

# 10<sup>th</sup> District Lay Organization Virtual Training Series 2021

Special Guest Presenters: Min. Francine Williams & Bro. Alfred Ladson  
April 15, 2021

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Mrs. Kathy Drayton, Director of Lay Activities  
Ms. Shantel Sims, Young Adult Representative



# The Goal & Objective

H. To promote the spread of personal evangelism.

## Training Objective

Discuss the nuts and bolts of Lay evangelism. Identify techniques to fish for men, women, boys and girls in order to fulfill our important job as Laypersons, bringing people to Christ.

## Associated Activity

Each church will participate in Lay Evangelism Sunday and Lay Witness Sunday. Each Lay member will Invite 3 young adults to the June Virtual Training Session.

# Agenda

- Devotions
- Greetings
- Introduction of Speakers
- Poll Question
- Let's Go Fishing
- The Nuts and Bolts of Lay Evangelism
- Questions & Answers
- Next on the Training Agenda
- Poll Questions
- Closing Comments

Devotions

Greetings

Introduction of Presenters

# Presenters

Bro. Alfred Ladson



- Family man: proud father of 5 and grandfather of 12.
- Fisherman
- Member: Alpha Phi Alpha, Intl Fellowship of Chaplains, & Flotilla Boating and Fishing Club
- Member of Emmanuel AME Church-San Antonio

Min. Francine Williams



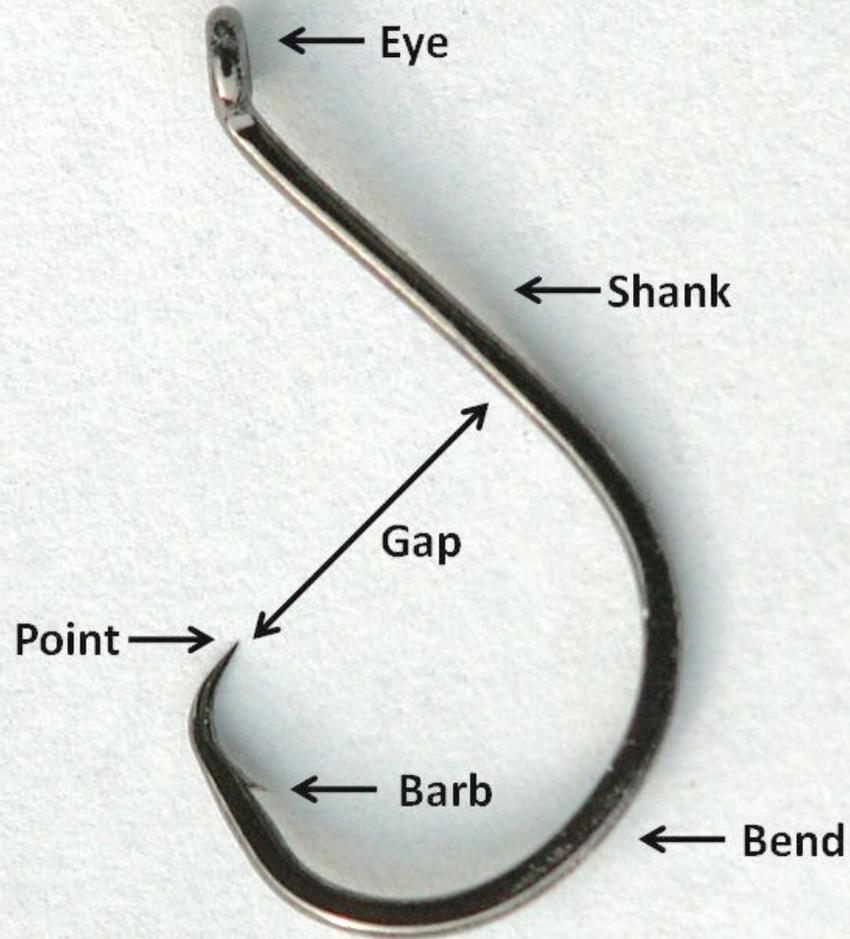
- Wife, Mother, MDiv. Student
- Licentiate
- Certified Family & Relationship Coach
- Passionate about Evangelism
- Member of St. Paul AME-Houston

# Poll Question

# Let's Go Fishing

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# Fishing Equipment



**Anatomy of a Fish Hook**

# Fishing Equipment



# Fishing Equipment



# Fishing Equipment



# Fishing Equipment





# The Nuts & Bolts of Lay Evangelism

Presented by Min. Francine Williams

# Evangelism

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*Affective ways to share the gospel*

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# Evangelism

- The spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness.

