



ALLEGHENY EAST
CONFERENCE

FIFTY PLUS
TRAINING
MANUAL



Dear Saints of the Most High God,

It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt joy I welcome you into our wonderful 50 Plus Association as co- laborers for Christ. The position you so amply agreed to accept is of vital importance to us. It is by you standing and working within your church like a true sentinel of God will your members be able to penetrate areas of need within your community. If we are to grow and strive, individuals like yourself are needed to plan and execute various out-reach initiatives that will prove beneficial to all.

The strength of our Association's fabric depends on our united willingness to be a faithful worker for Christ thereby introducing others to our Association and Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Association wishes not to be like the fig tree mentioned in the Bible: fluff, lacking substance or fruit because it is by our fruit will we be known.

God has called each of us to a particular post of duty and I thank God for you and am looking forward to your ***"many good works."*** Thank you for enabling your church to come into the sisterhood of the 50 Plus Association.

If you have concerns feel free to contact my secretary, Ms. Gwen Bradford Norwood at the conference office (610) 326-4610 extension 314. My number is (609) 851-7261.

Be blessed.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn Coulter-Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Evelyn Coulter-Harris
Fifty Plus President

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Training Session Time Line

Opening Prayer

Introductions

Review of Training Manual

If needed, establish next Training Meeting Day and Time
_____, 20____

Closing prayer

The History of the Allegheny Conference

The Allegheny Conference was established September 26, 1945. This was a historical year for Blacks in the Columbia Union Conference. The Allegheny Conference was organized in the rear of a bookstore near Howard University with 4,000 members.

Elder J. H. Wagner was elected the first president and by the beginning of 1967, the conference was divided into two conferences, Allegheny East and West.

Presidential Listing for Allegheny Conference

ELDER JOHN H. WAGNER	September 26,1945-January 14,1954
ELDER WILLIAM L. CHEATHAM	January 14,1954-December 31,1966

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ELDER WILLIAM A. THOMPSON	January 1,1967- June 28, 1970
ELDER EDWARD DORSEY	June 28, 1970- April 20,1975
ELDER LUTHER R. PALMER, JR.	April 20, 1975-April 26, 1981
ELDER MEADE C. VAN PUTTEN	April 26, 1981- December 31, 1988
ELDER ALVIN M. KIBBLE	January 1,1989- September 10, 2000
ELDER CHARLES L. CHEATHAM	September 10, 2000 - October 14, 2012
ELDER HENRY J. FORDHAM, III	October 14, 2012 to the present

FIFTY PLUS ASSOCIATION HISTORY

Sister Dorothy Young of New Jersey and Elder Walter W. Fordham of Pennsylvania had a dream, each concerning our aging members known as Senior Citizens. They visualized a Federation of Senior Citizens in the Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Both of these saints told their dream to our Conference President, Elder M. C. Van Putten. He was so pleased with their ideas (since he just loves our senior citizens), that the Federation was organized on July 6, 1983 on the camp meeting grounds.

Now it is most desirable that each church in the Allegheny East Conference organize a Senior Citizen Club and work together unitedly to bring together in fellowship those persons sixty and over, and to work for the improvement of our conference in specific ways.

Our Presidents

Elder W. W. Fordham

July 6, 1983 - September 19, 1994

Mr. Richard W. Watson

*September 20, 1994 - September 3, 2006

Elder Adrian T. Westney

October 9, 2006 - December 14, 2009

Elder Daniel L. Davis

January 17, 2010 - April 2, 2011

Mrs. Evelyn Coulter-Harris

April 2, 2011 (elected as Interim President)

Elected July 6, 2011

Elected November 13, 2012

(Term to coincide with the AEC President)

Current Officers of the Allegheny East Conference Fifty Plus Association

Evelyn Coulter-Harris	50 Plus Association President
Frances Hardy	Vice President - North
Althea Henderson	Vice President – South/Virginia Area Vice President
Gwen Bradford Norwood	Administrative Assistant
Patrick Hippolyte	Treasurer
Gwendolyn Whiting	Baltimore Area Vice President
Al Whiting	Baltimore Area Assistant Vice President
Calvin McCleary	Baltimore Area Assistant Vice President
Mary Smith	Baltimore Area Assistant Vice President
Leon Goodman	Bay Area Vice President
Barbara Patterson	Delaware Area Vice President
James Ford	Inter-Faith Vice President
Barbara Cox	North Jersey Area Assistant Vice President
Errol English	North Jersey Area Assistant Vice President
Verl Smith	Washington Metro Area Vice President

Local Church Officers

President	Schedules Meetings - Sits on Church Board Participates in Area Conference Calls Member Registration Form (p. 10) Agenda Outline (p. 11).
Vice - President	Fills in for the president as needed
Secretary	Records Minutes of Meetings - Maintains Membership List
Assistant Secretary	As stated, assists the secretary in keeping the records of the individual club.
Treasurer	Maintains record of dues and funds for trips See information concerning dues on pages 12-13 of this document.
Assistant Treasurer	As stated, assists the Treasurer in maintaining the financial records for the individual club.
Chaplain	Provides a spiritual thought for each meeting and maintains the Prayer List for the local church club.
Advisor	(Usually the pastor)

Our Inclusion Endeavors

- ① Create a lasting bond of Christian Fellowship.
- ② Discover ways of witnessing for the Lord.
- ③ Provide wholesome social activities.
- ④ Engage in projects to promote and support local Seventh-day Adventist Churches, Schools, and Conference.
- ⑤ To educate our members to the importance of proper planning for the various stages of their lives.
- ⑥ Using our years of living to enhance the lives of others.
- ⑦ Develop different methodologies to address the Association's concerns.

