Inc. will set sail again in 2019 for another (5) Day Cruise. The Date and Location will be announced on January 15th, 2019. Please provide any Believe Inc. member with your email address and phone number to be added to our Believe Blast Email List.
- Believe Inc. is exploring providing transportation to the 2020 AME General Conference in Orlando Florida.

Component Financial Information

Balance in Treasury as of September 1, 2018	\$3,273.00
Accounts Receivable.....	\$2,600.00
Total income/budget (July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018)	\$14,600.00
Total expenses (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018).....	\$12,327.00

Believe, Incorporated has awarded, in 14 years, over \$297,000 in project grants and theological training scholarships throughout the 13th Episcopal District!

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE!

I BELIEVE – ...EYE HATH NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM (I Corinthians 2:9)

I BELIEVE - THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD!
(Luke 1:37)

This ends the report from BELIEVE, INC.

Respectfully Submitted by:

The Board of Directors of BELIEVE, INC. West Tennessee Conference Brother Michael Steward, Sister Phyllis Ridley, Rev. Quinten L. Smith, Rev. Eric Knowles, Rev. Willie M. Williams and Sister Lesa Halfacre member at large.