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# The Great Commission

- Every believer is called to carry out the Great Commission

- Matthew 28:16-20

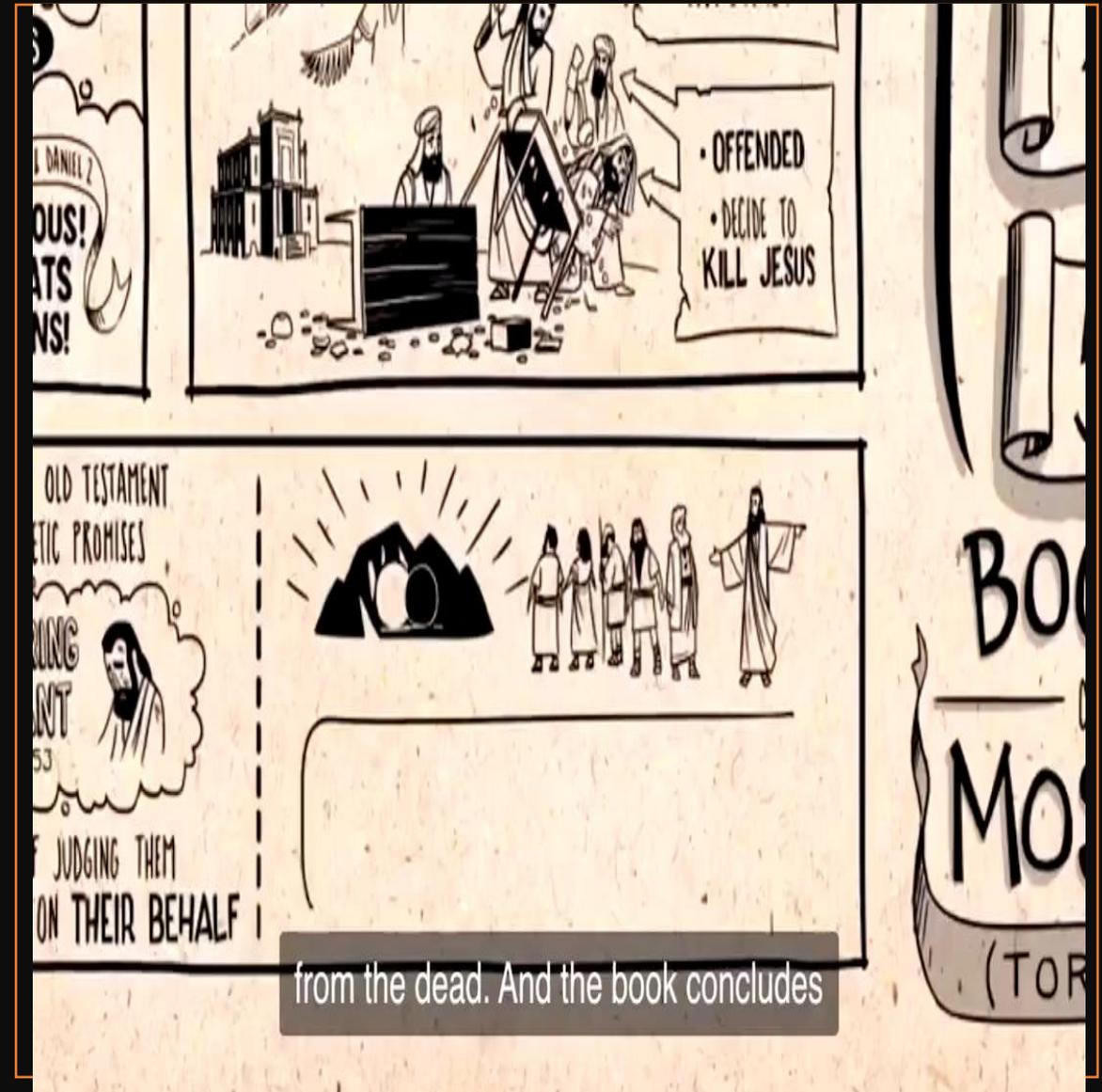
“16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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# An Illustration of the Great Commission

Source: The Bible Project



- We are part of the Great Commission meeting.
- Jesus said that His commission to make disciples is in effect even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)
- The end of the age hasn't come yet. Therefore, the Lord's instructions are for all of us.