Discussion of Out - Reach Initiatives (*suggestions*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Questions and Answers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Overview of the 50 Plus Association

ADVANTAGES TO THE PASTOR

- Enhances the spirituality of your church.
- Contributes to a sense of unity and belonging among your members
- Leads to a heightened use of available resources
Untapped human resources
- Makes use of available years of accumulated .experience and expertise (especially of retired members)
- Leads to sharing of skills by the utilization and maximization of accumulated experience and expertise.
- Generates more positive reactions and better attitudes of cooperation among members, which in turn leads to a better spirit of cooperation generally in other church matters.

ADVANTAGES TO THE CHURCH

- Creates a richer bond of fellowship and interaction between church members.
- Adds a heightened sense of satisfaction of individual church members, and leads to better and wider cooperation in other church matters generally, as a whole.

ADVANTAGES TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

- Decreases sense of loneliness
- Contributes to a longer life span.
- Adds increased feelings of self-worth, and causes members to feel needed and that they can still make a difference.
- Sustains a richer, more fulfilled life

ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE
50 PLUS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM



NAME _____

CHURCH _____

50 PLUS LOCAL LEADER _____

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER () _____

GENDER (FEMALE) OR (MALE)

DATE OF BIRTH _____

(THIS WILL BE USED TO SEND A BIRTHDAY CARD)

GIFT/TALENT _____

IN THE ASSOCIATION, I WOULD LIKE TO

Please return this form to your local 50 Plus Association leader.

Fifty Plus Meeting Agenda Outline

Date _____ Time meeting began _____

Name of Church _____

Name of Leader _____

Name of Individual Chairing Meeting _____

Opening Song _____

Scripture Reading _____

Opening Prayer _____

Topics for Discussion

Topic #1 _____

Topic #2 _____

Topic #3 _____

of Members on Roll _____ # of Members Present _____

Treasurer's Report and Funds Collected _____

Voted Actions: _____

Suggestions for next Meeting: _____

Plans for Trips/outings: _____

Closing Song _____ Closing Prayer _____

Time Meeting Ended _____

Fifty Plus Association Dues are \$2.00 per member per month unless the church chooses to another amount. **60% of all dues collected remains in the local church club** and 40% is sent to the conference.

Only those members who have paid their dues receive the **“gold”** membership card. The gold card gives the member the right to vote in the business session.

This memo is to also remind you that yearly club dues should be paid by June 1 to the Fifty Plus Treasurer.

Mail all dues no later than June 20 to:

**Mr. Patrick Hippolyte, Treasurer
Fifty Plus Association
P. O. Box 266
Pine Forge, PA 19548**

Along with the check for dues, please include the names of your members who should receive a gold card. Mr. Hippolyte will give the list of names to Ms. Gwen Bradford Norwood so she can type the names on the cards and return them to you for distribution.

FIFTY PLUS DUES COMPUTATION CHART

Number of Members	Amount for Local Church Fifty Plus Club - 60%	Amount for Conference Fifty Plus Association - 40%
1 = \$24.00	\$14.40	\$ 9.60
2 = \$48.00	\$28.80	\$19.20
3 = \$72.00	\$43.20	\$28.80
4 = \$96.00	\$57.60	\$38.40
5 = \$120.00	\$72.00	\$48.00
6 = \$144.00	\$86.40	\$57.60
7 = \$168.00	\$100.80	\$67.20
8 = \$192.00	\$115.20	\$76.80
9 = \$216.00	\$129.60	\$86.40
10 = \$240.00	\$144.00	\$96.00
11 = \$264.00	\$158.40	\$105.60
12 = \$288.00	\$172.80	\$115.20
13 = \$312.00	\$187.20	\$124.80
14 = \$336.00	\$201.60	\$134.40
15 = \$360.00	\$216.00	\$144.00
16 = \$384.00	\$230.40	\$153.60
17 = \$408.00	\$244.80	\$163.20
18 = \$432.00	\$259.20	\$172.80
19 = \$456.00	\$273.60	\$182.40
20 = \$480.00	\$288.00	\$192.00
21 = \$504.00	\$302.40	\$201.60
22 = \$528.00	\$316.80	\$211.20
23 = \$552.00	\$331.20	\$220.80
24 = \$576.00	\$345.60	\$230.40

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Romans 3:23-24 (New Living Translation)

You Can Make a Difference

When things go wrong, don't despair. You can make a difference, so get busy and do it.

Don't be afraid to acknowledge and accept what has already happened. Because you can take what is, whatever it may be, and use it to make a positive difference.

There's no need to worry about whether or not you're lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time. It is always the right place and the right time for you to make a difference.

Making a difference demands much of you in the way of time, effort, skill and commitment. Fortunately, you're entirely capable of giving all that and more in the service of making a meaningful difference.

Everything that happens is an opportunity for you to make a difference. Rather than wasting your energy on judgment and remorse, put that energy into making a difference.

Every one of your abilities gives you the ability to make a difference. Hold true to your vision of the best that life can be, and make a difference to make it so.

Thank you and I hope to be hearing from you and your team real soon. If you have concerns feel free to contact your local leader or me (Evelyn Harris) at (609) 851 - 7261.