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**EVANGELISM IS JUST  
ONE BEGGAR  
TELLING ANOTHER  
BEGGAR WHERE TO  
FIND BREAD.**

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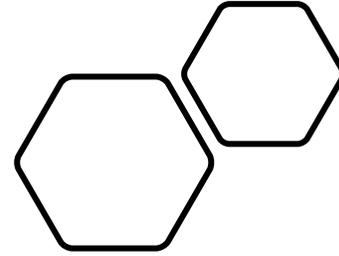
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We were saved to “share” not to be “selfish”.



- The Gospel was designed to be shared with everyone.  
-2 Peter 3:9 “9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.”
- We are called to baptize (a symbol of conversion & a new spiritual birth) in the name of the Holy Trinity.
- We are called to teach sound doctrine and make disciples.

This is a task  
and a call that  
we do not carry  
out alone.



- Evangelism is a lifestyle to be passed down from generation to generation. (Matthew 28:20b).

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# They must be born again



Evangelism is done with the intention of bringing the hearer to faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. They must be born again before they can be disciples.

- The first people that should be baptized and made disciples in your ecosystem is your family.

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# Why is Evangelism Important?

It is the foundation of advancing God's Kingdom.

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# Six reasons to evangelize and share “The Good News”

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- Because God has commanded us to do so (Acts 1:8)
- It demonstrates our love for God (John 14:15)
- Because all are lost without Christ (Romans 3:10, 23)
- Because this is God’s chosen method: He could use angels, but He only uses redeemed sinners to tell lost sinners about Christ (Romans 10:14-17; Timothy 1:15)
- Because God desires to save all people (as mentioned earlier)
- Because faith grows best when it is properly passed down from generation to generation.

## Methods of Evangelism



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# Methods of Evangelism

- Lifestyle Evangelism-

Focuses on building relationships with one person at a time.

- Community Evangelism-

Door-to-door sharing of the gospel, street preaching, passing out fliers, church-held community events.

- Global Evangelism-

Internet/digital ministry, global missionaries, global outreach.



# Where should we evangelize?

- Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.

- We are to evangelize locally (Jerusalem), in places that are likely to be non-receptive (Judea), in places where we're viewed as enemies or strongly disliked (Samaria), and to the uttermost parts of the earth (globally).

# Evangelism must cover 3 Essential Areas of Content

Why we must be saved

How Jesus can save us

What we must do to be saved



Telling people that Jesus loves them is encouraging, but it is only a small part of the Gospel.

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# Evangelistic Methods

## 1. Pray and Say Method

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# Evangelistic Methods

## 2. Romans Road Method

- Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God  
Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord  
Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us  
Romans 10:9 – If you declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
Romans 10:13 – For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

# Methods of Evangelism

**Street Evangelism-**  
Go to high traffic areas.

Preach the gospel or ask  
the following questions  
to the person you're  
talking to:

What are your spiritual  
beliefs?

Who is Jesus to you?

Do you think there is a  
heaven or a hell?

If you died tonight,  
where would your soul  
spend eternity?

By the way, if what you  
were believing is not  
true, would you want to  
know?



# Evangelistic Methods

- **Street Evangelism aka Front -Line Evangelism**

Video Example of when a person is receptive.

Source: Living Waters

# Evangelistic Methods



- **Street Evangelism**

- Example of what to do when you encounter distractions while trying to evangelize.

Source: Living Waters

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# Evangelistic Methods

- **Testimony Gospel Method**

Your personal testimony is not the gospel; however, you can incorporate the gospel as you give your testimony.

- **Read [Acts 26:1-23](#)**

- Then, use these 3 elements to create your testimony:

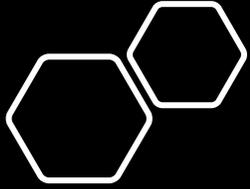
1. Talk about what your life was like before you received Christ ([Acts 26:4-11](#))
2. Describe how God spoke to your heart and opened your eyes to spiritual truth. Include the basic facts of the gospel and your response of faith. ([Acts 26:12-18](#))
3. Finally, share how your life has changed since receiving the forgiveness available in Christ. ([Acts 26:19-23](#))

# What if they aren't receptive?

- Remember, you do not have the power to convert anyone. Your job is to plant the seed and allow the Holy Spirit to water the seed through conversion. Our job is to share the good news and let God work on their hearts.
- We plant the seed by being sure and knowledgeable of our beliefs.

-1Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

- They may not accept Jesus Christ into their hearts that day, but you never know how that seed you planted could bloom later.
- Remember it is about obedience.



# Important Scriptures to remember

- Romans 10:9- If you declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- John 3:16- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.
- Romans 3:23- For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
- John 14:6- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 1 John 1:19- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# Safety precautions

# Preparation for Evangelism

- **Don't go alone.**

Enlist another believer to go with you. Do not separate too far from one another.

- **Pray before you go.**

Pray alone and with your evangelism partner. This will help to share the burden of the battle.

- **Study the Word of God.**

You must come equipped with the knowledge of the Word of God. You cannot win a spiritual battle without consistently hearing and reading the Word of God. Remember, Satan tried to use the Word of God against Christ. Memorize and jot down the scriptures that can be used during evangelism.

- **Examine your heart**

Be sure that you are living the Word before you try to give the Word to someone else. Don't be a hypocrite.

- **Always remain calm**

You may encounter people who want to provoke you. Remember why you are there.

- **Go in the strength of the Lord**

Remember that God is with you. He will place the words in your mouth to speak, and He will strengthen you along the way.

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# Ready?

- Pick an appropriate location and time.
  - High traffic areas (downtown business districts, farmer's markets, and college campuses).
- Have an evangelism group or an evangelism partner.
- Use good judgment.
- Be sure to follow solicitation laws and abide by the rules of business/property owners.
- Prepare your message.
- Have your scriptures highlighted, be prepared to give your testimony using the three rules mentioned earlier.
- Connect with people.
  - Ask them if they would like prayer, lead a conversation about the sports team memorabilia they are wearing, etc.
- Have your probing questions ready.
  - If you were to die today, where would your soul spend eternity? Why?, Do you feel fulfilled in life? Etc.

# When should you evangelize?

Every opportunity that you get.

Christ tells us to “Go” ye therefore and teach all nations.

Street evangelism may be good during Spring and Summer; however, you can use any of the other methods year-round.

# The difference between evangelism and Missionary work

- Missionary work –

Involves sending individuals and groups of Christian believers, called missionaries, to different nations of the world to complete simple tasks and still make an impact that lasts, all while bringing the gospel simultaneously.

- Evangelism work –

The spreading of the gospel by public preaching or personal witness.

A Missionary crosses cultures and shares the gospel in different countries. They are sent in a specific area to promote their faith or to perform ministries of service. This could include education, social justice, health care, economic development, etc.

An Evangelist teaches and spreads the gospel. All Christians should be evangelists.

# Evangelizing during a Pandemic

- Call past visitors
  - Contact those who have visited your church in the past two years.
  - This is an opportunity to share Jesus with them after you have checked on them and prayed with them.
- Invite someone to stream church service with you.
  - This can be done via zoom, face time, etc.
- Check on the needs of those in your community.
  - People want to know that you care. It is hard for them to listen to you share the gospel when their child is sick, or their utilities have been disconnected because someone has lost their job. People are more inclined to listen to a person they feel cares for them and their basic needs.
- Share your testimony on social media.
- Place gospel tracts in the bags and boxes that you hand out when helping the less fortunate.
- Add a prayer line to your live streaming church services.



# The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few

- Make sure you are a part of the few
- Luke 10:2

“Then He said to them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

- Point people towards hope.



Thank you!

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# QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

Coming...

Evangelism Sunday – May 23,  
2021

Lay Witness Sunday –  
October 10, 2021

# NEXT ON THE TRAINING AGENDA

# Virtual LAY TRAINING SERIES 2021

MAR 25 2021 7:00PM	UNDERSTANDING THE GENERAL BOARD
<b>APR 15 2021 7:00PM</b>	<b>NUTS AND BOLTS OF LAY EVANGELISM</b>
JUN 17 2021 7:00PM	INVESTING FOR THE LONG TERM - YAR FOCUS
AUG 19 2021 7:00PM	CHURCH PUBLICATIONS
DEC 16 2021 7:00PM	EDUCATION IS THE WAY OUT - YAR FOCUS

## 10TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LAY ORGANIZATION

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### REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

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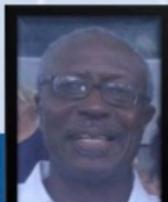
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email  
containing information about joining the meeting.

APRIL 15, 2021 7:00PM



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### Guest Presenters

**TOPIC: NUTS AND BOLTS OF LAY  
EVANGELISM - Let's Go Fishing**

### DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Getting ready to fish and evangelize
- Choose your spot
- Choose the best time
- Ways to succeed

Q&A

# Poll Question

# Final Poll Question

**Closing Comments**